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A TRIBUTE TO CHARLES HERBERT SEATON

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 1998

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Charles Herbert Seaton. Herb, as we knew him, was a long time scoutmaster, role model and friend to hundreds of children and young men in North San Diego County, and a fine engineer and public servant.

He was born in Uniontown, Pennsylvania on September 13, 1928 to Charles Swan and Mary Elizabeth Kelley Seaton. He attended East Bethlehem Township High School and Pennsylvania State University, where he graduated in June 1949 with a degree in aeronautical engineering. During the summer of 1948 he worked for the U.S. Navy at the David Taylor Model Basin in Carderock, Maryland testing models of airplanes and missiles. After his graduation from Penn State, he was an instructor in the aeronautical engineering department and attended graduate school until 1951. On December 16, 1950 he married Jean Louise Harte, the daughter of Loyal Bert Harte and Sarah Eva Gray.

The young Seatons moved to San Diego, California in 1951 where Herb was employed at Convair as a senior aerodynamics engineer, working on the F-102 interceptor airplane, the Atlas rocket program, and other launch vehicles. In October 1961, Herb's work moved him to the Aeronautical Division of Ford Motor Company in Newport Beach, California, where he was employed as a principal engineer until January 1962, when he was appointed Assistant Director of Nuclear Flight Systems at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration headquarters in Washington, D.C. For several technical and other reasons, nuclear rocket propulsion did not catch on, and the Seatons returned to California in July 1963, where he applied his expertise in nuclear engineering and propulsion for a number of firms and as a consultant, eventually arriving in North San Diego County with five children in the fall of 1968.

Herb's most memorable role was in his local community. He served as President of the Parents and Teachers Association at Ocean Knoll Elementary School in Encinitas, California in 1972 when his two youngest children were enrolled there. As a leader in the Boy Scouts of America for more than 20 years, he served as Scoutmaster of Troop 777, San Diego County Council (now Desert-Pacific Council). This troop grew to be one of the largest troops in its district and produced many Eagle Scouts. For his devotion to scouting, he was awarded the Order of Merit and Silver Beaver by the Boy Scouts of America. He was also a very active member of International Rotary since 1969, most recently with the Kearny Mesa Club. Every Christmas sea-

son he donated his time to play Santa Claus for the Rotary Club and for the Children's Home Society.

His death came on February 12, 1998 at home in Cardiff-by-the-Sea, California. He leaves five children behind: Charles Bret Seaton of San Diego, California; Gary Bruce Seaton of Newport Beach, California; Carl Evan Seaton of Vista, California; LT Scott Montgomery Seaton, MC USNR of Chesapeake, Virginia; and Mrs. Lauren Louise Stills of Santa Monica, California. He also leaves five grandchildren.

Let the permanent RECORD of the Congress of the United States show that Herb's life exemplified the Scouting and Rotarian traditions of service to community, and that he leaves behind this legacy for his family, friends, and fellow Americans to emulate.

STATEMENT REGARDING THE HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY ACT

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 1998

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, in Title III of the Higher Education Act, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) will be adversely affected if HR 2495, the Higher Education for the 21st Century Act is passed. I requested, therefore, that my name be removed as a co-sponsor of this bill.

If this legislation were to pass with a new definition of Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) incorporated, every college with a 25% Hispanic enrollment would receive funding; thus, 160 colleges would be made eligible. Alternatively, if HBCUs were defined as every college with an African American enrollment of 25%, 356 colleges would be deemed HBCUs versus the current number of 104. Obviously, there is insufficient funding available to HSIs but their funding should not be appropriated at the risk of taking funds from HBCUs which currently receive a relatively small amount of funds.

I have received numerous calls and correspondence from the presidents and alumni of HBCUs who have expressed their concern about this issue. If we are going to give funds to institutions based on a set percentage of an ethnicity as stated in HR 2495, then I will support giving dollars to all of the 364 colleges that would become HBCUs and the 160 HSIs that would be eligible to receive resources under this bill.

Because I have made a commitment to balance the budget and no monies can be appropriated to additional institutions, I am unable to support HR 2495. Accordingly, I have requested that my name be removed as a co-sponsor of HR 2495, the Higher Education for the 21st Century Act.

