

helped to improve the education and health care of the world's nurses through the creation of the Center for International Nursing at Duquesne University in 1992. Her interests stem from a trip to Nicaragua, where she helped to develop a "sister school relationship" with the Polytechnic University School of Nursing. The Roberto Clemente Health Center, in Nicaragua, would not have opened without her help. Although much of her passion is devoted to Nicaragua, she has interests in all Latin American countries, which led to her receiving the "Pacem in Terris" (Peace on Earth) award from La Roche College.

Mary Kane Shatlock, the May recipient of the award, is a mother, a teacher, and a small businesswoman. She balances these three responsibilities very well, and still has time to contribute to her church's music program. She has raised four children. She has also been able to donate all of the proceeds from her business to charity. Ms. Shatlock has been able to teach and run her business even after her husband's passing. Her dedication to music and art has undoubtedly been passed on to her students, and her strength has been an inspiration to her children and grandchildren.

Even though Lorene Steffes has only lived in Pittsburgh for a year, she is certainly a worthy recipient of the June "Woman of Spirit" award. She is currently the president and CEO of Transarc Corporation, an IBM subsidiary. While still living in the Chicago area, Ms. Steffes was the executive sponsor of the Society of Women Engineers. Recently, she was appointed to the Pittsburgh High Technology Council Board of Directors. She also now serves on the Pittsburgh Disability Employment Demonstration Project for Freedom. This organization helps disabled individuals advance in technology positions. She and her husband are the proud parents of two children and have three grandchildren.

By tradition, there is usually only one recipient a month for the "Woman of Spirit" award. July's recipients are so interconnected, though, that it would be unfair to give the award to just one. The McGinnis Sisters—Bonnie, Sharon, and Noreen—are the owners of a small chain of specialty food stores that bear their name. The two branches have grown into one of the nation's top specialty food stores, with sales of more than 10 million dollars annually. The sisters began working in the stores when they were eight years old, and have since taken over the business from their parents. The sisters continue their parents' custom of giving, making substantial contributions to the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank and over 250 other charities. Aside from running the family business, the sisters are dedicated mothers.

Lisa Pupo Lenihan has been honored as the August 1998 "Woman of Spirit." She is the managing director of the law firm of Burns, White, and Hickton. Here, she became the first woman to head a medium-to large-sized law firm in Pittsburgh. She also donated her time to helping many causes, along with being the mother of three. She chairs a fundraising event at the Zoar Home, a treatment center for young women who are pregnant or have young children and are addicted to drugs or alcohol. She has served as the chair of the Board of Directors for ARCH (Artists Raising the Conscience of Humanity) Productions, Inc., which helps at-risk youth. She also start-

ed the Pro-Bono Legal Committee for the Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force. She also donates time to promote women in her field. Along with all these volunteer efforts, she and her husband have three children to raise.

Carlow College gave Phyllis Moorman Goode the September, 1998, "Woman of Spirit" award. Ms. Goode has been a vibrant member of both the arts community and the African-American community, and has tried to relate these actions whenever possible. She has chaired the Pittsburgh Foundation/Howard Heinz Endowment Multi-Cultural Arts Initiative, and is a member of the Junior League of Pittsburgh, the YWCA Liz Prine Fund Distribution Committee, and the Pittsburgh Playback Theater, among other things. She has also volunteered her time for education and teen pregnancy issues. Her commitments have earned her many honors in the City of Pittsburgh. She and her husband are currently raising one son.

Mr. Speaker, the women that named her are all great role models. They contribute different qualities, each of which make Pittsburgh a great place to live. With the Woman of Spirit award, Carlow College has called much-deserved attention to these women. The women I have spoken of have energy, enthusiasm, intelligence, compassion, and competence that is unmatched. I salute this year's Woman of Spirit award recipients and wish them the best at this year's gala and beyond.

#### IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SMITH & OBY COMPANY

#### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 1998

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Smith & Oby Company, a mechanical contractor in Cleveland, OH.

Smith & Oby Company is the oldest continuously operated mechanical and plumbing contractor in Ohio. For a century, Smith & Oby has unselfishly dedicated itself to improve conditions in the mechanical industry that have benefited all contractors and pipefitters.

In addition to improving conditions in the mechanical industry, Smith & Oby has diligently served as a civic minded company that has supported many community based organizations since its founding.

Smith & Oby Company has developed an indisputable reputation of quality, integrity and fairness which is recognized by the industry and the business community. For a century, their valued officers, staff and workforce have developed a respect by their peers that has allowed the Smith & Oby Company to prosper into the successful firm it is today.

My fellow colleagues, join the Mechanical Contractors' Association of Cleveland and myself in congratulating and honoring the 100th anniversary of the Smith & Oby Company.

