

CONGRATULATIONS TO EVELYN
AND LESTER BURTON

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 1998

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Evelyn and Lester Burton, who are being honored at a Gala Celebration by the Michigan Region of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science on September 10, 1998.

The Weizmann Institute in Rehovot, Israel is one of the world's foremost centers of scientific research and graduate study. Indeed, humankind has benefited from the Institute's advances in methods of fighting disease and hunger, protecting the environment, harnessing alternative sources of energy, and developing advanced technologies for science and industry.

Evelyn and Lester's commitment and dedication to the ideals of the Weizmann Institute have been invaluable. Working behind the scenes, never seeking the limelight, they have been an important part of the Institute's progress. Together, they have hosted scientists in their home, organized science forums in the general community, and facilitated in fund-raising for the Institute.

I met Evelyn and Lester Burton more than forty years ago when we were active in establishing the Berkley Council for Better Schools, an organization founded to preserve and maintain the highest educational standards in the Berkley School District. In the following years, they have both gone on to serve in organizations, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and others too numerous to mention, but always working to make this world a better place.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Evelyn and Lester Burton, two private people who have untiringly promoted the public welfare. I wish them, their children and their grandchildren, good health and happiness as they continue to lead such exemplary lives.

IN HONOR OF THE SANTA
BARBARA DIABETES PROJECT

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Santa Barbara Diabetes Project, a world-wide collaborative effort to cure and prevent recurrent diabetes.

Since its establishment in 1997 by Director and Chief Scientific Officer of the Institute, Dr. Lois Jovanovic, world-renowned scientists from across the globe join in Santa Barbara, California to work together toward a cure. Over 16 million persons nationwide, including 14,000 in Santa Barbara County, are afflicted with diabetes. Diabetes costs Americans \$91 billion in direct medical costs every year, including \$28.6 million in Medicare fees. I commend the Santa Barbara Diabetes Project for their leadership and vision to fight this disease.

Scientists with expertise in islet transplants, immunology and gene therapy have traveled

from across the country and the world for one goal, a cure for diabetes. I feel privileged to have such a fine example of medical genius, collaboration, and commitment in my backyard.

I also commend the Sansum Medical Research Institute for its leadership and devotion to providing the oversight, laboratory space, and other necessary resources to ensure this project is successful.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE JOHN
N. STURDIVANT NATIONAL
PARTNERSHIP AWARD WINNERS

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 1998

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, congratulations to all the winners of the 1998 John N. Sturdivant National Partnership Award. It is appropriate that this award has been renamed for John N. Sturdivant, the late national President of the American Federation of Government Employees, and a leader in forging labor-management relationships between his union and the Federal government.

I am proud to say that one of the recipients of the Sturdivant Award, the Social Security Administration (SSA), is located in Baltimore, MD. SSA and the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) have forged labor-management partnerships that have created an environment where unfair labor practices are becoming the exception rather than the rule.

The Social Security Administration is being recognized for promoting and nurturing labor-management relationships. As a result, SSA has seen a decline in unfair labor practice complaints filed by the union; saving the government in litigation costs and hundreds of hours of lost productivity. This is the same agency that has been criticized for abusing the use of "official time." However, the very use of official time by SSA employees enabled them to work with SSA management to produce innovative proposals that improve customer service.

The Democrats have fought many attempts by a Republican-led Congress to do away with official time. As Ranking Member of the Civil Service Subcommittee, I recently waged war against a Republican proposal to undermine the use of official because it was nothing more than a back door attempt to destroy federal employee unions.

SSA has responded to its critics by showing that when labor and management work together, not only do the employees benefit, but so do the American taxpayers.

THE LIFETIME OF ACHIEVEMENTS
OF JOHN M. FISHER

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 1998

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, many prominent members of the national security community gathered last week at the Heritage Foundation to recognize the lifetime achievements of John

M. Fisher. Last week's luncheon was sponsored by the National Captive Nations Committee and it honored the man who organized the American Security Council in 1955 and has served as its Chairman for the last 43 years.

I have known John on a personal as well as a professional level for many years, and I have a great deal of respect for him. I am serving as one of the House Co-Chairmen of the bipartisan National Security Caucus (NSC). The NSC is now the largest Congressional Member Organization and it was established in 1978 primarily through John's efforts. John is also the Chairman of the non-profit National Security Caucus Foundation which works with the NSC on a wide range of public policy development, education and research programs.

