

respected leader of the transportation industry for over 35 years, on the occasion of his retirement from CNF Transportation Inc. at the end of this year. He began his CNF career with a background as a trucking security analyst, working for several Wall Street financial firms in New York City for more than 15 years.

As Vice President of Corporate Relations, Mr. Schmitt manages CNF's communications with the Wall Street financial investment community. His other responsibilities include CNF's government and corporate relations, including oversight of the company's extensive scholarship and charitable contributions activities.

Mr. Schmitt joined CNF from Wall Street in 1978 as Assistant Vice President of Investor Relations. He later became Assistant Vice President and Director of Corporate Relations, and was subsequently named Assistant Vice President and Director of Corporate and Financial Relations. Mr. Schmitt was elected a Vice President in 1988. He is a member of the company's Executive Administrative Committee and Chairman of the CNF Transportation Inc. Political Action Committee.

Throughout his career, Mr. Schmitt has been active in a number of industry and professional associations. In addition to participating on many special industry task forces and committees, he served on the Executive Committee and was a member of the Policy and Finance Committee of the American Trucking Associations. The Western Highway Institute elected him as President in 1994 and Chairman in 1995. He also served as both President and Chairman of the Cargo Airline Association (when it was the Air Freight Association).

Mr. Schmitt has long been an active member and rose to become chairman of the Public Affairs Council of the Conference Board. He is a past director of the U.S. National Investor Relations Institute, and the founder/chairman of the NIRI's Silicon Valley Chapter as well as an active member of both the New York and San Francisco Securities Analyst Societies, affiliates of the Financial Analysts Federation.

A past member of the Advisory Board of the California Institute, he also served as CNF's deputy to both the California Business Roundtable and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce from 1985–1996, and was a member of the California Chamber of Commerce Public Affairs Council. When on Wall Street, he served as chairman of the Motor Carrier Analysts Group, the association of senior security analysts with responsibility for trucking industry securities.

The Citizens Scholarship Foundation of America elected him to serve on its National Advisory Board of Trustees for the period 1995–2001. In 1996, he was appointed a trustee of the Charles Armstrong School, an elementary school in Belmont, California that educates children with problems of dyslexia. He assumed the additional post of school treasurer in 1998. A native of Rochester, New York, Mr. Schmitt attended Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, earning a bachelor's degree in finance in 1963.

I'm very proud to have the Schmitt family as constituents. I'm grateful for the countless con-

tributions Mr. Schmitt has made throughout his career. Few have contributed as much to their industry and by doing so California's 14th Congressional District has been enhanced as well.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this exceptional individual who has given so much to his industry, his community, and his country. We wish Henry Schmitt and his wife a happy, healthy and rewarding retirement.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. VINCENT BOVE OF JOHN T. MATHER HOSPITAL

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in the House of Representatives to join with the John T. Mather Hospital community as they pay special honor to Vincent Bove of Belle Terre, Long Island, for his 25 years of outstanding leadership in the Hospital's Board of Directors.

On Friday evening, October 23, hundreds of friends, volunteers and staff will gather for the hospital's 33rd annual "One Enchanted Evening" fundraising gala. This year, in recognition of October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the proceeds from the annual benefit will go to the Fortunato Breast Health Center and Breast Cancer Treatment. At the gala, Vinny Bove will receive the inaugural "Mather Special Recognition Award" for his tireless efforts to create the hospital's Ambulatory & Inpatient Surgical Pavilion.

As the owner of Laurel Hill Nurseries, Vinny Bove brought an entrepreneurial spirit and energy to Mather Hospital 25 years ago when he joined the Board of Directors. He has focused that energy on expanding Mather's medical services while nurturing its financial health. As the Chairman of the Hospital's Board of Directors, Vinny Bove was instrumental in the successful campaign to raise funds for hospital expansions in 1973 and 1983, as well as separate efforts to finance a new Emergency Room and the Ambulatory & Inpatient Surgical Pavilion.

His efforts to make Mather Hospital the best it can be would make its namesake proud. As Vincent Bove has said, if John T. Mather were to visit his hospital today, "we could show how we've cared for this hospital, and how it's grown over the years. We've really done it right."

Vincent Bove's efforts to grow John T. Mather Hospital into one of Long Island's leading health care providers seem almost Herculean to his friends and admirers. But for him, it was truly a labor of love. Mather grew on me over the years, Vinny has said, "It plays a very important part of my life because it's so important to the community, and I'm a very community-minded person." Vincent Bove's love and selfless dedication to the community is also evident in this public service as the Mayor of the Village of Belle Terre.

So, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join the entire John T. Mather Hospital community in

honoring Vincent Bove, a very deserving recipient of the inaugural "Mather Special Recognition Award" for his 25 years of service to the hospital.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE GERALD SOLOMON

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL R. McNULTY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 1998

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague from Massachusetts for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, when I get up in the morning, the first two things I do are to thank God for my life and thank veterans for my way of life. Because if it had not been for the sacrifices of the men and women who wore the uniform of the United States military through the years, I would not have the privilege—as a citizen of the United States—of going around bragging about how we live in the freest and most open democracy on the face of the earth. Freedom is not free. We have paid a tremendous price for it.

I shall always be grateful to those who, like my brother Bill, made the supreme sacrifice. And to people like that man right there, JERRY SOLOMON, who served with distinction in the United States military and then came back to our home region in upstate New York, because a successful businessman, and—more importantly in my eyes—entered a career in public service. From his local government roles to his national leadership role today, he has rendered such outstanding service to us all.

I have been in the United States Congress for half of JERRY SOLOMON's tenure. And what a privilege it has been, JERRY, over these past 10 years, to serve with you, as a team. Together we have accomplished a great deal for the Capital Region of the State of New York, but I will not go into those items right now.

One day on the House steps, I think I was in my first or second term, we were having pictures taken with our respective constituents. JERRY grabbed me and asked the photographer to take a picture of the two of us. He later inscribed that photo and sent it over to my office and it is on my office wall today—and it will stay there. It says, "Mike—thanks for being part of the one-two-punch for the Capital District." Let me acknowledge, there was never any doubt about who was number 1 and who was number 2.

But I want to say to my friend, JERRY, what a great honor it has been to be number 2 on that team with you. And today I want to look you in the eye and say thank you for your service to our country, for the tremendous service you gave to your constituents throughout your long and distinguished career, and most importantly, to thank you for what you gave to me. You have been a true and loyal friend. And while you are leaving here—and I regret that deeply—the one thing I take comfort in knowing is that our wonderful friendship will continue.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
GERALD SOLOMON

SPEECH OF

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, Jr.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 1998

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to GERALD SOLOMON, the distinguished gentleman from New York, as he prepares to retire after 20 years of service to the country and his constituents, the last four years as Chairman of the House Rules Committee.

JERRY SOLOMON and I came to Congress together in 1978. In his ten terms representing New York's 22nd District in the House, his colleagues and his constituents have come to know him as a positive force for common sense legislation. JERRY's legacy is one of military preparedness, fiscal responsibility, strong foreign policy and government accountability.

As a former United States Marine, JERRY brought a unique knowledge of the necessities of military readiness to his legislative agenda. In the 1980's, he worked to strengthen our armed services, joining other exemplary leaders such as Ronald Reagan in helping to ensure a peaceful end to the Cold War and the United States' position of strength in the post-Cold War world. His work with the North Atlantic Assembly and his mastery of NATO issues proved an invaluable asset to the House as we considered foreign affairs and national security issues.

But JERRY SOLOMON's importance to the House does not stop there. His colleagues know him as a Member who recognized the patriotism and dignity of this country's veterans and fought tirelessly to see that the government provided them the rights and benefits they so richly deserve.

JERRY SOLOMON also devoted significant energy to securing accountability in our government, taking a principal role in creating the line item veto legislation passed by Congress in 1996. And it is important legislation like this that passes through JERRY's hands each day. As Chairman of the Rules Committee, he continues to dedicate himself to providing for the smooth movement of the many and varied pieces of legislation that come before the House in each session.

His shoes will undoubtedly be hard to fill. I join my colleagues in wishing a JERRY a fond farewell and a successful retirement. We aspire to continue his level of leadership and commitment.

AUTHORIZING THE COMMITTEE ON
THE JUDICIARY TO INVESTIGATE
WHETHER SUFFICIENT GROUNDS
EXIST FOR THE IMPEACHMENT
OF WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON,
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
STATES

SPEECH OF

HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 7, 1998

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, this is a highly emotional and complex matter. In the bright

light of historical significance, we must remember that this solemn result will become the standard applied to future presidents, Democrat or Republican. The issue is larger than William Jefferson Clinton.

I want to emphasize that contrary to what the media coverage may imply, Congress is not obsessed with this matter. The full House has spent a total of only 4 hours debating this issue. During the same week in which this vote was taken, the House and Senate approved House bill 8, my bill to crack down on commuter vehicles from Mexico which do not meet California vehicle emission standards. The President is expected to sign the bill into law. The House is also considering my legislation to hold Mexico accountable on its agreements to fix sewage infrastructure in Tijuana. Only Judiciary Committee members are concentrating on the impeachment inquiry. The rest of us are working on important budgetary, education, health care, environmental and Social Security issues.

