

done by the non-profit National Institute for Metalworking Skills, or NIMS.

Today, there are approximately 10,000 precision metalworking companies which provide key components for the global market and provide challenging and high-paying jobs for thousands of Americans. These Americans produce high-precision tools, dies, and moldings for industry, as well as the actual components for everything from automobiles to refrigerators.

NIMS has recognized the need for leadership in the development of a portable, measurable, and widely recognized skill standards curriculum to maintain the United States' international leadership in precision metalworking. At the same time, employees can continually improve their training and expertise, and in turn their marketability.

NIMS was founded in 1995 as a non-profit organization to support the development of a skilled workforce for the metalworking industry through the development of portable skill standards. These standards would be implemented by certifying training programs within the industry and within educational establishments to train employees and students to these new standards. NIMS is actively working with states, schools, and companies to form partnerships to implement this comprehensive employee training program.

I am especially proud that four constituents employed in Ohio's 7th Congressional District were the first in the nation to receive the National Skills Standards for Metal Stamping Level III certificates. I would like to recognize the achievements of George Anzek and Tim Conkel from Morgal Machine Tool Company, and Dave Buxton and Kevin Miller from Ohio Stamping and Machine Company. These individuals were recognized in an earlier ceremony in Ohio and were personally awarded these certificates by Ohio Governor George V. Voinovich. My sincere congratulations are extended to these four individuals.

I would like to enclose for the RECORD the following letter by the eight governors of the Great Lakes States. Metalworking is an important component of the economic life of the Great Lakes States, and they have agreed to work in partnership with NIMS to recognize the NIMS occupational standards.

Skill standards are really about unlocking the potential of employees, which makes sense for both employees and employers. The companies where these employees work, which are both based in my hometown of Springfield, Ohio, recognized the value of investing in their employees. Morgal Machine Tool Company and the Ohio Stamping Machine Company offer their employees skill training and performance related bonuses. By making significant and continuing investments in their employees training, they have demonstrated the value of these investments in human capital through consistent improvements in productivity.

I support these efforts to improve our nation's skilled workforce and look forward to the continued development and utilization of the NIMS skill standards model.

## A TRIBUTE TO PENN STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL COACH JOE PATERNO

### HON. BUD SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 14, 1998*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an old friend who has accomplished something that only five other collegiate football coaches have been able to do in their careers, win 300 games. As a native of Brooklyn, New York and a graduate of Brown University, Joe Paterno came to the Pennsylvania State University 48 years ago and has become synonymous with the university over this time. On Saturday, September 12, 1998, Joe won his 300th game in his thirty-third year as head coach of the Penn State Football team. Joe Paterno exemplifies everything that is good about collegiate athletics without overshadowing the importance of academics. Under this tutelage, Penn State Football has won two national titles and had 29 first-team All Americans and 20 first-team academic All Americans. In addition, 23 of Joe's student-athletes have been chosen in the first round of the National Football League draft and 16 have been chosen for National Collegiate Athletic Association postgraduate scholarships. Joe has made many generous donations to the university, and appropriately a wing of the library has been named in his honor. These noble achievements by such an exceptional and humble man are not surprising. I know that Penn State University is grateful to have Joe as a key member of the university, and so am I. I applaud Joe's accomplishments and wish him the best as he leads Penn State towards a sixth undefeated season and winning another national championship, a goal that is never too far from Joe's reach.

## HONORING THE MEMORY OF REVEREND DOCTOR RANDOLPH D. BROWN (1906-1998)

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 14, 1998*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Reverend Doctor Randolph D. Brown. A man of vision, devotion and tireless service to others in the spirit of God. A man who gave a voice to those who could not speak for themselves.

While in Michigan, Reverend Brown was pastor of two churches. He was instrumental in building the First Baptist Church of Woodlawn Park, Michigan. He became pastor of the Mount Ollie Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York on May 6, 1939. Pastor Brown has brought many people together in the family of God for the last forty-six years and six months. In the community he was known as the visionary and persuasive voice of the people.

Reverend Randolph D. Brown not only ministered from the pulpit, but also stood as a man of God that led by example. He served on the National Baptist Convention's Board of Directors for many years. He was one of the early members of the Board for the "Voice"

Publications, the newspaper that is circulated throughout the National Baptist Convention, Inc. He held various offices in the Eastern Baptist Association.

