

In simple fairness to the taxpayers of the nation as a whole, continued subsidization of the current commonwealth relationship will require Congress to consider issues of fiscal equity and responsibility for Puerto Rico. Ultimately, subsidization must end one way or the other, and phasing in Federal taxes should lead to a lower overall tax rate for the U.S. citizens of Puerto Rico as full integration into the national economic and fiscal system are achieved and currently very high local taxes are reduced.

For now, the purpose of this measure is simply to ensure that Congress will be prepared to address these issues in an informed manner. We need to begin planning now rather than waiting until the urgent need for a plan arises. This provision will require the Secretary of Treasury to provide Congress with a recommended course of action in the event that introduction of Federal taxes not currently collected by the IRS is determined by Congress to be in the best interests of Puerto Rico and the nation as a whole.

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED  
CAREER OF JAMES "BOOTS"  
DONNELLY

**HON. BART GORDON**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 1998*

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate James "Boots" Donnelly on a successful career as head coach of the Middle Tennessee State University football team.

Boots' 22-year career record as a collegiate head coach stands at 151-92-1. He recently announced he will be stepping down at the end of the 1998 season, after a 20 year career as head football coach at MTSU, his alma mater.

Boots' record and awards are impressive: the eighth winningest coach in Division 1-AA history, 1997 Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame inductee, recorded 12 straight winning seasons between 1981 and 1992, four Ohio Valley Conference championships, 10 national top 25 finishes and five Coach of the Year awards. Fourteen of Boots' players have gone on to play in the National Football League.

MTSU has Boots to thank for the opportunity to begin Division 1-A play in 1999.

The hallmark of Boots' success has been his interaction with his players. When recruiting players, he not only assessed their athletic ability, but also their character, integrity and intelligence. Once a recruit joined the Blue Raiders, Boots taught him the importance of team spirit and discipline, traits that would remain with the player throughout his life. He has always had the respect and admiration of his players and assistant coaches.

Boots is a keen judge of character. He knows to stay away from people with "big hats and no cattle" and those who can "find a bone in ice cream."

His teams were always well-prepared and disciplined. When game time came, they "stepped up to the licking block, stayed in the buggy when the horse rared up and never spit on the bit."

Although Boots always desired to win, and usually did, he took losses with his usual good humor. He understood that "sometimes you

get the chicken, and sometimes you get the feathers."

Again, Boots, congratulations on 22 years as a winning collegiate head football coach. Thank you for the contributions you have made to your players, fans and the MTSU community.

CONGRATULATING FAYETTE  
COUNTY 4-H AWARD RECIPIENTS

**HON. RON PAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 1998*

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to offer congratulations to several fine young men and women from my district who have distinguished themselves in the Fayette County 4-H. As my colleagues know, 4-H is one of the finest youth-oriented organizations in our nation, developing character in our future leaders.

Fayette County 4-H will be recognizing with special awards the following young people on Saturday night, October 9, and I know my colleagues join me in congratulating them and wishing them the best for the future.

Receiving the Gold Star award are Michelle Cernoch, Ashley Dittert, and Vickie Sanders.

Receiving the Silver Star award are Bradley Klesel and Billie Jo Murphy.

Receiving the "I Dare You" award are Heather Woelfel and Shayne Markwardt.

Receiving the "Outstanding Jr." award are Jenifer Klesel, Melanie Cernoch and Kelly Orsak.

And receiving the "Outstanding Sub Jr." award are Adam Mayer, Jodie Kristynick, and Brandon Otto.

A TRIBUTE TO LUCAS COUNTY  
MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 1998*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Lucas County Mental Health Board in Northwest Ohio. The year 1998 marks the 30th anniversary of the Lucas County Mental Health Board, and the agency is celebrating a commemorative event on September 9, 1998 to recognize the achievement.

The Lucas County Mental Health Board ably and effectively has served thousands of our most vulnerable citizens through three decades which have seen monumental change and a complete overhaul in the treatment of mental basis. Through it all, the Lucas County Mental Health Board has adapted, growing to meet the changing needs of its clients and their families. The agency administers sites throughout the county which handle the unique needs of children with mental illness, people with milder forms of illness, those who are most severely disabled, families, and people needing short term help to get them through the rough spots of their lives. Always, the people of the Lucas County Mental Health Board strive to provide these services remembering the dignity of those they counsel, providing both caring treatment and advocacy.

I am pleased to take this opportunity to salute the men and women, past and present, of the Lucas County Mental Health Board whose careers have been dedicated to lifting the stigma and the suffering of mental illness from so many. Their efforts and their victories large and small are commendable, and are truly making our community and the lives of its residents a better place. For their unsung efforts, we offer a grateful thank you.

