

TRIBUTE TO INLAND EMPIRE HIGH SCHOOL VALEDICTORIANS, SALUTATORIANS AND STUDENT SPEAKERS

HON. GEORGE E. BROWN, JR.

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 1998

Mr. BROWN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of an outstanding group of young men and women from my district in Southern California. The 68 students I have listed below have the distinguished honor of being selected as the valedictorians, salutatorians and student speakers of their graduating classes and deserve to be recognized for this laudable achievement.

Representing some of the best and brightest of the Inland Empire's future generation, these students have already accomplished a great deal and stand to reap even more success as the years go by. Education is the most important foundation we can have for life, and these students have realized that potential.

I would especially like to acknowledge those students who have risen above adversity and overcome disadvantages and obstacles that may have threatened to hinder their path to success. I offer my congratulations to each of the graduating seniors and my best wishes for the future. I am very proud to represent such a fine group of young men and women.

Cum Laude Speakers

Alta Loma: Michael Hubbard; Rancho Cucamonga: Cecilia Mo.

Senior Class Speakers

Alta Loma: Kim Anderson; Rancho Cucamonga: Brian Church.

Valedictorians

Etiwanda: Shin' Ning Duh; Ontario: David Lazzara, Daniel Quesada, Mujtaba Saifuddin; Bloomington: Keyla Lee; Fontana: Sambath Oum; A.B. Miller: Doan Nguyen; Eisenhower: Lisa Briones; Rialto: Lee Aleksich, Cristin Manary; Cajon: Shana Baumgartner, Leah Donahue, Khoa Nguyen; San Bernardino: Cristina Rose Brower; San Geronio: Karl Robert Haley, Denney Huynh, Jason Thomas; Pacific: Lien Dang; Chaffey: Tin Diep; Bloomington Christian: Racquel Jefferson; Ambassador Christian: Johnny Stegall; Aquinas: Frank Kreikebaum; New Life Academy: Arlene Romero.

Salutatorians

Etiwanda: Mitesh Popat; Ontario: Heather Davies; Bloomington: Eric Aguirre; Fontana: Thomas Voden, Eric Artherton; A.B. Miller: Nawal Badran; Eisenhower: Jeannie Huh; Rialto: Sirine Adlouni; Cajon: Alia Little, Andrew England; San Bernardino: Celeste Ruby L. Lim, Sean R. Corley; San Geronio: Minh Ly Luu; Pacific: Chad Milan Timko, Taryn Michelle Harp, Jacqueline Ann Servin; Chaffey: Jung Min Yang, Jessie Stevens; Bloomington Christian: Nicole Miller; Ambassador Christian: Tina Willis, Rochelle Williams; Aquinas: David Colella; New Life Academy: Arlene Romero.

Student Speakers

Valley View: Melissa Ramirez, Hector Morales; Washington: Gilbert Granado, Linda Young; Eric Birch: Carina Higareda; Citrus:

John Felila, Berenice Medina, Gregory Smith, Corey Value; Milor: Angel Venegas, Clarice Lopez, Danielle Patterson; Zupanich: Therese Johnson; Sierra: Jamelle Jones, Azucena Molina, Erik Valadez; San Andreas: Anna Valdez, Mandy McPherson.

LAWRENCE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL IS CENTRAL STATES WINNER IN WE THE PEOPLE . . . THE CITIZEN AND THE CONSTITUTION NATIONAL FINALS 1998

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, Lawrence Central High School of Indianapolis competed in the 1998 National Finals of "We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution" contest in Washington, DC after winning the Indiana competition.

Lawrence Central students competed with more than 1250 students representing 49 states and was the Central States winner. Their teacher was Drew Horvath and the list of students is as follows:

Kari Amos, Robert Baker, Kari Buis, Julie Burton, Sheila Cardinal, Haley Carney, Mark Davis, Justin Gray, Amber Gross, Shawn Haislip, Kristen Halligan, Seth Higgins, Megan Iott, Les Jahnke, Kelly Khoury, Ted Kieffer, Justin Lane, Jolene McClusky, Joyce McCoy, Courtney Mills, Aaron Moberly, Galan Moore, Jon Owens, Chris Recktenwall, Eric Reissner, Kelly Richardson, Lisa Schubert, Tara Sheets, Jennifer Staresnick, and Shane White.

Congratulations to Mr. Horvath, who has sent previous Indiana winners to this competition, and to all of these outstanding students.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. CHARLOTTE WENHAM

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of a great educator, community leader, and good friend to all of Southwest Michigan, Dr. Charlotte Wenham. After thirty years of dedicated service to the students and community of St. Joseph, Michigan, Char is stepping down from her position as Assistant Superintendent of St. Joseph Public Schools.

Since 1968, Dr. Wenham has helped to shape young minds in the St. Joseph Public Schools. First at the head of the class as teacher, then at the head of a school as principal, finally spending the last few years heading an effort to develop innovative and creative programs, curriculum, and policies for the district.