Born in Fairhaven, Ohio, in 1922, he served as a youthful commissioned officer in the Army Air Corps during 1943-45, flying 28 combat missions for which he was decorated several times. He studied at Miami University of Ohio, and graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in 1947. Later he was a student at Brooklyn Law School (1950-51) and at Northwestern University.

For six years he was a F.B.I. Special Agent, and then in 1953 he became the National Director of Security with Sears, Roebuck and Company. While he was a Sears employee, he became the part-time director of the American Security Council, working with General Robert E. Wood, the then Sears Board Chairman. Since 1961, John has devoted all of his time to the operation of the American Security Council.

In the intervening 43 years, John Fisher has devoted himself to national security in the broad definition of the term. His concerns embrace not only military preparations and defense; but also democracy, and human rights. He has devoted countless hours to efforts to advance freedom and self-determination in former Soviet Union and in such diverse nations as Afghanistan, Angola, Cuba, Nicaragua and all of Eastern Europe.

In 1966, John Fisher led the board of the American Security Council in the purchase of Longlea Farm, the 933-acre estate of the late Alice Glass Marsh, located in Boston, Virginia. There he established the Congressional Conference Center, and with the support of generous donors, he built an additional housing facility for seminar participants and other guests.

The American Security Council facilities now include three major buildings on the Boston property. The magnificent manor house is today known as the Gustavis A. Buder Seminar Center. The residential quarters are known as Ogle Hall, and they are named after Arthur Ogle, who was a prominent Ft. Lauderdale, Florida businessman. The administrative building and library is known as the Sol M. Feinstein Research Library and contains an impressive collection of research material on defense and foreign policy issues.

Throughout the years John Fisher has worked hard to promote peace and freedom. He has worked closely with every president since Dwight Eisenhower, with leaders of both parties in Congress; with Secretary of State, Defense; with leaders of national organizations, and with state and local leaders across the nation.

A pioneer in direct mail and public relations, John Fisher has mounted many national campaigns to gather support for a host of worthy

causes in the U.S. and abroad. His efforts in 1978 led to the creation of the National Security Caucus, a coalition of 275 Members of Congress, who focus attention on defense, foreign policy and international economic issues.

John has always been a practitioner of bipartisanship, and one of his guiding principles was best stated by the late Senator Henry "Scoop" Jackson: "In matters of national security, the best politics is no politics."

Having founded the American Security Council and directed its course since the early years of the Cold War, John Fisher has lived to see the collapse of Communism in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, the withdrawal of Russian and Cuban forces from Afghanistan and Angola, the democratization of much of Central and South America, and the progress of democracy in parts of Africa and Southeast Asia.

Much credit must be given to the heroes of the Cold War. A due recognition must also be assigned to a truly remarkable American leader, who despite lacking governmental portfolio, has contributed mightily to the nation's well-being and security: John Morris Fisher, the Chairman of the American Security Council and the National Security Caucus Foundation.

TRIBUTE TO HELEN DOYLE

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 1998

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a woman who has diligently served the community for the past 50 years. Helen Doyle was enrolled as an honorary Augustinian at a ceremony on September 5 at St. Matthew Roman Catholic Church in my hometown of Flint, Michigan. The Very Reverend David Brecht O.S.A., the Prior Provincial of the Midwest Augustinians, officiated at the ceremony at the direction of the Augustinian General in Rome.

Helen Doyle left her Irish home in 1948 seeking a new life in America. The life she found was not the one she had pictured when she stepped of the S.S. Marine Falcon in New York City 50 years ago. God had a vocation in mind for Helen, and once here, she discovered that vocation. She has devoted her entire adult life to making St. Matthew Parish a wonderful place of welcome and worship. Her cheerful demeanor brightened the lives of the priests, sisters, and brothers assigned to work at St. Matthew Parish. Helen assisted the new parishioners and was a familiar sight to the children attending St. Matthew School. She has enriched thousands of lives over the last 50 years.

As a Roman Catholic, my faith plays a vital role in my life everyday. As a member of the House of Representatives, I consider it my duty to work toward improving and enhancing the quality of life for all persons. Helen Doyle is a person of such faith and her selfless dedication to the Church, its members and all humanity makes her an inspiration to me. She has lived her life jubilant in her faith and the place she holds in God's plan.

