

Matt Conway is a constituent from Florham Park, New Jersey and is a person affected by a developmental disability. I have had the opportunity to meet with him on several occasions and learn from him about some of the obstacles facing individuals with developmental disabilities. He has demonstrated to me how some of these difficulties can be overcome and I am proud to say that he has educated me on what can be done to help more individuals do the same. Matt is certainly a worthy advocate for himself and others.

On April 17, 1998, Matt will be one of 35 persons to be honored by the Foundation for Exceptional Children's Yes I Can! Program. The program honors outstanding achievements of children and youth with disabilities. Matt will receive his award in the area of employment.

Matt was nominated for this award by his teachers, friends and relatives and was selected out of hundreds of qualified nominees. I would like to join his group of supporters in congratulating him for what he has already accomplished and encouraging him on to even greater heights.

I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in congratulating Matt and wishing him future successes.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LA SIERRA UNIVERSITY ON THEIR 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 1998

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an institution in California's 43rd Congressional District that is celebrating a milestone this week. La Sierra University is celebrating 75 years of service to students in the Riverside area, as well as students worldwide. La Sierra University has shown a strong commitment to the education of our community and I would like to especially recognize Lawrence T. Geraty, the university's current president. Mr. Geraty's leadership and dedication will prepare La Sierra University for the transition into the next millennium.

La Sierra first opened in 1922 as La Sierra Academy with 84 students. In 1927, the school became Southern California Junior College, and, in 1939, the school was renamed La Sierra College with the addition of a variety of four-year programs. After merging with Loma Linda University in 1967, La Sierra College became the La Sierra campus of Loma Linda University. La Sierra once again became an independent institution in February 1990, assuming its current title as La Sierra University. In the meantime, the professional Schools of Education, Business and Management, and Religion were added.

The campus is currently expanding by developing an additional 350 acres of land. La Sierra University has also added a variety of new programs, including offering a Masters degree in Business Administration and a minor in gender studies, with their curriculum continuing to grow. They were recently chosen by the John Templeton Foundation for its 1997-1998 Honor Roll of Character-Building Colleges. They also recently received an accreditation from the National Association of Schools

of Music for their music department, as well as certification from the Western Association of Colleges and Schools. La Sierra University is also home to the four-time international championship team of students competing in the Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE). SIFE is a national organization which is supported by the Walton family, founders of Wal-Mart, that encourages entrepreneurship and community service by students interested in business. SIFE is an instrumental organization on campus, organizing tutoring, recycling and other service programs. In addition to these activities, SIFE has also been involved in several business ventures. As a result, La Sierra University gives students the atmosphere, guidance, and moral foundation needed to succeed in today's competitive job market.

I would like to commend La Sierra University for their commitment to the worldwide scholastic community. Over 1,500 students are currently enrolled, representing more than 60 countries. I encourage and support La Sierra University in continuing to set and meet its outstanding goals in the area of education for decades to come. On behalf of the residents of the 43rd Congressional District, I would like to thank La Sierra University for its contributions and dedicated service to the community, and wish them great success with their 75th anniversary celebration.

TRIBUTE TO GRANT R. BRIMHALL

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 1998

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Grant Brimhall, who is retiring after over three decades of public service.

Marian Wright Edelman once said that "We must not, in trying to think about how we can make a big difference, ignore the small daily differences we can make which, over time, add up to big differences that we often cannot foresee." I can think of no better tribute to Grant. Everyday for the past 20 years, he has come into work with the purpose of improving our community. Prior to his position as City Manager of Thousand Oaks, Grant served as City Manager of Glendora and as Deputy City Manager of Claremont.

There is not a single aspect of life in Thousand Oaks that has not been enhanced under Grant's innovative leadership. Community services orchestrated by Grant include the development of the Main Library on Janss Road and Newbury Park Branch, two of the busiest libraries in the nation. His involvement was instrumental in the establishment of the Teen and Senior Center, which provides programs for youth and seniors of the community. Grant's efforts have positively affected our economy as several companies have expanded, along with the upscale commercial revitalization of several shopping centers. Perhaps most impressive among Grant's accomplishments is the fact that Thousand Oaks ranks among the top three cities with the lowest crime rate in the nation on an annual basis.

Grant has worked to improve the aesthetics of our community as well, with a comprehensive pavement management program to prioritize street maintenance programs. Other

priorities included extensive undergrounding of utilities and landscaped medians and parkways.

