

TRIBUTE TO CLAIRE GAUDIANI ON
THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF
HER TENURE AS PRESIDENT OF
CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

HON. SAM GEJDENSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 1998

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Claire Gaudiani as she marks her tenth anniversary as President of Connecticut College in New London, Connecticut. President Gaudiani is an extraordinary academic, administrator and community activist who embodies the very best qualities of America. I am honored to call her my friend.

President Gaudiani came to Connecticut College from Purdue University in 1988. Over the past decade, she has made an indelible impact on the institution. Under her leadership, the college has dramatically expanded academic programs, including creating four new academic centers: the Centers for Community Challenges; Conservation Biology and Environmental Studies; Arts and Technology; and International Studies and the Liberal Arts. She spearheaded a campaign which has quadrupled the school's endowment. Today, Connecticut College is recognized as one of the leading liberal arts institutions in the nation.

Although her work as Connecticut College is truly impressive, President Gaudiani is much, much more than a university president. She is arguably the most articulate voice today on behalf of restoring civility to our society. Throughout much of our history, Americans helped their neighbors in need—communities built barns, families took in strangers displaced by natural disasters, and people gave whatever they could, even when they had very little, to fellow citizens who had fallen on hard times. Community was not merely a place where people lived, it embodied a sense of togetherness and common purpose. Civil discourse was not an abstraction but a way of life.

Unfortunately, as President Gaudiani has written: "Evidence is mounting that our national reservoir of good will toward each other is running out like water from a leaky bucket." Today, as so many rush to accomplish an ever growing list of tasks, we often forget to take time to lend a helping hand to our neighbors or to put the interests of our city, town or country ahead of our own. In an alarming example of how people are withdrawing from our most important national discourse—our electoral process, participation rates in national elections are at all-time lows.

President Gaudiani is leading a national effort to restore civility to society and to encourage all of us to work on behalf of the common good. She is a member of the National Council for a Civil Society based at the University of Chicago. She has written numerous articles and given speeches coast to coast discussing how the nation can achieve this goal. She has put this vision into practice at Connecticut College by creating the Center for Community Challenges, which offers students a wide array of opportunities to engage in community service, and the Institute for a Civil Society, which brings together non-profit organizations, businesses and government to encourage civic participation. Moreover, President Gaudiani has been courageous enough to challenge the

nation's leaders "to stop widening the private rifts that separate us and call us to renew the values that can unite our public life." These are words each of us should take to heart when the politics of division appear to be overcoming the politics of inclusion.

Mr. Speaker, I believe the most extraordinary characteristic which distinguishes President Gaudiani is her commitment to her community—New London. Working with local elected officials, businesses, community activists and residents, President Gaudiani has helped to lead a renaissance in the city of New London as the President of the New London Development Corporation. Claire Gaudiani didn't have to take this job. She had more than enough to do at Connecticut College to keep her very busy. She accepted this position because the Corporation is focused on renewing the community in the larger sense. Although this effort is strongly focused on economic renewal, it encompasses a wide array of initiatives designed to improve quality of life, restore civic pride and bring every sector of the community—political, cultural, ethnic and racial—together in pursuit of a common goal.

I am proud to say that this effort has been a resounding success. Earlier this month, several hundred people gathered to celebrate the fact that Pfizer, one of the world's leading pharmaceutical companies which is based in southeastern Connecticut, will develop a \$220 million state-of-the-art research facility in New London. This project will create as many as 2,000 jobs over the next decade and will be the centerpiece of a revitalized riverfront area. New London will be one of several sites in the United States to host OpSail 2000—the largest tall ship and maritime event in history—in July 2000.

Although these projects are exciting, the overall effort led by President Gaudiani has created a new sense of community spirit and pride. Residents, businesses, civic groups and others have a new appreciation of the common bonds that unite them. People are coming together in pursuit of common goals and with a renewed commitment to strengthening the entire community.

Mr. Speaker, I take great pride in congratulating Claire Gaudiani on her tenth anniversary as President of Connecticut College. Her commitment to academic excellence and civic renewal is an example for all of us. I wish her continued success as she embarks on her second decade in New London.

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED CAREER OF DR. CLIFF GILLESPIE

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 1998

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend the contributions Dr. George Clifford Gillespie, Jr. has made to Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) and his community.

Dr. Gillespie is the Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management at Middle Tennessee State University. He is a native of Nashville and received his undergraduate education at MTSU. He also received a Masters Degree at MTSU and a Ph. D. in College Administration from the George Peabody College at Vanderbilt University.

