

our community's seniors through the construction, development, and property management business she and her late husband John Raiser built during their 37 year marriage. She has been a dedicated board member of numerous non-profit organizations, and a talented chair of many fund-raising events. This year Helen Raiser chairs the Very Important Volunteer Dinner for the Volunteer Center of San Mateo County and has chosen "The Love of Reading" as the theme. She understands the critical role reading plays in people's lives, especially in the lives of children.

Since coming to the San Francisco Bay Area in 1960 from British Columbia, Helen Raiser has dedicated herself to bettering her community for everyone. Mr. Speaker, Helen Hilton Raiser 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 honored as the Volunteer Center of San Mateo County's Very Important Volunteer.

#### INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

### HON. BILL ARCHER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 25, 1998*

Mr. ARCHER. Mr. Speaker, Social Security represents the single most commitment to the elderly and the disabled that has been made by our society. It is a great testament to our nation's dedication to assuring a floor of security for workers and their dependents.

Yet, due in part to the aging of baby boomers, this vital program will be unable to fully honor its benefit commitments as of the year 2029. Forecasts of future Social Security insolvency, and suggested remedies, are being discussed more and more in the media and at kitchen tables all across the country. Americans want to learn more and share their views with their elected officials.

We need to take a long, hard, thorough look at Social Security, and the sooner we do so, the sooner we will be able to make decisions that will not be precipitous—but that can be developed in prudent and constructive ways. We must take advantage of a timely and rare opportunity, this era of budget surpluses, to find a solution which treats causes, not symptoms. We must be open to fully explore structural changes which may be critical to the long-term stability of the system, as well as to our economy.

We are obligated to protect Social Security and to stabilize it, not just for the near-term, but for the long run. This complex program, which affects the lives of so many Americans in unique and different ways, needs to be closely scrutinized by an independent panel of experts, like the one on which I served under Ronald Reagan in 1982.

Along with Mr. Kasich—Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Mr. Bunning—Chairman of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Social Security, I am introducing legislation which includes the creation of a Bipartisan Panel to Design Long-Range Social Security Reform.

One thing for certain in our life is change. I used to think, growing up, that you ought to be able to have everything in one little niche and

you could come back year after year and it would always be there. I have found that isn't the way life is. Social Security has evolved and adapted to change over the years since it was created in 1935. We need to take the time starting now, to carefully deliberate on proposed solutions. We must not leave any stone unturned. And no matter what we do, we have got to ensure that the solutions are inter-generationally fair. I urge my colleagues to join me as cosponsors of this legislation.

#### IN MEMORY OF JEAN KLETZKY

### HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 25, 1998*

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the late Jewish community leader, Jean Kletzky. Jean Kletzky was known throughout the community as a woman who truly loved her community and made a lifelong commitment to community service. When she retired to Florida in 1979 from New Jersey, she became immediately active in supporting humanitarian causes in South Florida.

Jean Kletzky will be remembered as a listener, a teacher, and a person whose understanding of people and things is admired. Her companion of 18 years, Daniel D. Cantor, regarded her as an intelligent, alert, and strong woman who was responsible for helping fulfill his aspirations and dreams. Together they built the Daniel D. Cantor Senior Center in Sunrise, Florida. The center provides senior citizens more than 65 daily functions including a food service, an Alzheimer division, an elderly division, a wandering garden, support networks, and myriad cultural activities. The belief behind the center is that life begins at 65 and people who participate at the center realize that being elderly does not make them old. The Daniel D. Cantor Senior Center offers people a place that gives them life, happiness, and more hope than they would normally have outside the center.

Among her many philanthropic accomplishments, Jean Kletzky served as an administrative assistant to the director of the Retired Teacher's Union of Florida for ten years. She also shared her wonderful sense of style and interior decorating with her friends and family to help them create beautiful homes. And, she was responsible for successfully directing the fund-raising campaign for the construction of the Daniel D. Cantor Senior Center.

Jean Kletzky was a member of the National Women's League for Israel, Jewish Adoption and Foster Care Options (JAFCO), City of Hope, National Council of Jewish Women, Women's Division of the Jewish Federation of Broward County, and was an Endowed Lion through the Jewish Community Foundation of the Jewish Federation of Broward County.

The people of Broward County will sorely miss Jean Kletzky. Throughout her life those who knew her regarded her as a driven leader, a humanitarian, a friend, a wonderful bridge player, a mother, and a wife. Now, she is remembered as a heroine to the residents of South Florida.

