

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.

He was the Executive Officer onboard U.S.S. *Truett* (FF 1095) from October 1977 through March 1979. Upon completion of tours at the Naval Military Personnel Command and assignment as Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower, Reserve Affairs and Logistics), Admiral Lopez assumed command of U.S.S. *Stump* (DD 978) in September 1982, completing a Persian Gulf deployment in 1983. In November 1984, he was assigned as Special Assistant to the Chief of Naval Personnel (Flag Officer Matters).

Commander, Destroyer Squadron 32, which deployed to the Mediterranean Sea, was Admiral Lopez' next command tour from February 1987 to March 1988. He followed this assignment with duties as Executive Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Manpower, Personnel and Training) and Executive Assistant to the Vice Chief of Naval Operations. Admiral Lopez was designated Rear Admiral (Lower Half) in July 1989, and served as Deputy Director, Current Operations (J-3) on the Joint Staff. He served as Senior Military Assistant to the Secretary of Defense during the Persian Gulf Conflict and from July 1990 to July 1992. He commanded the United States Sixth Fleet and NATO's Striking and Support Forces, Southern Europe, homeported in Gaeta, Italy, from July 1992 to December 1993. He then served as Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Resources, Warfare Requirements and Assessments) from December 1993 to July 1996.

Admiral Lopez became Commander in Chief, U.S. Naval Forces, Europe (London, England) and Commander in Chief, Allied Forces, Southern Europe (Naples, Italy) on 31 July 1996, where he serves today. Additionally, he commanded the Peace Implementation Forces (IFOR) in Bosnia-Herzegovina from July 1996 to November 1996. He arrived in the middle of the IFOR deployment and almost immediately deployed to Bosnia to command the NATO forces in charge of enforcing the Dayton Peace Agreement.

Admiral Lopez has been honored by the Governor of his home state as a "Distinguished West Virginian," and as an "Outstanding West Virginian" by the President of Salem College. West Virginia Institute of Technology conferred upon him the honorary degree as Doctor of Humanities, and the Italian Heritage Festival, in 1989, selected him as "West Virginia Man of the Year." Additionally, in June of 1997, the newly constructed Interstate 64 bridge spanning the Kanawha River near Charleston was named in his honor by the West Virginia State Legislature.

A man of Joe Lopez's stature and vision is rare. He is an individual of uncommon character and professionalism. He will be missed by both his Navy and NATO colleagues. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to recognize him, and to thank him and his wife Vivian for their selfless service to our country.

ATHLETES UNITED FOR PEACE
AND THE ANNUAL DON
BARKSDALE "HUMANITARIAN OF
THE YEAR" AWARD RECIPIENT,
MARTIN WYATT

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 1998

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, on November 21, 1998, the Athletes United for Peace (AUP) will present the Don Barksdale "Humanitarian of the Year" award to Mr. Martin Wyatt.

Athletes United for Peace (AUP) is a Bay Area nonprofit organization committed to promoting peace, education, friendship and understanding through community programs and events for young people. The organization was established in 1984 after the boycott of the Olympic Games by athletes from the former USSR and the United States.

In 1992, after serving primarily as an international organization during the early years, AUP focused its energy toward providing programs and activities for high-risk youth and young adults throughout the East Bay communities of Berkeley, Oakland and Richmond. The organization continually strives to offer low-income disadvantaged participants programs and events that promote the agency's ideals and serve as health alternatives to criminal activity and antisocial behavior amongst young people.

Each year, AUP serves more than 700 young people between the ages of 7–26 with programs, activities and events that include: mentorship, late-night basketball, academic and sports camps, youth sport camps and clinics, video production training, academic lectures, tournaments and special events. These services are regularly provided in partnership with several public schools, local government and law enforcement agencies, and the local business community.

AUP established the Don Barksdale "Humanitarian of the Year" Award in 1994 as a tribute to the last Oakland philanthropist who devoted his life to help aspiring Bay Area young people through his "Save High School Sports" Foundation (established in 1985) in Oakland, CA. Through Don Barksdale's diligent efforts, the foundation raised more than one million dollars to help fund financially troubled high school sports programs throughout the Bay Area.

Don Barksdale, a sports and entertainment pioneer, broke the color barrier and paved the road for countless other people. In the 1940's and the 1950's, he was the Nation's premiere African American basketball star and was named to the NCAA college basketball All America team (UCLA 1947); selected to compete in the US Men's Olympic Basketball team (London 1948); and played in the NBA All Star game (Ft. Wayne 1953).

Don Barksdale was a trailblazer being the first popular radio disc jockey (KROW and KLX); the first to host a weekly television show (SEPIA REVIEW KRON 4); the first to own and operate a beer distributorship, while integrating the local beverage driver's union in Oakland. He helped thousands of musicians and entertainers break into the entertainment industry by employing them at the Sportsman and Showcase night clubs that he owned and operated in the 1950's, 60's and 70's. Don

Barksdale's impact on the East Bay is unparalleled and recognized through the Athletes United for Peace awards.

The Don Barksdale "Humanitarian of the Year" award recipient is Martin Wyatt, founder of the "Sports Image & Education Foundation." He will be recognized for his dedication and commitment to charitable agencies in the community serving youth. Martin Wyatt, an Emmy award winning television sports anchor/director for ABC TV in San Francisco, is the annual host of his foundations' "Sports Image Award" ceremony that honors men and women in sports who do enormous amount of community work. He has also devoted time serving on the board of directors for the Bay Area Black United Fund and the Oakland Area Black community Crusade for Children.

It is with great pride and honor that I salute the work of the Athletes United for Peace and Martin Wyatt, a deserving recipient of the Don Barksdale "Humanitarian of the Year" award.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 6, HIGHER EDUCATION AMEND- MENTS OF 1998

SPEECH OF

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 28, 1998

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, next week, President Clinton will sign the Higher Education Amendments of 1998, passed unanimously by both the House and Senate earlier this week. This is, on balance, a good bill that will make a real difference in the lives of our Nation's students.

With the Higher Education Act, we have established a proud tradition over the last 34 years of providing opportunities to millions of Americans—giving them the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in their careers and to be active and productive citizens. Above all, we have given these millions of Americans, particularly those with lower-incomes, life options they simply would not have had otherwise. That is something we can all be proud of.

STUDENT INTEREST RATE

This most prominent feature of this bill is the lowering of the student loan interest rate. Under this bill, a student with an average student loan debt of \$13,000 will save \$700 in interest payments. Students with higher burdens of debt will save even more.

This is a good deal for students and for parents who help pay for their children's education.

Unfortunately, this bill continues what I, and many others, consider to be unnecessarily high subsidies to the banks and guaranty agencies that participate in the student loan program. I seriously question the fairness of the burden that, as a result, will continue to fall on our nation's taxpayers.

In this authorization, we have shaved slightly the rate of return to banks. But since we went much further in lowering the rate that students pay, we had to come up with more than a billion dollars to make up the difference to maintain the hefty profits that banks in the student loan program enjoy. Ironically, a great deal of the cost will be born by students who are least able to afford it, those with loan debt who encounter financial hardship.