

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING DAN CHRISTIE,
CHRISTIE CONSTRUCTION, CHAR-
LOTTE, MI

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to take a moment today to recognize Mr. Dan Christie, owner of Christie Construction, for his work on the "House That Congress Built" project in Charlotte, Michigan.

Dan has enthusiastically served as volunteer construction manager and building consultant for several weeks at the construction site and future home located at 521 Monroe. I am proud to say we will dedicate the home this Sunday, December 20, 1998, at 3 p.m.

Mr. Christie generously volunteered his construction expertise to patiently and expertly guide volunteers with varying degrees of experience to construct the home. Not only did Dan donate his vast knowledge, but his time and tools too.

Families selected to receive a Habitat for Humanity home are required to contribute many hours of their "sweat equity" to the construction of their future home. Mr. Christie's sweat equity, his dedication, hard work and long hours, many times getting to the site after working for his own company all day, is what I recognize and honor today. His investment in this home, neighborhood, Charlotte community, Eaton Area Habitat for Humanity, and perhaps most importantly, the lives of the new homeowners, Julie, Hailey and Skyler Hartig, is to be commended.

Many of my colleagues have been involved in the construction of a Habitat for Humanity home. This year, I was privileged enough to lend my support to three houses in my district. I could not have attempted to help build these homes without the drive, support and assistance of good people like Mr. Dan Christie.

The Honorable Speaker of the House, NEWT GINGRICH, perhaps summed it up best when we kicked off the "House That Congress Built" project last year, "When you help a family grow, as well as build a house . . . when you watch the sense of ownership . . . you understand why this is a great program."

The Theology of the Hammer, a guiding principle of Habitat, is an appropriate way to describe Dan's efforts. This theology emphasizes partnerships, bringing people together from all different social, racial, religious, political and education backgrounds, to work together for a common goal. This was never more apparent than working at the Charlotte home site. People were brought together in the spirit of friendship and teamwork, and personal differences didn't matter. Mr. Christie embodies the spirit of volunteerism and caring and Christian values that drive so many organizations like Habitat for Humanity and allows them to do all the good things they do for others in need in our communities and around the world.

Habitat is founded on the conviction that every man, woman and child should have a simple, decent, affordable place to live, grow and raise their families. Because of Dan Christie, the Julie Hartig family now has such a place to call home.

My wife Bonnie and I would like to offer Dan our most sincere thanks for his dedicated volunteerism and assistance in helping build the Eaton Area Habitat for Humanity's the "House That Congress Built," at 521 Monroe, Charlotte.

TRIBUTE TO STUDENTS OF
CLAUDE PEPPER ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to honor my predecessor, Congressman Claude Pepper, who faithfully and honestly served this House for 27 years. A school in my district bears his name which celebrates his memory of unselfish service and sacrifice. During a recent visit to this school, I enjoyed the lyrics of Claude Pepper Elementary's school song written by Jerry Little which is here reprinted:

Claude Pepper Elementary, the best school of this century. Look at our great family, I'm as happy as can be. Claude Pepper Elementary, I am an honoree. School now is fun for me, it's a wonderful place to be. Our family includes parents, teachers, and me. There is a dream we will work as a team, we'll share what we think, give a smile and a wink, believe in ourselves as we grow. The future's locked in a chest and we hold the key, I know we'll all do our best. In our families, the future's locked in a chest and we hold the key. The world is waiting for me.

Claude Pepper Elementary is great! Claude Pepper Elementary, the best school of this century. School now is fun for me, it's a wonderful place to be. Look and you will see we are family.

TRIBUTE TO ELLEN DELANEY

HON. BRUCE F. VENTO

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. VENTO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary person, Ms. Ellen Delaney. Ms. Delaney, a math teacher at North Senior High School in the district I represent, has been named the Minnesota Teacher of the Year.

The Teacher of the Year program is the oldest and most prestigious recognition program in Minnesota which honors excellence in education. The Minnesota Teacher of the Year represents the profession as an advocate for

education and spokesperson for teachers. The recipient makes numerous public appearances, meets policy makers, attends meetings and gives presentations.

Ms. Delaney has taught both middle and high school math, algebra and calculus in her 20-year career. She places great importance not only on quality curriculum and lesson plans, but on recognizing the individuality of her students. "You may think that mathematics teachers are absent minded, far-sighted and require a front pocket for all their equipment," she says, but adds, "I'm fortunate that the students recognize the difference between what I teach and who I really am. In the same way, it's important for me to recognize the difference between how well they do in my class and who they really are."

As a former educator, I appreciate the amount of time, dedication and enthusiasm that it takes to be successful in the classroom. Ms. Delaney serves as an inspirational example of how much can be accomplished when we make an investment in our youth. It is with thanks and gratitude that I extend my congratulations to Ms. Delaney for being honored with this prestigious award.

TRIBUTE TO INTER-MILAN

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. JULIAN C. DIXON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, my colleague, Mr. DIXON, and I rise today to congratulate the AYSO, Culver City, Region 19, Boys U12 Division team, INTER-MILAN. Headed by the superb leadership of coach, Ernesto Martin and assistant coach, Chris Labra, INTER-MILAN finished a proud second in entire Boys, Region 19, U12 Division. Coach Martin and Assistant Coach Labra knew how to get things done. Their utter commitment, boundless energy, no nonsense coaching and clear sense of direction are responsible in a large measure for Inter-Milan's success.

Team members Charles Hicks, Persy Trejo, Michael Case, Cristian Dascalu, Gustavo Sanchez, Steven Bressler, Kenny Perez, Daniel Willis, Dorian Bey, Ernesto Martin Jr., Christopher Labra, Jerry Lara, and Henry Bergmans played hard, tough, competitive soccer. They gave their best efforts at every practice. Each player displayed a passion to improving their individual skills equal only to their determination to improve as a team. Every game played exceeded the skill of the game before. Inter-Milan always demonstrated good sportsmanship.

The enthusiasm and zest for soccer expressed by the team was matched by the commitment and support of the parents. The parents in Inter-Milan dedicated time and energy and kept the team spirit high.

We ask our colleagues to join us today in saluting Inter-Milan, for their outstanding

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achievement in the 1998, AYSO Region 19, Boys U12 Division, Culver City.

TIMOTHY L. WALBERG, STATE REPRESENTATIVE, MICHIGAN, 57TH DISTRICT

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to take a moment today to recognize a retiring political leader from my district. Mr. Timothy "Tim" L. Walberg, State Representative, because of Michigan's term limits law, will retire at the end of this year after 16 years of service to the people of Michigan. Representative Walberg represented the 57th District, which included nearly all of Lenawee County, Michigan.

Tim most recently served on the Advanced Technology and Computer Development Committee, the Colleges and Universities Committee, the Commerce Committee, and the Conservation, Environment, and Recreation Committee.

Mr. Walberg has not always been an elected public official. Tim was the Pastor of Union Gospel Church in Tipton for almost 5 years. Previously, he was Co-Pastor of Grace Fellowship Church in New Haven, Indiana for about 4 years. He received his training at the Moody Bible Institute and Taylor University in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He also received a Master of Arts degree, with honors, from Wheaton College Graduate School in Communications.

He was elected to the Michigan State House of Representatives in the 1982 election.

Representative Walberg has been involved in a number of civic groups including the Tecumseh Kiwanis Club, the Lenawee County Chamber of Commerce, the Christian Family Foundation Board of Directors, the Lenawee County Riding for the Handicapped Committee, Trenton Hills United Brethren Church, Lenawee Habitat for Humanity, District Committee Member and Chaplain—Boy Scouts of America, the National Rifle Association, and Pheasants Forever.

His political and legislative memberships have included the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) National Task Force on Education, the Michigan and Lenawee County Republican Parties, and the National Republican Legislators Association.

Representative Walberg and his wife, Susan, live in Tipton, Michigan. They have three children, Matthew, Heidi, and Caleb. Their family dog, Sadie, is a special member of their family as well. Tim loves fly fishing, hunting, and riding his motorcycles. I am sure his retirement from public service will give him more time to pursue these loves and spend more time with his family.

Public service has its challenges and it sometimes requires sacrifice. In all that he has accomplished throughout his distinguished career of public service, Tim Walberg handled his public duties with honor, generosity, and integrity. As a former state legislator myself, I know that Tim's contributions will be sorely missed in Lansing. I am confident, however, that Tim will continue to use his many talents to enrich our state and its people.

On behalf of the people of Michigan, I am honored to recognize and thank Tim Walberg for his outstanding contributions to public service and the state of Michigan.

AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVERS INITIATIVE

HON. HELEN CHENOWETH

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mrs. CHENOWETH. Mr. Speaker, during the 105th Congress I have fought the American Heritage Rivers Initiative (AHRI) with legislation to abolish it, oversight hearings to expose its flaws and a federal lawsuit challenging its illegal establishment.

Repeatedly the Clinton-GORE Administration stated AHRI was not a new federal program and would not result in a new federal bureaucracy and new federal employees. Moreover, it would only be a new approach to help communities gain access to existing federal programs.

The Property Rights Foundation of America, Inc., located in Stony Creek, New York, has recently compiled the partial listing of federal bureaucrats that will be administering AHRI. It is based on information supplied by the Council on Environmental Quality which has always been the lead agency for this new program.

This is only a partial listing and does not include the names of "River Navigators" for each designated river and the five person National Task Force which will consist of federal employees working full time. These names will be available at a later date.

I encourage my colleagues to read this revealing information which illustrates more broken promises from the Clinton-GORE Administration regarding the American Heritage Rivers Initiative.

AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVERS OFFICIAL FEDERAL AND LOCAL CONTACTS REVEALED INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this directory is to overcome the impediments to citizen participation which have characterized the American Heritage Rivers Initiative. With the knowledge of the identities, agencies, locations and telephone numbers of both the federal contact and the federal facilitator, as well as the "community" contact, for each of the fourteen American Heritage Rivers designated by the President, citizens should now be able to become informed of the heretofore secret "community" meetings before they are held, and also bring influence toward holding properly notice public hearings about all facets of the American Heritage Rivers program in their region. Citizens should also be warned that the "community" meetings may be led by professional facilitators and conducted by consensus. This means that skills to manipulate meeting outcomes may dominate and that, instead of taking votes, a feeling of agreement or acceptance, supposedly by all present, will be the basis for official leadership pronouncements and decisions. Minutes may not be taken. Citizens should make an effort to enable a broad range of the public, resource users, and other business people from the region who are concerned about the economy, home rule, and private property rights to be consistently present in adequate numbers. Citizens are forewarned to be ready to issue formal minority reports to the press,

the public and their elected representatives about the issues and programs under consideration. They should plan to lead the consensus and committee structure and assignments in directions beneficial to the local economy and respectful of private property rights and home rule.

The full identities and contact information for each member of the thirteen-agency American Heritage Rivers Interagency Committee created by President Clinton are included to enable citizens to contact these individuals as well. As soon as they are available, we intend to add to the directory the Navigators for each individual river and the five-person, full-time national Task Force which, it is said, will soon be selected to administer the American Heritage Rivers Initiative.

PART 1. THE FOURTEEN AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVERS

Blackstone and Woonasquatucket (RI/MA)—The nomination was made by the Providence Plan.

Community Contact: Michael Creasey Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Coordinator, One Depot Square, Woonsocket, RI 02895, 401-762-0250.

Jane Sherman, The Providence Plan, 56 Pine Street, Suite 3B, Providence, RI 02903, 401-455-8880.

Co-Facilitator: Doug Thompson, U.S. EPA, Water Quality Unit/Office of Ecosystem Protection, JFK Federal Building, Boston, MA 02203, 617-565-3480.

Elissa Tonkin, U.S. EPA, JFK Federal Building, Boston, MA 02203, 617-565-1154; 617-565-1141.

Interagency Contact: Jerry Wylie, U.S. Forest Service, 14th & Independence, SW., Washington, DC 20250, 202-205-1129 or Jerry Wylie, Federal Building, 324 25th Street, Ogden, UT 84401, 801-625-5172.

Connecticut (CT/MA/NH/VT)—The Connecticut River Watershed Council submitted the nomination.

Community Contact: Whitty Sanford, Connecticut River Watershed Council, One Ferry Street, Easthampton, MA 01027, 413-529-9500.

Facilitator: Eric Scherer, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 3 Sunrise Terrace, East Granby, CT 06026, 860-653-4149.

Interagency Contact: Roger Stephenson, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, (MIB 31230), Washington, DC 20240, 202-208-3855.

Cuyahoga (OH)—The Cuyahoga was nominated by the Cuyahoga River Remedial Action Plan (RAP).

Community Contact: Kay Carlson, Program Manager, Cuyahoga River Community Planning, Organization/Cuyahoga River RAP, 668 Euclid Avenue, 4th Floor Atrium, Cleveland, OH 44114-3000, 216-241-2414, ext. 253.

Facilitator: Lucy Loghead, Community Builder, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Renaissance on Playhouse Square, 1350 Euclid Avenue, Suite 500, Cleveland, OH 44115-1815, 216-522-4058, ext. 7214.

Interagency Contact: Loretta Neumann, U.S. Department of Transportation, American Heritage Rivers, 722 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503, 202-395-7416.

Detroit (MI)—The City of Detroit, Wayne County, Downriver Community Conference and Peter Stroth, representing the business community, nominated the Detroit River.

Community Contact: Mark Brederland, Michigan State University Extension, Michigan Sea Grant Extension, MSUE—Macomb County, 21885 Dunham Road, Suite 12, Clinton Township, MI 48036, 810-469-7176.

Facilitator: Rick Wears, Community Builder, U.S. Department of Housing and

Urban Development, McNamara Federal Building, 477 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, MI 48266, 313-226-7900.

Interagency Contact: Karen Hobbs, U.S. Department of Agriculture, American Heritage Rivers, 722 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503, 202-395-7417.

Hanalei (HI)—The University of Hawaii nominated the Hanalei.

Community Contact: Michael Kido, University of Hawaii, 7370 A Kuamoo Road, Kapaa, HI 96746, 808-822-4984.

Facilitator: Dr. James Kent, 970-927-4424.

Interagency Contact: Jerry Wylie, U.S. Forest Service, 14th & Independence, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250, 202-205-1129 or Jerry Wylie, Federal Building, 324 25th Street, Ogden, UT 84401, 801-625-5172.

Hudson (NY)—The nomination was submitted by Governor Pataki.

Community Contact: John Spenser, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, 21 South Putt Corners Road, New Paltz, NY 12561-1696, 914-332-1835, ext. 369.

Facilitator: E. K. James, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240, 202-452-5157.

Interagency Contact: Jack Frost, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Conservation Service, Watersheds and Wetlands Division, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, D.C. 20013, 202-720-9483.

