

has conducted the All North Jersey Junior High Jazz Ensemble, the Rockland County (New York) All County Honor Band and the Bergen County All County Honor Band. He served as the associate director of the All American High School Band, which performed at the 1992 Democratic National Convention in New York.

Mr. Haas's talent is well recognized by his peers. Ridgewood High School Principal Dr. John Mucciolo said, "There is no more creative, intelligent, and caring adult working with our young people." Murray Colosimo, Supervisor of Music for the Ridgewood Public Schools, called him "one of our most deserving teachers." David S. Marks, Director of Bands at nearby Midland Park High School, said, "We are proud that Mr. Haas is a member of our community."

Early this year, Mr. Haas was selected one of 36 teachers from across the nation to be honored in this year's "American Teacher Awards," sponsored by the Walt Disney Company. He was further honored at that event when fellow teachers and a 70-member panel of judges chose him as Outstanding Performing Arts Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Haas is a 1987 graduate of Syracuse University and holds a master's degree in music education from Columbia University. He taught one year at John Glenn High School in East Northport, New York, before coming to Ridgewood. A saxophonist, he has performed with Bob Hope, Vanessa Williams and other stars.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our congratulations to Mr. Haas. As a former teacher, I truly admire and respect such a wonderful and dedicated educator. Teachers know that our chief goal is to touch the lives of our students. Mr. Haas has done that time and time again. This award is very well deserved.

TRIBUTE TO JACK AND JILL OF AMERICA, INC.

HON. JOSÉ SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 17, 1998

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Jack and Jill of America, Inc. for 60 years of service to the African-American community and the Nation.

Jack and Jill America, Inc. will hold its Thirty-Third Biennial National Convention in New York City on July 19–26, 1998. The theme for this convention is "Building Bridges to the New Millennium."

Mr. Speaker, Jack and Jill of America, Inc. was founded in 1938 by Marion Stubbs Thomas, who understood the need to create a social club for African-American children who were precluded, under Jim Crow laws, from participating in the social and recreational activities available to children during those times. It all began when she invited 20 women to a meeting in her Philadelphia home.

From the initial 20 families, today the organization has expanded into a national and international force with 40,000 mothers, fathers, and children in 220 chapters across the United States and in the Republic of Germany. With the expansion of the organization, the focus has broadened from simply addressing

socialization to support for children's rights issues, education and community service.

Each chapter annually undertakes to design and implement a meaningful project which will meet the needs of the community in which they reside. This support is given both through economic funding, as a result of fundraisers and through direct service projects such as tutoring, adopting foster homes and hospices and sending care packages to African nations.

Mr. Speaker, Jack and Jill's National President, Sheryl Benning Thomas, strongly believes that it must continue to expand and she has worked with fervor during her tenure to open the door to new interest groups and to take on the challenge of raising the level of consciousness of the membership on issues of children's rights and needs for building awareness of the health needs among African-Americans.

Jack and Jill's advocacy for children is being supported by Walt Disney World through the presence of Tom Flewelyn, Director of Minority Diversity, who will attend the convention on Thursday, July 25, 1998 accompanied by Mickey and Minnie Mouse dressed in Kente Cloth to acknowledge the legacy and pride of this African-American organization.

The keynote speaker for Saturday night's banquet will be John H. Johnson, President and CEO of Johnson Publishing Co. of Chicago. The Distinguished Fathers award recipients are: John H. Johnson, Thomas Flewelyn and the late Reginald Lewis, founder and CEO of TLC Beatrice Company. The award is given for the first time ever to recognize the outstanding contribution and support of the fathers in Jack and Jill of America, Inc. This organization is truly about the vision, past, present and future of the African-American community.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege for me to honor the families and friends of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. I ask my colleagues to join in celebrating this milestone and acknowledging this outstanding organization for 60 years of accomplishment and service for the African-American community and the Nation.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN AND DOROTHY WITHERSPOON

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 17, 1998

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to John Ivory and Dorothy Mae Smith Witherspoon as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. The Witherspoons have lived in Sumter County for 48 years and have raised an amazing family.

Mr. Witherspoon was born in Manning, South Carolina and attended Clarendon County Schools. He is the owner of John Witherspoon Carpentry/Cabinet Works Company and has been a master carpenter and cabinet maker for over 50 years. Mrs. Witherspoon was born in Summerton, South Carolina and graduated from Lincoln High School in Sumter, South Carolina. She is retired from the Campbell Soup Company but remains active in the community where she is active in School District #17's PTA, and is a member of the Christian Women's Association of Sumter and the South Sumter Resource Center Senior's Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Witherspoon are active members of the St. John Baptist Church. Mr. Witherspoon has been a Deacon for over 45 years and served as Chairman of the Deacon Board for 2 years. He served as Sunday School Superintendent for over 40 years, Chairperson of the Cemetery Committee, and a member of the Senior Choir for over 48 years.

