

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SHARP
REES-STEALY ON THEIR 75TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 1998

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, in 1923, Time magazine published its first issue, Amelia Earhart received a pilot's certificate, Walt and Roy Disney began a movie studio, and two San Diego physicians joined together to establish the area's first multi-specialty group practice.

The two physician/surgeons, Clarence Rees, M.D. and Clair Stealy, M.D., believed that patient care would be enhanced if doctors representing multiple specialties worked together. Now, 75 years later, Sharp Rees-Stealy Medical Group is one of the largest multi-specialty groups in Southern California.

In 1923, combining specialties was a bold act, but physicians who joined Rees-Stealy soon learned they were able to collaborate with colleagues from other specialties, vastly improving the diagnostic process and providing comprehensive, efficient and thorough patient care in a cost-effective manner. Because of this, Sharp Rees-Stealy became the official physicians for local schools, the police and fire departments and other civic organizations in addition to serving thousands of San Diegans.

With the group's unique position in the community, Dr. Stealy initiated the first citywide physician referral service for patients and the first (and largest until 1966) medical library in San Diego. He was also instrumental in starting a teaching service at what was then County Hospital, and was a founding member of the American College of Physicians. Dr. Rees was the first member of the American College of Surgeons west of the Mississippi.

Both doctors placed a premium on research as well, establishing the Rees-Stealy Medical Research Foundation in 1938.

In 1976, the first satellite office opened in Mira Mesa, and in 1983, the McCausland-Robinson Medical Clinics of Chula Vista merged with Rees-Stealy.

In 1985, the medical group took another bold step into the future of health care by affiliating with Sharp HealthCare, creating the Sharp Rees-Stealy Medical Group. This joint venture was the first of its kind in San Diego and attracted national attention.

Today, the tradition of quality and caring continues. Sharp Rees-Stealy now has 14 San Diego County locations with more than 280 physicians representing virtually every field of medicine. Sharp Rees-Stealy is one of the few providers who allows its HMO patients to refer themselves to some of its specialists. Patients also have access to 24-hour health care advice, same day primary care appointments, and urgent care centers to deliver care whenever their patients need it.

While times have changed over the last 75 years, the doctors and staff at Sharp Rees-Stealy still believe in old-fashioned quality care with a personal touch. I know that my congressional colleagues will join me in congratulating them on their incredible record and wish them the very best for the next 75 years.

PROFESSOR LARRY HEIMGARTNER

IN HONOR OF JOHN H. BRADLEY

HON. DANA ROHRABACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 1998

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased and honored today to address the House regarding Professor Larry William Heimgartner.

For the past twenty-five years, Mr. Heimgartner has served as a distinguished faculty member of the Los Angeles Harbor College Humanities and Fine Arts Division. He has been a tireless, dedicated professional, who has had a profound impact on the thousands of students who have come under his influence as a mentor, advisor, confidant, counselor and teacher.

Professor Heimgartner is an accomplished playwright, director, and producer. Over the course of his tenure at Harbor College he has written, produced and directed many original theatrical productions, including the one man show "Abraham Lincoln"; the Broadway musical "Grab the Ring"; a musical adaptation of "Alice in Wonderland"; and "Bigger Than Bubblegum," a musical portrayal of the life and times of the 1970's pop group The Emotions.

Professor Heimgartner has long directed his considerable talents and energy toward the education of children. He has written, produced, and directed a series of musical "plays with a moral" for children. These plays are presented annually as a part of the U.S. Marine Corps' "Toys for Tots" program, and as a feature of Harbor College's Summer Children's Theater events. He has also presented "America's Youth," which addresses the challenges confronting our children today, and "Don't Get Too Close," a hard-edged presentation regarding the dangers of AIDS and HIV.

Professor Heimgartner is an educational innovator. He has developed and instituted a variety of laudatory programs for the benefit of his students and the community. He has conducted study programs in Europe through a cooperative exchange program with England's Barnsley College, directed interactive teleconferencing sessions in the state, nation and in the international community, and introduced the More Opportunities for the Developmentally Disabled program. The MODD Squad, as the professor calls it, is an innovative program which provides opportunities for people with disabilities to participate in the College's original dramas.

Larry William Heimgartner is an esteemed and respected faculty member of Harbor College. He is the recipient of the Eugene Pimentel Award for Teaching Excellence, and has been named in Outstanding Young Men of America. As an alumnus of Harbor College, it is with great personal pride that I express my thanks and good wishes to Professor Heimgartner on the occasion of his twenty-fifth anniversary with the College. He is an example of the best of America.

HON. JAY W. JOHNSON

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 1998

Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, later this month, on September 27, 1998, the National Funeral Directors Association will officially dedicate their new headquarters building in Brookfield, Wisconsin. On that day, they will honor and remember a very special man, John H. Bradley of Antigo, Wisconsin. He was a beloved husband and father, a committed community leader, a respected church member, and a funeral director by profession.

When John Bradley passed away in 1994, he left his family and all of his many friends in Antigo with memories of a lifetime of loving concern and head work. They will undoubtedly never forget him.

But there is another reason why John Bradley will never be forgotten. It is the result of a relatively short period in his life when he served his country when the world was at war. It is, not incidentally, a time in his life of which, I am told, John Bradley rarely spoke. I assure you that every day, just a short walk from our Nation's Capitol, thousands of Americans remember and salute him every day. Because John Bradley was one of six Marines who bravely thrust the American Flag into the soil of Mount Suribachi on the Pacific island of Iwo Jima on February 23, 1945. With that one act, John Bradley and his countrymen symbolized this country's fighting spirit and our willingness to sacrifice for freedom and democracy the world over. The planting of our Flag on that day is burned in our nation's history, and it has been rightfully commemorated as the Marine Corps War Memorial today. The valor of those six men has earned the respect of every U.S. citizen who has come after them.

We should always remember that crucial 36-day assault in 1945 on Iwo Jima. Securing the island was vital to our country's position in the Pacific during World War II, but the toll was immense. When the last shot was fired, 6,821 marines gave their lives to the effort, and greater than 20,000 more suffered casualties so that the United States could succeed and freedom could prosper. In the long and venerated history of the Marine Corps, Iwo Jima was the only battle where Marines took more casualties than the enemy.

John Bradley took home the Navy Cross—our country's second highest award for bravery—for his actions at Iwo Jima. As a medical corpsman, he earned the medal for rushing to the aid of two injured Marines, and then protecting them with his body while he treated their wounds. His care for his fellow country men is even more significant because Bradley himself had been shot through both legs just moments before.

How can our nation every repay the enormous sacrifice made by John Bradley and every other serviceman during those torturous battles? we can only come close by honoring their valor and preserving a democracy worthy of their effort.

Mr. Speaker, as a veteran myself, I know my colleagues will join me today in saluting the full life of John Bradley, and his entire family for making Wisconsin and making this country a truly better place.