

Americans. Over the years, LULAC has improved the social and economic status of Hispanics through its activism in the areas of equal justice, housing, employment, and education. By 1954, LULAC had earned recognition for winning two landmark civil rights cases. The first integrated the Orange County, California school system, and the second secured jury duty rights for Mexican-Americans in Texas. Since that time, LULAC has worked hard to achieve full access to the political process for all Hispanics, as well as equal educational opportunity for Hispanic children. LULAC councils across the nation work toward this goal by holding voter registration drives and citizen awareness sessions, sponsoring health fairs and tutorial programs, and raising scholarship money for the LULAC national scholarship fund. In addition, LULAC's activism has expanded to include the areas of language and cultural rights. In response to a recent increase in anti-Hispanic sentiment, LULAC councils have fought back by holding seminars and public symposiums on language and immigration issues. The nation's oldest and largest national Hispanic civil rights organization, LULAC continues to be a strong voice in the struggle for equal opportunity for Hispanic-Americans.

The Indiana State LULAC has faithfully worked to fulfill the National LULAC mission through a strong commitment to community and education. The Indiana LULAC emphasizes the protection of civil and human rights for Hispanic citizens and immigrants, and it strives to achieve this goal by educating the Hispanic community. Extremely youth-oriented, Indiana LULAC hosts annual career days and college fairs, provides numerous educational workshops and seminars for students, and offers several leadership training opportunities to students. In addition, Indiana LULAC continues to award scholarships to academic achievers throughout the state and, to date, has awarded over \$200,000 in college scholarships. In the future, the Indiana State LULAC aspires to open a LULAC National Education Center, which would provide counseling and tutorial services, scholarships, and low-interest loans to help Hispanic students attend college.

One of LULAC's primary goals is to advance the economic condition of Latinos in the United States and Puerto Rico. The leaders of LULAC are striving to empower members of the Latino community to take control of their financial futures and obtain financial security for their retirement years. With a significant economic disparity between Latinos and the general population, LULAC is taking this opportunity to address this immediate, important issue. The League of United Latin American Citizens 1998 Midwest Conference offers workshops and information sessions to give participants the opportunities and techniques to learn about becoming financially secure, independent, and taking the initiative to become one's own boss. Proceeds for this conference will be used to fund scholarships, as well as youth and young adult educational projects for the Midwest. These programs include the Young Reader Programs, the Hispanic Leadership Opportunities Programs, and the Washington, D.C. Youth Seminars.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending the Midwest and State of Indiana LULAC organizations for their extraordinary efforts to

unite Hispanics. All involved in the success of these organizations, as well as their endeavors, should be proud of their efforts in working toward equality, independence, and success for Hispanic-Americans.

DALLAS' NBC CHANNEL 5 CELEBRATES ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 1998

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to rise today to recognize a distinguished part of Texas history. This Sunday, September 27, 1998, Dallas' NBC Channel 5 will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary. Channel 5 was founded in 1948 by Texas visionary Amon G. Carter, a noted communications pioneer in both publishing and broadcasting, whose ingenuity led to the delivery of television to the State of Texas and the Southwest. In fact, NBC Channel 5 was the first television station to go on the air in the State of Texas and the entire Southwest of the United States on September 27, 1948, airing the local visit of President Harry S. Truman in his Presidential whistlestop campaign.

While Channel 5 has made its home in a Texas State Historic Landmark Building for the past fifty years, it has served as much more than a simple addition to Texas' architectural heritage. NBC Channel 5 can boast numerous historical accolades, including the first live local news report in Texas in 1948, the first live intercontinental satellite report in 1977, and the first station in the Southwest to offer viewers news via e-mail in 1997.

NBC Channel 5 remains a broadcasting leader in delivering to its viewers the very best in programming and local, national, and international news coverage, highlighted by an unwavering commitment to community service. Therefore, it is with great pride that I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing fifty years of excellence from a news organization that has raised the standard of journalistic integrity and service to both the great State of Texas and the United States of America; Dallas' NBC Channel 5.

TAIWAN'S 87TH NATIONAL DAY

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 1998

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, as the Chinese on Taiwan prepare to celebrate their 87th National Day on October 10, 1998, I wish them the best in their continuing efforts to sustain economic growth and to further political reform.