#### INTERNATIONAL AIR ROUTE SALES

#### HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 1998

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, airlines realize windfall profits, sometimes amounting to hundreds of millions of dollars, from the sale of international routes which they were granted, free of charge, by the Department of Transportation. This practice not only produces windfall profits; it also imposes substantial costs on the airline purchasing the route; these costs, in turn, must then be recaptured by higher fares. Moreover, the sale of international routes sometimes prevents DOT from awarding the route to the carrier which is best qualified and best able to serve the public.

Today, I am introducing legislation to prohibit this practice.

Under governing law, international routes are originally awarded on the basis of a public interest determination by the Department of Transportation, following an evidentiary proceeding in which all applicants for the route have the opportunity to present their operating proposals. However, once a route is awarded, DOT permits the incumbent airline to sell the route for substantial sums, sometimes amounting to hundreds of millions of dollars. DOT has been willing to approve these sales as long as a sale would not be seriously inconsistent with U.S. international policy.

The Department's approach has been to make this decision in a vacuum, without a comparative consideration of the proposals of other airlines which might be interested in the route. The effect of this policy has been that routes are frequently transferred to the largest U.S. airlines, which have the deepest pockets and are able to make the highest bid to the airline selling its routes.

This approach is bad public policy for several reasons. First, it takes an asset, which was originally given to the holder free of charge in the public interest, and allows it to be sold for the highest price. The American public is the loser because the new route holder will have to raise fares to recoup the cost of the route. Secondly, the sale is inconsistent with the original rationale under which the route authority was granted: that the carrier selected can best serve the interests of the American public. Relying on the highest bid means that, potentially, a better qualified applicant will be denied the ability to provide this service to the American public. The DOT policy of approving the sale of major routes, apart from mergers, began in 1986 when Pan American was allowed to sell its Pacific Division of United.

The policy of permitting routes to be sold has led to other disturbing results. Recently Northwest Airlines, pledged international route authorities as collateral to enable Northwest to draw down a \$2.08 billion line of credit syndicated by Chase Manhattan. The purpose of the draw down was to provide Northwest with sufficient funds to survive a strike until its employees agreed to Northwest's terms. I find it unacceptable for a company to use its international routes—granted in the public interest—to support its ability to prolong a strike that denies many Americans basic air service. In addition, there have been rumors that

Northwest threatened that if it did not get its way in labor negotiations, it would sell off the assets of the company, including the international routes. Again, I find it unacceptable that international routes be used for this purpose. It is way past time that we stop such activities.

My bill would end these abuses by prohibiting the sale of international routes. I recognize that this could be unfair if a carrier wanted to transfer a route it had previously purchased. In these cases, my bill would allow the carrier to recapture the price it originally paid.

Mr. Speaker, we need to restore the original public policy premise for granting international routes: to provide the best service in the public interest. I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting this common-sense legislation which will promote the economic interests of the American traveling public.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL RICHARD A. BURPEE, USAF-RETIRED

**HON. JAMES P. MORAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 1998*

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an extraordinary individual, Lieutenant General Richard A. Burpee, USAF (Retired) on the eve of his retirement from the Retired Officers Association, which has its headquarters in my district in northern Virginia. As I reviewed General Burpee's career, in preparing this tribute, I see that in one way or another, Dick has spent virtually his entire adult life either in or working for the uniformed services.

Born in Delton, Michigan, he entered the Air Force and earned his pilot's wings in 1955. For the next six years, General Burpee was an instructor pilot at Bryan and Reese Air Force Bases in Texas. The next few years he served in various staff assignments until January 1967, when he entered the F-4 Program at MacDill Air Force Base Florida, where he served as an aircraft commander. He transferred to the Republic of Vietnam in August 1967 and served at Cam Rahn Bay Air Base until September 1968 as a flight commander in the 391st Tactical Fighter Squadron. During his tour in Vietnam, he flew 336 combat missions in the F-4 aircraft.

Following his combat tour, Dick had a succession of challenging assignments, each entailing greater responsibility. Among these were three assignments in Headquarters USAF, in the Pentagon, in operational test and evaluation, director of operations and the assistant director of plans and operations. General Burpee also served in a number of command assignments including, commander of the 509th Bombardment Wing, Strategic Air Command, 1974-75; commander of the 19th Air Division, Strategic Air Command, 1977-79; commander of Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center, 1983-85 and commander of 15th Air Force, Strategic Air Command, from 1988 until his retirement in 1990. In between these assignments, he found time to earn his masters degree in public administration from the George Washington University and to attend the National War College.

General Burpee is a command pilot who amassed an incredible 11,000 flying hours in

various aircraft during his remarkable career. His military awards and decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal With Cluster, Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross With Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal With 14 Oak Leaf Clusters and the Air Force Commendation Medal.