A BILL TO ESTABLISH THE "PROTECT SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT"

HON. JIM BUNNING

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 1998

Mr. BUNNING. Mr. Speaker, The future of Social Security has finally taken center stage. In his State of the Union address, the President made a bold commitment to save Social Security—reserving 100% of future budget surpluses until necessary measures have been taken to strengthen the Social Security System.

Unfortunately, however, somewhere between the State of the Union and the drafting of the President's budget proposal, this commitment to Social Security got lost in the shuffle.

The President's budget did nothing to redirect budget surpluses to Social Security. It proposed nothing new.

It included no new Social Security Trust Fund investment strategies or any changes to Social Security taxes or spending.

That's why today, I will introduce legislation to create a new treasury account, "The Protect Social Security Account," into which each year's budget surpluses will be deposited.

In essence, my bill would "wall-off" budget surpluses so they could not be spent until a solution to Social Security is found.

We have a fantastic window of opportunity—right now—to do what we all know we need to do—to reform Social Security to make sure it remains solvent beyond the baby boomers—beyond the year 2029—well into the next century.

The fact that, today, we have balanced the budget—and now see the potential of significant budget surpluses for the next ten years—gives us a golden window of opportunity to strengthen Social Security.

We should not let that opportunity pass us by. I urge all my colleagues to join me in protecting the future of this country's most vital program.

RECOGNITION OF SARA DECOSTA OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST

HON. ROBERT A. WEYGAND

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 1998

Mr. WEYGAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sara DeCosta, a constituent from my district who, along with her teammates on the United States Women's Olympic Hockey Team, won the Gold Medal in the Olympic Games in Nagano, Japan.

Sara began playing hockey at the age of five in the all-male Warwick Junior Hockey Association. She loved the game, but kept hearing people tell her that there would be little opportunity for a female to play at the next level. At Toll Gate High School Sara again played on an all-male team. Sara was the first female ever to play in the Rhode Island Interscholastic League's Championship Division. With her in the net, Toll Gate became the first public school in a decade to play in the state hockey finals. As goalie, Sara shut out the defending

champions during a final game against 17-year consecutive title holders Mount St. Charles Academy. She became the first goalie in 18 years to do so in a title series game. Due to her hard work the year before, Sara was the starting goalie her senior year.

Sara began her college career playing for the women's hockey team at Providence College. During the summer of 1997 Sara was chosen for Team USA to compete in the Pacific Rim Games at Lake Placid, New York. Team USA shut out the Canadian women's team 3-0 in the winner take all championship game. As a result of her skill and sportsmanship during those games, Sara was chosen for the United States Women's Olympic Hockey Team.

Sara is not only a great player, she is a great team player. She was not chosen to start in the gold medal game against Canada, but understood that the success of the whole team was more important than whether or not she got to play. Before the gold medal game she took off her angel pin that had brought her good luck for so long and gave it to the starting goalie.

For the past fifteen years Sara has heard people tell what she can't do. Sara has shown the whole world what she can do. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Sara and the rest of her teammates for their victory in Nagano.

TRIBUTE TO MILDRED ANN
"MILLIE" BESSIRE

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 1998

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

Mildred Ann "Millie" Bessire has dedicated countless hours to improving the lives of children, particularly young girls, in San Mateo County. She has spent over 50 years in Girl Scouting, including more than 20 years actively leading a two-week long Girl Scout Day Camp, establishing it as an ongoing program in which she currently acts as Day Camp Administrator. Ms. Bessire also has been active in the Parent Teachers Association (PTA) for over 30 years, serving as President at the local and council levels. In addition, she has developed the expertise of others by recruiting and training adult volunteers, including her own grown daughters who are now active in the Girl Scouting program. In recognition of her volunteer efforts, she has been given numerous awards, including the PTA Honorary Service Award at the local, council, and district levels and the 1997 Women Helping Women Award from the Soroptimists.

