

A TRIBUTE TO THE HON. DAN
SCHAEFER**HON. JOE SKEEN**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 1998

Mr. SKEEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay special recognition to the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. SCHAEFER) who is retiring from Congress at the end of the 105th Congressional session.

I am honored and pleased to have served with DAN SCHAEFER throughout my tenure in the House of Representatives. Working together, we have served as members of the minority and majority party in Congress and have always held principle over politics.

We are going to miss Mr. SCHAEFER next session. Throughout his distinguished career in the House, he has served his constituents from Colorado and the United States with honor and distinction.

DAN will be remembered here for many notable legislative accomplishments. Passing the Federal Facilities Compliance Act ensured that those of us with Federal facilities in our districts received the same level of environmental protection as everyone else in the country. He was and is a major player in helping us in New Mexico streamline the bureaucratic process to get the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant up and running—and while we're still not there yet, we're a lot closer today because of DAN SCHAEFER's efforts and I look forward to riding shotgun on that first truck with him.

Mr. SCHAEFER also helped spark the national debate on reforming our nation's tax code. His legislation to eliminate income tax raised a lot of eyebrows, but also raised the national awareness of the mess our tax system is in. I also recall that DAN was talking about a balanced budget long before the majority of our colleagues in Congress. His balanced budget legislation, introduced in the 103rd Congress, was the blueprint for many subsequent bills, and saw its fulfillment in the Balanced Budget Act passed by this Congress.

While I have just scratched the surface of DAN's distinguished career, it is a pretty impressive list of accomplishments. Just as impressive, though, has been DAN's non-legislative accomplishments. As manager of the Republican baseball team, he turned the event from a back-alley pepper game into a major-league success, to the point where the game now gets nationwide radio and TV coverage, and helps support a number of worthy charities in the Washington area. I know I've enjoyed his participation in the Western Caucus and the Wild Turkey Club, where Members facing similar problems and with similar constituencies are able to work through the difficult issues facing Congress in a sober and thought-provoking atmosphere. While Congress as an institution will certainly be poorer without DAN's presence, I also know that many Members will suffer a personal loss from his retirement as well.

In closing, I sincerely wish DAN SCHAEFER and his family all the best and look forward to the day the Colorado Rockies name him as their Manager. Good luck and God bless you DAN, we'll miss you around here.

RETIREMENT TRIBUTE TO BOB
BOYER**HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, this election day Robert Kent Boyer will be retiring from government service. Bob has been a close friend and colleague to many members and staffers in the Congress. His career has been marked by a long commitment and deep dedication to America's place in the world.

Bob worked his way up from hardscrabble beginnings in Arkansas through perseverance and elbow grease. He served our nation in the United States Air Force before coming to the U.S. Congress as a staffer in 1968. Bob served on the staffs of Senator John McClellan and Representatives Allard, Lowenstein, WILLIAM ROTH and William Mailliard with distinction. In 1971, Representatives Thomas (Doc) Morgan, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and Representative Mailliard, the Ranking Minority Member appointed Bob to the professional staff of the full Committee on Foreign Affairs, where he worked for more than 22 years.

During his tenure on the Hill, Bob oversaw some of this nation's most important international work in combating narcotics, improving diplomatic security, fighting terrorism and assisting refugees who were the innocent victims of conflict and disaster.

In 1993 Bob, was appointed as the Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator for Legislative and Public Affairs at the U.S. Agency for International Development, a post he still holds. Bob's sage counsel and abiding knowledge of international affairs has helped USAID make it through some of its most difficult times. I know Bob's colleagues at USAID will miss him every bit as much as we will.

In closing, let me just say that Bob Boyer is genuinely one of the kindest, most warm-hearted and talented people I have had the pleasure to work with. We will miss seeing him in his cowboy boots dispensing advice during the authorization and appropriations process. I wish he and his lovely wife, Sandy, and daughter, Vanessa, the very best in his retirement. He has served the country well and in the best tradition of government servants everywhere.

REGARDING STEEL IMPORTS

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 15, 1998

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge support for the resolution offered by my colleague from Ohio. Along with my friends from Indiana and Ohio, and many other Members of the House who have been working to get debate and a fair vote on this issue—I am deeply concerned about the current crisis in the U.S. steel industry. We are worried about this steel crisis and we want to send a strong message to the White House.

The U.S. steel industry and its workers are suffering tremendously from reduced orders,

as a result of dumping by Asian and Russian producers. But the Administration has not acted to stop this illegal practice.

