

congratulate him for a highly successful career in the House of Representatives and for being a role model for those Members who follow.

LEE has been a leader, both as chairman and ranking member of the International Relations Committee. His knowledge of America's efforts in this world has proven invaluable. His advice has been sought by other Members concerning our relations with other countries. His contributions to the field of foreign affairs will be sorely missed. But most of all, LEE HAMILTON serves as a role model as an honorable, decent, hardworking, and knowledgeable Member of this House. I have admired him as an individual and I have respected him as a Member. I am proud to call him my friend. I wish all the best for LEE and his charming wife Nancy as they enter private life at the close of this session.

TRIBUTE TO PATRICK KELLEY
AND MABEL SWAFFORD

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to two of my constituents that operate a farmers market on Highway 34 near Greeley. Small business owners and hard-working entrepreneurs across my home state of Colorado are the heart and soul of our thriving economy. At the heart of every small business owner is the entrepreneurial spirit of our forefathers who founded and shaped this great country. I commend Mr. Patrick Kelley and Ms. Mabel Swafford for their hard work, good business, and devotion to making their customers happy. Mr. Kelley and Ms. Swafford sell fresh-picked fruit and vegetables with a warm smile and a kind hand. I commend them for their selfless dedication and extra effort for their customers. These good people set a fine example of why rural Colorado is such a wonderful place and their work contributes to building a better Colorado and a stronger America.

TRIBUTE TO EARL AND EVA KIRK

HON. GLENN POSHARD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 1998

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of Earl and Eva Kirk of West Frankfort, Illinois. It is a great honor to recognize this distinguished couple. They serve as excellent role models for Illinois and for future generations to follow. Their loving family celebrated Earl and Eva's milestone last month at a surprise party for them in West Frankfort. They are very dedicated Franklin county constituents, and it is my pleasure to acknowledge them as they celebrate their anniversary.

I have known the Kirks for many years now, and Earl has always been a tremendous help, especially when I need his assistance with legislation relating to people with disabilities. He has been blind for the past eight years, and has been very active with the blind com-

munity focusing his attention on their concerns. Eva has been a great asset and strength for Earl and the Illinois Council of the Blind. Earl is not only an activist on their issues, but is also one of the founders of the Three County Blind Support Group in my hometown of Marion. Every year, when the nation's budget is decided in Congress, Earl and Eva participate in the legislative process by organizing letter campaigns, making appointments with various lawmakers, and pushing for the necessary research and funding for national blind programs. Their energy and attention on these issues has been tremendous and Illinois will be forever grateful for their dedication.

The Kirks are Illinois natives, and are proud of their state and their nation. Earl served faithfully in the United States Infantry Division during World War II. As soon as he returned, he wanted to complete college at Southern Illinois University, but finished at Lockyears Business College in Evansville, Indiana. He met Eva in high school on a double date, but was interested in her, not the blind date he was with. But in 1948, he met Eva all over again. She was working as a cashier at the GTE West Frankfort office, and they were married the same year. Earl and Eva stayed in West Frankfort for a few years until he was hired as a miner and construction worker in New Mexico. Earl even got involved in local politics there, serving on the Democratic Policy State Central Committee. The Kirks called New Mexico home for almost six years, and it was there where they started raising their children Debbie and George.

They eventually returned to West Frankfort in 1958, and helped increase the booming coal economy in southern Illinois as Earl worked in the construction of Freeman #5 Mine in Benton. Earl understood the power of unions, and immediately joined the United Mine Workers of America District 12. He later worked at Freeman #4 Mine near Johnston City, and retired in 1987. The Kirks have remained in southern Illinois since then, and have been faithful citizens of Franklin county. They are dedicated participants in civic organizations, such as the American Legion and the Lions Club. Moreover, the Kirks are faithful Christians and long time members of Ezra Church of God. They even have enough time to assist their local government and health associations. From the Williamson Human Services Agency to the Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities and the Illinois Council of the Blind, they exemplify the essence of Illinois citizenship.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize the Kirks as they reach their milestone. What an honor to have such distinguished constituents like the Kirks serving their community, and their nation. I wish them my very best, and many blessings as they celebrate their 50 years of marriage.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
SIDNEY R. YATES

SPEECH OF

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 1998

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor for me to rise today to join my col-

leagues in paying special tribute to my good friend and colleague from Illinois, Mr. SID YATES. During my tenure in Congress, Mr. YATES has been an inspiration and a friend. He welcomed me here on my first day in Congress after my special election in 1988 and I am glad to call him a friend.

