

awareness and educate people about the true conditions in prison as well as on death row.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending the Reverend Charles Doyle for his lifetime of service and dedication to the people of Northwest Indiana and the citizens of the United States. Father Doyle's unceasing service has left an indelible mark on Indiana's First Congressional District and serves as a shining example for activists all over the world.

IN HONOR OF RICHARD ALBERT
McCULLOCK

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 1998

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to an outstanding citizen of the United States of America, Richard Albert McCulloch.

Mr. McCulloch was born in Bloomington, Illinois, on July 26, 1924. At the age of eighteen he joined the Army in the Infantry and later was transferred to the Engineers, 3rd division. It was the beginning of World War II and Richard was sent to the European theater where he fought during the D-Day Invasion of Normandy.

When he returned to the United States he met Marilyn Hedrick and was married on June 7, 1947. The McCullochs have recently celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary. They have five children and twelve grandchildren.

The McCullochs have lived in Garden Grove, California, in the 46th district, for forty-four years. During that time, Mr. McCulloch has devoted his energies to some very important causes and issues. As a member of the Elks Lodge he began a clown program to entertain at charitable events. He also originated a program on Americanism.

Mr. McCulloch's love for his country and for the American flag is one of his primary issues. He is responsible for having a row of flags on both sides of Main Street in downtown Garden Grove. The Garden Grove City Council just approved the flags in June, 1998. This is all due to Mr. McCulloch's persistence and emphasis on the beauty and meaning of the flag.

He comes into my office quite often, always to order flags for Eagle Scouts or for special occasions. He updates my staff on the correct flag protocol and taught my staff a great deal about the history of the flags. In a sense, he is the keeper of the flags, and oversees that the flag is flown outside for all to admire. Mr. McCulloch is well-known in my office and in Garden Grove. We are always very pleased to see him.

I ask you all to join me today to salute this fine American, who has served his country during its darkest hours, who has protected and upheld the flag and its symbolic value, who has given to his community many hours of commitment and devotion.

TRIBUTE TO CADA

HON. VIC FAZIO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 1998

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to note a community achievement which gives me a great sense of personal satisfaction. Twenty years ago, while I was a member of the California State legislature, many of us in the Sacramento area were concerned about what was happening to the downtown area. As was the case with many cities, areas of hardship and urban decay existed, and the 42 square blocks that make up the Capitol Area were in serious decline.

I sponsored legislation to allow the State of California and the city of Sacramento to create a capitol area development authority [CADA], a new independent joint powers agency. CADA was to serve as the primary entity to implement the residential and commercial components of the state's Capitol Area Plan. This was a unique concept that has since served as a model of civic responsibility.

CADA has managed to dramatically improve the downtown area in its 20 years of existence. The agency has been successful at providing stability and promoting positive change within the area where it invests and partners with private sectors. Right now, CADA is expecting to close deals that will bring 128 new housing units into the district. There are currently two building sites for which CADA already has pre-development plans. While all this activity goes forward, CADA's basic task of managing the apartments, parking, and retail/commercial space it leases from the State continues. CADA maintains buildings, serves tenants, and makes 176 units of low-income housing available all without a subsidy by any governmental agency.

This concept of an independent, self-sustaining public agency no doubt contributes to CADA's success. CADA has been adept at performing at a pace to fit the market and the needs of its parent entities, which has assured its vivid survival for these past 20 years. The result has been the successful rekindling of a community that is safe and economically sound.

It is therefore with great pride and satisfaction that I extend hearty congratulations to the city of Sacramento, the State of California, and the board of directors and staff on the capitol area development authority for the superb job of revitalizing the Capitol Area, and for improving the quality of life for the many residents of Sacramento who live there.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE EATON'S NECK LIGHTHOUSE

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 1998

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Eaton's Neck Lighthouse Bicentennial on June 13, 1998. This historical landmark sits atop a bluff overlooking Long Island Sound, providing guidance to the thousands of commercial and recreational boaters on the Sound.

It was our nation's second president, John Adams, who authorized the Eaton's Neck Lighthouse in 1798. In the 200 years since, the lighthouse has served as both a literal and figurative beacon to those on the water, guiding sailors through the Sound and beckoning them to the shores of Long Island.