Taken individually, it is easy to appreciate the work Grant has done for our community, and the programs already mentioned do not begin to scratch the surface of his accomplishments. But as we look back over his twenty years of service to our community, we realize the overwhelming impact Grant has had on our daily lives. Thanks to his leadership, courage and dedication, our community is an ideal place to raise a family, start a business or become involved in community activities.

Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, please join me in honoring retiring City Manager of Thousand Oaks, Grant Brimhall. He will be long remembered for the outstanding services he has provided for the citizens of Los Angeles.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 1998

Mr. BRADY. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall votes 40, 41, 42 and 43 had I been present I would have voted yes. I was unavoidably detained in Texas as a result of my primary election on Tuesday, March 10th.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HELEN CHENOWETH

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 1998

Mrs. CHENOWETH. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall vote 18, final passage of H.R. 424, I was recorded as voting "yea."

I ask that it be reflected in the appropriate place in the RECORD that I wish to be recorded as voting "nay" on this rollcall vote.

TRIBUTE TO DANIEL J. WALL

HON. GEORGE P. RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 1998

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Daniel J. Wall of Sacramento, California, one of California's most effective advocates in the State Capitol. Dan will be leaving the California State Association of Counties (CSAC). On March 16, 1998 after serving that organization for 13 years.

Dan is CSAC's deputy director for Revenue and Taxation and Federal Affairs. He is responsible for advocacy on revenue and taxation issues and for coordinating the Sacramento end of the association's federal efforts. Dan will be leaving CSAC to become the chief advocate for Los Angeles County in Sacramento.

As a former California county supervisor, I had the pleasure of working with Dan on a variety of public finance issues. He displays a level of determination and commitment to county government that few can match. Individuals who work with Dan are impressed with

his breadth of knowledge on complex revenue and tax legislation, his cheerful demeanor, his keen intellect, and his dancing prowess. Viewed as a real champion of county government, Dan is widely admired and respected by members of both political parties.

Although Dan was born in Texas, he was raised and educated in northern California. He received his bachelor of arts degree in economics from St. Mary's College and a master of arts degree in economics from San Francisco State University. His particular focus was in the areas of public finance, international trade, and statistics.

On a personal level, a distinguishing attribute of Dan's is his appreciation of fine cuisine and superior fine wines from California. As a winemaker, his recognition and enjoyment of quality wines is particularly close to my heart. Dan also is regarded by many as a real connoisseur of oriental food, especially the increasingly popular Japanese dish, sushi. His ability to locate some of the most interesting sushi establishments in virtually any community is well-documented. He was always able to direct visiting elected officials to the best of Sacramento.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I congratulate Dan Wall for his tireless efforts on behalf of California's 58 counties. It is his unique and special qualities as a person and professional advocate that warrants his recognition. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Dan many more years of success in representing and protecting the interests of county government.

PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM HOSTAGE TAKING

HON. SUE W. KELLY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 1998

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation to address a problem that is plaguing our Nation—children being taken hostages. Far too many scenarios have been documented in which children are exposed to violence, emotional trauma or physical harm at the hands of adults.

For example, in New York, a woman's estranged husband took her and their three children hostage at the point of a loaded shotgun. He held them for nearly four hours, and at one point, he even allegedly traded his seven-year-old son for a pack of cigarettes.

In Texas, a man took 80 children hostage at an area day care facility, including two of his children. They were held at gunpoint and released over a 30-hour period before the standoff was brought to a non-violent conclusion.

In Florida, a suspected drug addict and murderer held two children, ages two and four, hostage for two-and-a-half days. An entire Orlando neighborhood was evacuated during the standoff. Only when he threatened to use the children as human shields did a SWAT team rescue the children in a raid that resulted in the death of the suspect.

In Baltimore, a man broke into a second-floor apartment, stabbing a young mother and holding her nine-month-old child hostage for two hours before a Quick Response Team could rescue the baby and apprehend the suspect.

Situations like these are "unacceptable", and should not be tolerated by anyone. All over the country, children are being used as pawns in actions played by violent adults. We in Congress must do our part to help prevent these scenarios from developing in the first place.

My legislation will give new protections to children—our Nation's most precious resource. I have joined forces with Senators OLYMPIA SNOWE to establish the strictest punishments for those who would evade arrest or obstruct justice by using children as hostages. This bill will toughen penalties against any person who takes a child, 18 years or age or younger, hostage in order to resist any officer or court of the United States, or to compel the Federal Government to do or to abstain from any act. Such a person would serve a minimum of ten years to a maximum of death, depending on the extent of injury to the child.