My congratulations go to President Lee Teng-hui and Vice President Lien Chan and the people of the Republic of China on Taiwan. President Lee is to be especially saluted for having repeatedly urged the Chinese communists to hold meaningful exchanges on reunification issues. President Lee is committed to reunification. His dream is to see a reunified and democratic China.

In the meantime, President Lee asks all nations to consider Taiwan's legitimate place in

the world community. After all, Taiwan is the 19th largest economy and 14th largest trading nation in the world. Excluding Taiwan's participation in world affairs is a loss for the international community.

May Taiwan have many many returns of their National Day and an early reunification with Mainland China under the principles of democracy, freedom, and individual human rights.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 1998

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, on September 23, 1998, I was unavoidably detained during two rollcall votes; No. 455, on agreeing to H. Res. 505 offered by Representative FALOMAVAEGA and No. 456, on agreeing to H. Con. Res. 315 offered by Representative LANTOS. Had I been present for the votes, I would have voted "yes" on number 455 and "yes" on number 456.

TRIBUTE TO EMILY SILICH AND THE CITY OF HOBART, INDIANA

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 1998

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I commend the City of Hobart, Indiana, for dedicating its newest park to the memory of the late Emily Silich. On Saturday, September 26, at 10:00 AM, Emily Silich's family and friends will gather to honor her memory. It is due to Emily's dream, vision, and extraordinary efforts that this park has been created to enrich the lives and neighborhoods of the people of Hobart, and the whole of Northwest Indiana.

Emily Silich Park, as it will be named, began as only an idea, a dream. As the City Councilwoman for the Second District of Hobart, Emily sought to provide her constituents with their first park. From its humble beginnings in 1992, to the final culmination in 1998, this drive to provide a positive, clean, and public park for the Second District has been a study in determination and persistence. After Emily Silich passed away in 1995, her family and friends did not allow her dream to fade away.

Instead, Silich's family and friends enlisted the aid of Mayor Linda Buzinec, the local YMCA Board, and Hobart residents. With the aid of the current City Councilman from the Second District, Carl Lindsey, land was purchased from the YMCA. Tom Silich, Emily's husband, and Carl Lindsey donated \$3,000 and \$500, respectively, in order to purchase land for the park. These efforts, and the work of countless others, has helped to realize one of Emily's goals. Emily Silich Park is located in Hobart, Indiana, on two acres of land. It has among its features a picnic shelter, and playground equipment for the children of the neighborhood. In the future, the Park Board is seeking to add tennis courts and other attractive features.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating the selfless efforts of the Silich family,

Mayor Buzinec, and Councilman Lindsey. Through their hard work, dedication, and determination, Emily Silich's goal was realized. Citizens like Tom Silich, Robin Toneff, Carl Lindsey, and Linda Buzinec are examples of the true American ideal: Citizens improving themselves, their neighborhoods, and their communities. I am proud to serve such dedicated residents of Indiana's First Congressional District.

CONGRATULATING MICELL TECHNOLOGIES, INC. ON WINNING A PRESTIGIOUS R&D 100 AWARD

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 1998

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Micell Technologies, Inc., a high-tech company from my home state of North Carolina that deserves much praise, not only for landing a spot on R&D Magazine's list of 100 most significant innovations of 1998, but also for discovering a new technology that will benefit people's lives and have a positive impact on the environment.

Located in Raleigh and founded only three years ago by Joseph DeSimone and fellow scientists Timothy Romack and James McClain, Micell is being honored in conjunction with Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) for advancements in the use of carbon dioxide for professional garment care, metal degreasing, and textile processing.

R&D Magazine has highlighted Micell's newest inventions, the Micell and Miclean solvent cleaning systems, which provide an environmentally friendly alternative to traditional dry cleaning and metal cleaning methods. These systems use a liquid form of carbon dioxide to clean clothing and remove unwanted oils while allowing the carbon dioxide to be recycled time and time again.

This discovery is significant because it will offer an alternative to the use of perchloroethylene, the most commonly used dry-cleaning solvent, which has been known to contaminate groundwater and is also suspected to be carcinogenic. It will protect both consumers and employees in the dry cleaning industry and also help protect our environment.

To help Micell Technologies and others like them, we should be strengthening federal support for basic science and environmental technology development and creating incentives to encourage businesses to adopt environmentally sound, energy efficient, and water conserving processes.