IN HONOR OF GREGORY A  
STRATTON

**HON. ELTON GALLEGLY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 1998*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Greg Stratton, the man who was elected to the Simi Valley City Council in the same election as I, and who succeeded me as Mayor of the city I still call home. Greg's guidance as mayor for the past 12 years has kept Simi Valley a most extraordinary place to live, even as it has matured and endured its share of arrows and hardships.

Greg was elected to the Simi Valley City Council in 1979, but his involvement in the community began long before that. Soon after he moved to Simi Valley, Greg began making a difference through his involvement in the Simi Valley Jaycees and his role in helping to found the Boys & Girls Club of Simi Valley. He served on the City Incorporation Study Committee and chaired a Neighborhood Council.

In 1986, he was elected Mayor of Simi Valley. Under his leadership, Simi Valley has consistently been recognized as one of the safest cities of its size in the country. For the past 18 years, the city has also been recognized for the quality of its Financial Reporting program by the Government Finance Officers Association, a testament to Greg's reputation as a fiscal conservative, or—as some would say—tightwad.

During his tenure as councilman and mayor, Greg was vital in preserving the community's hillsides and controlling residential development through the City's Hillside Performance Standards and City Council-initiated Growth Control Ordinance. Those balanced measures still allowed for residential and business growth in an orderly fashion.

Greg also deserves credit for the construction of several new city facilities, including the City Hall in 1984, the Senior Citizens Center at about the same time, and a Transit Maintenance Facility for the city's bus fleet in 1989/90. A new, 53,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art Police facility opened adjacent to City Hall this month.

Greg was also instrumental in bringing other government services to Simi Valley and centrally locating them at the Civic Center. Among them are construction of a state Department of Motor Vehicles office in 1989 and construction of a County courthouse in 1990.

Also under his direction, the City's Sanitation Treatment Plant was expanded and was recognized by the State of California as "Plant of the Year."

Being Mayor, however, does not mean just providing government facilities. A brand new facility for the Boys & Girls Club opened in 1996 under his guidance. The Community

Methodist Church was restored and transformed in a 300-seat Cultural Arts Center in 1985. Amtrak passenger rail and Metrolink commuter services came to Simi Valley under his reign.

New businesses have come in, providing a needed equilibrium in the community. Potholes have a short lifespan. Smut has been discouraged. Gang activity has decreased.

Greg exhibited true leadership when a trial was thrust upon the community that threatened to unfairly soil its name and again when the Northridge earthquake devastated much of the city. It is a leadership that will be sorely missed.

However, Greg's legacy will live on. In 1995, he launched the Vision 2020 Project, a strategic planning process designed to lead the city's evolution well into the next millennium. It was launched as a community project, ensuring its endurance even as Greg moves on.

Mr. Speaker, Greg is retiring from public office, but I have no doubt he and his lovely wife, Ede, will continue to make their presence known in all aspects of the Simi Valley community. I know my colleagues will join me in wishing him godspeed in any endeavors he wishes to tackle.

## SANTA BARBARA COMES TO WASHINGTON: THE CAPITAL CONFERENCE

### HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 1998*

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, on September 16, I was proud to welcome 35 community leaders from my home town of Santa Barbara, California to Washington for a Capital Conference. It was an honor to host a distinguished group of educators, business leaders, community activists, and elected officials for a series of discussions with leading Federal policy makers.

The Capital Conference focused on some of the most important issues facing Santa Barbara and our nation, including technology, education, business, and the media. We talked with William Kennard, the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission about the e-rate, cable rates, and telecommunications issues. We had very fruitful dialogues with Minority Leader RICHARD GEPHARDT and Secretary Richard Riley about education. Monterey Congressman SAM FARR and noted political commentator Eleanor Clift spoke at lunch. At the White House, we discussed a range of issues with several senior aides, including Press Secretary Mike McCurry.

Throughout the day, my neighbors from Santa Barbara had the opportunity to learn first-hand about efforts underway in Washington to deal with critical policy issues. But even more important was the chance for my colleagues in government to hear directly from the grassroots about how Federal initiatives are working or not working.

The day concluded with a reception at the Library of Congress and a lecture by Santa Barbara's own noted poet and philosopher Noah benShea. I was pleased to co-host the evening's events with the Santa Barbara News-Press, the Santa Barbara County Board

of Education, and the McCune Foundation. Noah's talk, entitled "Creating a Caring Society," was enlightening and enjoyable, and I would like to commend some selected passages to my colleagues.