Mrs. Witherspoon is a Deaconess, she has been President of the Missionary Auxiliary for over 10 years and is a member and secretary of the St. John Baptist Church Gospel Choir. They are also members of the Black River Missionary Baptist Association. Mrs. Witherspoon serves as President of the Deacon and Minister's Wives Alliance and is a Board Member of the Women's Missionary Auxiliary. Mrs. Witherspoon is Chairman of the Sunday School Convention's Board and Treasurer of the Deacons and Minister's Wives Alliance. Both John and Dorothy are 1997 graduates of the South Carolina Baptist Congress of Christian Education Teacher Certification program.

The Witherspoons have four children, twelve grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren. They have remained active in their community throughout their marriage. Their dedication to their family and community are commendable. Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me today in honoring Mr. and Mrs. Witherspoon as they celebrate their 50th year of marriage.

NAFTA: DEATH OF THE AMERICAN WORKING MAN AND WOMAN

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 17, 1998

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak of the injustice that NAFTA has brought upon the American working man and woman. We have lost hundreds of thousands of jobs since NAFTA's implementation in 1994, and the situation will only get worse unless NAFTA is amended or repealed.

During debate on NAFTA its supporters argued that American jobs wouldn't be lost to Canada or Mexico, only that jobs would be added to the American workforce. However, NAFTA has allowed American companies to send good, high paying American jobs to these countries, where they can take advantage of cheap labor. While this is good for the profit of these companies, it is destroying the labor workforce of this country.

A microcosm of NAFTA's ill effects can be seen at a General Motors plant in my district. According to the United Auto Workers' Local 719, over 500 jobs from the McCook GM Electro Motive Division have been sent to a plant in Mexico, and 1,000 jobs have been sent to Canada. Mr. Speaker, contrary to the claims of NAFTA's supporters, the American workforce has suffered, as witnessed in McCook, Illinois.

It is high time that Congress and the Administration put people ahead of profits. I urge my colleagues to end NAFTA now or witness the death of the American working man and woman.

MOURNING THE LOSS OF COMMUNITY LEADER AND FORMER TEMPLE MAYOR WILLIAM R. "BILL" COURTNEY

HON. CHET EDWARDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 17, 1998

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share with members my memories of William R. "Bill" Courtney, a community leader in my 11th Texas Congressional District who recently passed away.

William Courtney, a former mayor of Temple and a special friend of mine, died July 3 at his home following a brief illness. Bill Courtney was a highly esteemed citizen, a man who earned the respect and admiration of those in political, civic, and religious circles. I want to share with the Members his many accomplishments and invaluable service to his community.

Bill Courtney was descended from a pioneer Central Texas family. He never forgot his Central Texas roots and his family and community always came first.

He served as mayor of Temple from 1976 to 1980. During those two terms as mayor he implemented a single-member district election system in Temple. He served as a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee and his political and legal counsel were much sought after.

Bill Courtney was a leading attorney in Bell County for 48 years. He was a senior partner in the law firm of Naman, Howell, Smith & Lee. He was an expert on real estate financing and belonged to many professional organizations including the American College of Mortgage Attorneys where he served as board member and president. In addition, he was a member of the State Bar of Texas, the American Bar Association, the Texas Bar Foundation, and the Bell-Lampasas-Mills Counties Bar Association.

He attended Temple public schools and Temple Junior College. He earned his B.B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin in 1948 and his law degree from the University of Texas Law School in 1950. Bill Courtney was a World War II veteran and served as a 10th Mountain Division infantry officer fighting in Italy.

He was a member of the Episcopal Church of Temple and served three terms as Vestryman and two terms as Senior Warden.

Bill Courtney viewed his community involvement as a sacred duty and a cherished honor. He served as a trustee of the Scott and White Memorial Hospital, president of the Temple Industrial Foundation, and chairman of the Temple Economic Development Corporation. He was a past vice president and director of the Temple Chamber of Commerce, and past president of the Central Texas Council of Governments, and the Cultural Activities Center.

He and his wife, Shirley, donated land for the Temple Ronald McDonald House. Recently, they donated more land to expand the house to provide more space for families to stay while loved ones are treated at the nearby hospital.

Up until the time that he passed away, Bill Courtney continued to work for his community.

Last year he used the skill and expertise accumulated during three-quarters of a century to help bring a new Texas Veterans Nursing Home to Temple.

