

THE AMERICA AFTER SCHOOL ACT

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 1998

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the America After School Act. This bill increases the availability and affordability of high quality after-school child care. It expands the Child Care Development Block Grant and the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program, while investing juvenile justice funds into after-school prevention programs.

In 64 percent of families with children under 18, both parents work. Their children, especially those 5 to 15 years old, need a safe haven during non-school hours. A recent study showed that when children were unsupervised for long periods of time early in life, they were more likely to display poor behavior adjustment and academic performance as early as the sixth grade. Young people need productive, supervised activities for the periods when they are not in school.

In my district of Rochester, NY, Henry Lomb School #20 has an after school program that serves about 25 students. They could easily triple this number, based on their waiting list and space availability, if only they had enough funding to increase their staff to meet the one-to-ten staff-student requirement.

Meanwhile, Adlai Stevenson School #29 has an after school program that has enough funding to serve sixteen of its students. This is a great start. However, the school consists of a total of four hundred students. This is another example of the great need to expand after school child care in this country.

Other schools in my district report the need for increased funding for transportation, staff, and supplies to provide supervision and constructive activities for school-age children when the school day ends. Because of the lack of funding, schools do not have the resources to provide after-school care for all students every day. They ration the care—two or three days per week for each student. However, a study in my district showed that school attendance was higher on days when students knew they had their after-school program at the end of the day. Clearly, students desire a safe haven after school, as much as their parents desire it for them.

In addition, the peak hours for juvenile crime are from 3 PM to 8 PM. We need to get kids off the streets and into safe, productive programs at their schools where they can receive help with their homework, participate in the arts, and expend positive energy on athletic competition.

We have learned so much about the development of young minds and the importance of nurturing children at a young age. Expanding after school programs will help more children benefit from supervision and constructive attention from adults. We can stimulate these young minds through tutoring opportunities, arts and computer projects, and drug prevention activities.

I am proud to sponsor the America After School Act and I urge my colleagues to join me in improving the care of our nation's children. Following is a summary of the bill and a list of original cosponsors:

SUMMARY OF THE AMERICA AFTER SCHOOL ACT
Promoting Safe After School Activities
(\$7.25 billion over 5 years)

Title I: Child Care and Development Services

Expand the Child Care Development Block grant (CCDBG) to increase the availability and affordability of quality before and after school health care, and summer and weekend activities for school age children to promote good health and academic achievement and to help avoid high risk behavior. Programs must demonstrate inclusion of disabled children;—grants to schools, community-based organizations, child care, youth, and community centers, or partnerships in low-income areas.—costs: \$5 billion over 5 years.

Title II: The 21st Century Community Learning Center Program

Expand the 21st Century Community Learning Center Program by:

Increasing the supply of before and after-school programs in a cost-effective manner by using public schools and their existing resources, such as computers, libraries, and gymnasiums, through a one-to-one matching provision that can be met by using in kind or cash resources.

Streamlining the application process and strengthening fiscal accountability mechanisms by including the local education agency in the application process, but keeping the responsibility for running the program at the school level.—costs: \$1 billion over 5 years.

Title III: Crime Prevention Program

Direct half of the \$500 million new juvenile justice funds to after school prevention programs, instead of just enforcement programs.

Offer grants on a matching basis to the public and private agencies that conduct after-school prevention programs to high crime neighborhoods and areas with significant numbers of at-risk youth.

Grantees must coordinate with state or local juvenile crime control programs.—costs: \$1.25 billion over 5 years.

Original Cosponsors: Gary Ackerman, Rosa DeLauro, Barney Frank, Martin Frost, Darlene Hooley, Eddie Bernice Johnson, Dale Kildee, John Lewis, Zoe Lofgren, Robert Matsui, Marty Meehan, Connie Morella, Richard Neal, Major Owens, Nick Rahall, Max Sandlin, Robert Underwood, Henry Waxman.

TRIBUTE TO MARCELLA "MARCY"
CISNEROS**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 1998

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Marcella "Marcy" Cisneros, a dedicated community leader who is being honored as an inductee into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

Marcella "Marcy" Cisneros is a tireless crusader against domestic violence. She began her work with victims of violence as a volunteer for the San Mateo Battered Women's Services, then served as Director of Program Services and Outreach Education from 1990 to 1993. Her dream to offer greater advocacy services came true in 1993 when Sor Juana Ines opened its doors to abused women. Since its inception, Sor Juana Ines has served over 5,000 women in San Mateo County by answering crisis calls and providing counseling. In 1995, Ms. Cisneros was hired by the District Attorney's Office as one of its first Domestic Violence Victim Advocates. In addition to her current position with the District Attor-

ney, she continues to educate the private sector about domestic violence and serves in a number of other volunteer capacities. She is an Advisory Board Member of the Psychology Department for the College of Notre Dame and a Co-chair of the County Task Force on Violent Crimes Against Women.