SID YATES has represented the 9th Congressional District and the State of Illinois well. He has dedicated himself to representing the citizens of the Great State of Illinois. He has been a great representative for our state and as an fellow Illinoisan, I salute Mr. YATES for his dedication and good work. He is a true statesman.

Mr. YATES' distinguished career began as an attorney in Chicago. He was first elected to this House in 1948. As a member of this body, Mr. YATES has been a quiet yet strong voice.

Mr. YATES has risen through the ranks to hold positions on the Appropriations Committee. I have worked closely with Mr. YATES in his capacity as the Ranking Member on the Interior Subcommittee to develop an interpretive center at the first campsite of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark. This project is very exciting, especially since we will be celebrating the bicentennial of Lewis and Clark's historic journey to explore the American West in 2003-4. Mr. YATES has worked diligently to help establish this important center. If this project comes to fruition, it will be in part due to Mr. YATES. I appreciate his interest and hard work on the issue.

Mr. YATES has used his influence on the Appropriations Committee to create new national parks, wilderness, seashores, lakeshores and wild and scenic rivers. He has been a great champion for the arts and humanities. During years of attacks on the National Endowment of the Arts, Mr. YATES has been its chief defender. I believe we as a nation owe a debt of gratitude of Mr. YATES for his perseverance on preserving the integrity and, in fact, the institutions themselves that promote artistic expression and our cultural heritage for future generations.

SID YATES has served this institution well and he will be missed. I wish Mr. YATES and his family well in the years to come.

THOMAS M. BARRY ACCEPTING
NEW POSITION AND CHALLENGE

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 1998

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my friend, Thomas M. Barry, on his promotion to President of the SBC International's Telkom South Africa.

When Tom arrived in this town just a few short years ago to take the helm of SBC Communication's Inc. Washington office his assignment was a modest one: to work to modernize the rules by which the United States telecommunications industry was governed.

Now, Tom Barry was not your ordinary Washington lobbyist. Having spent some 30 years with the telephone company and most recently having come to the world of strategic planning, he knew a whole lot more about the true impact of our telecommunications rules governing universal service and competition in local and long distance than many who had

worked on them. His knowledge and experience were important to those of us who had been working ardently to modernize the telecommunications industry so that American companies could compete in a global arena. The result of our work, The Telecommunications Act of 1996, was landmark legislation in which we can all take pride. Tom Barry was vital to our efforts.

It is in this light that I would like to join my dear friend and former colleague, Jack Brooks, and submit his remarks for the RECORD.

FORMER CONGRESSMAN JACK BROOKS SENDS CONGRATULATIONS TO THOMAS M. BARRY UPON HIS APPOINTMENT AS PRESIDENT, SBC INTERNATIONAL'S TELKOM SOUTH AFRICA OPERATION

Sometimes, due to circumstances surrounding the nature of one's position, an individual shows up briefly in your life but his contributions, even if for no longer than a year or so, make him unforgettable. Such an individual is Thomas M. Barry of SBCI.

As Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, I had been involved for several years in an effort to rationalize existing laws and to develop new legislation to provide for more open competition in the telecommunications industry. It was not surprising that with all the competing and diverse interests involved, we were having considerable difficulty and receiving widely conflicting advice. One significant difficulty was that there was no one in a leadership role for the regional Bell companies to present all of their various concerns to me and to John Dingell, who as Chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee was key to the passage of any telecommunications legislation.

In 1992, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company selected a seasoned telecommunications veteran, Tom Barry, as its Senior Vice President for Federal Relations. When Tom arrived on the Washington scene, it became readily apparent that we had met a knowledgeable, experienced expert in all aspects of the industry. Not only did he have an encyclopedic knowledge of the industry and its issues, but also he brought a reasonable, enlightened approach to the legislative dialogue.

While he was an extremely effective advocate for his company, he recognized the need to be reasonable and with his long experience was able to place into perspective the varying participating and often conflicting interests. He was strongly committed to his company and to his industry but he never lost sight of the need to resolve matters equitably if any consensus was to be reached.

When we finally put together a bill with the leadership of my esteemed former colleague, John Dingell, although it was not perfect, it was workable and fair. That we were able to do so was aided greatly by the hard work and solid efforts of many individuals, but particularly Tom Barry.