Within days of his death, Bill and I were actively working together to try to keep the state USDA offices in Temple. It does not surprise me that even in his last days on this earth, Bill Courtney was doing what he did his entire life—helping others.

Mr. Speaker, Winston Churchill once said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Judged by that high standard, my dear friend, Bill Courtney lived life to its fullest.

His family and many friends will dearly miss Bill Courtney, but his spirit of caring for others will live on in all of us who were touched by his extraordinary life of service.

I ask Members to join with me in honoring the memory of Bill Courtney. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Shirley, his three sons, John Patrick, Joseph Sayles and David William and the rest of his family and friends.

INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 4143, THE GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT ACT

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 17, 1998

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) is a true national treasure. It provides open space and recreation in the midst of a densely populated urban area, and it is one of our Nation's most used national parks. I rise today to urge my colleagues to support legislation which would expand the boundaries of the GGNRA to include an additional 1,300 acres of land adjacent to existing GGNRA parkland.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation has bipartisan support and the support of the entire Bay Area Congressional Delegation. Joining me as co-sponsors of this legislation are Congresswoman NANCY PELOSI, Congresswoman ANNA ESHOO, Congressman TOM CAMPBELL, Congressman GEORGE MILLER, Congresswoman LYNN WOOLSEY, Congressman PETE STARK, Congresswoman ELLEN TAUSCHER, Congresswoman BARBARA LEE, and Congresswoman ZOE LOFGREN.

H.R. 4143, the Golden Gate National Recreation Area Boundary Adjustment Act, will permit the National Park Service to acquire carefully selected natural areas in San Mateo County, primarily in the area in and around the City of Pacifica. National Park Service officials in the Bay Area conducted a boundary study to evaluate the desirability of including additional lands in and around Pacifica within the GGNRA. During the preparation of the Park Service study, a public forum was held to gather comments from area residents, and local input was reflected in the final study. The Pacifica City Council adopted a resolution endorsing the addition of these areas to the GGNRA. The GGNRA and the Point Reyes National Seashore Advisory Commission also urged the addition of these new areas to the park.

H.R. 4143 expands the boundary of GGNRA to permit the inclusion of lands directly adjacent to existing parkland as well as nearby lands along the Pacific Ocean. The upper parcels of land offer beautiful vistas, sweeping coastal views, and spectacular headland scenery. Inclusion of these lands would also protect the important habitats of several species of rare or endangered plants and animals. The legislation would also offer improved access to existing trails and beach paths and would protect important ecosystems from encroaching development.

The GGNRA Boundary Adjustment Act would also permit the inclusion of beautiful headlands along the coast into GGNRA. The coastal headlands of San Pedro Point, the Rockaway Headland, Northern Coastal Bluffs, and the Bowl & the Fish would be included in the GGNRA under this legislation. These parcels would offer park visitors scenic panoramas up and down the coast, views of tide pools and offshore rocks, sweeping views of GGNRA ridges to the east, as well as additional access to the Pacific Ocean.

Mr. Speaker, throughout my service in Congress, I have had a strong interest in preserving the unique natural areas of the Peninsula. In the early 1980's, I fought for the inclusion in GGNRA of Sweeney Ridge, which includes the site from which Spanish explorers first sighted the San Francisco Bay in the 18th century. The ridge affords a unique panorama of the entire Bay. The Interior Secretary at that time, James Watt, refused to include Sweeney Ridge in the GGNRA. In 1984, in the face of a long and hard battle waged by myself and former Congressmen Leo Ryan and Phil Burton, the Reagan Administration acquiesced, and Sweeney Ridge became a part of our protected natural heritage.

In the early 1990's, I authored and secured passage of legislation to add the Phleger Estate to the GGNRA. The Phleger Estate includes over a thousand acres of pristine second-growth redwoods and evergreen forests adjacent to the Crystal Springs watershed in the mid-Peninsula. The Federal Government paid one-half of the cost of acquiring the Phleger Estate. The other half of the cost was paid for through private contributions raised by the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST). My distinguished colleague, Congresswoman ANNA ESHOO, played a key role in winning congressional approval of the Federal Government's share of the purchase. The Phleger Estate is now part of the GGNRA and it has become an important hiking and recreation area on the Peninsula.

Mr. Speaker, preserving our country's unique natural areas must be one of our highest national priorities, and it is one of my highest priorities as a Member of Congress. We must preserve and protect these areas for our children and our grandchildren today or they will be lost forever. Adding these new lands in and around Pacifica to the GGNRA will allow us to protect these fragile areas from development or other inappropriate uses which would destroy the scenic beauty and natural character of this key part of the Bay Area. I urge my colleagues to support passage of H.R. 4143, the Golden Gate National Recreation Area Boundary Adjustment Act.