Mississippi, Lower (TN/LA)—This designation encompassed two nominations, one from the City of Memphis, Tennessee, which covers the immediately adjacent area plus two small river tributaries, and the City of New Orleans, which includes that portion up to Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Community Contact:

Memphis: The Honorable Willie Herenton, Mayor, City of Memphis, 125 North Main Street, Room 200, Memphis, TN 38103, 901-576-6011.

New Orleans: Jerald White, Office of Mayor Marc Morial, City of New Orleans, 1300 Berdido Street, Suite 8E06, New Orleans, LA 70112, 504-565-8115.

Facilitator:

Memphis: Lt. Troy Taylor, U.S. Coast Guard Reserve, c/o Commanding Officer, Coast Guard Lower Mississippi River, 2 Auction Avenue, Memphis, TN 38105, 901-544-3912, ext. 121.

New Orleans: Jim Murphy, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 501 Magazine Street, Room 1223, New Orleans, LA 70130-3394, 504-589-2000, ext. 229.

Interagency Contact: Loretta Neumann, U.S. Department of Transportation, American Heritage Rivers, 722 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503, 202-395-7416.

Mississippi, Upper (MO/IL/IA/WI/MN)—Fifty-eight mayors along the Upper Mississippi submitted the application.

Community Contact: The Honorable Robert Moloney, Mayor, City of Hannibal, 320 Broadway, Hannibal, MO 63401, 573-221-0111.

Co-Facilitators: Matthew Didier, U.S. EPA, 77 West Jackson, Chicago, IL 60604, 312-886-6711.

Janet Pfundheller, U.S. EPA, 77 West Jackson, SMR-7J, Chicago, IL 60604, 312-353-5821.

Interagency Contact: Chuck Moeslein, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 20 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20314-1000, 202-761-8534.

New (NC/VA/WV)—The nomination was submitted by The Conservation Fund.

Community Contact: Mikki Sager, The Conservation Fund, P.O. Box 271, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, 919-967-2223.

Co-Facilitators: Craig White, The Conservation Fund, P.O. Box 271, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, 919-967-2223.

Melanie Young, Allegheny County Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 1237, Sparta, NC 28675, 336-372-5473.

Interagency Contact: Chuck Moeslein, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 20 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20314-1000, 202-761-8534.

Potomac (VA/WV/D.C./MD/PA)—The Mt. Vernon Ladies Association submitted the nomination.

Community Contact: Karen Zachary, Nomination Coordinator, 1411 North Lincoln Street, Alexandria, VA 22201, 703-522-8783.

Facilitator: Mike Haske, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240, 202-452-5034.

Interagency Contacts: Roger Stephenson, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, N.W. (MIB 31230), Washington, D.C. 20240, 202-208-3855.

Jack Frost, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Conservation Service, Watersheds and Wetlands Division, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, D.C. 20013, 202-720-9483.

Rio Grande (TX)—The nomination was submitted by CoRio, an organization formed by jurisdiction along the Rio Grande for the express purpose of seeking American Heritage Rivers designation.

Community Contact: Tyrus G. Fain, General Secretary, CoRio, UTEP/CERM, Burges Hall, 500 West University Boulevard, El Paso, TX 79968-0645, 915-747-5328.

Facilitator: None identified.

Interagency Contact: Ray Clark, Associate Director, President's Council on Environmental Quality, 722 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503, 202-395-7419.

St. Johns (FL)—Jacksonville Mayor John Delaney submitted the nomination.

Community Contact: Isabel Peace, Office of Mayor John Delaney, 117 West Duval Street, Suite 400, Jacksonville, FL 32202, 904-630-1786.

Facilitator: Jim Walker, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 301 West Bay Street, Suite 2200, Jacksonville, FL 32202, 904-232-1777.

Interagency Contact: Chris Lewicki, U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, S.W. (mail code: 450if), Washington, D.C. 20003, 202-260-2757.

Upper Susquehanna-Lackawanna Watershed (PA)—Congressman Paul Kanjorski submitted the nomination, which covers 12 counties in northeastern Pennsylvania.

Community Contact: Tom Williams, Office of Congressman Paul E. Kanjorski, The Stegmaier Building, 7 North Wilkes-Barre Boulevard, Suite 400M, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702-5283, 717-825-2200.

Facilitator: Glenn Hanson, Special Assistant, Office of the Director, Air Protection Division, U.S. EPA, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103, 215-814-2053.

Interagency Contact: Karen Hobbs, U.S. Department of Agriculture, American Heritage Rivers, 722 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503, 202-395-7417.

Willamette (OR)—Governor John Kitzhaber submitted the nomination.

Community Contact: Louise Solliday, Office of Governor John Kitzhaber, Oregon State Capitol, Salem, OR 97310, 503-378-3589.

Facilitator: Tim Mealy, The Meridian Group, P.O. Box 4005, 05 Village Place, Dillon, CO 80453, 970-513-8340.

Interagency Contact: Karen Hobbs, U.S. Department of Agriculture, American Heritage Rivers, 722 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503, 202-395-7417.

PART 2. THE AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVERS INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE

Council on Environmental Quality, George Frampton, Jr., Acting Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality, Executive Office of

the President, OEOB Room 360, NW, Washington, DC 20503, 202-456-5147 and Loretta Neumann, Executive Director, AHRI, (CEQ address above), 202-395-5750.

U.S. Department of Defense, Sherri W. Goodman, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, Environmental Security, U.S. Department of Defense, 3400 Defense Pentagon, Room 3E792, Washington, DC 20301-3400, 703-695-6639.

Ms. Sandy Apgar, Assistant Secretary of the Army, Installations, Logistics, and Environment, U.S. Department of Defense, 110 Army Pentagon, Room 2E614, Washington, DC 20310-0110, 703-695-6527.

Joe Westphal, Assistant Secretary of the Army, for Civil Works, U.S. Department of Defense, 108 Army Pentagon, Room 2E570, Washington, DC 20310-0108, 703-697-8986.

U.S. Department of Justice, Lois Schiffer, Assistant Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, Environment and Natural Resources Division, 950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Room 2718, Washington, DC 20530, 202-514-2701.

U.S. Department of Interior, Ann Shields, Chief of Staff, U.S. Department of Interior, 1849 C St., 6th Floor, NW, Washington, DC 20240, 202-208-7351.

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Jim Lyons, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 14th and Independence Ave., SW, Room 217 East Administration Building, Washington, DC 20250, 202-720-7173.

U.S. Department of Commerce, Phil Singerman, Assistant Secretary for Economic Development, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Ave., NW, Room 7800 Washington, DC 20230, 202-482-5081.

Department of Housing & Urban Development, Saul Ramirez, Deputy Secretary, Department of Housing & Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Room 10100, Washington, DC 20410, 202-708-0123.

U.S. Department of Transportation, John Horsley, Associate Deputy Secretary, Office of Intermodalism, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street, SW, Room 10126, Washington, DC 20590, 202-366-5781.

U.S. Department of Energy, Gary Falles, Chief of Staff, Office of Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy, Room 7A257, 1000 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20585, 202-586-6210.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Reid Wilson, Chief of Staff, Office of the Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW, Room 1200, West Tower, Washington, DC 20460, 202-260-4700.

Advisory Council on Historical Preservation, John Fowler, Executive Director, Advisory Council on Historical Preservation, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Suite 809, Washington, DC 20004, 202-606-8503.

National Endowment for the Arts, William Ivey, Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Suite 520, Washington, DC 20506, 202-682-5414.

National Endowment for the Humanities, Bill Ferris, Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Suite 503, Washington, DC 20506, 202-606-8310.

A TRIBUTE TO NICHOLAS COLGLAZIER

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Nicholas

Colglazier who was recently selected an FFA Star by 1-800-COLLECT. Nicholas will attend either the International Future Farmers of America, or FFA, Washington Leadership Conference, or Leaders Shape next summer. His fine leadership abilities through the Hol-yoke FFA propelled him to these exceptional honors. Mr. Speaker, I am proud of Nicholas Colglazier for his hard work, dedication and accomplishments. Through good efforts such as his, the youth of today will become the leadership of tomorrow.

TRIBUTE TO JUDGE LUIS
GONZALEZ

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and to pay tribute to Judge Luis Gonzalez, an outstanding individual who has dedicated his life to public service. He was appointed this month Administrative Judge of Bronx Supreme Court and tomorrow, Saturday, December 19, he will be celebrating his appointment in the company of his family and friends.

Judge Gonzalez was born in Manati, Puerto Rico in 1945. His parents migrated to New York City in the 1950's. After graduating from Eastern Mennonite College in History and Social Sciences, he earned his Juris Doctor from Columbia University School of Law in 1975. I have known him personally for more than 25 years, and I am very familiar with his background, experience, character, and personality. He is a person of the highest personal and professional integrity.

Mr. Speaker, in 1985, Judge Gonzalez was appointed Housing Court Judge in New York City Civil Court. Two years later, he was elected Judge of the Civil Court in Bronx County where he served with distinction until 1992 when he was elected Justice of the Supreme Court in Bronx County. He presided over an Individual Assignment Part (IAS). This month Judge Gonzalez was appointed Administrative Judge of Bronx Supreme Court.

Being the first Latino Administrative Judge in New York State history, Judge Gonzalez is well known and highly respected by his peers and the different communities for this sensitivity, professionalism, integrity and sound judgement. On the other hand, his toughness, stubbornness when he feels that the law is being broken is also well known. "An iron hand in a velvet glove" as some would say. His confirmation brings to the Court an outstanding judge at the same time that it expands its ethnic composition.

This is the kind of issue that should be discussed in the classrooms. He is a role model for all Hispanics. Judge Gonzalez has set an example of how success is available for all of those who persevere to achieve their goals. He is an inspiration for many Puerto Ricans and for the people in the Bronx who are trying to break the cycle of poverty.

Mr. Speaker, in my 25 years of public service, 16 in the New York State Assembly and 9 in the U.S. House of Representatives, this occasion is one of my proudest moments. I am very proud of Judge Gonzalez' accomplishment.

Judge Gonzalez is the proud father of two daughters, Aida and Nydia.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Judge Luis Gonzalez for his outstanding achievements and in wishing him continued success as Administrative Judge of Bronx Supreme Court.

DONALD H. GILMER, STATE REPRESENTATIVE, MICHIGAN, 63D DISTRICT

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to take a moment today to recognize the long and distinguished career of State Representative Donald "Don" H. Gilmer. Representative Gilmer, serving his 11th term, represents a large portion of Calhoun County, Michigan, in my district. Term limits require Representative Gilmer to end his remarkable contributions to Michigan public policy as a member of the State House.

Don graduated from Kellogg High School in Hickory Corners, Michigan. He attended Michigan State University and Western Michigan University. He was a Kellogg Fellow at Michigan State from 1968 to 1971.

Representative Gilmer was a member of the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners from 1973 to 1974, and served as Vice Chairman in 1974. He was elected to the Michigan Legislature in the 1974 election.

He most recently served as Minority Vice Chairman of the Michigan House of Representative's Appropriations Committee. On the Appropriations Committee he also served as Vice Chairman of the Higher Education and the Consumer and Industry Services Subcommittees.

Don has been a member of the Interstate Migrant Education Council since 1985. He also has been a member of the Department of Education's Michigan School Finance Commission, the House of Representative's Ad Hoc Special Committee on Property Tax and School Finance, and the House Republican Task Force on Property Tax and School Finance Reform. In April of 1993, Representative Gilmer was appointed to the Midwestern Higher Education Commission.

Representative Gilmer is a member of countless community groups, and is especially active with the Michigan Farm Bureau, the Michigan Association for Retarded Citizens, and Planned Parenthood. He was a gubernatorial appointee to the Michigan Agricultural Labor Commission.

Don has an outstanding reputation as a model legislator who has common sense solutions to complex problems.

Mr. Gilmer was born in Battle Creek, Michigan on November 29, 1945. Don married Lynn Weimeister November 19, 1988. Don is the father of three children and lives in Augusta, Michigan on his family's apple orchid, Hillcrest, which he formerly co-owned and operated.

The work of public service has many rewards. But it also requires many sacrifices. Throughout his tenure as representative. Don Gilmer never lost his warmth, generosity, and good humor. He is the very model of the type of legislator we should have in our state capitals.

On behalf of the people of Michigan, it is my privilege to honor and recognize Don Gilmer for his distinguished contributions to Michigan and its people.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARY
CLAUDE GAY

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay my respects and honor a dedicated civic leader and fine American—Mrs. Mary Claude Gay of Flower Mound, Texas, who died August 5, 1998, at the age of 81.

Mrs. Gay was a prominent local business and civic leader who received many honors and recognition for her service and dedication to both her profession and community. She served on numerous committees and as an officer of the local, state and national associations of Realtors. She received many real estate awards including: 1983 Denton Women's Council of Realtors "Woman of the Year," 1976 Texas Chapter of the Women's Council of Realtors "Woman of the Year," 1975 "Peoples Choice" Award from the people of Denton and 1969 Realtor of the Year from the Denton Board of Realtors. She was well known as an expert on the Professional Standards of real estate and was a certified instructor for graduates of the Realtors Institute and "Train-the-Trainer".

As a civic leader she served as the district clerk of Denton County from 1953 to 1959 and on the Denton City Council in 1977. She served as Mayor-Pro-Tem in 1978. She was a founding member of the Denton Benefit League and served in various capacities with many charitable organizations. She received the Otis Fowler Award for being an outstanding citizen by the Denton Chamber of Commerce and served United Way for many years. Ever dedicated to her community, Mrs. Gay remained active in the Real Estate Community until her death. She is survived by her four sons.

Mr. Speaker, as we adjourn today, let us do so in honor of and respect for this great American—the late Mary Claude Gay.

A TRIBUTE TO POUDRE FIRE
AUTHORITY

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the good men and women of the Poudre Fire Authority in Colorado. A competitive team of their top firefighters placed third in the world at the Firefighter Combat Challenge, a grueling test of physical strength, stamina, aptitude and teamwork. Dave Minchow, Tom Champlin, Chad Myers, Jim Pietrangelo, and Ross Reinking earned the best time of any team in the United States in their astounding third place finish. Mark Hettinger, Brandon Garcia, and Ryan Thomas of the Poudre Fire Authority also placed in the top 11 teams for the relay

competition. Coined the toughest two minutes in the world of sports, these competitions brought out the best in these men, demonstrating their commitment, dedication and hard work. Mr. Speaker, I commend the Poudre Fire Authority for their award, and most importantly for their service and devotion to protecting the community. We can look forward to watching their competition on ESPN at 8:00 Eastern time on January 2.

ON THE DEATH OF ISABEL
HERNÁNDEZ COLLAZO

HON. JOSÉ SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sorrow that I rise to commemorate Isabel Hernández Callazo, a legendary Puerto Rican designer and manager in the garment industry who died at Lincoln Hospital in the South Bronx, New York on Wednesday, December 16.

As most members of this body know, I am a native of Puerto Rico who is extremely proud of his origins. Puerto Rico's history and its dynamic, multifaceted cultures are a genuine source of joy to all of her daughters and sons.

