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Joe is married and is the father of three children.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, and Joe's family and friends, in recognition of Joseph F. Duffy's many outstanding and invaluable contributions to our society.

HONORING MRS. BETTY WILHELM FOR HER SERVICE TO THE COFFEE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND CONGRATULATING HER FOR BEING AWARDED THE TITLE OF "MRS. DEMOCRAT"

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 1998

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Betty Wilhelm for her service to the Coffee County democratic party and congratulating her for being awarded the title of "Mrs. Democrat."

The honor of being chosen Mrs. Democrat stems from life-time support of the party, dedication to the democratic process and an unceasing energy for volunteerism.

Mrs. Democrat, Betty Wilhelm, is a native of Coffee County and a dedicated servant for the Democratic Party. Any time she is called, she is available to help, most of the time behind the scenes. She does not offer her assistance in order to get publicity; instead, Mrs. Wilhelm chooses to work quietly, but enthusiastically.

Mrs. Wilhelm has received a number of awards in her 26-year capacity as a teacher at Coffee County New Union School. In 1974, she was named "Outstanding Young Educator" by the Kiwanis Club, and in 1996, she was named Coffee County 4-H Teacher/leader. She is listed in "Who's Who in America."

Mrs. Wilhelm's honors don't always come in the form of awards. She is active in community volunteerism, in her church and serves on the board of directors of the Arrowheads to Aerospace Museum. She has been active in several Democratic campaigns, working to ensure that Democratic candidates are elected.

This committed citizen embodies the kind of energy, enthusiasm and dedication that we should all strive for. Mrs. Wilhelm is a grassroots campaigner who works to get voters out on election day. Because of her work, and the work of people like her, Coffee County has not gone Republican for many years.

I congratulate Betty Wilhelm on her lifetime achievement award and I commend her for her years of commitment.

CONGRATULATING THE GIRL SCOUTS OF APALACHEE BEND

HON. ALLEN BOYD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 1998

Mr. BOYD. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to congratulate twelve outstanding young women from the Girl Scout Council of the Apalachee Bend who were honored with the Girl Scouts of the United States of America Gold Award. Linda F. Brown, Cheryl Leigh Collins, Katie Copeland, Lucy Donnellan, Elizabeth Fraser, Amber Lanier, Ashley Luten, Antonia McDonald, Francesca Simmons, Jessica Stewart, Patricia Welch, and Jennifer E. Weldon have now become a part of the elite few who have earned the highest achievement award in Girl Scouts, the Gold Award.

This prestigious award symbolizes outstanding accomplishments in the areas of leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development. I hope that they each will share with their communities the knowledge and experience they gained throughout their years as Girl Scouts.

On behalf of the citizens of North Florida, I want to express my appreciation for the patriotism and dedication of these young women and confidence in their leadership and ability to guide our communities to a brighter tomorrow.

IN HONOR OF THE DETROIT SHOREWAY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 1998

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments of the Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization on its 25th anniversary of service to the Cleveland community.

The Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization prides itself on establishing close relations with members of the Cleveland community to promote neighborhood development. During the organization's tenure, numerous neighborhoods throughout Cleveland have seen the positive effects of Detroit Shoreway's work. By cooperating with community leaders, civic groups, and Cleveland citizens, the Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization has accomplished its goal of developing successful neighborhood improvements in the Cleveland area.

My fellow colleagues, join me in saluting the Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization on their 25th anniversary of promoting successful economic development for Cleveland neighborhoods.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE EXAMINER

HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 1998

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to rise on behalf of former President Harry Truman's home town daily newspaper, "The Examiner" which is celebrating its 100th anniversary. "The Examiner's" reflective motto for the celebration "proud past, exciting future" is certainly appropriate. Having been founded on February 19, 1898 as "The Jackson Examiner" by Colonel William Southern, Jr., "The Examiner" serves eastern Jackson County, Missouri as a daily newspaper. With a rich heritage of journalism, the newspaper captures the essence of life in former President Harry Truman's home community.