#### OPPOSING H.R. 3310 IN ITS CURRENT FORM

### HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 25, 1998*

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I understand that under House rules it is too late to withdraw as a cosponsor of H.R. 3310, the Small Business Paperwork Reduction Act Amendments of 1998, which is to be considered by the House tomorrow. However, new information has come to light about H.R. 3310, which compels me to declare that I can no longer support the legislation as it is drafted.

I share with many of my colleagues the desire to streamline unnecessary and onerous regulatory requirements. Small businesses should not be overburdened by government regulations in this highly competitive economy. It is with this goal that I signed onto H.R. 3310. Unfortunately, I have learned that this bill will have unintended consequences that go far beyond paperwork reduction.

H.R. 3310 throws out the wheat and the chaff. Besides addressing technical violations of reporting requirements, it also creates disincentives to report information vital to public health, workers safety, the environment, and to the smooth running of our economic markets. To cite just one example, this bill creates disincentives for businesses to file reports with the Food and Drug Administration about the adverse affects of new drugs and products.

I join the Administration, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and numerous labor and environmental groups in opposing H.R. 3310 in its current form.

#### TROPICAL FOREST CONSERVATION ACT OF 1998

SPEECH OF

### HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 19, 1998*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2870) to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to facilitate protection of tropical forests through debt reduction with developing countries with tropical forests:

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Chairman, today the House passed H.R. 2870, the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998. Building on President Bush's Enterprise for the Americas Initiative, this legislation will help protect globally outstanding tropical forests around the world in a fiscally responsible manner. This legislation is the result of a lot of hard work by many organizations and people. I would like to take a minute to thank them.

I have already talked about the committee leadership—in particular, Chairman GILMAN, Mr. HAMILTON and Mr. BEREUTER. I would also like to thank committee staff, particularly Mark Kirk, Elana Broitman, Maria Pica and Dan Parks.

The environmental community has spent many hours helping us to develop this legislation over the past two years and to generate

bipartisan support for the bill. Special thanks goes to the leadership and staff of Conservation International, The Nature Conservancy and the World Wildlife Fund, particularly Peter Seligmann, Russ Mittermeier, Ian Bowles, Glenn Prickett and Will Singleton from CI; John Sawhill, Tia Nelson, Randall Curtis and Bill Millan from TNC; and Kathryn Fuller, Jamie Resor and Estrelitta Fitzhugh from the World Wildlife Fund. Special thanks goes to the Ohio Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, especially Bud Talbott, Denise King and Jan van der Vort Portman, for their consistent efforts to build support for the bill.

I would also like to thank officials in the Treasury Department—particularly the Office of International Development, Debt and Environmental Policy, including Bill Schuerch and Ken Luden, and the Office of International Debt Policy, including Mary Chaves and Max Hudgins—for the help they gave us in making sure the final product reflected the best practices. Their experience with the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative gave us a practical context within which to work.

And finally, I would like to thank my Chief of Staff, John Bridgeland, who coordinated this entire effort, my legislative staff, Tim Miller and Seth Webb, Mr. Kasich's staff, Wayne Struble and Chris Kearney, Mark Synnes from the Legislative Counsel's office, and Susan Fletcher, Betsy Cody and Pat Wertman from the Congressional Research Service, for all of their hard work on this initiative.

I look forward to working with Senators LUGAR, BIDEN, CHAFFEE and LEAHY as this legislation proceeds through the Senate.

#### CARLSON COMPANIES A PRIVATE COMPANY WITH A PUBLIC CONSCIENCE

#### HON. BRUCE F. VENTO

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 25, 1998*

Mr. VENTO. Mr. Speaker, on March 23, 4,500 individuals recognized the outstanding 60 year contribution of a leader in the Minnesota and American business community, who transformed the hospitality industry from a small local operation to a spectacular international enterprise. More importantly, this distinguished party will celebrate the contribution of an individual who has been a leader in his community and has created an example of community commitment that could well be followed by many American businesses. This special event will honor the anniversary of Carlson Companies and its founder Curt Carlson.

Some of my colleagues may well know the history of Carlson Companies and Curt Carlson. With a \$55 loan, Curt began his business career by starting a trading stamp company, Gold Bond Stamps. While trading stamps, a merchandise enhancement product, had already been in use, it was Curt Carlson and his growing company that expanded their use to include grocery stores, gas stations and other independent merchants and made collecting trading stamps a household occupation.

From that base, Curt Carlson entered the hospitality industry with the acquisition of the Radisson Hotel—now a proud international name in quality hospitality around the globe.