General Burpee is married to the former Sally Dreve Fisher of Fort Worth, Texas. They have two children, Richard A. and Brent A.

General Burpee was elected to the board of directors of the Retired Officers Association (TROA) in 1992, and as chairman of the board in 1996. Through his stewardship, the Retired Officers Association played a vital role as a staunch advocate of legislative initiatives to maintain readiness and improve the quality of life for all members of the uniformed services—active, reserve, and retired, plus their families and survivors. I won't describe all of his accomplishments, but will briefly focus on a few to illustrate the breadth of his concern for service people. As chairman, he led the fight to honor the life time health care commitment to servicemembers, which ultimately resulted in legislative authority to reopen the doors of military treatment facilities to Medicare-eligible beneficiaries through an innovative program we have all come to know as Medicare subvention. More recently, he teamed with me and my distinguished colleagues, Messrs. J.C. WATTS (Okla.) and WILLIAM "MAC" THORNBERRY (Texas) to win approval of a demonstration to allow Medicare-eligible service beneficiaries to enroll in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program. These programs, when expanded nationwide, will take critical steps toward honoring this Nation's commitment to those who served so valiantly. Also, under his direction, TROA worked tirelessly to provide survivor benefits to widows of retirees, who died before the survivor benefit program was enacted two decades ago, and to restore dependency and indemnity compensation to remarried widows of service-connected disabled veterans, whose second or subsequent marriages terminated due to death or divorce. Finally, he was ever mindful of the adverse effects on morale and retention caused by broken commitments and inadequate compensation and forcefully championed the causes of fairness and equity. His leadership efforts to defeat the imposition of user fees in military health care facilities, to preserve cost-of-living adjustments for retirees and to provide adequate pay raises for active and reserve members are especially worthy of note.

As a final thought, as I am sure you will all agree, the word leadership is often applied perfunctorily or to those who do not deserve it. In General Burpee's case, just the opposite is true. He has been, in every sense of the word, a leader in the military, TROA and the entire retired community. Our wishes go with him for a long life and continued success in service to his Nation and especially to those in uniform who he has so admirably led.

TRIBUTE TO HUMANITARIANS

**HON. TONY P. HALL**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 1998*

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, during the past month a series of deadly events has brutally thinned the ranks of those who are devoted to helping the world's poor and sick.

The bombing of our embassy in Nairobi was perhaps the most visible loss of Americans who worked to reach out to people in other countries. Twelve Americans perished there, alongside nearly 500 Kenyans.

Last week, four more Americans died while traveling on U.N. business aboard the plane that crashed near Halifax. Ingrid Acevedo, Pierce Gerety, Mary Lou Clements-Mann, and Jonathan Mann represented our country in key positions at the United Nations, and their deaths are keenly felt by their colleagues, as well as their families and friends.

I have said many times that many of the Americans I have met in the field of humanitarian work are remarkable. They are among the most selfless and dedicated of people, and their examples never fail to inspire me.

They also are dying in increasing numbers, as are the local people and other nations' representatives who serve as their colleagues. It is now more dangerous to feed and care for hurting people as a U.N. humanitarian worker than it is to serve in a war zone as one of its peacekeepers—for the first time in more than 50 years.

This increasing pace of deaths cannot be attributed to the toll that disease takes on humanitarian workers' health. Nor does it include those killed in plane crashes. It reflects only the growing number of attacks against aid workers employed by the United Nations and private charities alike.

I am encouraged to know that Secretary General Kofi Annan and the leaders of private charities are looking for ways to guard humanitarian workers' safety. The world can't afford to lose more of these dedicated individuals, but the courage their work demands, and the very nature of the dangers they regularly face, make protecting them enormously difficult.

What is within our power, though, is to remember their contributions, and to stay the humanitarian course for which they gave their lives, and I urge my colleagues in Congress to do that today and as we go about our own work in the days ahead.

It is only in the work of those we now mourn, and not the manner of their tragic deaths, that Ingrid Acevedo, Pierce Gerety, Mary Lou Clements-Mann, and Jonathan Mann represent an extraordinary corps of professionals.

Ingrid Acevedo, a young woman from New York, most recently has led efforts to spread the word about UNICEF's trick-or-treat effort on behalf of needy children. Acevedo began her career of service to the poor at Bread for the World, fighting hunger and poverty in the United States. She then moved to the U.S. Committee for UNICEF, where as its director of public relations, she brought needed attention to the life-saving work UNICEF does throughout the world.

Pierce Gerety was a Yale educated and Harvard-trained lawyer who, after receiving those institutions' highest honors, dedicated