EXCERPTS FROM "CREATING A CARING  
SOCIETY"

(By Noah benShea)

I am generally of the opinion that most of us don't lack for insight but the character to act on what we know. Character is insight's chariot.

Greatness is not always what you reach but what you reach for. In the Bible it is written that "justice, justice, shall you pursue." It is the pursuit of justice that is noble. It is the reaching out to others that is caring . . . Justice and caring are targets that we are no less for not reaching but much less for not chasing.

To be indifferent to the fate of others is to live outside the passions of love and hate. A society that is indifferent is uncaring. A society that is indifferent is, by definition, neither passionate nor compassionate.

Now is a time for forward looking people to stop and look backward. Look at those who looked beyond themselves. Listen to those who heard higher voices . . . People with power are required to care about those without power. And how people with power treat those without power is the defining profile of a society.

Caring is not a political issue except as our politics fails to make caring an issue. Caring is not a matter of left and right but looking out for those who are on both our left and right. Caring is not a matter of left and right but who is left out and not who is right.

## BUD MANSFIELD TESTIMONIAL

### HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 1998*

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, it is often clear in retrospect that an individual's lifetime of varied jobs and experiences were but preparation for a task that would allow him utilize all the skills and wisdom he had accumulated. There is such a man in my Congressional District, and as Bud Mansfield retires from his post as Executive Director of the Sault Area Chamber of Commerce, I'd like to take this opportunity to reflect on his fine career.

What qualities might we seek in a chamber director? We would look for someone with genuine business experience, someone who has deep roots in the area and involvement in the community, and someone who knows both the upside and downside of business ventures. We would look for someone with the salesperson's skills to sell the community to a developer and sell a developer to the community, and someone with such a work ethic that, as his last day of employment approaches, says that he doesn't plan to really retire, ever.

It's quite clear, Mr. Speaker, that I have been describing Francis "Bud" Mansfield, who has devoted his life to work and to volunteer efforts in the Sault Ste. Marie area on the eastern end of Michigan's Upper peninsula.

Bud earned his stripes in the world of business early, delivering messages for Western Union on his bicycle at the age of 12, as area residents were reminded in a recent article in the Sault Evening News. He earned his stripes, literally, in the Michigan National

Guard. He worked in the men's department of a local department store, started his own cleaning business, joined the sales force of a local General Motors vehicle dealership, and eventually acquired that dealership. Bud, however, soon became one of the economic victims of the closing of Kincheloe Air Force, one of two base closings that has devastated my district and an event that later presented Bud Mansfield, the chamber director, with special challenges.

Let me take a moment to state, for the record, several of almost 50 organizations which Bud Mansfield has helped shape, guide or support in his role as chamber director. A program like Habitat for Humanity would be familiar to you, Mr. Speaker, but there are other programs, such as Artrain and Rails to Trails, that are special Michigan success stories.

Sault St. Marie has a unique location. It is an important border crossing into Canada and it is the site of the Soo Locks, which link Lake Superior with Lake Huron. These geographical features ensured that Bud would have a role to play with the Joint International Committee, with the Internal coordinating Committee for Joint Relations, and with a Soo Locks operations committee.

Bud also served on the board of local Catholic schools, and as he said in his recent Evening News interview, he weathered the closing of that school system in the late 1970s with great sorrow. He later served on the board of the Sault Area Public Schools.

It's clear that Bud won't stop moving, working and traveling after he leaves the chamber. He and his wife Mary have eight children, all of whom, according to Evening News, have moved back to Michigan. In the interview with Bud, he also stated he has considered doing some writing.

So maybe, Mr. Speaker, a life of varied jobs wasn't just shaping Bud for his chamber work. Maybe the real adventure for this 71-year-old lies just around the corner. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing the best for Bud Mansfield, a dedicated community servant.

## HONORING MONROE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

### HON. MICHAEL PAPPAS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 1998*

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Monroe Township High School, who will host the Twelfth Congressional District's "hi-tech" fair on October 19, 1998.

More than 20 companies, agencies and universities will exhibit their latest technology to high school students from across the district. Among those attending is Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory, who will demonstrate their medical "arm wrestling" machine; the FBI, who will demonstrate a new DNA profiling program and Rutgers University, who will display their computer-based visualization of feed digestion called the "electric cow." Other attendees include U.S. Army CECOM, the Sarnoff Corporation, NASA, the University of Medicine and Dentistry, Lucent Technologies, Lockheed Martin and Monmouth University.

In the last decade, New Jersey has become home to many technological companies. With the increase in computer usage, our children