

Castle Air Force Base closed in 1995. We now have more than 2,000 civilian employees with more on the way. In 1995, building after building was vacant. Now, most are leased and Castle is once again a vibrant economic machine. In 1995, no environmental remediation plan existed. Now, we are well on our way for restoring Castle to full public use. In 3 short years, we have turned the corner and we did it in large part because Colonel Martin was at the helm.

What could easily have become a drain on scarce public resources has instead become one of our region's greatest economic assets. More than any one other person, Dick Martin was responsible for this outcome.

He demonstrated leadership, vision, tenacity, creativity, professionalism and loyalty throughout his tenure as director while facing incredible odds and challenges unique to transforming a military installation into one of the Department of Defense's base reuse success stories.

Our community owes him a great debt of gratitude. I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives rise in tribute to Dick Martin for what can only be described as an outstanding performance above and beyond the call of duty.

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OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 22, 1998*

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to report that on Saturday, April 25, 1998, Radio Vision, of Orange County, N.Y. will cover its 18th annual Volunteer Recognition Day. Radio Vision is a closed circuit service for the blind and sight impaired of the Mid-Hudson region of South Eastern, N.Y. This radio service, for over 600 blind and visually handicapped listeners, provides its clients with news, novels, community happenings such as local sales and events, and a myriad of other informational and intellectually stimulating programming—all fully manned by volunteers.

Radio Vision offers invaluable aid to the blind. We often take for granted what a convenience it is to be able to watch the TV, or open the newspaper, to learn about the outside world around us. This is not an option for the blind or visually handicapped. Radio Vision offers the ability to learn about our environment just by turning on their radio. Radio Vision's purpose is to help the visually handicapped by specifically tailoring information in a unique format beneficial to them. Local and national news, shopping hints, new literature—and other sources of entertainment and information—are all made available to the sight impaired by Radio Vision through their radio.

Radio Vision has been a continual success for the past 18 years due to the diligent work and dedication of our volunteers. I am pleased to commend the over 105 volunteers who have given so much, of their time, their hearts, and their voices, in order to benefit others who need assistance. It is a truly selfless act and their efforts have greatly enriched the lives of many sight impaired people.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that I am given the opportunity once again this year to high-

light the worthy deeds by the people of Radio Vision. I invite my colleagues to join with me in offering praise and thanks to these hard working volunteers. I offer Radio Vision my fondest thanks and best wishes for many more great years of making a difference.

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OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 22, 1998*

Mr. RIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to a Northern California Institution at its 100th Anniversary: Fluhrer Bakeries, Inc.

Fluhrer Bakeries, the largest wholesale bakery north of San Francisco and south of Eugene, Oregon, is located in California's First Congressional District behind the "Redwood Curtain," in the City of Eureka. Eureka is 265 miles north of San Francisco, California, and 100 miles south of the Oregon border. Its market area includes: Humboldt, Del Norte, Mendocino, Shasta, Trinity, Tehama, Siskiyou, Butte, Sutter counties in California, and Curry County in Southern Oregon.

Fluhrer bakes daily a full range of pan breads, hearth breads, rolls and buns. The company serves the retail trade, and also carries a full line of restaurant and institutional products.

Fluhrer Bakeries started out as Log Cabin Bakery in 1898. It was located at 621 5th Street, Eureka, California and was owned by Ira S. Mulford. The 1898 Eureka City Directory also lists the same address as his place of residence.

Log Cabin Bakery, under the direction of Arthur Hunting, was incorporated on February 15th, 1923. At one point, Log Cabin Bakery suffered a disastrous fire that demolished the bakery. They were able to continue baking through the generosity of the Casagrande Family, owners of the Humboldt Bakery. They were also able to bake at the Roma Bakery (later the Butternut Bakery) owned by the Pinochi Family.

Log Cabin Bakery moved into the present site in the early 1930's. This site was originally built to house a creamery.

On August 19, 1939, William "Heine" Fluhrer and his wife Margaret sold  $\frac{6}{10}$  interest in Fluhrer's Log Cabin Bakery to F.A. Schoenlen, W.T. Molloy, and Grover Hillman for the sum of \$33,786.82. It was incorporated as Fluhrer Bakeries, Inc. Lucien "Dick" Koenig was brought in from Klamath Falls, as General Manager of the Eureka facility in 1937. Fluhrer Bakeries, Inc., at the time, consisted of a chain of bakeries including locations in Medford, Klamath Falls, Salem, Portland, Roseburg, Grants Pass, and Walla Walla, Washington.

On August 22, 1948, William "Heine" Fluhrer, along with three other State of Oregon Republican Party leaders, was killed in an airplane crash. The Eureka facility was eventually purchased by a group of investors led by Lucien "Dick" Koenig, the General Manager.