Mr. Speaker, Marcella "Marcy" Cisneros is an outstanding citizen and I salute her for her remarkable contributions and commitment to our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and congratulating her on being inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

RESOLUTION HONORING ANNE B.
ANSTINE**HON. BUD SHUSTER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 1998

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise, Mr. Speaker, in honor of one of my very great friends, the late Anne B. Anstine of Port Royal, Pennsylvania.

Anne was a gifted and talented woman who cared deeply for not only the people she counted as friends and family, but also for the entire community. She lived an exemplary life of service of the organizations that she supported, and volunteered her time to help whenever she was needed. Her death has affected everyone who knew her, and we will all miss her.

Anne began her long and distinguished career in her hometown in Juniata County; therefore, it is my honor to submit the resolution adopted by the Juniata County Council of Republican Women in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. It is with great respect and admiration that I submit the following:

RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF ANNA MAE BAIRD
ANSTINE

Whereas, Pennsylvania has lost a very prominent, proficient and dedicated woman from the ranks of the Republican Party; and

Whereas, Mrs. Anna Mae Baird Anstine, age 73, died May 23, 1997. Known to all as Anne, she was born in Lock Haven, Clinton County, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Clarence E. and Rose Kalmbach Baird. She attended the public schools in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, and furthered her studies at the The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA. On September 14, 1994, she married John B. Anstine, Sr. They moved to Juniata County and established their home on Annlick Farm in Licking Creek, Mifflintown, PA. She lived there for forty years before moving to Port Royal, PA. She was the mother of three children: John B. Anstine, Jr., who resides in Port Royal, PA; Mrs. Nicholas S. (Elizabeth A.) Reynolds, who resides in Alexandria, Virginia; and Mrs. Joel (Rachael A.) Diamond, who resides in Reedsville, PA; and

Whereas, Anne served as Secretary-Treasurer for the family business, Annlick Farm Supply, Incorporated, Port Royal, PA since 1947; and

Whereas, Anne's career in public service began when she was elected County Committee Member for Juniata County. She later became Juniata County Republican Party Vice Chairman and aspired to the Chairmanship. Additionally, she served as Vice Chairman for Citizens of Governor Bill Scranton

and Scheduling Director for numerous campaigns including Congressman John Heinz for United States Senate, Representative Patricia Crawford for State Treasurer, Judge Frank Montemuro, Jr., for Supreme Court and Judge Robert Shadle for Superior Court; and

Whereas, Anne was appointed leader of the Republican Delegation to visit Taipei, Taiwan and Hong Kong by Edward Wu, Minister of Foreign Affairs To Taiwan and Former Ambassador to Bolivia; and

Whereas, Anne was an At-Large Delegate to the 1984, 1988 and 1992 Republican National Conventions, elected to the Platform Committee for the 1988 National Convention and was designated by President Ronald Reagan and George Bush to serve on the 1981 and 1989 Pennsylvania Electoral College and, just recently, was elected Chairman of the Northeast Region of the Pennsylvania National Committee; and

Whereas, Anne B. Anstine was unanimously elected Chairman of the Republican State Committee of Pennsylvania on February 10, 1990 by the Republican State Committee members in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, Prior to being named chairman, Anne served six years as Republican State Committee Vice Chairman. During this period she was Executive Assistant to Senator William J. Moore, who served the 33rd Senatorial District in Pennsylvania. She also worked as Special Assistant to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Jack Seltzer, and was Special Projects Staff Member for the Republican members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives; and

Whereas, As a Director of the Pennsylvania Council of Republican Women, Anne presided over Juniata, Huntingdon, and Mifflin Counties. She served as Vice Chairman on the Campaign Committee of the National Federation of Women, Washington, D.C., under which she was a faculty member and traveled throughout the country teaching Scheduling; and

Whereas, Anne served as State Chairman of the Republican State Committee until the June 1996 State Committee meeting held in Hershey, Pennsylvania, where she was elected National Committeewoman for the State of Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, Beginning January 1, 1996, after seventeen years of service on the Pennsylvania Council of Republican Women, she was awarded Director Emeritus status with the Pennsylvania Council of Republican Women; and

Whereas, In November 1996, Anne was honored by Governor Tom Ridge as a Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, Anne was also elected Honorary member of the Juniata County Council of Republican Women; and

Whereas, Anne served on numerous boards including the Juniata and Mifflin Cancer Boards, the Lewistown Hospital Auxiliary, the Juniata Historical Society, the Milford Grange and the Mental Health Board for Juniata, Huntingdon and Mifflin Counties. Other civil activities include appointment to Pennsylvania's Legislative Eisenhower Centennial Commission, Trustee of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Society, member of Messiah Lutheran Church, past member of the Juniata County Business and Professional Women's Club and Past President of the Mifflin-Mifflintown Women's Civil Club;

Be it resolved: That the Juniata County Council of Republican Women and the Pennsylvania Council of Republican Women do hereby posthumously recognize Anne Baird Anstine for her outstanding leadership in the Republican Party on the national, state and local level, and for her undaunted service with distinction and honor, her overwhelm-

ing enthusiasm in said leadership and for her proficient life which all Republican women everywhere can emulate; and

Be it further resolved: That the Juniata County Council of Republican Women and the Pennsylvania Council of Republican Women extend sincere gratitude to her family and many friends for their support and encouragement and express deepest sympathy in the loss of their beloved one and our faithful leader and friend.