As you may know, I have always avoided unnecessary partisanship, and have refrained from criticizing the President's every move during his tenure. He is our elected President and I am obligated by the Constitution to work with him on behalf of my district. It is in the best interest of our nation for Congress to remain focused on the important matter of governing our country, while allowing the members of the House Judiciary Committee the opportunity to perform their duty of reviewing the high volume of documents provided by the Independent Counsel. As I said, Congress has been working effectively on a host of other issues.

However, today the full House of Representatives was required to devote its time to considering the resolution from the Judiciary Committee requesting authority to proceed with an *impeachment inquiry*. This was not a vote to *impeach President Clinton*. Even a majority of the Democrats on the Judiciary Committee wanted to proceed with an impeachment inquiry. The difference between the Republican and Democrat inquiry proposals was in its length and scope. It is interesting to note that even "The Washington Post" and "The New York Times," two newspapers whose editorial positions are historically left of center, supported the Republican position on the length and scope of the inquiry.

By a vote of 258 to 176 the House decided to proceed with an inquiry. I voted with the majority. Again, most of the Democrats voting against the resolution were not opposed to proceeding with an impeachment inquiry. They simply had legitimate concerns on its length and scope. They were requesting that the inquiry be finished by Thanksgiving of this year. Under the resolution that was approved (House Resolution 581) the inquiry will terminate at the end of this year.

Though the President and others in public life deserve some semblance of privacy, like most Americans I am very disappointed in the President's decision to have a relationship with a subordinate employee in the White House. This type of behavior is unacceptable in any workplace including in a hallway near the Oval Office. His lack of judgment was appalling for a man of his age and position.

However, the ultimate question before us is not one of sexual conduct. It is whether perjury and obstruction of justice were committed in the magnitude to require impeachment. I

am still reviewing the alleged impeachable offenses outlined in the report and by the Judiciary Committee counsels. I am determined to sort out the facts. This is why I supported the resolution to proceed with an *inquiry*. Second only to a declaration of war, voting on bills of impeachment is Congress' most serious duty. Without a process to determine the facts there would be no reasonable way to reach a decision on such a vote.

I, personally, hope that the evidence is not substantial enough to require a constitutionally mandated vote on impeachment. But, it would be irresponsible of me to develop a final position on impeachment until after the Judiciary Committee has completed the impeachment inquiry and all the evidence and rebuttals are on the table. The Independent Counsel has only submitted a preliminary report to Congress because he believes that there was enough evidence in the Lewinsky matter to demonstrate perjury, witness tampering, and obstruction of justice as grounds for impeachment. Congress expects a full report on all of the other allegations, including Whitewater, Filegate, Travelgate, to be submitted by the Independent Counsel in the coming months.

Despite unfortunate initial "jockeying" by both sides, I have faith and confidence in my House colleagues, both Republican and Democrat, to ultimately perform this constitutional duty in a fair and bipartisan manner. An issue as grave as possible impeachment of the President must not—in appearance or fact—be driven by partisan considerations. We have embarked on a very solemn process and it is necessary for the House to remain dignified by not allowing these proceedings to be taken to a personal or political level. It is imperative that the laws of our land be strictly followed because next to sending our men and women to war, this is our most difficult responsibility.

Like other parents, I have had a difficult time explaining this issue to my children. Ultimately, I used it as an object lesson: No matter how embarrassing the truth may be, honesty is always the best policy. The President could have spared the country, his family and himself much pain had he told the complete truth. Lying about an affair should be a private matter between a husband and wife. Unfortunately, the President was under oath in a judicial process. Now the Congress and country is forced to proceed under a constitutional mandate. Congress must remain cognizant of the fact that the result will be a standard to which Presidents from now on will be held.

Many letters and e-mails to my office have reflected a lack of understanding of the process. I would like to reiterate that IF, AFTER completion of the impeachment inquiry, the House votes in favor of impeachment, it does not mean the President is automatically removed from office. The process would then move to the Senate where he would be tried, with the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court presiding over the proceedings. It would take a conviction supported by two-thirds (66 out of 100) of the Senate to remove the President from office. Under the Constitution, there is no authority given for the House and Senate to "censure" the President.

I will do everything in my power to ensure that this matter does not overwhelm the important legislative issues before Congress.