Isabel Hernández Callazo was born in Coamo, Puerto Rico and migrated to New York in 1927. She was a hardworking woman and we are all proud of contribution to our society and community.

Mr. Speaker, Isabel Hernández Collazo is the mother of film/television producer and actress, Carla Pinza. To my dear friend Carla, I know how difficult it can be when we no longer have with us the people we love the most. Your mother may not be with you physically, but she remains with you through the love she shared with you throughout the years.

Hernández Collazo was the widow of Ramón Rodríguez de Manatí, Puerto Rico. She will be laid to rest in Saint Raymond's Cemetery, besides her husband's rest.

Mr. Speaker, as we all know, the American experience is an intermingling of people from different lands, with differing languages and customs. American society has been called "a gorgeous mosaic." Isabel Hernández Collazo's great contribution was to help polish the majestic Puerto Rican tile of that mosaic. And for that, we all should remember and thank her.

FRANK M. FITZGERALD, STATE
REPRESENTATIVE, MICHIGAN,
71ST DISTRICT

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to take a moment today to recognize Frank M. Fitzgerald. Mr. Fitzgerald faces term limits and is retiring at the end of this year as State Representative in Michigan's 71st District. Frank served the good people of Eaton County with distinction for 6 terms.

Representative Fitzgerald was first elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in

1986. From 1992 to 1996 he was the Speaker pro tem of the State House, the second ranking House officer.

Frank chaired task forces on drunk driving, illegal drugs, accountability in government, campaign finance, traffic safety, and the Republican Alliance for Safe Neighborhoods to fight crime and make our homes and neighborhoods safer.

He was the sponsor of Michigan's first anti-organized crime law and a measure granting prosecuting attorneys the right to appeal judicial decisions.

One of Representative Fitzgerald's notable accomplishments was his sponsorship of the zero alcohol tolerance law for drivers under the legal drinking age. Recently he had a bill included in legislation to crack down on repeat drunk drivers. He also was a leader to limit youth access to tobacco products.

He worked diligently to protect children from abuse by creating three degrees of "child mistreatment." Frank also voted repeatedly to cut taxes and ease homeowners' property tax burdens with the passage of Proposal A. Fitzgerald helped revise Michigan's Single Business Tax to help businesses save millions of dollars and create more jobs. He supported welfare reforms to encourage personal responsibility, not dependency on the state. He also supported legislation giving school boards and parents more control over the curriculum of their local schools. Representative Fitzgerald worked to establish a legislative ethics commission and a code of conduct for legislators.

Frank is a graduate of Grand Ledge, Michigan Public Schools, the College of William and Mary, and the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Michigan.

He and wife, Ruth, and their two children, Ellen and John, reside in Grand Ledge. The Fitzgerald family is active in Grand Ledge's First Congregational United Church of Christ, the Girl Scouts, and youth athletic and music activities.

Prior to his election, he practiced law and served as an Assistant Prosecuting attorney in Eaton County, Michigan for three years.

For now, this is the end of a long tradition of Fitzgeralds serving the citizens of Michigan as elected representatives. For over 100 years, a Fitzgerald has served in Michigan government. It started with State Representative, John Fitzgerald in the 1890's. His son, Frank D. Fitzgerald, served as Michigan's Secretary of State and went on to be elected Governor of Michigan twice. His son, John W. Fitzgerald, served in the State Senate, on the Court of Appeals, and then as Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court. Representative Frank M. Fitzgerald, whom I am honoring today, is the fourth generation of Fitzgerald's in public service.

I supported Frank Fitzgerald as a candidate for Attorney General of Michigan. I still believe that he might someday make a wonderful Attorney General for our state and I know he will continue to serve the people in any way he can.

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, it is my privilege to honor and recognize Frank Fitzgerald, an outstanding American who served his state with great distinction.

IN RECOGNITION OF JAMES
ROBERT MONTGOMERY

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated civic servant and fine American—J.R. Montgomery of Tyler, Texas.

Mr. Montgomery was born September 8, 1912, in Waco, to the late Mr. and Mrs. James Robert Montgomery. He graduated from Texas A&M University in 1933 with a degree in civil engineering and worked for Houston Lighting and Power Co. from 1933–1940. He then served in the Army during WWII as commander of the 269th Field Artillery. After the war, he worked for Humble Oil & Refining Co. (now Exxon USA), from 1946–1974, in various engineering capacities in the Gulf Coast area, Refugio, Houston and Tyler.

Mr. Montgomery retired in 1975 from Exxon as a senior supervising engineer. He served on the Tyler City Council for seven years and as mayor from 1987 to 1991. He was a member of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and served on the board of East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind, United Fund, YMCA membership drives, Boy Scouts of America, Tyler Sister Cities, Friends of the Arts and Tyler Civic Theater. He was also a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, a former vice-president of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers, Society of Petroleum Engineers of AIME and American Society of Civil Engineers.

Mr. J.R. Montgomery passed away on August 30, 1998. He is survived by his wife, Rosalis, two sons and one grandson. Mr. Speaker, as we adjourn today, let us do so in honor of and respect for this great American—the late J.R. Montgomery.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
COLORADO BOYS RANCH

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Colorado Boys Ranch which has been designated the winner of the Samaritan Institute Award for demonstrating "the importance of ethical values through its work." The Boys Ranch, a residential treatment and education center for troubled youth near La Junta, Colorado, has helped boys for the last 40 years. Operated on a 40-acre site, the Boys Ranch provides education, skills, and counseling. Its innovative programs and individual attention have contributed to the Ranch's exceptional success rate. One study indicated 21 months following discharge, 80 percent of graduates were living successfully with their families or on their own.

Mr. Speaker, the Colorado Boys Ranch deserves Congress' recognition for helping kids gain the education, skills, and perspective needed to succeed. A new outlook on life, embedded in ethics and morals, is essential to gaining a good and fruitful life. Skills and education, while important, will not help a troubled child make a break with the past, unless they

are matched with a sense of right and wrong, a regard for others, self-respect, and a willingness to work hard. Private and public entities which seek to help high-risk youth, should emulate the Boys Ranch. We are proud of this Colorado organization which has touched the lives of our children and communities.

EXPRESSING UNEQUIVOCAL SUPPORT FOR MEN AND WOMEN OF OUR ARMED FORCES CURRENTLY CARRYING OUT MISSIONS IN AND AROUND PERSIAN GULF REGION

SPEECH OF

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 17, 1998

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply saddened by the events of this week, and my heart goes out to the men and women in uniform and their families who are involved in Operation Desert Fox. We want them to know that America is firmly behind them as they face their most difficult challenges.

To bomb another country is no an easy decision for a president. However, I am convinced that President Clinton had no choice but to respond to Saddam Hussein's repeated violations of negotiated agreements by launching the strike.

The United Nations Special Commission on Iraq (UNSCOM) is responsible for monitoring Iraqi weapons programs and dismantling weapons of mass destruction. The United Nations and the United States have repeatedly demanded that Iraq cooperate with UNSCOM and fully comply with all applicable UN Security Council resolutions. Yet, Saddam Hussein has repeatedly defied the United Nations and refused to keep his promises. He has attempted to restrict UNSCOM's activities and interfere with the efforts of UN weapons inspectors.

This conflict is not with the Iraqi people. It is with Saddam Hussein—a dictator who has repeatedly threatened his neighbors, defied world public opinion, oppressed his own people, violated their basic human rights and used weapons of mass destruction against innocent civilians. I sympathize with the suffering of the Iraqi people and I am hopeful that this military action will be completed with minimal loss of life.

No matter what difference we may have domestically regarding the President, this is clearly not a time for partisan politics and divisive language. We must stand united behind our troops and assure them that the American people are with them in this tragic time of crisis. I am hopeful that this mission may be completed quickly and without the loss of American lives and that our fighting men and women may be able to return home to their families in time for the holidays.

TRIBUTE TO RAFAEL ALBERTO WAGNER

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Rafael Alberto Wagner, an outstanding individual who has devoted his life to his family and to serving the community. Mr. Wagner will be celebrating his retirement from Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in the company of his family and friends today, Friday, December 18, 1998. He worked for Columbia University for 29 years.

Mr. Wagner was born in the Dominican Republic on June 27, 1935. He came to the United States in 1964 and became a U.S. citizen in 1985.

He worked as a shoemaker until 1969 when he joined the Facility Services Department at Columbia University.

Mr. Wagner is married to Carmen Maria Wagner and they have three children, Clara, Wagner-Anderson, David Wagner and Cindy Altgracia Wagner. They have four grandchildren, Jazmin Janay Wagner, David Wagner, Jr., Derek Wagner and Abdiel Rolando Anderson II, and look forward to greeting a fifth in March.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing a happy retirement to Mr. Rafael Alberto Wagner.

IN RECOGNITION OF RUSSELL EUBANK

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay my respects to and honor a man dedicated to his community, his family and his church—Mr. Russell Eubank of Canton, Texas.

Mr. Eubank was born June 8, 1918, in Hamilton County to the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Eubank. He grew up in Wills Point, Texas, and was salutatorian of the 1936 graduating class at Wills Point High School. Mr. Eubank received a B.A. degree from North Texas State College. He then finished mortuary school in Dallas before entering the U.S. Navy in 1942. In 1946, at the end of the war, Mr. Eubank returned to Canton to operate the Eubank brothers' businesses. Active in several organizations, in 1968–69 he served as president of both the Texas Cemetery Association and the Texas Association of Life Insurance Officials. He also served on the local school board, city council and did other civic work as well.

Honored for his commitment to the community Mr. Eubank received the Man of the Year Award of Van Zandt County in 1990 and the Canton Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Citizen Award in 1979. A member of the Masonic Lodge No. 141, AF&AM, Mr. Eubank also received the Golden Trowel Award.

Mr. Eubank was also a 50-year member of the Lions Club, a Mason and a Long time member of the First Methodist Church of Canton.

After a long illness, Mr. Eubank passed away at his Canton residence on June 20, 1998. He is survived by his wife, three sons and ten grandchildren. Mr. Speaker, as we adjourn today, let us do so in honor of and respect for this outstanding East Texan—the late Russell Eubank.

A TRIBUTE TO JUSTIN MERTENS

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a fine young man in my district. Mr. Justin Mertens, of New Raymer, Colorado, won the national Future Farmers of America, or FFA, award for Diversified Crop Production. Growing up on his family's dry land farm, Justin learned the importance of agriculture at an early age. He started by learning to drive a tractor. Soon, he hopes to earn a degree in diesel mechanics, buy more land and join his family enterprise. Hopefully, he will pass along his skills to future generations of farmers. Mr. Speaker, agriculture remains the backbone of American society. In Colorado, agricultural exports contribute greatly to the economy, feed our families and provide open space and wildlife habitat. I commend Justin for his fine work, and hope that many will follow his example.

WYCKOFF HEIGHTS MEDICAL CENTER RECEIVES ACCREDITATION WITH COMMENDATION FROM JOINT COMMISSION ON THE ACCREDITATION OF HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATIONS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the notable achievements of Wyckoff Heights Medical Center (WHMC) in Brooklyn, New York. As a 1998 recipient of an Accreditation with Commendation from the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, the Nation's oldest and largest accrediting body, WHMC has been recognized as a superior health care provider.

This Accreditation with Commendation is a significant achievement that recognizes WHMC's exemplary performance for providing quality care in the borough of Brooklyn. Formed in 1951, the Joint Commission evaluated and accredits almost 11,000 hospitals and home care agencies, and over 7,000 other health care organizations.

As the Representative of the 10th Congressional District of Brooklyn, I am extremely proud of these dedicated men and women. Under the vigorous leadership of Dominick J. Gio, President and CEO, WHMC is poised to lead the nation into the new millennium. WHMC employees at both the main campus and ambulatory sites go the extra mile on a daily basis in order to provide the best possible health care to its patients. This award highlights the fact that WHMC is a shining star in the world of healthcare.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Wyckoff Heights Medical Center for its tremendous achievement.

A TRIBUTE TO CINDY ERKER

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Morgan County Commissioner Cindy Erker for her fine achievements and hard work on behalf of the people of Morgan County, Colorado. Ms. Erker was named the 1998 County Commissioner of the Year by Colorado Counties, Inc. This prestigious award belongs to Ms. Erker due to her exceptional ability to serve, even in times of adversity. Her peers selected Cindy for the award at the Colorado Counties winter conference. This is the second time she has been recognized for her dedication and hard work. Responsible for pulling the community together to adopt an important drainage plan to avoid disastrous flooding in Ft. Morgan, Cindy was named the Freshman County Commissioner of the Year in 1991 by Colorado Counties, Inc. Mr. Speaker, I commend Cindy Erker for her perseverance, determination and leadership.

HONORING JUDITH VIERA OF WYND COMMUNICATIONS

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Judith Viera of my district on the Central Coast of California for the recent commendation she has received from Telecommunications for the Deaf, Inc. Ms. Viera is appropriately being honored for a lifetime commitment to expanding access to telecommunication services for the deaf and hard of hearing community.

Deaf herself, Judith Viera has been dedicated to the deaf and hard of hearing individuals for more than thirty years. In 1965, Ms. Viera graduated from Gallaudet University and immediately began her life of public service and bettering the life of others.

Among her many contributions is her work with Governors Brown and Deukmajian to establish California's policy on telecommunications access for the deaf and hard of hearing in California, which subsequently lead to many other states adopting the same policy. Also, Ms. Viera founded the NorCal Center on Deafness which is committed to assisting people who are deaf or hard of hearing with communications services, independent living skills, and social services.

Judith Viera served as program manager at the California Department of Rehabilitation where she successfully advocated legislation which contributed to providing telecommunications equipment and services to the deaf and hard of hearing community. She was also appointed as the first and only deaf member to the National Exchange Carriers Association

Interstate Telecommunications Relay Services Advisory Board which assists telecommunications providers in receiving compensation for the cost of interstate relay services.

Ms. Viera's most recent service has been as vice president of business development for Wynd Communications in San Luis Obispo, CA. Wynd Communications, which was founded in 1994, is a pioneer in providing wireless telecommunications services to the deaf and hard of hearing through out the nation.

I am truly honored to have Ms. Judith Viera as one of my constituents. She is an example of selfless commitment and altruistic dedication to a very meaningful cause, opening the bounties of our country to all of its citizens.

WHAT MATTERS TO COLORADANS

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, for two years, Coloradans have been bombarded with opinions suggesting it's not about fidelity, commitment, or personal behavior. But now a new survey from the Rocky Mountain Family Council shows that what Coloradans really care about are lifelong, satisfying marriages and happy children.

Last Tuesday, as Members of Congress were returning to Washington for the impeachment vote, the Rocky Mountain Family Council was unveiling the "Marriage Matters: 1998 Colorado Marriage Health Index." The results clearly contradict the values demonstrated by the recent affairs of our President and Governor.