The Members of the European Union have been smart enough to protect their steel industry from dumping by erecting temporary barriers to steel imports during the financial crisis. Their steel industry will weather this storm.

American steel workers—the most efficient in the world—cannot continue to be besieged by foreign steel products while waiting indefinitely for trade cases to be settled. Damage to the American steel industry is extensive, severe, and rapidly growing.

I want to say that I do think there is a legitimate role for the United States, Japan, the European Union, and others to play, together, to help Russia and the newly industrialized Asian countries get through this economic crisis. But the American steel industry cannot and should not shoulder the burden alone.

Just recently, just in the Pittsburgh area, Riverview Steel in Glassport, and a number of other steel producers have been forced out of business by unfair imports. Steel has already been through tough times in our lifetimes—but the industry has come back more competitive than ever. The current steel crisis is an external, macroeconomic problem that is unfairly impacting American workers. We already have the laws in place to address this problem. We need to act now to stop another hollowing out of American industry, by acting to stop illegal dumping.

This House must act today to urge concrete measures on the Administration to stop the flow of dumped steel. The Traficant Resolution makes the strongly worded statement that needs to be made on this subject. Although it's non-binding, the Traficant Resolution would call on the Administration to investigate these low-priced steel imports for 10 days. If the Asians, former Soviet states, or anyone else is flouting international trade agreements, the President should impose a 1-year ban on steel imports from that country. By asking for these actions, the Traficant Resolution is making a real statement. This is not just some toothless piece of paper that would make this issue go away. Because this issue will not go away.

I urge my colleagues to think over this serious problem, and vote in favor of the Traficant Resolution.

HONORING REVEREND DR. ERIC R.
FIGUEROA, SR. BISHOP-DESIGNATE**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 1998

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Dr. Eric R. Figueroa, Sr. Bishop-Designate. A man of vision, devotion and tireless service to others in the spirit of God.

Reverend Dr. Eric R. Figueroa, Sr. was born on February 15, 1954 in New York, NY and is the oldest of three children born to Elder Ronald L. Figueroa and Mother Minnie M. Figueroa. He is the husband of Evangelist Doreen Figueroa for 23 years, and the father of three anointed and marvelously gifted children, Timiney, Anaysha and Eric Jr.

Reverend Dr. Figueroa is a graduate of Boys High School, Hunter College and Manhattan Bible Institute with honors. In his continued pursuit of academic and spiritual excellence, he received a Doctorate in Divinity from the National Theological Seminary of the Commonwealth University of St. Louis, Missouri and a Doctorate of Theology from the St. Paul Bible Institute.

As a child, Rev. Figueroa enjoyed the benefit of a spiritual nurturing environment—living in a household surrounded by Spirit filled believers. His spiritual renaissance occurred at the Institutional Church of God in Christ under the Pastorate of Bishop Carl E. Williams, Sr. While at Institutional, he worked in numerous positions serving the Savior and the church well.

Acknowledging his call to the ministry in August of 1976, the inevitable happened, he followed in the lineage of his grandfather, the late Reverend David A. Figueroa, Sr., Pastor of the Mount Zion Pentecostal Faith Church and his father, Reverend Ronald Figueroa, Assistant Pastor of the New Life Tabernacle, making him the third generation of preachers. In 1978 he was ordained as an Elder by Bishop Carl E. Williams, Pastor of the Institutional Church of God in Christ International.

The Reverend's unique and inclusionary character and ministry forged interdenominational relationships that transcended traditional religious barriers, walls and spiritual stereotypes in an effort to advance the Kingdom of God. His skillful presentation of the Gospel and his sense of civil and community duty has brought him to the attention and demand of many distinguished religious and political organizations who have benefited from his expertise.

In January 1998, the Presiding Prelate, his Eminence, Bishop Carl E. Williams Sr. and the Board of Bishops of the Church of God in Christ International, officially proclaimed Reverend Dr. Eric R. Figueroa Sr. as Bishop-Designate in the Lord's Church.

After several years of fruitful Evangelistic Ministry, Dr. Figueroa organized and founded the New Life Crusade Ministry in 1981. As this phase of ministry developed it was evident that God had higher heights destined for the ministry. In 1983 God gave Rev. Figueroa a vision for a church called New Life Tabernacle. On August 21, 1983 New Life Tabernacle was founded with seven members dedicated unto the Lord. Over the past 15 years New Life Tabernacle has grown in numbers, exceeding a membership of 400.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues from both sides of the aisle to join me in saluting Reverend Doctor Eric R. Figueroa, Sr. Bishop-Designate.