Curt Carlson diversified his corporation and expanded into other areas such as creative restaurants with entertainment themes. Now, after over 60 years in the business, Carlson Companies currently comprise over 100 corporations world wide and the company's brands employ 147,000 people in more than 140 countries. In 1997, Carlson Company's brands generated \$20 billion in revenue system wide.

The success of Carlson Companies as measured by its size, the number of employees, or profit is impressive. However, a true measure of Curt Carlson and Carlson Companies should also be their commitment to the local community. This commitment is reflected in the motto of Carlson Companies—"Private Companies with a Public Conscience." It was Curt Carlson and other Minnesota business leaders who established the Minnesota Keystone Club, pledging to give five percent of their earnings to non-profits. These efforts have greatly added to the quality of life and caring in their communities and throughout Minnesota. This commitment has become the nationwide standard.

While Carlson Companies have been active throughout our community. Curt Carlson has been a strong supporter and advocate for public higher education. The University of Minnesota, through the help of Curt Carlson has established the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs. This renowned center of political science, identified with Minnesota's beloved Senator and a personal friend of Curt, features the "Carlson Lecture Series" which brings influential national and international leaders to the University to speak to the students and the general public. In addition, personal gifts from Curt Carlson has allowed the University of Minnesota to embark on "The Minnesota Campaign" with the goal of making the University of Minnesota as one of the top 5 public universities in the nation and to build a new, modern Carlson School of Management facility.

Mr. Speaker, in this time of faceless conglomerates and merger mania among corporate giants, it is a pleasure to recognize the contributions of Carlson Companies. The 60 year record of success is an appropriate tribute to Carlson Companies leader, Curt Carlson. Curt Carlson has shaped the culture and business practices of our great state of Minnesota. His commitment has made a real difference for today and certainly for the future of Minnesota and our nation. Curt Carlson's leadership and commitment to his community provides an example to emulate.

#### TRIBUTE TO BILL SCOTT

#### HON. J.D. HAYWORTH

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 25, 1998*

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Bill Scott, an outstanding leader in the agricultural community in Arizona and President of the Family Farm Alliance, a grassroots organization serving irrigated agriculture throughout the West. After serving the Alliance diligently and responsibly for the past eight years, Mr. Scott is stepping down from the presidency. I want to take this occasion to honor him for his long service to his fellow farmers and ranchers.

Bill has been involved with agriculture his entire life. He farms in the Maricopa Stanfield area of Arizona and is in partnership with his two sons, Colin and Craig, under the name of Marathon Farming Company, which includes El Dorado Ranches CJ & L Farms and MFC Farms. These farms encompass approximately 6,000 acres of planted cotton, wheat, and alfalfa.

Under Bill's leadership, the Family Farm Alliance was founded eight years ago by farmers from California and Arizona who needed a coordinated way to meet directly with legislators and their staff in Washington, D.C. on federal water policy issues. At its inception, the Alliance was a handful of individuals representing only two western states with a determined purpose. Bill has been an instrumental part of the Alliance's growth from a small group to the large and well respected organization that it is today. The Alliance now has members representing 13 western states.

In addition to serving as the President of the Alliance, Bill also is the Director of the Maricopa Flood Control District. In the past he has served as the head of the Maricopa Stanfield Irrigation District, Cotton Incorporated, the Board of Arizona Cotton Growers Association, and many other organizations.

Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay tribute to Mr. Bill Scott. His service to the Family Farm Alliance, the State of Arizona and western agriculture is greatly appreciated. I wish him all the best.

#### HONORING FILIPINA S. MACAHILIG

#### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 25, 1998*

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to note the passing of a woman whose loving care for her family and community spanned half the world, for over half a century.

Filipina S. Macahilig began life in Manila, graduating from the University of the Philippines before working as a nurse through World War II. The children at the schools on Panay Island were comforted by her tender and competent care.

At war's end, Ms. Macahilig moved to the United States, first to San Francisco and then to the Monterey Peninsula, where she continued to care for the ill and infirm. She and her beloved husband Edel raised her large family: four sons, Rene, Felicisimo, Requirio and Edilberto, and four daughters, Alice, Bernadette, Suzanne and Teresita, all of whom graduated with highest honors and became outstanding members of their communities. Her warmth extended outwards into the community through her service as a longtime member and officer of the Filipino Community Organization of the Monterey Peninsula. She replenished her spirit at the Carmel Mission Basilica where she was a faithful parishioner. She cared for her fourteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren with her own special kind of gentle compassion, providing a model of humanity that they will carry with them always.

Her death at the age of 87 was a loss, but her generous spirit will continue to warm and nurture the community through the memories she has left with us.