While her talents will be missed, I am happy to report that she will be pursuing other interests in our community and will continue to lend her vast knowledge. While she may be changing roles, her dedication to students, to learning, and to creating a brighter tomorrow won't change.

Mr. Speaker, I know that all of my colleagues join me in wishing her many more happy and healthy years. On behalf of southwest Michigan, I would like to thank her for all of her service, dedication and commitment to St. Joseph.

HONORING CAROLE S. POWERS ON HER RETIREMENT FROM TEACHING

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

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Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to congratulate my constituent Carole S. Powers on her retirement from the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School, and from teaching, after more than twenty years of service. Her dedication and commitment to JDS students is not only testimony to her strong commitment to the school and the community, but also to the profession of teaching. Her work has contributed to the high regard in which the Jewish Day School is held by the community.

Over the years, Carole Powers has touched numerous lives and helped shape a multitude of futures. She is one of those teachers to whom former students return years after their graduation to share their successes, and whose influence and impact students remember long after they have left high school. One of those former students reflected on her importance in his education in a letter to the school paper, and I'd like to share just a part of that letter:

"Next week, as I graduate from law school and don the old cap and gown for the last time, I'll have an opportunity to reflect on my 20 years of formal education.

"By my own rough count, I've had well over 100 teachers—from nursery school to JDS, from college to law school. None was as effective as Carole Powers. None came to class every day with as much commitment to her students, and none stretched her student's minds the way she did.

"All of her students were enriched by her career, and we hope to be able to continue to learn from her and draw inspiration from her for many years to come."

Carole Powers has touched numerous lives and helped shape a multitude of futures. I know her colleagues join me in recognizing her many years of service and in wishing her health, happiness and personal fulfillment in her future endeavors.

A SALUTE TO ERWIN J. HEINZELMANN

HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize one of the hardest working and effective social reformers in Wisconsin. As friends and colleagues gather to honor Erwin J. Heinzelmänn on the occasion of his retirement from Wisconsin Correctional Service (WCS), after thirty-five years, I would like to take a moment to reflect on his years of service to my home town.

After a stint as a brewery worker, Erv began his public service career as a police aide. Feeling the call to create nonviolent options for offenders, he took a job as a probation officer in Children's Court. During his tenure at Children's Court, Erv correctly observed, before it was commonly acknowledged, that criminal behavior could be generational; that many of his youthful clients came from homes where parents were also involved in the correctional system. Erv joined WCS as a case-worker where he focused on breaking that cycle of violence through the development of innovative rehabilitation programming for offenders.

After just two years on the job, Erv became Executive Director of WCS. He worked tirelessly to secure both private and public resources to fund projects designed to help offenders become responsible citizens. Under his leadership, the staff of WCS grew from five to two hundred and fifty employees. Motivated by his belief that people can change, given professional assistance, Erv and his staff developed an array of creative, justice oriented programming for offenders of all ages, including the first narcotics treatment program in Milwaukee, the oldest correctional halfway house, and even the first private prison in the State of Wisconsin.

Throughout the years, Erv and WCS have received scores of honors and awards, including recognition from the Federal Office of Juvenile Justice, the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Advisory Committee, and the National Institute of Justice. Now Erv is prepared to pass the torch to a new administrator. We can only hope that he will also pass on his well known enthusiasm, as well as his profound commitment to respect for the law, the reparation of harm, and dignity for all.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in extending my appreciation to Erwin J. Heinzelmänn for over three decades of service to the people of Wisconsin. Congratulations, Erv, and best wishes for future successes.

**"HATE ON THE INTERNET"—
REMARKS OF JERRY TURK**

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, while the Internet is a wonderful technological tool providing information on a host of subjects and permitting the rapid dissemination of great deal of information on an incredible variety of topics, the Internet is also being used by hate mongers and bigots to peddle their nefarious lies.

A few days ago, my dear friend Mr. Jerry Turk, the President of the Las Vegas Office of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), delivered an excellent speech at the ADL's Distinguished Community Service Award Dinner in Las Vegas. His remarks "Hate on the Internet" are an excellent introduction to the problem of the abuse of the Internet by racist fanatics and a discussion of the difficulties that we face in attempting to deal with this serious issue.

Mr. Speaker, I submit Jerry Turk's remarks to be placed in the THE RECORD, and I urge my colleagues to give them thoughtful consideration. This is a matter of considerable impor-

tance, and we in the Congress need to be aware of it.

"HATE ON THE INTERNET," REMARKS BY JERRY TURK, PRESIDENT OF THE LAS VEGAS OFFICE OF THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE (ADL)

Just for the moment this evening, I would like to ask each one of you for a favor. Please imagine yourself sitting at your computer, accessing the Internet—whether through America On Line, Netscape, Microsoft's Explorer, or whatever—and being told you have E-mail. Then, upon checking your mail, you read the following message:

Subject: "Idiotic Jews who waste their lives away."