TRIBUTE TO STUDENTS OF ELDERTON HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 1998

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to share with you and my colleagues a very uplifting story about an extraordinary group of young people in Elderton, Pennsylvania.

Two years ago, under the guidance of some very enthusiastic and involved high school

teachers and the sponsorship of the Armstrong-Indiana County Intermediate Unit, a group of six high school students started a program called Applebee Pond. The program, which was created by the Mercer County Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc., involves a puppet show performed by a group of high school kids for grade school children. However, this program is not merely an extracurricular activity—it is much more. That's because the purpose of the program is to teach very young children of grade school age the dangers of smoking.

The group of high school students, which now numbers over twenty students ranging in age from 14 to 18, travels to grade schools throughout the area putting on a variety of programs for a very attentive audience of children. The message of avoiding smoking is delivered to the younger children through puppet characters they enjoy and is positively reinforced through the older kids, who they look up to and who serve as powerful role models.

As priceless as is the lesson being taught to the youngsters, though, perhaps the most extraordinary thing about this program is the impact it has had on the high school students—both those participating in the program as well as their peers. Participation in the program is selective and competitive. The students must maintain good grades and promise not to drink, smoke, or be involved with any drugs. Since the program started, the students associated with it have become so popular by setting an example of a healthy, athletic, positive lifestyle, that other students have actually quit smoking to be able to join. Parents praise the program and call to find out how their children can participate. Their brightly colored, easily recognized T-shirts are proudly-worn status symbols. They work well with their teachers and are well-known within their community. Some students who have graduated even come back to spend time helping out with the program.

At a time when young people are so often noticed only when they do something wrong, I am very proud to be able to share with you the story of these terrific teenagers and the wonderful gift they are giving to their classmates, their community, and to themselves. They are demonstrating what cool really is—being a leader, a good student, and living a healthy lifestyle.

TRIBUTE TO ADA HESS

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 1998

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to say goodbye to a dear friend, Ada Hess of El Centro, California. Ada passed away this past summer and I would like to take a moment to recognize the friendship given to me by such a good and beautiful person.

Ada was born in Buffalo Gap, Texas and after marrying John Hess in 1968, she moved to El Centro where she worked as the secretary/treasurer for their various geological businesses. With a lot of hard work and dedication, their businesses grew abroad and Ada and John soon became world travelers. Following John's death in 1987, Ada continued running these businesses as the sole propri-

etor for nine more years before selling them in 1996.

When I was a young lawyer starting out during the 1970's, I remember how John would always be willing to offer his engineering expertise to assist with my cases. My family and I always knew we could stay with Ada and John at their home in El Centro where we would often go on camping trips to the Colorado River and pan for gold. While my boys and I were trying to strike it rich, Ada would be making sure that everyone had their shovels, pails and a good lunch. After my election to Congress, I always treasured the times when John and Ada would visit me in Washington, D.C., somehow we would always end up exploring Northern Virginia.

John and Ada Hess were great advocates of conservative principles and the Republican party. At one function, I remember how proud John was to show me a bull-moose handkerchief that had been given to his grandfather by Teddy Roosevelt. At other times, Ada would often thank me for helping her with the opportunity to attend a presidential inaugural ball. When I think back upon our fun times together, I realize that I am the thankful one, for having John and Ada as friends.

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL COMMUNITY PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 1998

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) on its 100th anniversary this month and to commend the organization for the work they do on behalf of independent pharmacies across the country. The NCPA represents the pharmacist owners, managers, and employees of nearly 30,000 independent community pharmacies. Independent pharmacists—more than 75,000 nationwide—dispense the majority of the nation's retail prescription drugs.

Independent pharmacists have a tremendous responsibility that is of increasing importance. Patients continue to rely more and more on their community pharmacist for good advice on which medication will help them. With many patients visiting the pharmacy more often than their doctor, community pharmacists continue to use their knowledge when telling consumers the pros and cons to these products. Ninety-eight percent of our community pharmacists make recommendations on over-the-counter drugs and general health care issues. Their expertise is imperative to the health of millions of people across this country and I commend them for a job well done.

Community pharmacists are truly working for the well-being of patients across the country and I am proud to work with them. The National Community Pharmacists continue to play a role in the lives of millions of Americans and I congratulate them on their 100th anniversary.