Always outgoing and full of life, Reverend Brown was the most prominent pastor in the Brownsville Community of Brooklyn, New York during his ministerial tenure. He was called upon numerous times to negotiate on the behalf of The Baptist Churches in matters of dispute and controversy. He was a steady constant in a sea of change, for the betterment of mankind. He was a strong voice in the transition of Bethel Hospital to Brookdale Hospital. His input in the community was vital in brining into reality the now present Nehemiah Homes, and other similar housing developments. He facilitated relationships with the 73rd precinct to bring about an era of mutual trust and partnership.

The Reverend Doctor Randolph D. Brown was a dedicated pastor, loving father, true friend and an innovator and doer within his community. Those who knew him personally are thankful to have been blessed to have known such a man as Reverend Brown. Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the living memory of Reverend Doctor Randolph D. Brown.

## IN HONOR OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. PROCOPIUS PARISH

### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 14, 1998*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the St. Procop Parish for its year long celebration of serving in the Cleveland Community for 125 years.

After the large migration of Bohemian people to Cleveland in the late 1800's, St. Procop was established to serve Czech Catholics living on the west side of Cleveland. Throughout the decades, St. Procop has provided a rich atmosphere of spiritual, social and educational growth to its members.

As an urban parish, the parishioners have a healthy sense of respect for tradition, a commitment to faith, and a friendly welcoming atmosphere for all people. For over a century, the St. Procop Parish has been a viable Catholic presence in the city and today still continues to convey its mission of Christ.

As the St. Procop continues to be a Christ-centered, hope-filled community, the church perseveres to face the needs and challenges of the community through: celebrating, evangelizing, teaching, caring and participating.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in praising the St. Procop Parish, a diverse, charitable and caring parish dedicated to improving the community of Cleveland on their 125th anniversary.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 14, 1998*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, due to official business in the

30th Congressional District, I was unable to record my vote on H. Res. 525, providing for release and review by the Committee on the Judiciary of a communication from Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on final passage on this measure.

#### TRIBUTE TO NILES DELFOSSE

### HON. JAY W. JOHNSON

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 14, 1998*

Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great teacher, Niles Delfosse of Green Bay, Wisconsin.

I call Niles a teacher for the lessons he gives all of us about the strength of the human spirit. He is a U.S. Army combat veteran of the Vietnam War, and he knows a great deal about courage and sacrifice.

But on December 31, 1996, a drunk driver left Niles Delfosse a quadriplegic, the victim of a hit-and-run car accident. Niles spent over six months in the hospital recovering from the accident, and is now confined to a wheelchair with very limited use of his arms and legs.

Such a tragic event would undoubtedly shake any person's faith. Yet, Niles' friends tell me that he maintains a positive attitude that inspires everyone around him, every day.

And he leads by example. I am proud to report to you today that this past summer, Niles participated in the 18th National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. This field of more than 600 athletes from 40 states, Puerto Rico and Great Britain is the largest annual wheelchair sports event in the United States, and is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the Paralyzed Veterans of America.

Niles did not just compete in these games. He excelled. When the events were over, Niles took home a gold medal in the shot, and gold medal in the javelin, a gold medal in the discus, a gold medal in bowling, and a silver medal in the air guns. Five events, and he earned four gold medals and a silver. That is an amazing accomplishment. But it would be a great accomplishment, even if Niles did not take home a single medal. It is the competition and the will to succeed that marks Niles character, and his character is his true achievement.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me to day is congratulating Niles Delfosse for his success and for the inspiration he gives us all, and we congratulate all of the participants in the National Veterans Wheelchair Games. Thank you, Niles.

#### HONORING SUSAN PENN FRENCH

### HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 14, 1998*

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor an extraordinary individual, Susan Penn French of Houston, for her many years of leadership and dedicated service to children in the Houston/Harris County community and throughout the State of Texas.

On September 16, 1998, the National Network of Children's Advocacy Centers will award Susan Penn French the Volunteer Leadership-Individual Award for her efforts on behalf of sexually abused children. This award is very well deserved as Ms. French is a co-founder of The Children's Assessment Center in Houston, which is nationally and internationally recognized for its pioneering, child-focused approach to meeting the needs of sexually abused children.