Message: All you worthless Jews should go to hell, together with your lame-ass skull caps.

Die, you worthless, good for nothing, Christ-killers."

This is a portion of an actual E-mail that was sent to thousands of people, which was turned over to the Anti-Defamation League by a recipient that was a subscriber to a Jewish issues publication.

The ADL, which was founded 85 years ago, is in the forefront of the struggle for civil rights in America. ADL, through its many offices, combats all forms of prejudice, bigotry, anti-semitism, discrimination and hate.

Our Las Vegas offices has existed for about two years, and because of the help of many of you who are here this evening, it has made great progress in carrying out its mission. However, in spite of all of our accomplishments, Hate on the Internet is posing a new, very formidable challenge. ADL is working towards meeting this challenge. However, this task is not easy, as "High-Tech Hate" is not only growing, but is becoming more diverse. Let me give you some examples:

On one of a number of Ku Klux Klan web sites, one can play the Klan's version of hangman. The user gets to hang a character called, and I quote, "Leroy", an African-American male. Once you have completed the lynching, the computer screams, "you win"; or

Perhaps you are aware that the holocaust was a fraud and it never happened. Allow me to quote from a notorious holocaust denier's web site: "For fifty years the press, Hollywood, radio, television, and public schools have saturated us with the story that the National Socialist government of Germany carried out an extermination program against the Jews. This is the famous Jewish Holocaust, in which Jews claim six million of their kind were gassed, burned, and made into soap and lamp shades by the Germans. European and American historians and researchers, mostly non-Germans, have shown conclusively that the Holocaust story is a complete fraud.

"Why would such a monstrous fraud be attempted in the first place? The answer is billions of dollars in extortion money, political power, and Jewish racial/cultural solidarity. The Holocaust is used to extort hundreds of billions of dollars from American and German taxpayers"; or

The following passage from the same site, which site by the way, runs in excess of 10 pages:

"The Diary of Anne Frank was shown in 1980 to be another crude example of hate propaganda. In a series of court cases the entire diary was definitively shown to have been written by the same person, but that person often used ball-point pen ink which was not manufactured until 1951, years after Anne Frank's death from disease! The fact that many people still believe this hoax shows the effectiveness of Jewish control in our media and schools, where children in America, Germany and elsewhere are still forced to read this Jewish hate propaganda.

Finally, from David Duke on Tiger Woods from his extensive web site:

"A number of White men will be suckered in by a wave of admiration and emotion for one Black golf player into believing that the Black race can fit in and do well among the White race. That is simply untrue. Some individual Blacks obviously can. But, as a whole, the race cannot. For the mental abilities that go into the making and maintaining of a civilization are not the same as the requirements for a great golf player. The qualities that account for the advancing and maintaining of a scientific and civilized society are simply not the same as the qualities to run a 100 meters under 10 seconds or dunk a basketball, or for that matter, break the Masters record as a rookie.

With the avalanche of equality propaganda, millions who admire Woods might pleasantly imagine that an unknown Black young man who wants to move into the apartment next door will be like a Tiger Woods. The truth is that he is exponentially more likely to be like a Willie Horton or a Rodney King."

As you can see, the World Wide Web is fertile ground for hate-mongers with hate ideas. Our children are especially vulnerable to these materials, because they are most likely to accept them as fact. At the end of 1997, there were an estimated 56 million people in the United States using the Internet. It is estimated that by the end of 1998 this number will grow to 75 million.

Anyone can legally start a site on the Internet, and once started they can published anything they please. There is no requirement that the author of a web site accurately identify him or herself. The same is true of a user of a web site. Hate messages on the Internet have been likened to anonymous phone calls or letters, except these messages can be sent simultaneously to hundreds of thousands of people. These bigots can spew their hatred without ever running the risk of being identified. Unlike traditional media, where publishers, editors and reviewers are able to separate out lies and distortions, the Internet makes all kinds of information available.

As these individuals and organizations spread their venom across the World Wide Web, what can we do—what can the ADL do? I can tell you the ADL is struggling on how to combat this hate in whatever form it takes. The dilemma here, however, is how to expose this filth and help protect people from it, without violating our first amendment rights.

One approach ADL is taking is working with America On Line to design software that will filter out all sites it considers to be engaged in the spread of hate. However, all ADL can do is make a recommendation to the user, because in the final analysis, each individual user will have to make their own choice.

ADL, nationally, as well as here in Las Vegas, is working diligently to address these and other equally important issues. But it cannot do so without your help. We need your help now to build our Las Vegas ADL office into the leader it has to be for our community.

If you truly care about the Las Vegas Valley; if you truly care about the intellectual environment our children are exposed to; if you truly care about the future of our community, you will support the Anti-Defamation League. I need you, ADL's board needs you, the community needs you, but most importantly, your family needs you—to help. Please help. Please be there. Remember, if not you—then who?