The United States Coast Guard has been the steward of the Lighthouse. From their base at Eaton's Neck, the Coast Guard responds to hundreds of emergency calls every year on the Long Island Sound. This site is a perfect strategic location for a quick response time to distress calls on the Sound. Small craft from Eaton's Neck were also used in the rescue missions after the tragic crash of TWA Flight 800 off the coast of Long Island in 1996.

This beautiful structure has played a key role in maintaining the safety of Long Island Sound. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join with me today celebrating the bicentennial of the Eaton's Neck Lighthouse and in congratulating the Village of Asharoken, the Asharoken Board of Trustees, and the Mayor of Asharoken, William H. Kelly on this happy occasion.

WELDON RECOGNIZES CONSTITUENTS FOR COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY SERVICE

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 1998

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to my colleagues' attention the dedication of four of my constituents to their communities. This Wednesday, June 17, 1998, Mr. Wilbur C. Henderson, Mr. Lee Taliaferro, Jr., Mr. Lester J. Smith, Sr., and Ms. Carol Lecher will be honored by the Neighbor to Neighbor Community Development Corporation at their First Appreciation Dinner, which recognizes citizens committed to community service.

Wilbur Henderson, a leader in the business community for over fifty years, is Chairman of the Henderson Group, Inc., specializing in investment real estate. Currently he sits on the Board of Directors of the Greater Philadelphia First Corporation; the Board of Directors of the Renewal Counseling Service; the Board of Trustees of Drexel University as Trustee Emeritus; and the Board of Trustees of Florida Technical School. Aside from his obvious dedication to education, Wilbur serves Folcroft Union Church as a Senior Deacon and is a member of the St. Alban-Swain Masonic Lodge #529. Wilbur's generous contributions to his community have provided a hand-capped equipped van and mechanical wheelchair lift for the members of the First African Baptist Church of Sharon Hill, Pennsylvania. I wish to commend Wilbur Henderson for his outstanding service to the local community.

Throughout his life Lee Taliaferro has dedicated himself to his fellow citizens. In his thirty years at the Budd Company, Lee was elected to many positions including trustee and member of the executive board, as well as a national delegate of the United Auto Workers Union Local #13. After retiring from the Budd Company, Lee continued his life of civil service. A member of the Darby Township Volunteer Fire Company #4 for over thirty-five

years, Lee served as Fire Chief, President and Chairman of the Board of Directors, and Fire Marshall. Lee also held the positions of Judge of Elections and Township Commissioner. Lee has also served God as a loyal member and trustee of the First African Methodist Episcopal Church. I wish to congratulate Lee Taliaferro for receiving this award in honor of his timeless service to his community.

Lester Smith, owner of Smithy's Barber Shop in Darby Township, has served both his family and community faithfully. After serving in the Air Force for four years, Lester returned to his family and help his father raise his nine brothers and sisters. He joined his father in the family business after attending Tri-City Barber School. Today, Smithy's Barber Shop stands as a landmark in Darby Township, with players of the Philadelphia Eagles frequenting the shop. Lester has sponsored a softball team in his community and has served St. Barbara's as an usher and president of the Men's Club. For his dedication to his community and family, I recognize Mr. Lester Smith.

Carol Lecher has been an educator in the Southeast Delco School District for over thirty four years. But her educating has not stopped at the doors of Harris Elementary School. She has taught both Sunday School and Summer Vacation Bible School at the Media Presbyterian Church and has been instrumental in the development of the Neighbor to Neighbor Community Development Corporation After-School Tutorial Program. As an educator, Carol has touched the lives of many young people and continues to do so today. My deepest regards go out to Ms. Lecher for her selfless service.

In addition to these outstanding civil servants, I would like to thank Mr. Richard A. Dent and the entire Board of Directors and Advisory Board of Neighbor to Neighbor for sponsoring these awards in recognition of those individuals who seek to serve their communities. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing all of these fine Americans.

COMMEMORATING 100 YEARS OF
RELATIONS BETWEEN PEOPLE
OF THE UNITED STATES AND
PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES

SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES F. BASS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 1998

Mr. BASS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Philippines Centennial Celebration. On June 12, 1998, the Philippines will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of their independence from Spanish rule.

Nearly a century ago, a revolution in the Philippines ended more than 300 years of Spanish domination in the area and established the first democratic republic in Asia. The makings of the revolution began in the late nineteenth century with the children of the elite business class. They had been educated in Europe and exposed to ideas of independence and revolution. Among these nationalists was Jose Rizal, whose novel "Noli Me Tangere" sparked the revolt against Spain.