Prior to his recent promotion, he had held the position of Dean of Admissions, Records, and Information Systems at Middle Tennessee State since 1975. At the time of his appointment, he was the youngest person to hold such a position in the United States. Dr. Gillespie is a former member of the Executive Committee of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers. He held the position of Secretary/Treasurer from 1983 through 1986, and has been a presenter at the annual meeting of AACRAO on numerous occasions.

He has done an exceptional job with the office. Since his employment with the school, in the early 70's, he has witnessed many changes. One of the major changes is the increase of enrollment due to his professional expertise in admissions. He is truly a strong proponent of the institution.

Dr. Gillespie is noted for the automation he has brought to the admission processes at MTSU. He is often called upon by other institutions to serve as a consultant in the area of registration, records management, and enrollment. On occasion, he teaches in the doctoral program on higher education at Vanderbilt University.

Dr. Gillespie is known for more than his role as Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management at MTSU. He has also distinguished himself as the primary announcer for the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration.

I would like to congratulate Dr. Gillespie on his stellar career. He had done a fine job in representing Rutherford County. I thank him for the contributions he has made to Middle Tennessee State University and the Murfreesboro community.

PROTECT SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT

SPEECH OF

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 1998

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to H.R. 4578. Social Security is a sacred trust between working Americans and the Federal government. It is the last program that should be used as a political tool in an election year.

This bill, which claims to save Social Security, would undermine the financial strength of the program, siphoning off the Social Security surplus into tax cuts. Ninety-eight percent of what we call the budget surplus over the next decade comes from the Social Security Trust Fund. Those funds must be protected until we have shored up the long term strength of the program.

This bill is a companion to an \$80 billion tax cut bill. The Republicans temporarily have dropped their longtime commitment to tax breaks for the very wealthy and adopted Democratic tax relief proposals. Unfortunately, they pay for them by violating the Social Security Trust Fund. This Republican tax cut robs our seniors of their peace of mind and undermines the future fiscal stability of Social Security.

The Republicans are not proposing these tax cuts because they believe in them. This is

an attempt to co-opt Democrats into helping the Republicans slowly dismantle Social Security. They have made the tax cuts as attractive as possible to Democrats in order to provide a mountain of sugar to disguise the taste of the poison. But the truth is that undermining Social Security will not help America's working families.

There can no longer be any doubt about the differences between the Republicans and the Democrats. Democrats want to protect the Social Security surplus. Republicans want a tax cut at the expense of America's seniors. Democrats want to ensure that for generations to come, Social Security will continue to be a constant in the lives of our elderly citizens.

Democrats have always supported responsible tax cuts paid for out of the budget. But to take money from the Social Security surplus is fiscally irresponsible and jeopardizes the future of the program. Those funds must be protected for today's retirees and for today's workers. We must save the surplus, strengthen the system, and secure the future for America's seniors. That's the Democratic way.

I urge my colleagues to oppose H.R. 4578.

INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 4566—IRAQ
LIBERATION ACT OF 1998

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 1998

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, September 29th, I introduced H.R. 4566, the "Iraq Liberation Act of 1998." As the title suggests, the purpose of this legislation is to finally and irrevocably commit the United States to the removal from power of the regime headed by Saddam Hussein.

For almost eight years now, since the end of Operation Desert Storm, we waited for Saddam Hussein's regime to live up to its international obligations; to dismantle its weapons of mass destruction under international inspections, to stop threatening Iraq's neighbors, and stop menacing Iraq's Kurdish and Shi'ite minorities.

After dozens of U.N. Security Council resolutions, and compromise after compromise, we have too little to show. Our patience was misinterpreted by Saddam Hussein as weakness. Regrettably, America's friends in the Middle East believe our policy lacked seriousness. The time has come to let Saddam know—to let the whole world know—that the United States will not tolerate this regime's continued grip on power.

We must abandon the fiction that there can be peace and security in the Persian Gulf region with Saddam Hussein's regime still in power. Simply put, Saddam must go. This is not a simple task. Even when the international community was unified and the United States was energized, solutions were few and far between.

Some suggest that our nation should go to war and rid the Persian Gulf of the threat posed by Saddam. We may yet be compelled to do so, but before we put American lives at risk in that far away land, we have a duty to explore the alternatives. One alternative is to assist freedom-loving Iraqis.