President Clinton's exploitation of a clever slogan proved decisive in ushering him into office, "It's the economy stupid!" Coloradans, being common sense, caring people, recognize marriage and family last forever. Economic prosperity, however, is often only as secure as the next paycheck. Sure, some may find solace in this period of relative economic prosperity. Fatter wallets tend to squelch the alarm of cultural decay to a certain degree.

But even the highest heights of consumer confidence cannot achieve the kind of moral indifference upon which political left-wingers are banking in the face of executive scandal and infidelity. On the contrary, Coloradans bristle when politicians betray their marriage vows for extramarital affairs, even when downplayed as "affectionate" or "hugging" relationships.

According to the Family Council, when asked if they could wave a magic wand and guarantee certain life goals for themselves, Coloradans overwhelmingly chose a lifelong, satisfying marriage and happy children over the material goods like fancy homes, comfortable retirements, and fulfilling careers. Further underscoring this result is the fact that Coloradans were far more willing to give up houses, retirements and careers if that would ensure a satisfying, lifelong marriage and happy kids.

The question for political leaders becomes one of how government can best help the average citizen achieve these goals. Government should take a page from the Hippocratic Oath: "First, do no harm."

Many well-intentioned government programs designed to strengthen families achieve just

the opposite, by subsidizing parents spending time away from their spouses and children. Government policies which support marriage and family, like doing away with the marriage tax penalty in the tax code, can go a long way toward ensuring Coloradans realize their family goals and dreams.

Working families struggling under a heavy tax burden may be so crushed by the weight of supporting lofty government programs they can't spend the time with their spouses and children they'd like. Economic prosperity, lower taxes, and freedom can support and strengthen families and marriages if they enable spouses and parents to devote more attention to what really matters.

Fancy house? Fat retirement accounts? Cushy jobs? These pale in comparison to heartfelt desires for happy marriages and children. As we enter the twenty-first century, elected officials would do well to respond to what Coloradans say is really important to them. Failure to do so will only perpetuate the myth that strong marriage and families are just by-products of a strong economy.

No one ever went to his or her grave saying "I wish I had worked longer hours." Government can, and should, do all in its power to allow families and marriages to grow strong without interference.

VICE PRESIDENT AL GORE'S TRIBUTE TO HIS FATHER, SENATOR ALBERT GORE, SR., OF TENNESSEE

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, on December 5, Albert Gore, Sr.—who served 14 years as a member of this House and another 18 years as a member of the United States Senate—died at his home in Carthage, Tennessee. I knew Senator Gore, Mr. Speaker, and I have great respect for this outstanding gentleman and distinguished public servant.

During his 32 years of service in the Congress, Senator Gore established a legacy that all of us can envy. He was the principal Senate author of the legislation that created the Interstate Highway System which was adopted by the Congress in 1956. He was a voice of reason and honor in supporting civil rights at a time when few southern political leaders would dare to take such a principal stand. He expressed his opposition to the war in Viet Nam, and that courageous position ultimately cost him his seat in the Senate.

Mr. Speaker, I had the honor of attending the Memorial Service for Senator Albert Gore, Sr., in Nashville on December 8. On that occasion, our Vice President AL GORE delivered a moving eulogy to his father. No finer tribute could be paid to any father than the honor which Vice President GORE paid to his father last week. Mr. Speaker, I ask that the Vice President's remarks be placed in the RECORD, and I urge my colleagues to read them and join me in celebrating the life and legacy of Senator Gore.

REMARKS BY THE VICE PRESIDENT AT THE FUNERAL OF HIS FATHER, FORMER SENATOR ALBERT GORE, SR.

WAR MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, DECEMBER 8, 1998

The Vice President: President and Mrs. Clinton; so many honored guests from our nation and our state. The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

My father was the greatest man I ever knew in my life. Most of you know him for his public service and it could be said of him, in the words of Paul, that this man walked worthy of the vocation wherewith he was called.

There were those many, many who loved him—and there were a few who hated him. Hated him for the right reasons. It's better to be hated for what you are than to be loved for what you are not.

My father believed, in the words of the Scripture, "Woe unto you when all men shall speak well of you." (Laughter.) He made decisions in politics that were such that he could come home and explain to his children what he had decided and why. He went into the world with peace; he held fast to that which was good. He rendered to no one evil for evil. He was of good courage. He strengthened the fainthearted. He supported the weak. He helped the afflicted. He loved and served all people who came his way.

None of this was a secret to the world. As most of you know, there was a time when some people thought my father should seek the highest office in the land. Here's what he said about that idea: "The lure of the presidency never really overwhelmed me, though, there were times when the vice presidency seemed extremely attractive." (Laughter.) Now, that's humility. (Laughter.) And he did love mercy and do justly. The last advice he gave me, two weeks ago, when he was almost too weak to speak, was this: Always do right.

He was born in an isolated, poor dirt farm on the banks of the Roaring River in Jackson County, Tennessee. His father was a friend of Cordell Hull who, of course, later made all the families in this part of the country proud by becoming a congressman and a senator, and then Secretary of State.

My grandfather and Cordell Hull floated logs down the Cumberland River to the point where it meets the Caney Fork at Carthage. My father's boyhood dreams were taken by the currents of both men's lives. He was always a farmer, and he became a statesman.

Soon after he was born, his whole family moved to Smith County, to a place just west of Carthage called Possum Hollow. He grew up in what he described as a self-giving, self-respecting household, and he said that, although the chores were heavy and the discipline absolute, there was love in our family and reverence for each other.

He went to work as a teacher, in a one-room schoolhouse in a mountain community in Overton County named Booze (phonetic). (Laughter.) He was 18 years old and had three months of college. His students called him Professor Gore. (Laughter.) He read voraciously and taught himself to use language with precision. "The Leatherstocking Tales" were his favorites.

I always marveled at his vocabulary and, as I grew older, at his unusual pronunciation of certain words. For example, instead of "woond" he always said "wownd." I used to challenge him on the words I was certain he'd mispronounced. But invariably the dictionary also contained his preferred version, with the italic note: "archaic." (Laughter.) As many have said since his passing, he was an original.

As he continued his education at Murfreesboro State Teachers College, and

continued working in all his free hours, he learned the lessons of hard times, trucking livestock to market only to find that they had sold for less than the hauling fee. The Great Depression awakened his political conscience. He often told me of the deep emotions he felt watching grown men with wives and children they could neither feed nor clothe, on farms they could no longer pay for. Grown men who were so desperate that tears streamed down their cheeks when they received their meager checks for a whole season's work on their crops.

The kindling for his political philosophy piled up on Sunday afternoons among the whittlers, with whom he sat under the shade trees of the Carthage Square, and listened as Congressman Hull talked of important business in the Nation's Capital. When my father first heard Franklin Delano Roosevelt on the radio, the kindling caught fire.

He became the youth chairman in Tennessee for FDR in 1932. The following year, he became a candidate himself, for the first time, for Smith County's Superintendent of Schools. He lost the election, and then his teaching job—(laughter)—but he gained respect from those who heard him. Indeed, when the man who won the race unexpectedly turned gravely ill soon after the election, he surprised the County Court by recommending my father as his replacement before he died. This gift from his dying former rival made a deep and lifelong impression on my father. It was one of the reasons why he never said a harsh word about any of his opponents for the rest of his career.

He soon began YMCA night law school, even as he continued as Superintendent of Schools, and awoke well before dawn to also tend his crops. I don't think I ever saw him tired, but he must have been sleepy after such long days and nights, facing an hour's drive yet to return from Nashville to Carthage on old Highway 70. So he went looking for coffee.

And he found it at the old Andrew Jackson Coffee Shop, which stood not 100 yards from here. He loved to tell the story of how the coffee didn't taste good unless it was poured by a beautiful young waitress named Pauline LaFon. She was going to law school by day and working nights. They say opposites attract. (Laughter.) They didn't marry right away; she left for Texarkana, put up her shingle, and practiced oil and gas law. But his coffee turned bitter, and eventually he persuaded her to come back as his wife.

Of all the lessons he taught me as a father, perhaps the most powerful was the way he loved my mother. He respected her as an equal, if not more. He was proud of her. But it went way beyond that. When I was growing up, it never once occurred to me that the foundation upon which my security depended would ever shake. As I grew older, I learned from them the value of a true, loving partnership that lasts for life.

After managing the successful campaign of Governor Gordon Browning, he became Tennessee's first Commissioner of Labor, and started unemployment compensation in the face of powerful opposition. He enforced mine inspection laws for the first time in our history. He administered our first minimum wage law; it was 25 cents an hour. He defended the right to organize. He was always, always for working men and women.

He loved practical jokes. His humor often had an edge. One Saturday night in the early 1930s, at a party he organized in a barn by the Cumberland River for a group of friends in Carthage, he planted the suggestion that quite a few rattlesnakes had been seen in the area the preceding day. Then, surreptitiously, in the shadows thrown by the fire, he attached a fishhook to the pant-leg of his friend, Walter Merriman. At the other end of

the hook was tied a large black snake he had killed in the barn before the party guests arrived.

Rejoining the circle, he bided his time for a moment, and then suddenly pointed towards Merriman's leg and shouted, "Snake!" The more Merriman jumped and ran, the more determined the pursuing snake appeared. (Laughter.) The prank worked a little too well when the fishhook dug into Merriman's calf. (Laughter.) Certain that it was a rattlesnake's fang, he collapsed in fear. (Laughter.)

It took several months for the friendship to be repaired—(laughter)—but the story became such a local legend that someone told me about it again last night at the wake.

It's difficult to follow the rhythm of his life without hearing the music that held him in its sway ever since the spring day a fiddler named Uncle Barry Agee played at the closing ceremonies of Miss Mary Litchburg's first-grade class. It was a magical experience that ignited a passion for playing the fiddle, so powerful that, later in his life, he sometimes worried that, if he gave into it, it would somehow carry him away from the political purposes to which he was also powerfully drawn.

Before long, by the grace of his mother and with the help of his brother, he marshaled the impressive sum of \$5 to buy his own fiddle, and soon thereafter his classmates nicknamed him Music Gore.

He always told lots of stories, but without a doubt the one he told most often was about a Possum Hollow hoedown held at his house, to which several musicians were invited, including a traveling mandolin player with one leg named, Old Peg, who spent the night in their home.

My father had just finished the eighth grade and his devotion to music had become, in his words, all-absorbing. The next morning he helped his father hitch up the harness for Old Peg's horse and buggy. Each time he told this story, the buggy grew more dilapidated. Before long, it had no top; the harness was mostly baling wire and binding twine. He counted that scrawny horse's ribs a thousand times for me and my sister, and then counted them many times again for his grandchildren.

As Old Peg left the sturdy Gore household, the buggy was practically falling apart. As the impoverished picker wobbled precariously down his less-traveled road, my grandfather waited until he was just out of hearing range, then put his hand on my father's shoulder and launched a sentence that made all the difference: "There goes your future, Albert." (Laughter.) My grandfather's humor had an edge to it, too. (Laughter.)

Don't ever doubt the impact that fathers have on their children. Children with strong fathers learn trust early on, that their needs will be met; that they're wanted; that they have value. They can afford to be secure and confident. They will get the encouragement they need to keep on going through any rough spots they encounter in life. I learned all those things from my father. He made all the difference.

Boys also learn from their fathers how to be fathers. I know I did. When my father first ran for Congress, at the age of 29, he worried that people would think he was too young, so he vowed to always wear his coat and he affected a formal demeanor. With Old Peg still wobbling through his unknown future, candidate Gore vowed also to never play the fiddle—in public.

Which brings me to what was, by our official family count, my father's second-most frequently told story. It's Saturday night in Fentris County, July 1938. The crowd had gathered in the hot, crowded courtroom for my father's speech on reciprocal free trade.

(Laughter.) There's a bustle through the door at the rear of the crowd. Three of my father's musician friends are working their way through the crowd toward the podium, and one of them holds a fiddle over his head. He, my father, speaks louder and more rapidly about the evils of tariffs, hoping, he claims, that the fiddle will go away.

By now, though, his alter ego is standing directly in front of him, holding the fiddle in outstretched arms and demanding loudly, "Play us a tune, Albert?" Trapped by this powerful drama, he seizes the fiddle and unleashes his music. And then the crowd goes wild. My father always chuckled when he delivered his favorite punchline, "They brought the house down." (Laughter.)

Once he was reconciled to who he really was, there was no turning back, and the crowds did love it. He brought the house down wherever he went.

In August, he was elected in the Democratic primary. That was it, because back then no Republicans ever ran. In September he went to Washington with his wife and baby daughter, my sister Nancy, not one year old, and he was invited to play his fiddle in Constitution Hall with Eleanor Roosevelt in the audience.

Fourteen years later, when I was four, he moved to the Senate. The incumbent he defeated, Senator Kenneth D. McKellar was a powerful chairman of the Appropriations Committee, and sought to remind the voters of his power to bring money to the state with his omnipresent slogan, "A thinking feller votes McKellar."

In keeping with my father's campaign philosophy had a negative word about his opponent and always admonished his supporters never to remove a McKellar sign. Instead, acting on my mother's advice, we put up new sign directly underneath McKellar's—every time we found a sign that said, "The thinking feller votes McKellar," we put our new sign directly underneath it proclaiming, "Think some more and vote for Gore." (Laughter.)

By defeating McKellar, and more broadly, the Crump machine, he helped to establish the terms of a new politics for Tennessee and the entire South—a progressive politics that rejected race baiting and connected our region to the rest of America. And he carried those values on to the national stage.

In 1956, my father hoped to be Adlai Stevenson's running mate. So did Estes Kefauver, who felt he had earned it. And so did my father's friend and Senate classmate, John F. Kennedy. It was quite a convention.

I'm particularly proud that my father was way ahead of his time in fighting for civil rights. Discrimination against blacks deeply offended his sense of justice. He talked about it to Nancy and me often.

When I was eight years old, we lived in a little house in Carthage on Fisher Avenue, halfway up a hill. At the top of the hill was a big, old mansion. One day as the property was changing hands, the neighbors were invited to an open house. My father said, "Come, son, I want to show you something." So we walked up the hill and through the front door. But instead of stopping in the parlor or the ornate dining room or the grand staircase with all the guests, my father took me down to the basement, and point to the dark, dank, stone walls and the cold mettle rings lined up in a row—slave rings.

Long after he left the classroom, my father was a teach. And I thank God that he taught me to love justice.

Not everyone was eager to learn. One unreconstructed constituent once said, in reference to African Americans, though that was not the term he used, "I don't want to eat with them, I don't want to live with

them, I don't want my kids to go to school with them." To which my father replied gently, "Do you want to go to heaven with them?" After a pause came the flustered response, "No, I want to go to hell with you and Estes Kefauver." (Laughter.)