Ms. French today serves as President of the Children's Assessment Center Foundation Executive Committee. She and Ellen Cokinos, the Executive Director of the Center, were the driving forces behind the establishment of the Center in 1991 to provide a more compassionate approach to assisting young victims of sexual abuse. Then the President of the Junior League of Houston, Inc., and a member of the Harris County Child Abuse Task Force, Ms. French spearheaded fundraising for the Center, while Ms. Cokinos worked to develop a new therapeutic model.

Together, these two leaders had the vision to conceive of the Center, the resourcefulness to build a remarkable partnership of public and private support, and the drive to get the job done. Their love for and understanding of children is evident in every aspect of The Children's Assessment Center.

The Center, the largest of its kind in the nation, combines the strengths of the public and private sectors and the support of many dedicated volunteers to meet the multiple needs of sexually abused children in the most compassionate and least traumatic way possible. It houses professionals from 10 partner agencies, encompassing children's advocates, law enforcement, and health care providers, to provide a coordinated, team response to protecting children. In addition to providing on-site medical and social services, the Center takes a pioneering approach to meeting law-enforcement needs that involves a single videotape by specially trained interviewers that allows the Center staff, law enforcement officials, social workers, prosecutors, and other partnering members to obtain necessary information without subjecting the child to additional trauma and questioning. This team approach to serving sexually abused children speeds recovery and improves the effectiveness of law enforcement.

From its inception as a program of Harris County Children's Protection Services, the Center has grown exponentially and now stands as its own department of Harris County Commissioner's Court. In a true public-private partnership, the Center receives half of its annual operating budget from Harris County and half from funds raised by its foundation through the generous contributions of corporations, foundations, and individuals. The federal government has been a partner as well, providing support through the Community Development Block Grant, Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Foster Care Services, and Victims of Crime programs.

Susan Penn French has been critical to making The Children's Assessment Center what it is today. In addition to leading the initial fundraising, she served as Chair of the Center's first Board of Advisors. After the Center's opening, Ms. French created and developed the unique public/private funding structure, leading to the establishment of the independent, non-profit Children's Assessment Center Foundation.

As President of the Foundation and chair of its capital campaign, Ms French spearheaded a successful drive to raise \$10.25 million to build a new, 53,000-square foot, state-of-the-art facility to house The Children's Assessment Center. First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton cut the ribbon to open the new facility in March of this year, using the occasion to pay tribute to the Center's pioneering work and Ms. French's leadership in helping sexually abused children.

Ms. French's work on behalf of children is not limited to the Children Assessment Center. Since 1990, she has advocated on behalf of abused children access Texas by serving as a Board Member of Texas Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children. From 1994 to 1996, she served as president of this organization, which appoints advocates for abused children as they progress through the system. She also serves as a board member of Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas, Inc., chairing their Public Relations Committee.

Mr. Speaker, Susan Penn French is highly deserving of this recognition, and I am pleased to join the National Network of Children's Advocacy Centers, The Children's Assessment Center, Susan's husband, Layne, and their Children, Rebecca and Layne, Jr., in honoring her today for her commitment to serving our nation's most vulnerable citizens and her many accomplishments on their behalf.

#### COMMEMORATING 50 YEARS OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

SPEECH OF

### HON. EARL POMEROY

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 9, 1998*

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 459, a resolution commemorating 50 years of relations between the United States and the Republic of Korea. I want to personally thank Congressman GILMAN, the sponsor of the legislation, for his work on this issue.

Since the liberation from colonial Japanese rule and the end of the Korean War, the United States has been a staunch supporter of Korea. During the cold War era, Korea played a key role in impeding the spread of communism around the world. Korea has demonstrated through its own successful transition to democracy that cooperative efforts have been beneficial. Last year, Korea was on the verge of national financial turmoil, but, instead of falling into a depression, it started to rise again with the assistance and cooperation of the United States. It is with respect that we commemorate 50 years of close relations between our countries.

As a father of two adopted children from Korea—Kathryn and Scott—I understand how closely connected Korea is with us. Koreans and Americans have formed a brotherhood, uniting in our common interests and values, which includes the welfare of our children. As we continue pursuing even stronger bilateral relations, Congress should play a positive role in promoting our relations with Korea. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.