

MARKING THE DEDICATION OF THE BAKERSFIELD POLICE ME- MORIAL

HON. WILLIAM M. THOMAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 5, 1998

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, last month we observed Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Week, seven days set aside to honor the courageous men and women who gave their lives protecting us and upholding the law. Last month, I was proud to vote for House Resolution 422 which states that law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty should be honored, recognized, and remembered for their great sacrifice. Today I rise to help pay tribute to the law enforcement officers who died while serving Bakersfield, California.

With all of the advances that have been made in the field of American law enforcement this century, one sad and sobering fact remains the same: police officers are often killed in the line of duty. On May 15, the Bakersfield Police Department dedicated a monument to honor the law enforcement officers who sacrificed their lives for the safety and well-being of the people of Bakersfield over the past century.

Of great men, Ralph Waldo Emerson once said "brave men who work while others sleep, who dare while others fly . . . they build a nation's pillars deep and lift them to the sky." The names which have been etched on this memorial will be an eternal reminder of the seven brave men who lost their lives daring to protect the people of Bakersfield.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I pay tribute to the law enforcement officials in Bakersfield who died in the line of duty: T.J. Packard, Frank Sparks, Aaron A. Trent, Floyd B.D.W. Cummings, William L. Rucker, Patrick D. Vegas, and William L. Sikola. The somber black granite monument will be a lasting tribute to these individuals who put the safety of the community ahead of their own. I am proud to live in a town which has chosen to honor its fallen police officers in such a fitting and lasting manner.

A TRIBUTE TO LOUISVILLE MALE HIGH SCHOOL WE THE PEOPLE . . . THE CITIZEN AND THE CON- STITUTION

HON. ANNE M. NORTHUP

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 5, 1998

Mrs. NORTHUP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a talented and motivated group of young people, who competed in the national finals of the We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution program in early May.

I am pleased to recognize the class from Male High School in Louisville, which represented the state of Kentucky in this national event. These young scholars worked diligently to reach the national finals by winning competitions in their home state and did a wonderful job at the national event.

The We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution program is the most extensive educational program in the country, developed

specifically to educate young people about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The three-day national competition simulates a Congressional hearing in which students demonstrate their knowledge as they defend positions on historical and contemporary constitutional issues.

Administered by the Center for Civic Education, the We the People . . . program has provided curricular materials at upper elementary, middle and high school levels for more than 75,000 teachers and 24 million students nationwide.

In a time when the public is often disenfranchised with the political system, when public cynicism and apathy are fueled by media that love nothing more than a story of sin and corruption, this program is instilling in young people a sense of understanding and civic duty.

It is an honor for me to recognize this group of shining, young Kentuckians: Angela Adams, Perry Bacon, Katherine Breeding, Will Carle, Eric Coatley, Courtney Coffee, Brian Davis, Mary Fleming, Matt Gilbert, Amanda Holloway, Holly Jessie, Heath Lambert, Gwen Malone, Kristy Martin, Brian Palmer, Lauren Reynolds, Shane Skoner, LaVonda Willis, Bryan Wilson, Darreshia Wilson, Beth Wilson, Janelle Winfree, Treva Winlock and Jodie Zeller.

I am thrilled Male High School once again represented my home state of Kentucky in national competition. The student team worked diligently and demonstrated a remarkable understanding of the ideals of our government during the national competition in Washington, DC. I am proud of the students and their teacher, Sandy Hoover, and would like to extend my sincere congratulations for their success.

SIGNS DESIGNATING RONALD REAGAN NATIONAL AIRPORT

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 5, 1998

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a simple bill—a bill to protect the good name of one of America's greatest Presidents, Ronald Reagan.

On February 4 of this year, Mr. Speaker, this body and the other body both overwhelmingly passed legislation renaming National Airport after Ronald Reagan. President Clinton signed the bill into law on February 6, President Reagan's 87th birthday.

Nevertheless, the National Park Service has announced that it intends to thumb its nose at the will of Congress and the President by erecting signs on the George Washington Memorial Parkway that omit President Reagan's name.

This bill prohibits such a move, and requires new signs that use the correct name of the airport. And, if the Park Service decides to go ahead with its plan to thwart the will of Congress, then we will require the signs to be replaced, with the funds coming out of the budget of the director of the National Park Service.

Ronald Reagan is an American hero. Mr. Speaker, the Park Service must not be allowed to rob him of any part of his tremendous legacy.