Although our association in retrospect was fleeting, I believe I came to know him quite well during our strenuous meetings. He is a man of integrity. He is an affable, highly intelligent individual. We were able to conduct our work with good humor and respect for one another's sincere beliefs. Tom's superior intellect and ability to manage situations and people should serve him well as he travels to South Africa to begin his tenure as President of SBC International's Telkom South Africa operations.

Tom Barry has my warmest congratulations upon his latest appointment within SBC International. It will be most likely not be an easy assignment, however, there is no

question in my mind but that he will do an outstanding job there, as he has with everything else he has undertaken. I wish him and his family all my best as they begin a new journey in life. Although South Africa is quite a long way from the United States, at least now—through state of the art improvements in telecommunications—it won't seem to be that far. I hope that Tom will take some time to thoroughly enjoy this new challenging opportunity. Certainly SBC made a wise decision in the selection of this fine man to head up their operation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEBORAH PRYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 1998

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, during the week of September 28, 1998, I was absent due to an illness in my family. I received an official leave of absence from the Majority Leader in this regard.

However, had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner on the following legislation:

Monday, September 28, 1998

H.R. 3891—Trademark Anticounterfeiting Act: Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass the bill (Roll Call No. 470): AYE

H.R. 4103—Defense Appropriations Act for FY 1999: On Agreeing to the Conference Report (Roll Call No. 471): AYE

H.R. 4060—Energy and Water Development Appropriations for FY 1999: On Agreeing to the Conference Report (Roll Call No. 472): AYE

H.R. 3150—Bankruptcy Reform Act: On the Motion to Instruct Conferees (Roll Call No. 473): AYE

Thursday, October 1, 1998

S. 2073—Juvenile Crime Control and Delinquency Prevention Act: On the Motion to Go to Conference (Roll Call No. 474): AYE

H. Res. 563—Waiving points of order against the conference report on H.R. 4104, Fiscal Year 1999 Treasury, Postal, and General Government Appropriations.

On Agreeing to the Resolution (Roll Call No. 475): AYE

Friday, October 2, 1998

H. Res. 564—providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4274) making appropriations for the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes.

On Agreeing to the Resolution (Roll Call No. 476): AYE

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On approving the Journal (Roll Call No. 477): AYE

H.R. 4101—making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes.

On Motion to Recommit Conference Report with Instructions (Roll Call No. 478): NAY

On Agreeing to the Resolution (Roll Call No. 479): AYE

TRIBUTE TO TIGGES FARMERS MARKET

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the owners and operators of the Tigges farmers market in Weld County. Mary Tigges handles the gardening, her son Ken creates unique metal sculptures, and her two daughters contribute crafts such as hand-crafted bears and painted gourds for decoration and bird houses. Besides being a family business amidst 20 acres of pumpkins and thousands of pepper and tomato plants, the Tigges market is unique because it does business on the honor system. Children play in the pumpkin patch, while shoppers are free to purchase fresh produce while no one is around. The Tigges demonstrate a special trust in the good nature and honesty of people that shop at their market. And Mr. Speaker, I am happy to say that they have never had any problems with this policy. I salute the Tigges family for their fine work and service, and all the good people that uphold the values that make rural Colorado such a wonderful place.

RETIREMENT OF ADMIRAL JOSEPH LOPEZ

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 1998

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Admiral T. Joseph Lopez, U.S. Navy, as he prepares to retire upon completion of 39 years of faithful service to our Nation.

A native of Powellton, West Virginia, Admiral Lopez entered the United States Navy in September 1959, and was commissioned an Ensign via the Seaman-to-Admiral Program in December 1964. His educational background includes a Bachelor of Arts (Cum Laude) in International Relations, and a Master of Science in Personnel Management. Admiral Lopez is currently the only serving admiral who enlisted, was commissioned through the seaman to admiral program, and currently wears four stars.

Upon commissioning, Admiral Lopez was assigned to U.S.S. *Eugene A. Greene* (DD 711), which deployed to both the Mediterranean Sea and the Gulf of Tonkin. He then attended the U.S. Naval Destroyer School in Newport, RI, immediately returning to sea as Weapons Officer onboard U.S.S. *Lind* (DD 703), which also deployed to Vietnam. Admiral Lopez received his first command in September 1969, when he assumed the duties as Commander, River Assault Division 153, which operated in the Mekong Delta in Vietnam and as part of a counter-offensive into Cambodia in May 1970.

Admiral Lopez attended the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA, from 1970–73 and the Armed Forces Staff College in 1974. He was then assigned as Flag Secretary and Staff Officer for Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group Eight from 1974 to 1977.