All that driving between Carthage and Nashville, and between Carthage and Washington, made him impatient for better roads. During World War II, he had been the first congressman to decline a commission as an officer and joined the Army as a private. FDR called all the congressmen back from service. He later went back in, and during his service in Germany, he was impressed by the autobahn. In 1956, he personally authored and passed into law the Interstate Highway Bill, the largest public works endeavor in the history of humankind.

We traveled down here this morning from Carthage on old Highway 70, the same road he first took to Nashville 75 years ago. It's a long way. He's taking his last trip home on I-40, a part of the 44,000 miles of interstate that he created.

He wrote and passed the first Medicare proposal ever to pass on the Senate floor, in 1964. One year later, after the Democratic landslide, Medicare became law. For more than a decade he controlled all tax policy on the Senate floor, because the majority of his colleagues had absolute trust in his conscience, his commitment to fairness, and his keen understanding of the law.

He was the best speaker I ever heard. When he spoke on the Senate floor the cloakrooms emptied, the galleries began to fill, the pages sat in rapt attention. He had a clarity and force that was quite remarkable. People wanted to hear him speak and they wanted to know what he said, because they knew that whatever he said he believed with his heart.

Time and again, with the crispness of his logic and the power of his oratory, he moved his listeners to adopt his opinions and cheer. Indeed, in his very first speech on the floor of the House of Representatives in 1939, the next day *The New York Times* reported that his remarks—and I quote—"stopped the show, and received an ovation of proportions such as are usually reserved for elder statesmen." His speech changed enough votes to defeat the bill he opposed. That's what happens when you bring the house down.

Keeping alive the tradition of Hull, he fought tirelessly for reciprocal free trade—and he always emphasized that word "reciprocal." But he often quoted Hull, his mentor, as saying, "When goods do not cross borders armies do."

He was an early supporter of Israel. As chairman of the Foreign Assistance Appropriations Subcommittee, in 1948, he authored and passed the first American aid to the new Jewish state. He was the nation's leading expert on outer space law and authored the treaty banning weapons from space. He led the fight to negotiate and ratify the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, an agreement which many believe was a turning point in the nuclear arms race.

And of course, he was an early, eloquent, and forceful opponent of the Vietnam War—and it cost him his seat in the Senate.

My father was brave. I mean really brave. He opposed the poll tax in the '40s, and supported civil rights in the '50s. By the time he was in his final Senate term, I was old enough to understand clearly the implications of the choices he made when he repeatedly rejected the advice of many fearful political allies who had urged him to trim his sails. He was proud to support the Voting Rights Act of 1965. He was damned if he was going to support Hainesworth or Carswell, Nixon's suspect nominees for the Supreme Court. And I was so proud of that courage.

And even then, he almost defied the odds and won. But a new ill wind was blowing across the land. And in many ways he was unprepared for the meaner politics that started in 1970. For example, he never, ever had a press secretary on his payroll, for 32 years. He was offended by the very thought of using taxpayers' money to pay the salary of someone whose principal job was to publicly flatter him. (Laughter.)

He preferred to speak plainly for himself. Indeed, many older Tennesseans will tell you that what they remember most about my father was his Sunday radio broadcast on WSM, where he presented the news from Washington "as I see it."

The night he lost in 1970, he made me prouder still. He said, defeat may serve as well as victory to shake the soul and let the glory out. And then he turned the old southern segregationist slogan on its head and declared, "The truth shall rise again."

I heard that. The next day was the first time I ever remember our roles being reversed, the first time I gave back to him what he taught me. We were in a canoe on the Caney Fork, just the two of us. Near to despair, he asked, "What would you do if you had 32 years of service to the people given to the highest of your ability, always doing what you thought was right, and had then been unceremoniously turned out of office? What would you do?" I responded, "I'd take the 32 years, Dad."

It's not correct to say that he went back to his farm; throughout his entire career in public service he never left his farm. He loved to raise Angus cattle. In the audience today are quite a few Angus breeders from around the country who were among his closest friends. It was his recreation. He always said, "I'd rather find a new black calf in the weeds than a golf ball in the grass." (Laughter.)

Our farm was also an important school where he taught me every day. He must have told me a hundred times the importance of learning how to work. He taught me how to plow a steep hillside with a team of mules. He taught me how to clear three acres of heavily wooded forest with a double-bladed axe. He taught me how to take up hay all day in the sun and then take up the neighbor's hay after dinner by moonlight before the rain came.

He taught me how to deliver a newborn calf when its mother was having trouble. He taught me how to stop gullies before they got started. He taught me how to drive, how to shoot a rifle, how to fish, how to swim. We loved to swim together in the Caney Fork River, off a big flat rock on the backside of his farm.

Once my father was giving a magazine reporter from New York City a short tour of the farm when he came across a cow stuck in the river mud. The reporter had no idea what to make of it when he stripped naked and waded into the mud, emerging a half hour later with his cow. (Laughter.)

After he left the Senate he went into business. For ten years he ran the second largest coal company in America, driving back and forth on the interstate connecting Tennessee with Lexington, Kentucky. At the time of his death he was still serving as the senior director on the board of Occidental Petroleum.

But just as with farming, he had always been in business. He owned a feed mill, a hardware store, and sporting goods store, a towing and auto repair shop. He sold boats and motors. He had a gasoline station. He leased the space for three restaurants, a barber shop, a beauty shop, a natural gas distributor, a veterinarian's office, and a union hall. He ran a commercial egg production house with 10,000 chickens. He build and operated the first so-called pig parlors in this

part of the country. He developed real estate and built houses and apartments for rent. He was always busy.

When I eventually left journalism and entered politics, he was also a source of invaluable advice in my races for the House and Senate, and later when I ran for President he personally campaigned in every single county in both Iowa and New Hampshire. I constantly run into people in both states who know him well, not from his days in the Senate, but from his days as a tireless octogenarian campaigner.

In 1992, when then Governor Clinton asked me to join his ticket, my father became an active campaigner once again. At the age of 84, he and my mother took their own bus trip that year, and what a crew was on that bus—Albert and Pauline Gore, Tony Randall, Mitch Miller, and Dr. Ruth. (Laughter.)

He convinced one young man from our campaign to come back to the farm with him. But the fellow soon left, and asked me, how do you tell a man who is working beside you and is 84 years old that you are quitting because it's too hot and the work is too hard? (Laughter.) I could have told him I learned the answer to that one when I was still young—you don't. (Laughter.)

At 85, he embarked on a major new project—the antique mall and car museum in south Carthage. Two years ago, when he was 89, he was still driving his car. I had great difficulty persuading him to stop. When I asked my friends and neighbors in Carthage to help, one of them said, "Oh, don't worry, Al, we know his car—we just get off the road when we see him coming."

Once, though, he didn't know his own car. He left the store, got in somebody else's car and drove home. (Laughter.) Carthage is the kind of place where people often leave the keys in the ignition. Luckily, the store owner drove my father's car up to his farm, left it in the driveway and then drove the other fellow's car back to the store before he knew it was missing. (Laughter.)

There are so many people in Carthage who have bent over backwards to help my parents, especially over the last few years. My family is so grateful for the quality of kindness in Smith County, and we thank you. And during the months and weeks before my father's death, we've been blessed with the devotion of a wonderful collection of around-the-clock caregivers and doctors and nurses.

Reverend Billy Graham wrote recently, "We may not always be aware of the presence of angels. We cannot always predict how they will appear. But angels have been said to be our neighbors." All I know is that my family is mighty grateful to the people who have shown so much love to my father. And we found out that a lot of our neighbors in Smith County and the surrounding counties really are angels. A lot of them are here today, and on behalf of my family I want to say thank you.

He died bravely and well. As it was written of the patriarch, Abraham, "he breathed his last and died at a good old age, an old man and full of years, and he was gathered to his people. And we know that those who walk uprightly enter into peace, they find rest as they lie in death."

As many here know, it's hard to watch the sharpness of a parent's face, hard to watch, in the words of the poet, "how body from spirit does slowly unwind until we are pure spirit at the end."

We're a close family. But the time we had together over the last few weeks to say goodbye truly brought us closer still. We're grateful to all those who have reached out to us, many of whom understand the need because they, themselves, have suffered loss. As is our custom here, neighbors brought food and we tried to concentrate on making ready for today.

So here's what I decided I would like to say today—to that young boy with the fiddle in Possum Hollow, contemplating his future: I'm proud of the choices you made. I'm proud of the road you traveled. I'm proud of your courage, your righteousness, and your truth. I feel, in the words of the poet, because my father "lived his soul, love is the whole and more than all."

I'll miss your humor, the sound of your laughter, your wonderful stories and your sound advice, and all those times you were so happy that you brought the house down.

Dad, your whole life has been an inspiration. I'd take the 91 years—your life brought the house down.

ELBERT COUNTY RESOLUTION 98-112

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, over the course of the past few weeks, I have received numerous contacts from constituents regarding the matter of today's impeachment question.

On Wednesday, the Board of County Commissioners for Elbert County, Colorado adopted and forwarded to me, a Resolution calling upon the House to decide in favor of impeachment of President William Jefferson Clinton. Mr. Speaker, as Colorado's Fourth Congressional District Representative, and on behalf of the people of Elbert County, Colorado I hereby submit for the RECORD a full and complete copy of the Resolution adopted by Chairman John Dunn; Vice Chairman Ralph Johnson; and Commissioner Daniel A. McAndrew.

I further call upon my colleagues to carefully consider the thoughtful commentary, opinion, and findings of the Elbert County Commissioners. Finally Mr. Speaker, I extend my most sincere thanks to the Elbert County Commissioners for assisting the Congress in resolving this great question facing our beloved nation.

STATE OF COLORADO, COUNTY OF ELBERT

At a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for Elbert County, State of Colorado, held at the Courthouse in Kiowa on Wednesday, the 16th day of December A.D. 1998, there were present: John Dunn, Commissioner Chairman; Ralph Johnson, Commissioner Vice Chair; Daniel A. McAndrew, Commissioner; and Geri Scheidt, Deputy, Clerk to the Board.

When the following proceedings, among others were had and done, to wit:

RESOLUTION 98-112—CONSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT RESOLUTION

Whereas, elected official are sworn to uphold the Constitution; and

Whereas, the President is the highest elected official in the land; and

Whereas, all House and Senators are sworn to uphold the Constitution; and

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners, as elected officials, are duly sworn to uphold the Constitution. Be it therefore

Resolved, the Board of Elbert County Commissioners do hereby request that the Colorado Delegation for the House, vote to impeach President Clinton, and be it further

Resolved, the Board of Elbert County Commissioners do hereby request that the Senate consider the evidence presented by the House and vote as the Constitution demands.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the

following vote: John Dunn, Chairman, Aye; Ralph Johnson, Vice Chairman, Aye; and Daniel R. McAndrew, Commissioner, Aye.

EXPRESSING UNEQUIVOCAL SUPPORT FOR MEN AND WOMEN OF OUR ARMED FORCES CURRENTLY CARRYING OUT MISSIONS IN AND AROUND PERSIAN GULF REGION

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 17, 1998

Mr. JOHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for the American men and women who are putting their lives on the line in the Persian Gulf to protect our nation and the world from the threat being posed by Saddam Hussein's arsenal of terror. Sadly, Saddam has again called into question the commitment of the United States and our allies to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq by blocking the United Nations Special Commission (UNSCOM) from inspecting suspected sites and restricting its ability to review evidence.

Nobody in this chamber wishes harm on the people of Iraq, but the repeated refusal of Saddam to comply with the conditions of the 1991 cease-fire poses a clear and present danger to the national security interests of our nation. I stand by the decision of the President and his national security advisors to launch a military strike against Iraq and condemn Saddam for forcing this upon his people. There can be no doubt that decisive military action is justified and that Saddam bears full responsibility for these actions.

As the leader of the world community, the United States must remain vigilant in our efforts to expose and destroy Iraq's chemical, biological and nuclear capabilities. The UNSCOM inspectors are a critical tool in accomplishing this objective. With the UNSCOM report issued only days ago and Islamic observance of Ramadan beginning this weekend, the timing of U.S. air strikes were critical to the success of this mission. We can only hope that U.S. and British military forces in the Persian Gulf can accomplish what repeated efforts at diplomacy could not.

I want to express my gratitude to our soldiers, sailors and pilots who are carrying out this vital effort and tell their families that our thoughts and prayers will be with them during this holiday season. I offer my unequivocal support for their just cause and pray for their quick and safe return.

KORY KESSINGER EARNS THE AMERICAN FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA DEGREE

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Kory Kessinger of Akron, Colorado who has earned the prestigious American Future Farmers of

America, or FFA, Degree, their highest honor. Kory received this award at the national FFA convention this last November. He has worked closely with his family on their farm, raising and breeding good market beef, always striving to improve production. The son of Kim and Lila Kessinger, Kory Kessinger is attending Colorado State University and studying animal science. Mr. Speaker I commend Kory for his hard work and dedication. We have much to look forward to from this fine young man. Through good efforts such as his, the youth of today are the promise of tomorrow.

REMARKS OF THE HONORABLE
MARION BERRY DECEMBER 18,
1998 TRIBUTE TO MAURICE
SMITH JR.

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a good friend, Maurice Smith, a prominent farmer and banker in Birdeye, Arkansas, who passed from this world earlier this month Maurice was a great man who lived in Arkansas and provided leadership for the generations.

Maurice has had a long history in Arkansas politics. He served as highway commissioner and director of the state Highway and Transportation Department. He was also appointed to the University of Arkansas board of trustees and served as chief of staff to then-Governor Bill Clinton. But if it is one thing that Maurice Smith be remembered for, it is his leadership as the director of the state Highway Department. In 1991, under his direction, a 5-cent-a-gallon increase in the gas tax and a 2-cent-a-gallon increase in the diesel fuel tax pumped an additional \$48 million into the department's construction budget each year.

One of my favorite quotes is from former Senator Le Roy Percy of Greenville, MS. "I guess a man's job is to make the world a better place to live in, so far as he is able—always remembering the results will be infinitesimal—and to attend to his own soul." Maurice was such a man and he will be greatly missed. He was chairman of the St. Francis Levee Board. He provided support and leadership for generations of Arkansans to make the state a better place to live, work, and raise a family, with special attention to developing infrastructure.

A TRIBUTE TO STUB AND
JOSEPHINE ROBERTS

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Stub and Josephine Roberts, owners and operators of Stub's Gas and Oil near Wiggins, Colorado. In business since 1949, Stub's recently celebrated its fiftieth anniversary of service to residents and travelers along Highway 39 and Highway 34 in Colorado. From humble beginnings as a simple gas station, Stub's has

grown to a multiple service station that includes several gas and diesel pumps, a convenience store, and even a deli. With loyal customers going back for decades, Stub's has been, and will continue to be, an institution in eastern Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I commend Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, and all those who have contributed to this fine entrepreneurial business. They are true representatives of the spirit, hard work and dedication that built America as we know it.