The R&D 100 has been called "The Oscars of Invention." It has honored innovations like anti-lock brakes and the fax and automated teller machines, inventions that have changed the way we live. Therefore, it is with great pride that I publicly congratulate Micell Technologies for their innovative, environmentally friendly technological discoveries.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO TAIWAN

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 1998

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to send greetings and best wishes to the leaders in the Republic of China on Taiwan. Their national day is a day of celebration for all the Chinese living in Taiwan. Taiwan, a small island country, faces a formidable adversary—the Chinese mainland. Yet Taiwan is able to enjoy its economic success, political reforms as well as freedom and democracy.

Much of Taiwan's economic and political success is directly attributable to the leadership of President Lee Teng-hui. A statesman of vision, energy and courage, President Lee is determined to make Taiwan a model nation for all emerging countries. And most important of all, he hopes Taiwan will inspire the Chinese mainland to democratize and become a free country.

President Lee Teng-hui should be credited for restarting the bilateral talks between Taiwan and the Chinese mainland. It is his goal to see the principles of democracy and freedom flourish.

Happy Birthday to Taiwan!

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE VIC FAZIO

SPEECH OF

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 1998

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend my colleague, HOWARD BERMAN, for permitting me this opportunity to express my gratitude to a departing member. I am here to join my colleagues as we salute a long time friend and colleague, VIC FAZIO. Over my thirty year career in the United States House of Representatives, I am privileged to say that for twenty of those years, I had the distinct pleasure of knowing and working with VIC FAZIO. The years that VIC served on the Ethics Committee presented him as a man of honesty, intelligence, and integrity. He is a man whose diligent work ethic has earned him a long and productive career in the House. He has worked on various committees and served in several key positions.

As a freshman, VIC embraced a diligent work ethic that established him as a great legislator, VIC was elected to represent the Third District of California in 1978. Since that time, he has been elected to ten consequent terms in the House. He was appointed to the House Appropriations Committee in 1980 and served as the ranking Democrat on the Appropriations Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch until 1996. Although still a member of the subcommittee, VIC relinquished his ranking position in order to gain a seat on the Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food, and Drug Administration.

In 1990, he was the political arm of the Democrats in Congress when he was selected to the position of Chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. He then served as the Regional Representative on the

Steering and Policy Committee and sat on the new Steering Committee. VIC has co-chaired the House Bipartisan Task Force on Ethics and was the Majority Whip-at-Large. VIC's tenure also included work on the Budget Committee and also served on the Select Committee on Hunger.

Mr. Speaker, VIC FAZIO has held a well respected position in the House as a very effective legislator. Many of my colleagues recognize VIC as the man with the quick and easy smile, a man to turn to in order to get things accomplished and represented the concerns of his colleagues. VIC is a man whose astute nature provided all he encountered with wisdom and guidance. Indicative of his well respected character, VIC was re-elected by an overwhelming majority of our colleagues to serve as the Chairman of the Democratic Caucus during his tenth term in 1996.

On a personal note, I would like to wish VIC and his lovely wife, Judy, well as VIC embarks on a new path when he leaves the House of Representatives this year. No other has served with such integrity, intelligence, and diligence. The House of Representatives will not only lose a distinguished and hard-working legislator as VIC FAZIO makes his final exit at the end of this year, but it will lose some of its luster when the man with quick smile and easy grace transcends to a different role outside the House of Representatives.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FEDERAL AGENCY MAIL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 1998

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduced legislation that will express the sense of the Congress that Federal Agencies should develop a plan to coordinate their mailing expenses, the content of their taxpayer financed mailings, and the currentness of the lists to which they are mailing.

I find it shocking that with annual expenditures of nearly \$1 billion, the Executive Branch of government does not have a coordinated mailing plan. The total spending of taxpayer dollars is not monitored by any agency, other than the Postal Service, and the content of their mailings is determined by each Federal Agency, with no uniform rules on partisanship or political content. Additionally, I am concerned that the mailing lists are not current, as I have seen firsthand, and that the Federal Government is wasting money by mailing to outdated lists.

Congress is subject to strict rules about the content of their mailings, the timing of their mailings, and annual budgets. I believe that the Administration, in consultation with Congress, must take a comprehensive look at their mailing practices and determine some uniform standards by which to operate.

I urge my colleagues to support the Federal Agency Mail Accountability Act.