On behalf of the citizens of the 9th Congressional District, I want to commend Helen for all she has done to promote and protect human

dignity. I ask the House of Representatives to join with me today and pay tribute to an outstanding woman, Helen Doyle, as she is honored for 50 years of service to the Augustinians and the St. Matthew Parish community.

TRIBUTE TO RALPH G. CASO

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 1998

Mr. KING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay a special memorial tribute to Ralph G. Caso. My Congressional District, indeed all of Nassau County and Long Island, has suffered a tremendous loss with the death of Ralph Caso, one of the most distinguished public officials ever to serve the people of my town and county.

Ralph Caso, husband of Grace and father of Ralph and Jolisa, was born and raised in Manhattan and moved with his family to Long Island in his youth. He was a graduate of New York University Law School and a veteran of World War II. While practicing law in his home community of Merrick, Ralph Caso became involved in local politics and was elected a councilman of America's most populous town—the Town of Hempstead. He rose to the position of supervisor and then presiding supervisor, serving in that position from 1965 to 1970. In 1970 he was the overwhelming choice of the electorate to take the position of Nassau County Executive, the highest elective position in the county. County Executive Caso was re-elected in 1973 and was the Republican nominee for Lieutenant Governor in 1974.

While serving in the Town of Hempstead, Ralph Caso demonstrated outstanding leadership abilities. He moved immediately to improve and expand the town's park system, converting it into one of the finest in New York State. In addition, Mr. Caso demonstrated a quality for which he later became renowned—compassion. The father of a handicapped son, he founded Camp Anchor, a summer and after school camp at the seashore for handicapped youngsters. At the same time, Mr. Caso was credited with starting the building of thousands of units of low cost senior citizen housing units for elderly residents living on fixed incomes.

Ralph Caso continued his visionary policies when he was elected as County Executive. Among other things, the Nassau County Veterans Memorial Coliseum, home of the New York Islanders hockey team, was built during his administration. In addition, the new 19-story Nassau County Medical Center was completed during his tenure.

On a personal level, I wish to record my gratitude to Ralph Caso for agreeing to serve, during his retirement years, as my personal emissary to the senior citizen community where his good works will long be remembered.

Mr. Speaker, Nassau County has lost one of its greatest leaders, a man of courage and vision. Ralph Caso will be deeply missed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 1998

Mr. ADAM SMITH OF Washington. Mr. Speaker, my flight from SeaTac airport was delayed yesterday evening, and I missed three votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on H. Res. 459, "yes" on H.R. 678, and "yes" on H.R. 1560.

CONGRATULATING FRANK AND TINA LEE UPON THE BIRTH OF WILLIAM FRANK LEE, JR.

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 1998

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my good friends Frank and Tina Lee of Smithfield, North Carolina. On August 17, 1998 at 3:33 p.m. they welcomed into the world their first son, William Frank Lee, Jr. There is nothing more wonderful and joyous than watching a child grow and I know that they will treasure every new day with their son. Faye joins me in wishing the Lees great happiness during this very special time of their lives.

HONORING DR. JUDITH CRAVEN

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 1998

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of honoring Dr. Judith Craven. This Resolution recognizes Dr. Judith Craven on her retirement as the President of The United Way of the Texas Gulf Coast.

Judith Craven is a Medical Doctor, a Master of Public Health, and has served as President of The United Way of the Texas Gulf Coast since the fall of 1992. Under Dr. Craven's leadership The United Way of the Texas Gulf Coast experienced financial stability and growth. As result of Dr. Craven's determined efforts the United Way of Texas Gulf Coast became the fourth largest campaign in the nation.

During her tenure, unprecedented growth in multicultural communities offered new challenges and opportunities, both in campaign and volunteer recruitment areas. This challenge was met by Dr. Craven's recommitment to the values to the United Way. Dr. Craven embraced the values of diversity in volunteer composition and in service to a multi-cultural community.

Dr. Craven maximized fund raising efforts, by conducting a community wide campaign that increased the opportunity for everyone to be able to give and which sought to ensure funding stability in the community. The hallmark of Dr. Craven's fiscal responsibility was a results oriented stewardship for every charitable dollar given.

Just one example of Dr. Craven's contribution to her community was the creation of the