Mr. Speaker, I insert a copy of the bill for the RECORD:

H.R. —

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Ronald Reagan National Airport Preservation and Protection Act of 1998".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds that—

(a) Ronald Reagan is an American hero deserving of recognition;

(b) the will of the Congress to honor President Reagan was clearly expressed when both Houses overwhelmingly passed legislation changing the name of "Washington National Airport" to "Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport" on February 4, 1998;

(c) the will of President Clinton to honor President Reagan was clearly expressed when he signed such legislation into law on February 6, 1998, the 87th birthday of President Reagan;

(d) notwithstanding the fact that the will of the Congress and the President had been clearly expressed through passage of such legislation and signing such legislation into law, the National Park Service (NPS) has recently announced that it intends to erect new signs on the George Washington Memorial Parkway directing motorists to Ronald Reagan National Airport that omit Ronald Reagan's name.

SEC. 3. PROHIBITION OF SIGNS OMITTING RON- ALD REAGAN'S NAME.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Director of the National Park Service—

(1) shall not erect any new signs on, near, or adjacent to the George Washington Memorial Parkway in Northern Virginia, Maryland, the District of Columbia, or elsewhere, displaying the name "National Airport", but omitting the name "Ronald Reagan."

(2) shall, on or before August 5, 1998, replace all signs on, near, or adjacent to the George Washington Memorial Parkway in Northern Virginia, Maryland, the District of Columbia, or elsewhere, displaying the name "National Airport" with signs prominently displaying the name "Ronald Reagan National Airport."

(3) shall fund the replacement pursuant to subsection (2) of any signs that had been erected after February 4, 1998, entirely out of the budget of the Director of the National Park Service.

TRIBUTE TO RANCE LEADERS OF BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 5, 1998

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to take a moment today to point out to my colleagues someone in my district who epitomizes the dedication and commonsense leadership we all should value in our local government officials. On Friday, June 12, 1998, Rance Leaders will retire as City Manager of Battle Creek, Michigan, after serving with distinction for 10 years. Today, our community will salute Mr. Leaders with a gala retirement celebration for his years of service to Battle Creek.

Mr. Leaders has served the people of Battle Creek, Michigan, for 18 years, first starting as Assistant City Manager in 1980. When Gordon Jaeger retired in 1988, the City Commission,

then led by Mayor Al Bobrofsky, selected Mr. Leaders as Battle Creek's City Manager, effective June 1, 1988. Rance served our country in the United States Marine Corp during the Vietnam Conflict and also worked for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development prior to working for the city of Battle Creek.

Tonight's salute, dubbed "Operation Compass," honors an outstanding leader in the community. I wholeheartedly believe that Mr. Leaders is deserving of such recognition for its leading role in revitalizing Battle Creek—the best-known city of its size anywhere in the world.

Mr. Speaker, as you know, I'm pretty proud of Battle Creek. The town, as millions of Americans know, is affectionately called the "Cereal City," because it is the birthplace of modern breakfast cereal. It was once home to over 100 cereal companies and today is home of the world headquarters of the Kellogg Company.

Mr. Leaders has been a key catalyst for many positive changes within the City. He has worked to create better partnerships with regional units of government and most of all among the citizens of Battle Creek. Today, according to some surveys, citizens' trust in city government has risen from 45 percent in 1990 to 83 percent in 1997. One of his favorite sayings might be one any leader should remember—especially here in Congress—"None of us is as smart as all of us."

Rance worked to strengthen Battle Creek's global reputation by working in collaboration with all parties to continue to attract business to Battle Creek's Fort Custer Industrial Park. Most recently, I was honored to join city officials as Western Michigan University opened its elite International Pilot Training Center in Battle Creek to train airplane pilots from all over the world.

Rance also worked on several projects including the Emmett Street overpass, Full Blast, a premier youth recreation facility, removal of the pedestrian mall to increase economic development in the downtown area, and most recently, Kellogg's Cereal City U.S.A., a museum recognizing Battle Creek's breakfast cereal heritage.

I personally have had the pleasure of working closely with Rance Leaders since 1993 when the Department of Defense sought to close several agencies at the Federal Center located in downtown Battle Creek. Rance helped us convince the Department of Defense that the work performed at the facility was cost-effective and at a lower cost than that cited by the federal government. Because of our coalition's efforts, the Federal Center remains in Battle Creek and its operations are expanding.

As other cities have faltered, the transformation that Battle Creek has experienced over the last 10 years is nothing short of miraculous. Rance Leaders deserves much praise and recognition for his accomplishments. And there is so much more that I could highlight. But perhaps it will suffice to say that Rance Leaders truly exemplifies the spirit of Battle Creek, a city that will continue to thrive due in no small part to his efforts.