Consider the people of Iraq who have no say in their future. Because of Saddam Hus-

sein, they tolerated years of deprivation. At the hands of this man and his Republican Guards, tens of thousands of people were massacred. The people of Iraq are sick and tired of suffering; they have been willing to take up arms against Saddam Hussein, and they are willing to do so again.

The Iraq Liberation Act is not a complete recipe for Saddam's removal, but it contains some key ingredients. This bill calls on the President to designate a group or groups committed to a democratic Iraq. For the designated group or groups, it authorizes the President to provide up to \$97 million in military assistance, to be drawn down from the stocks of the Department of Defense. In addition, it authorizes the provision of \$2 million for opposition radio and television broadcasting inside Iraq.

These authorities, combined with other actions Congress already has taken, will contribute to a comprehensive policy of promoting democracy in Iraq. Earlier this year, the Congress appropriated \$10 million to support pro-democracy groups, assist their organization, found Radio Free Iraq under the aegis of Radio Free Europe, and build a war-crimes case against Saddam Hussein. A further \$10 million is contained in the Senate version of the Foreign Operations Appropriations bill that will soon go to conference.

The Iraq Liberation Act marks an important step forward in our fight against Saddam Hussein. We must not fool ourselves: The man is the problem. If this man remains in power, Iraq will remain a clear and present danger to the United States and our allies. We heard as much from the Chief U.N. weapons inspector, Scott Ritter, and we have heard as much from the Administration.

This bill will not tie the President's hands. It does not mandate the actual delivery of military assistance. The only requirement it contains is that the President designate a group or groups as eligible to receive the assistance we are authorizing. I would hope, however, that the President will use the authority we are offering him to begin to help the people of Iraq liberate themselves.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE ERNEST
MORISHITA

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 1998

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express our community's grief at the loss of Ernest Morishita who died September 6 of this year at the age of 57. Ernie was more than an effective and dedicated public servant, Ernie instilled a feeling of family to Monterey County administration.

Monterey County was extremely fortunate to hire Ernie Morishita away from Fresno County in 1983 to become our County Administrative Officer. Ernie managed the 24 departments and over 3,700 employees with a combination of skill and good humor. It was under his leadership that an economic development program was implemented, bringing stability to County coffers in the face of such onslaughts as the economic downturns of the early 1990's and the erosion of property tax income due to changes in State formulae.

Ernie had a way of streamlining bureaucratic processes and making them user-friendly. Planning and building inspection processes, cooperation between county libraries with city libraries and schools, health and medical departments and programs all benefitted from Ernie's intelligent oversight and fine leadership. Ernie could call upon his positive relationship with the agencies and the political structure of the county to negotiate agreements across agency boundaries. The City of Salinas was able to build playing fields and a golf course on County land, for instance. As the Emergency Services Director during five major, presidentially declared disasters, Ernie created a full-time emergency services office for greater inter-agency cooperation and effective emergency response.

Ernie's droll humor brought warmth and loyalty to county administration, and his pranks are legend. He was not beyond impersonating the county environmental health officer upon arrival at a restaurant to see how it affected service. To better monitor operations and maintain accessibility to all levels of operations, Ernie often walked through county facilities, conversing with custodians and clerks. He was a mentor and advisor who developed affection and camaraderie at every level. Supervisor Simon Salinas once said "He had the biggest heart of anyone in the county."

Our heartfelt condolences go to his family, his wife Kay, daughter Emily, and son Mark, as well as to his father Irving and brother Ken.

Ernie's legacies are beyond the stability and financial integrity he established within county operations. Ernie was a patriarch, and the county became a family through his wise guidance.

TRIBUTE TO LEE HAMILTON

SPEECH OF

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 28, 1998

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member has served in the U.S. House of Representatives with our very distinguished colleague from Indiana [Mr. LEE HAMILTON] for twenty years and this Member has worked closely with LEE on the House International Affairs Committee for sixteen of those twenty years. As a result of that contact, this Member will tell this body that this Member believes he is the most outstanding Member now serving in the U.S. House of Representatives. Certainly, he is one of the three most distinguished legislators with whom this Member has served in that period of twenty years.

This Member also knows that this Member's high regard for LEE is shared by the very wide circle of people who have known and observed him, not only by those of us in the Congress, but also by people across the country and in the far corners of the earth. His sound and well-reasoned judgment, his unswerving integrity, his unfailing courtesy, his intellect, and his very wise and deep knowledge of matters foreign and domestic have built his exceptional reputation that reflects to favorably on the people of Indiana who have elected him to Congress an amazing seventeen times.

There have been very few if any Members in the U.S. House of Representatives—for