"The Examiner" maintains an operating philosophy which "counts the day lost when you or your company has not done something to benefit the community it serves." The newspaper staff is committed to sound Midwestern principles and dedicated to serving its readers. "The Examiner" as we know it today has evolved into a pillar in the community during its century of service to Jackson County. Now celebrating its 100th year in business, "The Examiner" also celebrates its first year of being on-line with interactive journalism.

The publication has been led since 1986 by publisher Ben F. Weir, Jr. who through his leadership has continued to ensure that "The Examiner" remains on the cutting edge of journalism. Currently held by Morris Communications Corporation of Augusta, Georgia, "The Examiner" publishes daily news in the greater Independence and Blue Springs areas of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, our community is fortunate to have the commitment and leadership of the Weir family, as well as other dedicated publishers like Colonel Southern and former co-publisher Frank Rucker, who remain committed to communicating the news of the day and serving their community. It is with great pride that I salute "The Examiner" on 100 years of success. On Thursday, February 19, 1998 I have the distinct honor of joining "The Examiner" family in celebrating their 100th anniversary.

1998 CONGRESSIONAL OBSERVANCE OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN F. TIERNEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 11, 1998

Mr. TIERNEY. Mr. Speaker, while we celebrate the many accomplishments and contributions that African Americans have brought to our diverse country this month, I would like to bring to the attention of my colleagues an individual whose spiritual faith and dedication to inner-city children has been an inspiration to many.

Rev. Walter Murray graduated from Harvard School of Divinity in 1986 and for the past eight years, has been Pastor at Zion Baptist

Church in Lynn, Massachusetts. During his tenure at Zion Baptist he founded the "Inroads New England" program and provided transportation to inner-city children who otherwise would not be able to attend program events. Last fall, Rev. Murray was honored for his work with Inroads New England.

The co-founder of the Essex County Community Organization, Rev. Murray also helped create the Jump Start program in the basement of his church, which provided after-school activities for latchkey children. He is a member of the Swampscott, Massachusetts Rotary Club and has assisted in the development of youth leadership weekends. He has been honored with the Massachusetts Ecumenical Council of Churches award for Ecumenism, the First Decade Award from Harvard Alumni Association, and the Childrens Defense Fund National Achievement Award.

Frederick Douglass once said, "I cannot allow myself to be insensitive to the wrongs and suffering of any part of the great family of man." Rev. Murray personifies the words of the great abolitionist and civil rights leader through his selfless dedication and spiritual devotion the children who are often neglected and forgotten. His work has touched the lives of hundreds of children and adults and he continues to influence more and more individuals every day. In our lifetime, we are fortunate to know at least one person with such philanthropic commitment, and as we commemorate Black History Month, I am honored to call Rev. Murray a constituent, a dear friend, and an individual who truly represents the achievements of African Americans to our society.

TWO MINNESOTANS ON THE U.S. WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM SHARE IN OLYMPIC VICTORY

HON. BRUCE F. VENTO

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 1998

Mr. VENTO. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to bring the attention of my colleagues to the accomplishments of our U.S. Women's Hockey Team, who recently won the gold medal in the 1998 Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan. I am particularly honored to mention two Minnesotans who shared in the February 16 victory over Canada, Alana Blahoski of St. Paul and Jenny Schmidgall of Edina.

Alana Blahoski, who is 23 years old, played on boy's teams at Johnson High School, traditionally one of the best Minnesota high school hockey teams. She later played on the men's hockey team at Providence College in Rhode Island. This has been her third year with Team USA. Jenny Schmidgall was in eighth grade when she started playing women's hockey at Edina High School. At 19 years old, she is the second youngest player on Team USA. She currently plays hockey for the outstanding University of Minnesota women's hockey team.

The victory of Team USA marks a watershed moment in the history of women's hockey and sports in the United States. Until as recently as five years ago, women's hockey as a sanctioned sport was practically nonexistent in the United States, though its popularity in Canada and countries in Europe was soaring.

As early as the 1970s, women's hockey was an internationally competitive sport. The United States did not actually recognize women's hockey until 1994, when Minnesota became the first state to sanction high school ice hockey for girls. Now, thanks to the dedication, hard work and discipline of Alana Blahoski, Jenny Schmidgall and the rest of the Team USA, women's ice hockey in the United States is receiving the recognition it deserves. The future of women's ice hockey has been assured by this historic moment.