Mr. Speaker, for all of these reasons, and on behalf of the citizens of Battle Creek, I am very proud to offer this tribute to Rance Leaders, retiring City Manager of Battle Creek, Michigan. I know that Rance enjoys sailing

and may take some time to explore other areas of our world. But all of us hope he stays anchored in Battle Creek.

Thank you, Rance, and good luck. Bonnie and I wish you the very best.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 5, 1998

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, last evening, I was inadvertently delayed in my office and missed the vote on H. Con. Res. 285, a resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the President should reconsider his decision to be received in Tiananmen Square when he visits the People's Republic of China.

Had I been present, I would have voted against the resolution. I fully believe that if the United States is to exercise leadership in the world and, particularly, to influence other governments to adopt policies we support on issues such as human rights, we must be engaged with those governments. This includes exchanging visits, but a resolution urging the President to insult his hosts by refusing to be received where all national leaders are received comes pretty close to telling the President not to go to China at all.

Indeed, Mr. Speaker, I would go a step farther. China is not the only nation with which we should be engaged. I look forward to the day when our policies toward Cuba will make possible an American President's visit there, and, when that day comes, I will be happy to support a resolution calling on the President to be received in the Plaza of the Revolution in Havana.

TRIBUTE TO RABBI HAROLD AND MALKAH SCHULWEIS

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 5, 1998

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Rabbi Harold and Malkah Schulweis, two extraordinary individuals who have, throughout their 50 years of married life, dedicated themselves to strengthening our community.

The Talmud tells us that, "Great is charity. It uplifts the soul." By giving selflessly of their time, Rabbi and Mrs. Schulweis have not only enriched the lives of those around them, but they have also strengthened the bond of love that exists and continues to grow between them. They have challenged all of us who live in the San Fernando Valley to live ethical and moral lives, embrace their warm spirituality and their commitment to education and personal growth. For their efforts, Rabbi and Mrs. Schulweis will be honored by Valley Beth Shalom, their temple of over 25 years, as Couple of the Year at the Temple's annual awards gala. This honor is well deserved.

For over 45 years, Rabbi and Mrs. Schulweis have dedicated themselves to teaching others about religion, culture and life in general. Privately, they have created a Jewish home which is caring, compassionate and

alive with moral and intellectual dialogue. Publicly, they have "sounded the call," challenging their fellow congregation members to study and share in their love of knowledge.

But this dedication to others has not been bound by temple walls. Together, Rabbi and Mrs. Schulweis have coordinated a number of innovative community outreach programs, among them the Valley Beth Shalom Counseling Center, Food Bank, Prayer and Theological Commission, Day School, and Outreach to Jews By Choice as well as the now national Synagogue Havurah Program. Together, they have opened their hearts to all members of the community, regardless of race, creed, color, or gender. They have been shining examples of love and unconditional acceptance of others in our community. And it is this love between this remarkable couple that I wish to honor today. May their happiness continue to grow as it has through their first 50 years of marriage.

Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, please join me in paying tribute to Rabbi Harold and Malkah Schulweis for their controlled efforts to strengthen our community and the example of love for one another that they continue to set for each and every one of us to follow.

COMMENDING TOM CONLAN

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 5, 1998

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend a leader in the Cincinnati community, Mr. Tom Conlan. On June 15, Tom will receive the Peace of the City Award from the Jewish Community Relations Council of Cincinnati. This award is presented annually to citizens who contribute greatly to the life of their community and whose lives are dedicated to creating a fair, equitable and just society for all.

Throughout his life, Tom has assisted others through his professional career and charitable activities. Tom's professional career has included financial analysis and feasibility of higher education, energy, housing and health care. For example, he has served as executive director of the Ohio Energy Advisory Committee, where he spearheaded the development of the Winter Heating Assistance Program.

Importantly, Tom and his father co-founded Student Loan Funding in 1981, an organization dedicated to ensuring access to higher education in Ohio and throughout the nation. Over the past 17 years, Student Loan funding has helped over 600,000 students achieve their dreams of higher education with more than \$4 billion in financial aid.

Most recently, Tom demonstrated his commitment to education through the formation of the Thomas L. Conlan Education Foundation, named after his late father. It is dedicated to supporting education access through grants, research and advocacy. With approximately \$100 million in assets, the Foundation will be one of the premier education support organizations in Ohio.

Tom's charitable activities have included service on the Boards of the Hamilton County Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services, the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center,