The Butternut (Roma) Bakery in Eureka was purchased by Fluhrer Bakeries, Inc. from the Pinochi Family on April 6th, 1955 for the sum of Ten (\$10.00) and "other valuable consider-

ations." The Butternut, Roma, and Logger Loaf brands as well as the routes, and employees were incorporated into the Fluhrer system.

The Koenig family operated the bakery until 1973, and during their tenure instituted a number of improvements including the shipping building that was completed in 1962. Fluhrer Bakeries started the move to automation in the 1960's with the installation of a "state-of-the-art" Baker-Perkins Model 970 Single Lap Oven at the cost of \$75,000. Further improvements included cooling conveyors, and other efficient machinery. Fluhrer Bakeries, Inc. was one of the first bakeries to use poly bags; now the industry standard.

As the result of a labor strike that closed down the bakery for 6 months, Fluhrer Bakeries, Inc. was sold to a partnership including Robert A. Dunaway and Darrel Norberry in 1973. Mr. Dunaway, a local attorney, gradually bought out his other partners and presided over the company until his death in 1989. The heirs of Mr. Dunaway sold the assets of the bakery to an investment group in August of 1990.

The current President of Fluhrer Bakeries, Inc. is Mr. Kerry R. Glavich who is a 4th generation Humboldt County native and a 1971 graduate of Eureka High School. Mr. Glavich started at an entry-level position in the production department and has worked for Fluhrer Bakeries, Inc. since 1974.

The Director of Sales and Marketing is Bert Cortez. Bert went through the local school system graduating from Arcata High School in 1976. He has worked for Fluhrer Bakeries, Inc. since 1991 after a 17-year career in the local supermarket business.

Alan Hillyard is the Bakery Operations Manager. He graduated from Del Norte High School in Crescent City in 1971. He has been with Fluhrer Bakeries, Inc. since 1985, starting at an entry-level position and working his way into his present position.

Linda A. Graham serves as the Financial Services Manager. She is a 1976 graduate (Summa Cum Laude) from St. Louis University with a B.S. Degree in Accounting. She has held CPA licenses in the States of Missouri, Washington, and Oregon. She joined Fluhrer Bakeries, Inc. in 1995.

Mr. Speaker, Fluhrer Bakeries is an American success story. Starting out as a small business operated out of a home, it has grown to become a well-respected regional company. As the company enters its second century, I wish it and all its employees continued success.

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OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 22, 1998*

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituents Ray and Pat Murphy, a very active couple in my community who are celebrating their well-deserved retirement this Saturday, April 25, 1998 at Nativity of Our Lord Church Hall in Chicago.

Decades of dedication and hard work characterize the lives of Ray and Pat Murphy. The mother of two children, John and Margaret,

Pat Murphy is the true example of a hard-working wife and mother. In addition to her work as a volunteer in many political elections and her tireless support of causes that she strongly believes in, Pat also worked for more than 38 years with NAPA-Genuine Parts Company until her retirement three weeks ago, on April 3, 1998.

Ray Murphy deserves recognition for his hard work and dedication to our community. After working for the railroad, the Standard Unit Parts Company, the Checker Cab Company and the City of Chicago, Ray began a 22-year career with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County that ended on November 19, 1992. Only a month later, Ray took on yet another challenge and started working at the Cook County Sheriff's office, where he stayed until his retirement on February 27, 1998. In addition to his professional accomplishments, Ray is also the President of the Hamburg Athletic Association and is a member of the Irish Fellowship.

Mr. Speaker, it is people like Pat and Ray, hard-working and dedicated community members who make a difference in our lives and constitute the backbone of our society. Their strong family values and commitment to hard work and honest living is what this great country is all about. Their legacy is celebrated today and will certainly continue on with their children John and Margaret and their grandchildren Dennis, Amanda and Patricia.

Today I salute them and their wonderful contributions to their community in the city of Chicago and wish them continued happiness, health and success in their future endeavors. May they continue to pursue their love for travel and embark on many exciting and safe trips to their favorite destinations.

#### COMMEMORATION OF THE 83RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARME- NIAN GENOCIDE

#### HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 22, 1998*

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, as we near the dawn of a new millennium, many people have begun reviewing the events of the past 1,000 years. In the year 1000, Europe was only just beginning to rise from the Dark Ages, but the advances of the Enlightenment were still centuries away. Life was still brutish and short, marked by random violence and terrible scourges. We like to look at history and see a steady improvement in the condition of mankind. We would prefer to believe that humanity today bears little resemblance to the near-barbarism that marked the last millennial change.