JUDGE A. LEON HIGGINBOTHAM:
CONSTITUTIONAL SCHOLAR DIES
WITH HIS BOOTS ON

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I was greatly saddened to hear of the loss of Judge Leon Higginbotham this week. He was a great civil rights champion who died with his boots on, for just two weeks ago I had the honor of introducing him to the Judiciary Committee impeachment hearings, where he protested the current impeachment process in his last major appearance. Judge Higginbotham's death on December 14th was a loss not just for his wife Evelyn and his children, but for every American.

Leon Higginbotham was in every way a giant. His contribution to the law as a peerless judge and superb educator was immense. His large personality and his passionate love of justice made him a colossus of the civil rights movement. The attentive silence which marked his impeccably coherent and flawlessly logical testimony just 2 weeks ago to the Judiciary Committee reminded the nation's lawmakers, and the people, of the brilliance possessed by this giant of a man.

Leon Higginbotham's achievements have served as an inspiration to Americans of all ages. His brilliant record as a civil rights attorney led to his becoming a federal judge in 1964. His performance as one of the United States' most consistent and fair judges led to his being appointed to the US Circuit Court of appeals fourteen years later. In 1995 he was recognized by President Bill Clinton with the award of the Presidential Medal of Freedom. His authority and standing led South African President Nelson Mandela to seek his expertise and impartiality as a mediator in the landmark 1994 elections. Leon Higginbotham belongs to that group of exceptional people which any nation is proud to call its own.

His outspoken courage, and his passionate opposition to racism was clearly reinforced at the hearings two weeks ago. His clear condemnation of the damage that discrimination and disregard for individual civil rights does to the justice system made his magnum opus "Race and the American Legal System" one of the most important and influential legal texts in the lifetime of this Republic.

I join every American in mourning the passing of Leon Higginbotham and in saluting his living legacy. His compassion and his respect for the individual combined with his unrivalled knowledge and love of the law to making a person I am proud to say I knew. My sympathy and that of my family goes out to his family, whose loss we all share.

TRIBUTE TO THE PEOPLE OF
IDALIA, COLORADO

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the good people of Idalia, Colorado. Their innovative fundraising through the nonprofit Idalia Foundation earned the prestigious \$25,000 Julie and Spencer Penrose Award for Colorado's most outstanding nonprofit. Through this entity, the community of one hundred raised \$1.2 million in private donations for a new community center for recreation, health care, education and meetings. Mr. Speaker, I commend the people of Idalia and the Idalia Foundation for all of their hard work, dedication and commitment to overcoming obstacles. All of this had been accomplished without a town government, and most importantly, without raising any taxes? Members of Congress should take heed by the fine examples set in our backyards.

EXPRESSING UNEQUIVOCAL SUP-
PORT FOR MEN AND WOMEN OF
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GULF REGION

SPEECH OF

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 17, 1998

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of this resolution. I fully support the men and women of our Armed Forces who proudly serve this Nation in the Persian Gulf. I am certain that our Nation stands behind them one hundred fifty percent, and I salute them for their hard work, patriotism, and courage.

Saddam Hussein has been tolerated for far too long. We have tried to talk to him, and we have tried to reason with him, but to no avail. He continues to break promises and threaten the security of the civilized world. As that old adage goes: "Talk softly and carry a big stick." It's time to stop talking. He has terrorized too many innocent people for far too long, and he has thumbed his nose at the civilized world. He fancies himself a leader, but in reality, he is a ruffian and a thug who possesses a dangerous arsenal of lethal weapons and the will to use them for his own megalomaniac purposes. This time, we should not be there to teach a lesson. We should, once and for all, remove Saddam Hussein from Power.

I support this resolution, and I urge my colleagues to do the same.

OF MICE AND BABBITT

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, Nobel laureate John Steinbeck

warned us about the best laid plans of mice and men. On Friday, December 4, Secretary of Interior Bruce Babbitt came to Colorado to unveil, with much hurrah, a special "4(d)" rule under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) designed to protect the Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse.

Under the rule, ongoing agricultural and landscaping activities can go forward, but certain activities like maintaining irrigation ditches will need federal review. Special areas, deemed Mouse Protection Areas (MPAs) and Potential Mouse Protection Areas (PMPAs), will be determined and mapped like a federal shadow over the state of Colorado.

The special rule, in theory, would allow most existing land use practices until more permanent measures, in the form of Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs), are worked out with Washington. Secretary Babbitt has touted HCPs as collaborative efforts toward recovering endangered species. Presumably, ranchers may go on ranching, farmers may continue to feed us, and homeowners won't have to get rid of their cats. Wonderful news for everyone!

"Not so fast" say the litigious radical wing of the environmental movement. Their disdain for farmers, ranchers, cats and people will become the basis for suing whatever collaborative plans are secured by stakeholders and interested parties. A few recent legal examples foretell of what we can anticipate in Colorado.

In Massachusetts, environmentalists sued the state for merely licensing fishermen who used certain kinds of lobster traps because the traps actually worked. In Florida, one radical environmental group sued in the name of Loggerhead Turtles because they believed aggressive local actions to curb beach-front lighting were not aggressive enough. It didn't matter that the county did everything in its power to protect sea turtles. Environmentalists sued, and won, but the turtles are no better off now than they were before.

Despite Babbitt's prose about species "wriggling off the list", and a happy working partnership of ranchers, environmentalists and bureaucrats, the ESA will—as it has always done—enrich lawyers rather than protect mice.

How well the ESA has worked depends upon who you ask. On May 6, 1998 Secretary Babbitt released a statement about several success stories under the Act. Boasting his intention to delist or downlist some two dozen species, he claimed the species had recovered thanks to this over-bearing federal law. To convince us that the Act works, Babbitt said species would be "flying, splashing and leaping off the list."

However, an independent review by the National Wilderness Institute proved otherwise. Data error, not recovery under the ESA, was responsible for the change in status of at least eight of the species. The species' status never actually improved.

Threats to other species were overestimated by government biologists. Four species turned out to be imaginary—that is they were not unique or separate species as once thought by the agency. Five species, listed as "proof" the ESA works, have actually gone extinct!

Twenty-nine of my Congressional colleagues joined me in demanding a retraction of this gross misjudgment. Jamie Rappaport Clark, the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, responded she was "personally embarrassed by this unfortunate error" and promised to recant the statements.

There are over 1,138 species listed under the Endangered Species Act. None have conclusively recovered due to it's passage.

To reestablish the ESA as the vanguard against extinction, we must reform it by ensuring all decisions are based on sound science, and recovery efforts include land owners, state leaders and businesses. Absent these simple precepts, even Secretary Babbitt's best laid plans for the Preble's mouse are certain to go awry.

THE STARR TRAP

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, as we consider the gravity of the constitutional matters before the nation today, I commend my colleague's attention to an important column by Anthony Lewis which appeared in the Washington Post on December 1, 1998. I insert the full text of that column in the RECORD.

THE STARR TRAP

(By Anthony Lewis)

Boston—At 1 P.M. on Friday, Jan. 16, Monica Lewinsky arrived at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Pentagon City to meet Linda Tripp. What happened then is well known. But its significance—its crucial significance—is not generally understood.

Ms. Lewinsky was confronted by F.B.I. agents and Kenneth Starr's assistant prosecutors. She immediately told them, as she testified later, that "I wasn't speaking to them without my attorney."

Her attorney was Francis D. Carter. When she was subpoenaed by Paula Jones's lawyers, she told him that she had not had "sexual relations" with President Clinton; Mr. Carter prepared, and she signed, an affidavit to that effect.

Mr. Starr's agents did everything they could, short of physical force, to keep Ms. Lewinsky from calling Frank Carter. They told her that he was a civil rather than a criminal lawyer "so he really couldn't help me." (That was a lie; Mr. Carter is a highly regarded criminal lawyer who for six years headed Washington's public defender service.) They gave her the number of another lawyer and suggested she call him.

They told her she had signed a false affidavit and could go to prison for 27 years. They offered to give her immunity if she would "cooperate" but said there would be no deal if Mr. Carter were called in. (A Federal regulation forbids immunity negotiations in the absence of a suspect's lawyer.)

Why were Mr. Starr's deputies so anxious that Ms. Lewinsky not telephone Mr. Carter?

On that Friday afternoon Mr. Carter had not yet filed Ms. Lewinsky's affidavit. Until it was filed, it could be changed—without legal consequences. Federal law makes it a crime only to file a false affidavit in a civil case. You can swear one, keep it, then change it or tear it up without violating the law.

Mr. Starr knew about the affidavit from Linda Tripp's last taped conversation with Ms. Lewinsky, and knew from Paula Jones's lawyers that it might not yet have been filed. That is why his deputies worked so hard to keep Ms. Lewinsky from calling Frank Carter. If he knew what was happening, they realized, he would not file it. And they wanted a crime. They wanted perjury to be committed: by Ms. Lewinsky so they

would have leverage over her, and by the President when he was deposed in the Jones case the next day.

If Ms. Lewinsky had called that afternoon, Mr. Carter told me the affidavit "would not have been sent." But there was no call. At the end of the business day it was sent to the court in Little Rock by Federal Express. Under the rules, that was a filing.

Mr. Carter had shown the affidavit to the Jones lawyers and to Robert Bennett, President Clinton's lawyer. If he had not filed it, he said, "I would have told them." So Mr. Bennett would have known of Mr. Starr's interest in Monica Lewinsky. The President's deposition on Saturday would have taken another course or been canceled. And the history of the last 10 months would have been very different.

(Did the President or Ms. Lewinsky in fact commit perjury when they swore they had not had "sexual relations"? Perjury, a complicated legal concept, requires among other things proof of deliberate falsehood. In a conversation with Linda Tripp unrelated to any threat of prosecution, Ms. Lewinsky had said emphatically that "having sex" meant "having intercourse"—not oral sex.)

The right to a lawyer is fundamental in our constitutional system. A person accused of crime, the Supreme Court said in the Scottsboro Case in 1932, "requires the guiding hand of counsel at every step." Without it, the innocent person may be overborne by what she does not understand.

Police officers occasionally break the rules. It is another matter when prosecutors, who are officers of the court, overbear a young woman to keep her from calling her lawyer. The Starr deputies who were there on Jan. 16—Michael Emmick, Jackie Bennett Jr. and Bruce Udolf—should surely face questions by the appropriate legal authorities on their fitness to practice law. And Mr. Starr condoned what they did.

None of this excuses President Clinton's moral folly. But it makes powerfully clear that Kenneth Starr is a far more serious menace to our constitutional order than Bill Clinton is.

PUBLIC FIGURES CAN PAY A HIGH PRICE FOR CANDOR

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce for the RECORD, an article published by Kent Holsinger of my staff. "Public Figures can pay a high price for candor" appeared in the December 10, 1998 Denver Post. Mr. Holsinger's analysis of how public speaking, delivered through the media, affects public sentiment towards government is particularly relevant as we consider tomorrow whether to impeach the President of the United States. I urge my colleagues to keep the following in mind as we deliver our messages to the country.

Public cynicism towards government may stem from the difficulty politicians and public figures have giving forthright answers to difficult questions. Behind the cynicism is a complex, and dynamic saga of American politics and culture. In the midst of this saga, the media serves as a conduit between public figures and the public. As the nature of reporting has changed dramatically with the information age, so too has the nature of public speaking.

History was made by public statements of public figures. Before pollsters, media consultants and ghost writers, great orators like Daniel Webster, Henry Clay and John C. Calhoun mesmerized their audiences in the halls of Congress, thus securing their roles in the nation's history. People rushed to the Capitol, filled the galleries and watched the great debates in person. Of those, Daniel Webster's speech on the Senate floor for a united country, one liberty and one people, is among the most famous in American history. Webster proclaimed that public speech, while it may be manipulated or sculpted, "[i]t must exist in the man, the subject, and in the occasion."

But are those principles of dialogue maintained in modern times? How public speech is delivered, and reported has changed dramatically over time. Modern reporting is instantaneous and relentless. Papparazzi pursue celebrities with cameras and microphones, while news is beamed continuously to households around the world, around the clock. To cope with modern reporting, media advisors and press secretaries craft skillful, but evasive, replies for their bosses. Throughout the Monica Lewinsky scandal, President Clinton has emerged as a master of evasiveness and media "spin" on the political battlefield. Why don't public figures just speak their minds? They may be taking their lessons from what rash public statements have done to others before them.

On the real battlefield, General George S. Patton, Jr. swept the Third Army through Europe and helped secure an allied victory in World War II. Characterized by his gruff personality and hard demeanor, Patton demanded strength and discipline from his men. Inwardly, he studied philosophy and wrote poetry; but outwardly he was ruthless and offensive. He may have carried his troops more than once by determination alone. Never afraid to speak his mind, Patton once was asked by a preacher whether he ever managed to read from the Bible he kept on his nightstand. "Every—damned day," Patton replied.

At times hated and loved by his men, Patton commanded loyal troops who performed the impossible during the war. His fierce determination to pursue and conquer the enemy, coupled with his unapologetic prose was at times glorious and disastrous. He was one of the greatest tacticians and generals the United States has ever seen. General Patton led his armored units with speed and daring, his philosophy: "Catch the enemy by the nose and then kick him in the pants." This philosophy carried the Third Army across more territory and captured more prisoners than any other army in American history.

Patton, as battlefield commander, enjoyed unparalleled success. Patton, as a public figure, suffered greatly. Many times his brash, unapologetic statements, made off the record, ended up as newspaper headlines. His statements about fighting the Russians to free Eastern Europe and using ex-Nazi's during reconstruction were hotly criticized. Those controversial, but matter-of-fact statements were said quietly, or in private. But they eventually cost one of our guest generals his command of the Third Army.

It is no wonder today's public figures sometimes hesitate to speak their mind. Modern reporting, often geared towards sensationalism, creates that need for evasiveness and spin in

public speaking. This dichotomy fuels public cynicism and distrust. But sensationalism sells. So long as it does, public figures will guard their words, and the public long for heroes, like Patton, whom are unafraid to speak their minds.

TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR SUSAN PFUEHLER

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and congratulate Susan Pfuehler on a distinguished career as a Theatre Professor at Eastern Washington University in Cheney, Washington. I have come to know Susan as the mother of one of my staff members, and have had the privilege to learn and hear about her from her son. I know that he is very proud of her.

From Susan's days as a child, growing up on a small turkey farm in rural western Illinois, she displayed a flair for the dramatic. Her reading about a "runty" pig earned her local accolades and launched her career in theatre. Susan was one of those rare individuals who knew her calling at a young age and pursued it full tilt. Once she graduated from her local college in Monmouth, Illinois, she headed across the Mississippi River to the University of Iowa for her masters degree. Although she was there a few years before me, we are proud to count her among our alumni.