Now therefore: The Juniata County Council of Republican Women and the Pennsylvania Council of Republican Women request that this resolution, adopted October 20, 1997 at the PA Council's 75th Diamond Jubilee Convention meeting in Harrisburg, PA, be recorded upon the minutes of the Pennsylvania Council of Republican Women and the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD; and that copies be sent to Anne B. Anstine's three children: John, Elizabeth and Rachael.

THE POWER OF FREE ENTERPRISE

HON. JOE SCARBOROUGH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 1998

Mr. SCARBOROUGH. Mr. Speaker, as we Americans approach the 21st century, we should all be reminded of Ronald Reagan's wise words on the power of free enterprise to improve the lives of millions. Like President Reagan, I know history's lesson has taught us that the power of the individual entrepreneur is far more powerful than the plodding might of a government bureaucracy.

As President Reagan said in 1987, the economic vitality pushing our country into the 21st Century is broad-based and irreversible. It's not coming from the top, but from the bottom. The creative talents of our citizenry, always America's greatest asset, are being put to work for our benefit as never before. We have every reason to be optimistic.

When I first came to Washington three years ago, the annual deficit was over \$200 billion a year. Bill Clinton said balancing the budget would wreck the economy. But by following the wisdom of Ronald Reagan, we cut government spending a record \$50 billion in one year.

Our conservative fiscal policy has caused interest rates to drop, the markets to explode and the deficit to disappear. With the deficit monster in check, we must now reform the Income Tax code to make it fairer, simpler and less expensive for all Americans. Again, we would be wise to take President Reagan's word to heart: "Common sense told us that when you put a big tax on something, the people will produce less of it. So, we cut the people's tax rates, and the people produced more than ever before."

As President Reagan said in his Farewell Address to the Nation, lower tax rates lead to more jobs, more opportunities and a stronger economy for all Americans. Let us hope that members of Congress and this Administration will fight for the tax reform that Americans so badly need. If we meet that challenge, truly I believe America's greatest days will lie ahead.

A V-I-C-T-O-R-Y CHEER FOR
SOUTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL
CHEERLEADERS

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 1998

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate San Diego's Southwest High School Cheerleaders who just won the National Co-ed Cheerleading Championship in Orlando, Florida.

The team members are a diverse group of 18 young women and men. They are: Sharyne Beza; Gail Buntingan; Alex Cardenas; Letty Cervantes; Lilygene Craig; Carla Cruz; Hilda Cruz; Wilver Dela Cruz; Tito Enriquez; Alejandra Gonzalez; Angela Guerrero; DeeJay Hunter; William Mangull; Edwin Monzon; Ian Navarette; Liezel Padiernos; Liz Trevino; and Tanya Snyder.

The Southwest High School Cheerleaders used their teamwork, professionalism and spirit to climb their way to the top. A true spirit to be the best indeed yields success!

The Southwest High Cheerleaders are not strangers to victory. This team holds three District Championships. With the help of Coach Roy Lucas, the team's grueling daily practices, intense training and unwavering commitment—they achieved something very special for themselves and all of San Diego.

So I say to the Southwest High Cheerleaders today—enjoy your victory and remember what it took to get you here. The skills you have learned working as a team will help you in life, whatever path you choose.

Here's a huge V-I-C-T-O-R-Y cheer for Southwest High's National Champions. Congratulations on a job well done!

TRIBUTE TO GLORIA BROWN

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 1998

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Gloria Brown, a dedicated community leader who is being honored as an inductee into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

Gloria Brown currently serves on the Mills-Peninsula Health Services Board of Directors, one of many boards on which she has served over the years. In 1995, Ms. Brown organized the first Awareness Sunday Program for African American women in San Mateo County in response to data indicating that African American women have one of the lowest survival rates of breast cancer in the United States. In 1996, she organized an African American Community Health Advisory Committee through the Mills-Peninsula Health Services in order to identify and address health issues that effect the African American community. Further, Ms. Brown helped design an environmental education program for middle school students to handle the academic, emotional, and social needs of pupils needing an alternative learning environment. This successful program is now in its fifth year and is conducted in partnership with the Cabrillo School District and a local funder.