This achievement is a wonderful opportunity to pay tribute to two great Minnesotans, whose efforts last week made history for female hockey players all over the world and earned them the 1998 Olympic gold medal.

RECOGNIZING KERNAA D. MC FARLIN

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 1998

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of a "most outstanding musician", Kernaa D. McFarlin.

At age eleven, Kernaa D. McFarlin began his career in Tampa, Florida under the tutelage of Captain Carey W. Thomas, retired director of bands at Florida A&M University. Later, he played in the Middleton High School Band and received a scholarship to Florida A&M upon graduation.

During his college years, he was the woodwind section leader in the band and orchestra. Kernaa credits Leander Kirksey with outstanding woodwind instruction. In 1943, Mr. McFarlin was inducted into the U.S. Army and soon became a member of the famous 92nd Infantry Division Band. During his military career, he attained the rank of Sergeant.

After leaving the army, Kernaa returned to Florida A&M where he participated in the college bands under the direction of William P. Foster. Because of Mr. McFarlin's experience and training, he was able to provide valuable assistance and leadership in the development of the newly re-activated college band program.

Upon graduation, Kernaa McFarlin was appointed to be the first official band director at Stanton Senior High in Jacksonville, Florida. During his tenure as the band director, he earned a Master's Degree from the New York University. McFarlin's bands amassed a total of nineteen consecutive years of superior ratings in the Florida Association of Band Directors and the Florida Bandmasters Association contests.

Other highlights of the achievements of this band include: Being selected as Florida's representative at the 1964 New York World's Fair, participating in three Florida Governor Inaugural parades, and being selected by the Florida Department of Education in 1966 Midwest National Conference of Colleges and University Education's "Education Is For All" convention. In 1966, Mr. McFarlin's Stanton High School band was recognized by the "Instrumentalist" magazine as one of the "highly regarded bands in the Southeast."

For the past twenty-seven years, Mr. McFarlin served as an honorary member and adjudicator of the Florida Bands Association.

He received over fifty awards for musical excellence and community service.

Mr. McFarlin's achievements can best be described by his students who all echoed that "Mr. Mac" as they lovingly referred to him, not only taught them music, but character and Christian values necessary for successful living.

An award, "Most Outstanding Musician" was named in McFarlin's honor has been established at the Stanton Preparatory College Band and is given annually to the most deserving student.

As a former student of Mr. McFarlin, I am delighted to mention that the great State of Florida has been most fortunate to have shared the gifts and talents of Kernaa D. McFarlin.

Mr. McFarlin passed on December 21, 1997.

IN HONOR OF DAVE'S SUPERMARKETS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 1998

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the contribution of Dave's Supermarkets to the economic well-being and general welfare of the Ohio City neighborhood.

Dave's Supermarkets have exemplified the attitude of community improvement and well-being during its many years of operation. With the opening of the Ohio City store, 93 locals, most of whom were unemployed or in low-income jobs, now receive union wage paychecks and even health care benefits and pension plans. Dave's gave them the opportunity to reintegrate themselves into the workforce, thus improving their lifestyles and revitalizing the neighborhood. The attitude of Dave's Supermarkets and its owners, the Saltzman family, has clearly affected the life of the Ohio City community for the better.

Employees of the newly-constructed Dave's reflect the ethnic and cultural diversity of the neighborhood and are friendly, energetic, and optimistic. By mixing the local characteristics of the "general store" with the modern supermarket experience, Dave's provides a welcome community atmosphere. Truly, Dave's Supermarkets offer intrinsic American values that we all cherish: congeniality, supportive customer service, and a friendly atmosphere in which to shop.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in saluting Dave's Supermarkets and the employees of the Dave's Ohio City store.

HONORING MR. SAM MOORE FOR HIS SERVICE TO GOD AND FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO THOMAS NELSON PUBLISHERS

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 1998

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Sam Moore, the head of Thomas Nelson Publishers, for his devoted service to God and for his dedication to the distribution of God's Word.