After a short teaching stint at the University of Arizona, Susan and her husband found themselves in the small town of Cheney where she made her career as a professor and raised her family. Some might say Susan was among the original feminists—those strong and pioneering women who launched successful careers in the early 1950's. While Susan returned to the job a mere ten days after her son was born and her work often kept her in the theatre into the wee hours, she still possessed an amazing ability to find time for her family and include them in the activities at her workplace. As is, unfortunately, all too common today, it was not easy for women to succeed professionally. But Susan had deep resolve and drew strength from her family to have an outstanding career.

From setting up the first ever costume production facility and academic program at, then, Eastern Washington State College, to creating a dynamic costume program at the Interlochen Center for the Arts, to being named among Who's Who in Entertainment for the past two years, Susan has forged ahead heartfelt passion and steadfast determination.

I was once told that Susan's definition of successful teaching was to draw that one quiet kid in the classroom out and inspire them to do great things. I think it's safe to say that Susan has been successful time and time again. Teaching is a noble profession. But perhaps it is those teachers who are indeed humble in their contributions who are truly our national treasures. Susan certainly belongs in that category.

Over nearly 50 years of service to the job she loved—teaching our young people—Susan has inspired thousands of students in thousands of ways. From the classroom po-

dium, Susan found a comfortable forum from which both to teach and to learn. As she looks forward to her next stage, I know that she will dearly miss that platform from which to speak and to listen.

Indeed the educational community has lost a great friend, but if I know Susan, she will be active in retirement and will, hopefully, have a little fun along the way. I wish all the best to you, Susan, on your well-deserved retirement.

EXPRESSING UNEQUIVOCAL SUPPORT FOR MEN AND WOMEN OF OUR ARMED FORCES CURRENTLY CARRYING OUT MISSIONS IN AND AROUND PERSIAN GULF REGION

SPEECH OF

HON. MARSHALL "MARK" SANFORD

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 17, 1998

Mr. SANFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today very reluctantly to voice opposition to H. Res. 612. If this resolution is truly about honoring our servicemen and women, I would vote differently. However, it is clear to me that voting for this resolution is tantamount to endorsing the President's capriciously-timed, to use a euphemism, invocation of the War Powers Act. That is something my conscience cannot allow.

I have the most profound respect for our nation's military and it is for just this reason that I cannot support this resolution. I have come to this floor on innumerable occasions to provide for my unconditional support of those initiatives which prudently and honestly promote our armed forces. My support of H. Res. 322 in November of last year which urged military action to assure full Iraqi compliance with U.N. Security Council resolutions, for example, delineates my record on the use of military force in the Persian Gulf.

It is the right thing to do at the wrong time. The timing of Wednesday's air strikes on Iraq raised too many red flags for me. I am left with too strong a perception that our men and women of the military are being put in harm's way for political reasons. I say this for several reasons:

Red Flag #1—On several occasions over the past few years, we have walked to the brink of further military engagement with Iraq. In every instance, we have walked away from that brink. Yet on the eve of a historic vote, one that has not occurred for the last 130 years in the House, we choose to cross the line? For thirteen months, the President has watched and dithered, then, after 400 days of inaction, hours before the House vote, the President decides that this is the day to take America to war. The President declared Saddam Hussein a "clear and present danger". But, he has been a clear and present danger for 400 days. Now all of a sudden, kowtowing is out and the danger is present.

Red Flag #2—There seems to be discrepancy in the messages that we get out of the White House. Rowan Scarborough's article in The Washington Times pointed out that the White House notified the Joint Chiefs of Staff on Sunday that President Clinton would order air strikes this week. Now that's a full 48 hours before he saw the United Nations report declaring Iraq noncompliant. However, on

Wednesday night and in a number of press briefings since then, Administration officials insist that Mr. Clinton made the decision to strike based on the U.N.'s finding of non-compliance. My question is: which version is it? Did they decide it on Sunday or did they decide on Tuesday? This, at minimum, undermines their argument that they learned about it Tuesday and had to act Wednesday. Excluding the two interim reports and several infringements they knew about it for weeks and days and chose to strike Wednesday.

Red Flag #3—Though I agree with what the President said on Wednesday night, the problem lies in the fact that it is old news. In some ways it's old news over the last year, and it has certainly been reinforced several times over the last several months. Scott Ritter, a former United States Marine Corps officer and Gulf War veteran, resigned his post on the U.N. Inspection Team in August. In September he testified before Congress on the reasoning behind that resignation. In both his testimony and his resignation, Mr. Ritter's reasoning and facts were the same that the President suggested was new information on Wednesday. In fact, since mid-November, the Iraqis have thrown a series of impediments in front of the U.N. inspection teams. As you might remember, the inspections team returned to Iraq on November 17th and within days their efforts were being thwarted on November 25th, November 26th, November 29th, December 4th and December 9th the Iraqis hampered our efforts. The government of Iraq thwarted UN Inspection Teams in a number of different efforts ranging from proposed schedule of work to inspections of a variety of different sites. The White House knew about each of these incidents and in fact, Richard Butler produced two interim reports. Suddenly, this week, the Administration has painted Saddam Hussein as a "clear and present danger" when his actions are no different now than they were last year or earlier this year.

Red Flag #4—I am struck with the unconventional use of force. Any of the Pentagon folks that I've been around over the last several years have suggested that the American military typically places overwhelming force at the beginning of engagement to minimize the risks of casualties to Americans. That is certainly not the case in this present conflict with Iraq. In 1991, we had a full six carrier battle group in the Persian Gulf. Today, we have just one. Even on November 15, the date of our last staredown with Saddam, we had 2 carrier battle groups in place in the Persian Gulf. Now, we are told by Secretary Cohen, another carrier battle group is on the way and will be there by the weekend and that more aircraft are on the way. This raises another question: Is our new military strategy to amass a force slowly after the initial moment of engagement?

On this point, not only have we amassed our forces slowly, we have little over 200 planes prepared for this engagement, while we had 2,700 aircraft in the Persian Gulf of 1991. More significantly, we've essentially made no efforts to build support in the region for our undertaking. In the Persian Gulf War, we had 36 allies. In this engagement, only Great Britain has joined us in risking military personnel.

Red Flag #5—This hasty engagement broke previous procedure used prior to the use of force. I spoke with Porter Goss, head of Select Intelligence Committee in the U.S. House

of Representative, who learned of this incident the same way I did—on CNN. This is highly unusual policy. Typically in a military engagement or a buildup to a military engagement, he would have been forwarded and briefed.

Red Flag #6—We are not sure of our strategy. Some have suggested that because of the onset of Ramadan, a month of peace in the Muslim world, we will be wrapping up our efforts in a matter of days. If so, this pin prick effort is sure not to do any great damage to Saddam. Using 2,700 aircraft in a 42 day engagement, he stayed in power. Does he have to do little more than hide for a few days if he knows an engagement is going to be curtailed by a religious holiday?

Red Flag #7—With air strikes limited to just a few days, what is the outcome we hope to get? We were told that we want to thwart his ability to produce weapons of mass destruction and yet the very nature of biological or chemical weapons makes them very difficult to detect. If one was charged with hiding gallon-sized milk jugs across the state of Texas, and then someone else 30 days later was charged with bombing those gallon sized milk jugs, my bet is that at the end of the month there would be plenty of well-hidden milk jugs absolutely unharmed. Similarly, we can tear down buildings maybe 4, maybe 40, maybe 400, but if they are not buildings that weaken what the military calls his center of gravity, his access to strength, then it will do little to no good. If we're serious about this we ought to be aiming for his Republican Guard and other pieces of the formula that's keeping him in power. There are no clear efforts to weaken these components of his power.

In summary, as you walk through these red flags, too many of them suggest that the timing of this engagement may have been politically motivated. I think we should make every effort to ensure that even the appearance of that politicization doesn't come back to rest on the shoulders of American troops. We can do better than that and the men and women of our armed services deserve it.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN GLENN POSHARD

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, December 19, 1998

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the public service of my very good friend, Congressman GLENN POSHARD.

GLENN and I were elected to Congress during the same year, 1988, and worked together as a team to represent the 22nd and 21st Districts of Illinois until those districts changed in 1992. Since then, GLENN has represented the 19th District and I have represented the 12th District, which covers a large amount of territory formerly in GLENN's old congressional seat.

I can tell you that there is no one in Southern Illinois who is held in higher esteem than GLENN POSHARD. During his race for Governor in 1998, GLENN ran a race that made all of his colleagues in the Illinois Delegation proud. However, I can tell you that the constituents in my district who know and love GLENN POSHARD were also very proud of his congressional service and his race for Governor.

GLENN has always been a unique representative. He made the decision early in his congressional career to refuse money from political action committees, a commitment he made as well in his race for Governor. He imposed on himself a term-limit of five terms in Congress, which he fulfills by leaving at the end of this session of Congress. He has carried himself with a quiet dignity, working hard for the people of his district while promoting those policies he thought best for the entire nation.

His sources of inspiration have been those individuals who overcame difficult circumstances to excel in life, including his parents, and notable public figures like Lech Walesa and Nelson Mandela. GLENN was born poor in Southeastern Illinois and rose to achieve a PhD and go on to one of the highest honors an individual can attain in the United States—to serve his fellow men and women in the Congress.

GLENN POSHARD will leave this Congress with a distinguished record: fighting for a balanced federal budget; increasing the pay, working conditions and health care for working men and women; protecting the Constitution and improving the economy of rural America. But he will also leave here with enormous affection and gratitude of his colleagues, and the thanks and devotion of his constituents, who may be seeing the end of his days in the Congress but surely not the end of his public service.

I join my colleagues in saluting the honored service of my good friend, GLENN POSHARD.

CUSTOMER SERVICE

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, December 19, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, in these times of automated phone responses, impersonal corporations, and indifferent employees, some see customer service as a deduction from the bottom line. However, good customer service is more important now than ever. In private industry, and in government, good service fosters trust and good feelings between constituencies and those who serve them. In a competitive market, those who perform above and beyond what people expect survive and prosper. Government leaders can always learn from good examples in American businesses.

Some of the nation's most successful business leaders have built upon a philosophy of service to their respective constituencies. Herb Kelleher, CEO of Southwest Airlines, was never content to a rest while his employees toiled. He once helped flight attendants serve drinks on a Southwest flight. On Thanksgiving and Christmas, the busiest travel times, it was rumored he worked in baggage service alongside his employees. Imagine the inspiration, working with their CEO, as they sacrificed time with their families to ensure thousands of others could be together on those important holidays. Likewise, wayward travelers at some hotels are not directed, but accompanied by employees to the destination they seek within the hotel. Such kind assistance is likely to lift the spirits of even the weariest of guests.

Sam Walton, founder of Wal-Mart, and recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom,

was legendary for his commitment to his employees and his customers. His philosophy of good service destined his enterprise to become the nation's largest retailer. Mr. Walton ran his stores like a coach preparing his team for the big game. He led by example, and instilled in his staff the determination and motivation to serve and to succeed. Famous for his devotion to his employees, Walton, whenever he saw a Wal-Mart Truck, was known to land his Cessna amidst the nearest cornfield, flag down the driver, and ride with him to his destined store. Such company spirit and pride has fostered loyalty and trust among the public.

Sound principles of customers service should be inherent in government as well as private industry. Intrinsic within a republican form of government is a commitment to the people one represents and to serving their needs in the best way possible. With that in mind, I have focused on putting together America's best congressional staff. Employees in my office come from diverse backgrounds and have diverse talents: all have close ties to Colorado and the district. Each and every member of my staff considers it their personal responsibility to serve the public the best they can. They genuinely believe in their work and in serving the people of the State of Colorado.

Our office responds to thousands of letters and phone calls each month. My dedicated staff handles scores of constituent requests, helps me prepare letters, draft and follow legislation, and helps advise me on multitudes of important issues. Should someone from Colorado visit our nation's capital, we are always eager to line up congressional tours of the Capitol, and even the White House. People within the district also express their opinions, seek help with problems involving a government agency, or request information on legislation or proposed regulations from me or a member of my staff all the time. With an open door policy, my staff communicates frequently and openly with me. I consider them, as should my constituents, as an extension of myself. With selfless dedication, and in the spirit of America's best business leaders, America's best congressional staff works long hours and strives toward a philosophy of service to the good people of Colorado's Fourth Congressional District.

A TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN
GLENN POSHARD

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, December 19, 1998

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my good friend, Congressman GLENN POSHARD. Congressman POSHARD has aptly served the Nineteenth Congressional District of Illinois for ten years. During his tenure in the House of Representatives, GLENN has stayed true to his strong morals and has done what was best for his constituents.

With working-class roots of his own, Congressman POSHARD has been one of the most ardent congressional supporters of working-class men and women. From his position on the House Committee on Small Business and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, POSHARD has also been a guardian

of the economic interests of his district. For example, Congressman POSHARD opposed the North American Free Trade Agreement, which he knew would cost many American working men and women their jobs. However, when it became clear that this flawed trade agreement would pass in the House of Representatives despite his opposition, Congressman POSHARD sponsored an amendment to protect the domestic broom industry. There are many broom factories in the Nineteenth Congressional District and they are still thriving today because of Congressman POSHARD.

Congressman POSHARD has a strong moral center that has greatly influenced his congressional career. GLENN is opposed to abortion and has been one of the most impassioned defenders of the unborn. A pro-life Democrat like myself, Congressman POSHARD has worked to protect the lives of the unborn and has worked to make the Democratic Party more open and welcoming to pro-life members. As a former teacher, GLENN has also worked to protect the needs of children. GLENN voted for welfare reform in 1996 but only after satisfying himself that the needs of children were addressed.

Throughout his service in the House of Representatives, GLENN POSHARD has fashioned himself as a citizen legislator. Since his first term in Congress, GLENN has shunned contributions from Political Action Committees. Instead, GLENN has relied on the support of his constituents. As he promised when he was elected in 1988, Congressman POSHARD is leaving after five terms so that "other folks have their shot at solving the problems."

My colleagues in the House of Representatives and I will miss GLENN POSHARD. He is a gentleman, a statesman, and even a poet on occasion. Most of all, however, he is a good friend. Thank you, Congressman POSHARD, for all of your hard work and support throughout your ten years in Congress. Congratulations on your numerous accomplishments which are too numerous to list here. And, good luck with all your future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO GLENN POSHARD

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, December 19, 1998

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in honoring the distinguished gentleman from Carterville, Illinois, Congressman GLENN POSHARD.

There are perhaps no two better words to describe GLENN POSHARD than distinguished and gentleman.

GLENN POSHARD arrived in Washington 10 years ago charged with a mandate to represent the people of his district to the very best of his abilities. I can think of no one who has been a more effective representative for the unique needs of southern Illinois than GLENN POSHARD.

For the people of southern Illinois, he has been a fighter and a tireless advocate. He has broken through the wall of regionalism that separated our State into Chicago versus the suburbs versus downstate versus the real downstate of southern Illinois. GLENN POSHARD made people aware that southern Illinois existed by never wavering in his efforts and

never shying away from the pride that those southern Illinois roots instilled in him years ago.