Followers of Jose Rizal formed a secret group of reformists and radicals called the Katipunan. Eventually, in August 1896, tensions in the Philippines had raged to the point that the Katipunan's leader, Andres Bonifacio, declared complete severance from the colonial government and the revolution began.

The Philippine-Spanish Revolution began at the same time that the Spanish-American War was being fought halfway around the world. The Americans came to the aid of the Philippines, and on June 12, 1898, Emilio Aguinaldo, a leader of the Katipunans, declared victory over the Spanish colonial government and established the Philippine Republic.

The survival of the Philippine Republic over the last 100 years has not been without difficulty. The Philippines has survived American colonialism, a four year occupation by Japan during World War II, the complete wartime destruction of Manilla, Ferdinand Marco's martial law regime, and a devastating volcano called Pinatubo.

However, even with all of these struggles the Philippines is on the road to prosperity. It has been over a decade since the Peoples' Revolution ousted the Marcos regime and instituted the democracy that now exists. The Philippine economy has been rejuvenated and stands poised to join in the globalization of the East-West world market.

It is fitting that in the year of their centennial, the dictators are gone, the volcanoes are quiet, and the Philippines appear to have reached what Emilio Aguinaldo proclaimed nearly 100 years ago: that an independent Philippines, "today begins to have a life of its own."

HONORING JUNETEENTH

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 1998

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the upcoming Juneteenth celebrations honoring freedom and African-American history. Texas has honored Juneteenth as a state holiday for nearly twenty years, observing the day with joyous public celebrations. But outside of the Lone Star State, many do not understand the significance and meaning of Juneteenth in the lives of African-Americans past, present and future.

Juneteenth is a celebration of freedom for African-Americans. It honors the day that black slaves in Texas finally learned of their emancipation. Juneteenth honors a day that was far too long in coming. Although President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation freeing slaves was signed on January 1, 1863, the proclamation did not bring immediate freedom for slaves. Only after the Civil War ended in 1865 was the Emancipation Proclamation enforced, using Union soldiers to finally free slaves in the South. On June 19, 1865, General Gordon Granger of the Union Army arrived in Galveston, Texas, to ensure the freedom of the slaves. Though news of the Emancipation Proclamation had been kept quiet throughout the war, the word had spread, and

when General Granger arrived in Galveston a large number of slaves turned out to greet him and his troops.

Legends abound of the origins of Juneteenth. One holds that word of emancipation spread through the Union Army via black soldiers who spread the news as the Army moved south. Another states that a messenger carrying the news was murdered on his way to Texas, while another claims that a black ex-Union soldier rode a mule from Washington, DC with a message given to him by Abraham Lincoln. But the origins are not as important as the purpose of the celebration itself.

Today, Juneteenth is widely known as Black Independence Day, as significant to many African-Americans as July 4th. It is a chance for all Americans to celebrate freedom and learn more about African American history. June 19, 1865 is the day when African-Americans in Texas began to enjoy their rights and realize their opportunities as free Americans. While the struggle continues, Juneteenth allows us to recognize how far our nation has come and celebrate the history, achievements and contributions African-Americans have made to our nation.

TRIBUTE IN MEMORY OF JIM
HUMMEL, FRIEND AND LEADER

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 1998

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, it is my sad duty to report to the House of Representatives that a great friend and leader—Jim Hummel—has died. This man, perhaps the epitome of humility and service, always gave more than he took. A lifelong political activist, Jim served more than 35 years as a San Antonio firefighter. He retired with great honor just last year from Station 17.

I knew Jim personally. He visited me here in Washington only a couple of months ago. Despite his disease, he continued to fight for the cause that meant most to him: the rights of his fellow firefighters. A lifelong member of San Antonio Fire Fighters Local 624, Jim served as their vice-president and led their legislative committee for years. His concern for other workers led him into the leadership ranks of the San Antonio AFL-CIO Central Labor Council, where he served as Second Vice-President.

Jim began his life in 1937 and received his education in San Antonio before joining the United States Navy in 1954. He served for two years before becoming a firefighter. He was active in community and church, devoting time to the fight against muscular dystrophy and the Make-a-Wish Foundation. Jim was an active member of St. Gerard's Catholic Church and St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

We will miss Jim's humor, his warm smile, and his constant and extraordinary devotion to civic service. Jim Hummel stands as an example of what one person can do to relieve suffering and better the lives of those around him.