Sadly, as we narrow our focus and look back at the 20th Century, we see that many of the horrors that marked the 10th and 11th Centuries still exist in our world. This century has seen horrors on a scale that even the cruelest leaders of the beginning of this millennium could not have imagined. Tens of millions of people have been savagely murdered in this century. It is more disheartening that many in the present day continue to hide or diminish events of sheer terror.

In our lifetime, we have seen the genocide of Stalin, of Mao, of Hitler, of Pol Pot, and a large number of less known despots.

While the term genocide did not come into common use until after the Nazi-run Holocaust against the Jews, the practice is rooted in the efforts of the Turks to destroy the Armenian people 83 years ago. At that time, the Ottoman Empire began a movement that would ultimately kill more than 1.5 million Armenians and leave deep scars upon those who survived—scars that continue to exist today.

What is so disheartening is that not only did this travesty occur, but today the effort to cover up or diminish this awful event continues. Mankind is capable of forgiveness, but it requires an acknowledgment by the guilty party of that guilt and a desire for contrition. Unfortunately, the Government of Turkey wants to escape its guilt by blaming the Ottomans and has made no effort at contrition. This stands in stark contrast to Germany, which could have tried to shirk its guilt by blaming the Third Reich. It did not. It accepted responsibility for the truth. Turkey should do the same.

Turkey not only denies responsibility for its past action, but has continued efforts to cause hardship in Armenia by blocking U.S. assistance from reaching Armenia and generally trying to obstruct closer relations between the United States and Armenia. Turkey is our ally and has helped further U.S. and European security. It would be unfair to leave this unacknowledged, but it would also be unfair to ignore a serious issue that does affect our mutual relations. By accepting its responsibility, Turkey can help show that while horrible events still take place, mankind has advanced to the point that we acknowledge and atone for such awful actions.

Mr. Speaker, I want to extend my appreciation to the Members of this body who have done so much to prevent the world from forgetting the atrocities of 83 years ago, and to the many Armenian-American organizations throughout the nation—and in particular in California—for their good work on behalf of the Armenian-American community and to foster close ties between the United States of America and Armenia.

#### THE STATE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM INTEG- RITY ACT OF 1998

#### HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 22, 1998*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join today with my California colleagues, Representatives HENRY WAXMAN, GEORGE MILLER, ROBERT MATSUI, ANNA ESHOO and TOM LANTOS; and with Representative SHERROD BROWN, the ranking Democrat on the Commerce Health and Environment Subcommittee, to introduce the State Children's Health Insurance Program Integrity Act of 1998.

This legislation is simply a technical correction to the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) legislation passed by Congress last year—but it is an important technical correction. The bill would protect the integrity of state CHIP programs by eliminating the potential for direct conflict of interest problems caused by a health plan playing dual roles in a state CHIP program. Under this bill, a state

would be prohibited from allowing a health plan to simultaneously administer and participate in the state CHIP program.

This legislation was developed in direct response to events that occurred during the Health Care Financing Administration's (HCFA) review and approval process of California's CHIP program (called Healthy Families).

Under California's program, the administrative vendor will perform a wide variety of functions including: providing trained staff on the program's toll free telephone lines, making eligibility determinations and redeterminations, collecting premiums, enrolling and disenrolling members, transmitting enrollment information and updates to participating health plans, administering the annual open enrollment process, and the list goes on and on. These are clearly functions over which a participating health plan has tremendous interest and will certainly attempt to influence in any system.

California's CHIP program design would have permitted a private health plan to serve as both the administrative vendor and a participating health plan. Initially, California did select a private health plan to be the administrative vendor of the CHIP program. That plan would have run the program (and performed all of the above-mentioned functions) while also participating as a health plan option for low-income children.

We firmly believe that a system of such a nature is inherently biased. And, at a time when there are numerous alternatives to selecting a health plan with a financial interest in that market, it is a bias that can be easily avoided.

Our concern regarding California's choice of the administrative vendor was alleviated when the private health plan pulled out of the contract and the State selected a non-health plan entity as the new administrative vendor. We introduce our legislation today to be sure that no other states attempt to develop biased programs.

Our reasoning for the need for such clarifying legislation is reinforced by looking at another provision in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (BBA). The BBA allows state Medicaid programs to choose private enrollment brokers to handle the day-to-day enrollment functions of their Medicaid programs. However, in allowing these enrollment brokers, the law clearly stipulates that the enrollment broker be free of any conflicts of interest. Specifically, the law requires that, "The broker is independent of any such entity and of any health care providers (whether or not any such provider participates in the State plan under this title) that provide coverage of services in the same State in which the broker is conducting enrollment activities."

Our new legislation would apply the same conflict-of-interest standard that exists in the Medicaid enrollment broker law to the CHIP law.

This is an important bill that would protect the integrity of CHIP programs around the country. And, we look forward to working with our colleagues for passage of the State Children's Health Insurance Program Integrity Act this year.