As a Member of this body, he has distinguished himself as one who keeps his word and stands on principle. As a member of our society, he has distinguished himself as a gentleman of the first order.

There's never a moment when he's too busy to say hello or share a kind word with a friend or foe. I am proud of all that he has accomplished.

I am proud that he kept his word to serve no longer than 10 years in this body and then returned to Illinois to run for Governor, as for GLENN POSHARD, public service never truly ends.

While he wasn't elected as our next Governor, I know that he gained the personal respect of the man who was elected and of all those of us who watched him during his campaign.

During that effort, GLENN POSHARD spoke forcefully and loudly about the needs of our State's children. Since that time he has pledged to continue to try and make a difference for our kids.

As he leaves this body to move on to that effort, GLENN POSHARD should know that he has already made a difference for our State's children, one that will last for generations to come.

God's blessing to the distinguished gentleman from Carterville and his loving wife Jo.

HONORING THE PUBLIC SERVICE
OF CONGRESSMAN GLENN
POSHARD

HON. RAY LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, December 19, 1998

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the positive contributions that my fellow Illinois colleague, GLENN POSHARD, made to the State of Illinois, Congress, and the Nation. After 10 years of congressional service, GLENN POSHARD is retiring. His principled and pragmatic presence will be missed, not only by the people of the 19th District of Illinois, but also by those of us in Congress who worked with him on important issues.

First elected to the House of Representatives in 1988, GLENN POSHARD pledged to serve only 10 years in Congress. Now, ten years later, he is keeping his word. He will be leaving behind a reputation for bipartisan and hard work, forged while working on such issues as campaign reform, improving rural health care, deficit-cutting, and preserving the American coal-mining industry. During his work on these issues and others, GLENN POSHARD always stood his ground and fought for what he believed in, and for what was good for his constituents and for the State of Illinois.

Throughout his congressional service, GLENN POSHARD was able to benefit from, and draw on, his background. As a holder of a doctorate in education from Southern Illinois University and as a former teacher, GLENN POSHARD brought a valuable perspective to Capitol Hill. This perspective was further enhanced by his experiences that he gained while growing up in a small, rural town in Illinois. He never forgot his roots, and they

helped him maintain his down-to-earth style that was, in many ways, GLENN POSHARD's best attribute.

As a member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I had the occasion to work on a number of issues with my fellow committee member, GLENN POSHARD. He was always approachable and willing to work together on issues that were of vital interest to the State of Illinois. Whether it was aviation or highways, GLENN POSHARD was always knowledgeable and ready to do what was best for Illinois.

I am proud to have served in the House with GLENN POSHARD. He leaves this House with many friends and many good memories. I wish him all the best in whatever endeavor he chooses to participate.

IN HONOR OF LEONARD SOMDAHL

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, December 19, 1998

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Leonard Somdahl, a good friend and a man dedicated to the economic betterment of his community.

On a day fraught with solemn, weighty and sad decisions, it's important to recognize the Americans in whose names we vote today, Americans who raise their families and work to make America strong. Leonard Somdahl is one such American.

Leonard Somdahl was born and raised in Minnesota. He moved to the San Joaquin Valley in California in 1946, then migrated south to Ventura County. He worked for McMann Furniture, then went into business for himself. Thirty-one years ago, he started with First American Title Co. He retired from First American in August, but hasn't stopped working.

I met Leonard during my years in the real estate business. His dedication to his profession and the business community impressed me. In addition to his dedication to First American, Leonard Somdahl took an active role in the Building Industry Association, Ventura County Chapter; the Ventura County Economic Development Association; the Christian Business Men's Committee in Santa Barbara and Ventura; and the Ventura County Taxpayers Association. As a member of the International Right of Way Association, he held all chairs and ultimately became president of Santa Barbara Chapter 47.

Non-industry groups have also benefited from his generosity. Leonard Somdahl has participated as an active board member and charter member of Network for Housing, a nonprofit group to support affordable housing in Ventura County; is a past member of the Y's men's club and a financial support group for YMCA activities; and is a past volunteer for the Oxnard Boys Club. He has donated to such groups as Navajo schools in Arizona, the Lions Club, Muscular Dystrophy, the American Cancer Society, the Ventura County Rescue Mission, and City Impact, an organization to help young people get off drugs and improve their self-esteem.

Leonard Somdahl is also a dedicated family man. He and his wife, Ellen, have raised a daughter and three sons. The couple have five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in recognizing Leonard Somdahl for his decades of service and wish him and his family Godspeed in his retirement.

MEMORIALIZING MRS. JUDITH
BRAUN, A'H

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, December 19, 1998

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a constituent who was beloved in our community, Mrs. Alte Rivka Braunn, a'h.

Mrs. Braun was the devoted wife of Rabbi Shlomo Braun, and was the daughter of Rabbi Moshe Yehudah Gross, famous shochet during the last 30 years at Empire Kosher Poultry. She born in Czechoslovakia to parents who were Holocaust survivors. They fled Czechoslovakia and emigrated to America in 1968. Even under communist rule, Mrs. Braun exhibited strong inner faith and a personal generosity of spirit, accepting everything cheerfully. These attributes remained strong and enduring throughout her life.

Mrs. Braun was very active with Aleh, an organization which provides services to the developmentally disabled. I have visited their facilities in Israel and can attest to the outstanding work they do. In recognition of her dedication to the work of Aleh, Mrs. Braun was memorialized at the annual Aleh luncheon held on May 17, 1998 (21 Iyar).

Additionally, Mrs. Braun spend countless hours each day helping patients in the emergency room at Maimonides Medical Center. She also found time to cook and bake for troubled families, personally delivering and serving food that she prepared in her own home.

While Mrs. Braun's home was undergoing renovation, she requested that one room be set aside for hachnasas orchim use, providing a place to stay for a traveler who has no place to stay, which is one of the highest mitzvot. She found great strength in the knowledge that her house was always utilized by guests from all over the world—from Israel, Denmark, France, Mexico, Belgium, and other countries.

During the three years of her illness, Mrs. Braun suffered untold pain. Rabbi Braun, her devoted husband, arranged for the best doctors and tried everything humanly possible to alleviate her illness. Unfortunately, that was not God's will, and Mrs. Braun passed away on the 27th day of Tishrei, last year. She left a family of six children, with four still at home. The youngest, Yaakov, is only five years old.

Mr. Speaker, I have had the privilege of knowing the Braun family for quite a few years. The exemplary lives of Rabbi and Mrs. Braun are truly an inspiration to our neighbors for their dedication to their community and to those in need. Our community was enriched by Mrs. Braun's life and mitzvot. I commend her example to my colleagues.

TRIBUTE TO THE MIGHTY
MENOMINEE MAROONS OF 1998

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, in the near future several signs will be erected along the main highways entering my home town of Menominee Michigan. Those signs will advise travelers that they are entering the community whose high school has won the 1998 Class BB state football title. Those signs will be a lasting legacy of the Menominee High School team's accomplishment, but they won't begin to reveal to the passing motorist the wonderful, personal stories bound with the season-long march to the championship.

Menominee is a football town, Mr. Speaker, with a gridiron tradition reaching back 105 years. Larry Ebsch, a former local newspaper editor and an inveterate sports fan, has calculated that the Menominee Maroons have played 810 games, with a winning percentage of 61.6—but not one state championship. Thousands of young men have taken the field wearing the maroon jersey, and those signs on the edge of town don't give a glimpse of those thousands of personal memories of more than 100 seasons of football. I'm sure every one of those former players had a lump in his throat and tears in his eyes thinking of the joyous welcome given to the 1998 Maroon team after their 10-hour bus ride from the Silverdome in Pontiac back to Menominee.

Another great story is that of the coach himself. Ken Hofer, by Larry Ebsch's reckoning, has coached 277 of Menominee's 810 games in a career going back to 1966. His own winning percentage is 68.2, and his teams, running the 1930s-style offense known as the single wing, have averaged 17 points per game.

None of those statistics reveal the great memories of great games that Ken Hofer and his teams have given Menominee fans, particularly memories of the rivalry between Coach Ken and his son, Coach Chris Hofer of Kingsford. The powerful Kingsford Flivvers served as an obstacle that the Maroons for years could never quite overcome. When Ken's team finally defeated Chris's team last year and Menominee advanced into the playoffs, it was evident that the Menominee team had taken the measure of its most difficult adversary and was well on its way to a championship year. That promise was fulfilled in 1998.

Coach Hofer says the seeds for final victory were planted early in the season, when the team pledged itself to reach the playoffs. It was a team supremely suited to become a championship team, Mr. Speaker, because it was built around a team ego, not individual egos. This collective ego made the 1998 Maroons a team of destiny. On the first play of the first playoff game, Josh Tarbox returned the opening kickoff for a touchdown. Then the Maroon team made a quick run of 27 points in the first five minutes, signaling clearly this team was on its way to the state championship.

Many Menominee residents were on hand in Pontiac for the fulfillment of the championship dream. Along with the cheerleaders and 113 members of the marching band, a steady procession of vehicles sporting "Go Maroons"

stickers made the drive across to the Mackinac Bridge and the long haul down the full length of the state of Michigan to the city of Pontiac. Menominee's hallmark stong fan base was out to make an expression of confidence, love, joy, and not just a little pride in showing that a team and a town from Michigan's Upper Peninsula were a match for any downstate opponent.

Here, Mr. Speaker, is the full roster of the 1998 Michigan Class BB football champions, the Menominee Maroons: Head Coach Ken Hofer, Assistant Coach "Satch" Englund, Assistant Coach Dale Vanduin, Assistant Coach Joe Noha, Manager Bob Anderson, and players Jim Anderla, Adam Bebo, Jordan Beck, Andrew Bray, Nick Bruhardt, Drew Buyarski, Bromley Carlson, Adam Clark, Scott Demille, Nick Dessart, Matt Dionne, David Eaton, Tom Emmes, Bob Fifiarek, Charles Hanson, Mike Hubert, Isaac Johnson, Doug Kamin, Mike Klitzke, Kris, Lavigne, Brandon Lemery, David Lescelius, Byron Lundquist, Aron Mars, Allan Mars, Mike Merrill, Jesse Miller, Shane Mundt, Nash Myers, Nick Nerat, Dale Olsen, C. J. Paasch, Pat Palmquist, Nathan Parrette, Nathan Patzke, Scott Polzin, Adam Racine, Scott Ries, Todd Roach, Randy Ruleau, Jeremy Sallgren, Mike Schultz, Rich Shatusky, Kevin Smith, Richie Smith, Josh Tarbox, Trevor Thomas, Nick Thompson, Erich Voigt, Tim Wojcihoski and Justin Wozniak.

GLENN POSHARD: A GREAT
CONGRESSMAN; A GREAT FRIEND

HON. LANE EVANS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, with the end of each Congress, we lose not only members but good friends. That is the case for me today as GLENN POSHARD leaves the House but not without making his mark.

GLENN is a member of my state delegation and I know all members join me in congratulating him on his service. GLENN has also been my neighbor—his office is next to mine and I enjoyed walking to a vote with him and discussing issues. More than that, he is a good friend who I greatly respect and admire.

In many ways, GLENN's impact on this institution has gone unnoticed. He worked to bring people together, to develop harmony and create an environment that allowed us to rise above the partisanship. And that will have a lasting impact on all of us.

GLENN's character and commitment are unmatched. As a Congressman, he has been a model of integrity and a man of incredible

depth and intelligence. He truly has put his principles to work. He has always remembered his roots and stood up for average citizens. That is why early on I backed his candidacy for Governor. And it is why I have been proud to serve with him and why I know his constituents were proud to have him represent him.

GLENN POSHARD is the genuine article: Veteran, Teacher, Parent, Democrat, and a Great Friend and a Great Congressman. I hope the end of this Congress will not mark the end of his public service. We need him working for people and the people of this country need him working for them.

A TRIBUTE TO GLENN POSHARD

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, There is no greater experience than to serve with the honorable men and women in pursuit of equality, justice and the making of a better world. Such has been my experience with the Honorable Glenn POSHARD who is leaving this body to return to the land of Lincoln where he will be welcomed with open arms.

Congressman POSHARD has been an exemplary Member of this body for the past 10 years and such has championed the causes of the poor, veterans, senior citizens, those living in rural America, those in need of good schools, human services, good roads and the opportunities to pursue a good life.

GLENN POSHARD has represented the best of what it means to be an elected official, fierce loyalty to his constituents, acute understanding of the political process, a willingness to stand on principle for that which he believes in and to continue standing even if it puts him at a political disadvantage.

Not only are the people of the 19th District of Illinois going to miss having Representative POSHARD to represent them, all of America is going to miss a true public servant. Therefore, I and the people of the seventh District of Illinois extends best wishes to Representative POSHARD and his family as they move to new vistas, new challenges, and new opportunities.

TRIBUTE TO DR. KEITH F. OLSON

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary

constituent of Colorado's Fourth Congressional District, Dr. Keith Olson, on his retirement from the Larimer County Mental Health Center (LCMCH). I am privileged to know and have worked with such a talented public servant, dedicated professional, and father.

After 24 years of service in Larimer County, Dr. Olson's legacy is one of leadership, compassion, and professionalism. He began his tenure with the LCMCH in 1974 as a mental health clinician. Exhibiting the talent and hard work characteristic of his entire career, Dr. Olson soon moved into roles of greater responsibility, beginning with the coordination of the Intensive Management Team, and culminating with the top post at LCMCH: Executive Director. Under his eight-year guidance, the Center attained widely recognized excellence. The many accolades include: 1998 Agency of the Year (Columbine Chapter of the National Association for the Dually Diagnosed); the Joel Webber Award for Excellence in Health Care (El Pomar Foundation Awards for Excellence for Colorado non-profit organizations); national recognition from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the center's Project Rebound, a program assisting the victims of the disastrous 1997 Ft. Collins flood; and the National Association of Counties named the Center's volunteer program one of the top ten in the nation. Clearly, Dr. Olson inspired the LCMCH to achieve outstanding service to the Ft. Collins area.

While these accomplishments would not have been possible without Dr. Olson, he is the first to say they could not have happened without the interest, enthusiasm and care of his colleagues at the Center and throughout the community. Moreover, the greatest reward for the LCMCH, for the community and for Dr. Olson, was making a substantial difference in the lives and families of men and women suffering from mental illness.

What makes Dr. Olson truly remarkable is his commitment to the mental health profession above and beyond the call of duty, and his devotion to the community and his family. He has created and developed a large number of agreements, partnerships, programs and non-profit organizations. Through these partnerships, Larimer County reaches out to provide access to essential mental health services for the Medicaid population in northern Colorado, give the developmentally disabled population much-needed mental health and psychiatric services, treat children and youth in schools, provide on-site service to needy families. Mr. Speaker, it is interesting to note, Dr. Olson accomplished all of these things with just 50 percent of his hearing. Dr. Olson's contribution to the mental health profession, to the people of Larimer County, and to the State of Colorado will be missed.