Mr. Speaker, Mildred Ann "Millie" Bessire 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.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 1998

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, today I read that there may be a vote on a pure soft money ban on the floor of the House of Representatives. While I strongly support a ban on soft money, it is not enough. Any campaign finance legislation that will make a difference must include increased disclosure rules on independent expenditures. The independent groups have come to dominate our campaigns, you just need to look at the race in California to see the effect outside interest groups have had on campaigns.

Fortunately, there is a bill that achieves that goal. The Bipartisan Campaign Integrity Act of 1997, H.R. 2183, bans soft money and places simple disclosure requirements on expenditures by independent groups. This bill does not violate free speech and is a practical way to start to get the big money out of the political system. The six Democrats and six Republicans who worked on this bill have taken the poison pills out of this legislation and have crafted a bill that can be supported by both parties. Our legislation has the most bipartisan co-sponsors of any bill in the House.

The time is now to pass a meaningful campaign finance reform bill. The Bipartisan Campaign Integrity Act of 1997 is the best bill available. The people of my district refuse to take "no" for an answer.

IN HONOR OF G.W. "BUD" MERWIN

HON. JOE BARTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 1998

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a small businessman and a veteran from my home State of Texas. G.W. "Bud" Merwin is retiring as the President of the Automotive Services Association which is located in my district. The Automotive Services Association is the nation's oldest and largest not-for-profit trade association representing all segments of the automotive repair industry including mechanical, collision, and transmission repair facilities.

Bud Merwin started as the owner of a full-service mechanical, towing, and collision repair business. He graduated from the Institute for Organization Management at the University of Delaware and served in the United States Army. He was stationed in Germany and is an honor graduate of the U.S. Army truck, wheel, and light aircraft repair training school.

In 1971, he launched the very first voluntary automotive technicians' certification program, the National Automotive Technicians Certification Board. This later merged with Automotive Service Excellence that has become the industry standard for quality.

Bud was a founding board member of the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation, a co-founder of the International Autobody Congress and Exposition, and a founding officer of the Automotive Service Councils and the Automotive Management Institute.

G.W. "Bud" Merwin has worked throughout his life to protect American small business and to ensure excellence in the automotive repair community. Although he was not born in Texas, I am glad that he and the Automotive Service Association call it home.

A TRIBUTE TO JOHN E. "JACK"
COTTER

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 1998

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man whose compassion, community dedication, and managerial skills have made him one of Arizona's most accomplished and well-respected citizens, Mr. John E. "Jack" Cotter, the Chief Executive Officer of Catholic Community Services of Southern Arizona. Arizona's largest voluntary social service organization, Catholic Community Services and its many agencies touch tens of thousands of lives across Southern Arizona each year. I am especially grateful for the services that Mr. Cotter has made available to my constituents in the Second District of Arizona.

Many of the service provider agencies and their programs exist because of the leadership and direction provided by Mr. Cotter during his tenure as Chief Executive Officer. Under his direction Catholic Community Services has achieved a remarkable record of accountability and stability in all its services. This is especially noteworthy because the funding for these services is patched together from many different public, private, local, state, and national sources. In terms of monetary value of the work, the combined program expenditures totaled more than \$23 million in the last fiscal year.

With this level of expenditure and with more than one thousand employees working across Southern Arizona, an organization of this size could lose its focus on compassionate service to the individual client. Jack Cotter has worked diligently and has provided leadership to his staff that ensures the true focus of Catholic Community Services has been maintained as a caring organization faithfully guided to serve those most in need of advocates and protectors: our children, our elderly, our ill, and our disabled.

In many Southern Arizona neighborhoods, Catholic Community Services is the only organization available to help those in need. I am grateful for the generous and caring spirit that has moved John E. Cotter to share his talents and to relieve the suffering of so many on a daily basis. The reputation of Catholic Community Services as a trustworthy, compassionate and effective organization for meeting the needs of individuals and communities, reflects the character of its leader, John E. Cotter.

All of Arizona has benefited from the 25 years Mr. Cotter has given to Catholic Community Services. As he retires, it is fitting that we reflect and thank him for all that he has done to make life more productive and less stressful for so many. For others, the services he made available were the critical factors determining life or death. I applaud all that he has done and hold him out to the nation as an honored leader. May his example guide others to a life of compassion and service.