Please join me in this important effort to protect the lives and well-being of our Nation's young. I hope that together we can make our Nation a safer place for everyone, especially those in our society least able to protect themselves.

MR. ADD PENFIELD'S EULOGY TO LEE JAY STONE

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 1998

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, a legendary broadcaster from the Sixth District of North Carolina, recently eulogized another legend from our district. His words were so moving, I wanted to share them with my colleagues.

The broadcaster, Mr. Add Penfield, spoke so eloquently about Lee Jay Stone, a man who was more than just a football coach. Stone, the longtime head coach at Asheboro High School, was a football institution. Lee died on January 27, 1998, at the age of 91. Add Penfield spoke so movingly at Stone's funeral on January 29.

His eulogy appeared in the February 4 edition of the Asheboro Courier-Tribune. I commend to my colleagues the words of one legend who spoke so glowingly about another legend.

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LEE JAY STONE, NOT ONLY A MAN OF
FOOTBALL

(By Add Penfield)

Lee Jay Stone.

How to eulogize him . . . how best to celebrate the life of a man whose stature among his fellow human beings literally defies eulogy.

I have been asked to try. I respond in all humility.

I think maybe one of the Good Ole Boys with whom he often met in downtown Asheboro had it about right not long ago.

"Lee Stone," this Good Ole Boy said, "was something else, he was one of a kind."

Tired, well-worn, hackneyed language, this. Some might say so.

But those of us here . . . those of us whose lives Lee touched and made better—I think would agree that these everyday words hardly tarnish the image of Lee Jay Stone. You bet Lee was something else. Indeed, he was one of a kind.

Lee Stone was something else as a football coach . . . nary a losing season in a career that became legend. It may have taken one of a kind to persuade Charlie Justice to go out for the team at Lee Edwards High School in Asheville those many years ago and to inspire Choo Choo to become arguably the best and most famous of all North Carolina-bred football players.

He . . . Lee Stone . . . was something else, one of a kind, when he coached players like Strawberry Wheless, bless his soul, and Mark Leggett, and Dave Dalton, Bobby Burrows, Neal Hughes, Carrell Moody, Sparky Johnson and Jimmy Dollyhigh.

Because of Lee Stone, these men came to know what it meant to win a football championship at Asheboro High.

If you will, just ask the fine men who coached with and for him . . . people like Max Morgan and Russ Murphy and Tony Simeon . . . if Lee Stone was something else. They'll tell you to the man . . . he was one of a kind.

Lee Stone was a Hall of Famer as a football coach. And, I submit, if there were Halls of Fame for classroom teachers and school administrators, as there really ought to be, Lee Stone would have been a shoo-in for induction. As he did on the sidelines with his football teams, somehow he always got the best from those students who encountered his considerable skills in math and economics classes.

For Lee Stone, you see, was first, last and always an educator . . . in all departments. He was one who could share, with great good humor and accompanying discipline the infinite wisdom with which he was blessed. He shared with the entire community; witness, his long and distinguished service as a member of the Asheboro City Board of Education.

Oh, my yes! Lee Stone was something else in his chosen profession . . . educator and coach, coach and educator. He was one of a kind as a mold of men and women.

Just as an aside . . . Lee Stone was something else the night he was inducted into the N.C. Sports Hall of Fame. The induction took place fittingly . . . and at the instigation of David Stedman . . . in the Asheboro High School gymnasium.

It fell my lot to serve as Lee's presenter at the big banquet which taxed the capacity of the old gym. Hall of Fame officials organizing the event were quite specific and most emphatic in telling the Coach and me just how much time we were to have at the podium. . . . after all, others besides Lee were being inducted.

I think I was allotted four or five minutes for the presentations. As I remember it, Lee was allotted something like seven or eight minutes for his response.

Some of you were there. You know what happened. My broadcast training enabled me to meet the time requirement, right on the money. Then, Lee . . . one of a kind, God bless him . . . got up without a note and spoke for the better part of half an hour.

You be the judges. Only a man who was something else could have gotten away with it. For the record, I know of no complaint that was registered that memorable night.

Lee Stone was something else when it came of family friends . . . devoted husband to the good wife who went on ahead, loving father and father-in-law, doting grandfather. With Lee, the family came first.

Also, with Lee, friendships were treasures to be enhanced with fierce loyalty . . .

I am proud to have benefited from one of Lee's countless friendships, to have known how fierce his loyalty to a friend could be. Lee Stone and I traveled many miles together, climbed in and out of a lot of broadcast booths and press boxes in stadiums across this state and across this country. We