

Walter Rhulen was of tremendous assistance to me as a member of my Congressional Economic Advisory Committee. There he demonstrated his concern of regional affairs, and was always eager to share his vast wealth of experience with us.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my deepest condolences to his widow, Judith Schmid Rhulen and his children, Suzanne Laughlin and Harry, Erik and Anthony Rhulen for their loss on such a tragic occasion.

HONORING RICK TUTTLE

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 3, 1998

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, my colleague Mr. WAXMAN and I want to bring to your attention, our close personal friend, Los Angeles City Controller Rick Tuttle (L.A.'s elected financial officer), will receive the L.A. City's "Employee of the Year" Award on December 10, 1997. We would like to take this opportunity to recognize, at a national level, what the people of Los Angeles have known for decades and we, individually, have known for all of our professional lives: Rick Tuttle is an extraordinary individual who has made a major mark by contributing his time and talents to elevate the quality of life of Los Angeles.

The "Employee of the Year" award will be presented to Rick by the All City Employees Benefits Service Association (ACEBSA) for his outstanding achievements in a city career that spans 12 years. In announcing the selection, ACEBSA President, Jay R. Sloan said,

Mr. Tuttle heads one of the City's most important and largest departments. His record as an outstanding leader speaks for itself. His career sparkles with achievement.

Few people have been as dedicated, and have contributed so much time, energy and passion, as Rick has to the City of Los Angeles. He has made an enormous mark not only on the City but on the larger society as well. It would be impossible to list all of Rick's honors, but we would like to mention a few.

Among the awards Rick has received are the Equal Justice in Government Award from the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund; the Distinguished Public Service Award presented by the Pacific Southwest Region of the Anti-Defamation League; Lifetime Membership Award from the Los Angeles Business Council; the Distinguished Leadership Award for 1996 presented by the Association of Government Accountants. He has served as Director of the Los Angeles West Chamber of Commerce, a Director of the UCLA Religious Conference at UCLA and has been an active leader of the California Democratic Party for 30 years.

As our immediate successor as statewide President of the California Federation of Young Democrats, as a friend and ally for over 30 years, Rick has an impressive commitment to community improvement. His awards and achievements have come over three decades of professional excellence: as a Dean of Students at UCLA, as an elected trustee of the Los Angeles Community colleges and as L.A. city's Controller since 1985.

We, of course, have a personal involvement with the entire Tuttle family. His wife, Muff

Singer, served as campaign coordinator and the first Administrative Assistant to Howard Berman. Muff left government employment to pursue a career as a successful writer of children's books and to devote herself to raising a family. Rick and Muff's daughter, Sarah, has been raised with a respect for community involvement and is already a pride to her community.

From his time of his courageous civil rights involvement in the early 1960's (from Wesleyan University he went south to register voters and to fight for civil rights) to his courageous and fierce guardianship of L.A. city's budget as City Controller, Rick has been an exemplar of the best of public service.

Each of us have known Rick, and his wife, Muff, personally and professionally for more than thirty years. He is a close personal friend, trusted advisor, and a model of what an elected official ought to be. Our admiration of him is indescribable.

INTERNATIONAL TREATY ON GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 3, 1998

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask that the following statement be included in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. The attached resolution was adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Oakland County, Michigan, regarding the recently passed international treaty on global climate change.

I have already voiced my very strong concerns with this treaty, which will require legally binding cutbacks in greenhouse gas emissions. By exempting all developing nations, the treaty will create a two-tiered environmental obligation, forcing the entire burden to reduce greenhouse emissions on industrialized nations while turning the developing world into a pollution "enterprise zone." This will have a devastating impact on American jobs. Oakland County agrees, and offers this resolution to express its grave concerns with the impact cutbacks will have on jobs and economic growth.

Mr. Speaker, please accept this statement in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. Oakland County is sending us a powerful message about how these drastic cutbacks will affect our nation's local communities. As the current administration plans to implement the bureaucratic regulations needed to bring the U.S. in compliance with the recently adopted treaty, Congress must acknowledge this warning.

The following is a representative copy containing all amendments to:

Miscellaneous Resolution #97227.

By: Commissioner Shelley Taub, District #12;
Commissioner Donn L. Wolf, District #19.

In re: United Nations Climate Change Treaty
Opposition.

To the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Whereas the Michigan Association of Counties, the National Association of Counties and SEMCOG have recommended support for the following concepts in the main body of the resolution; and

Whereas the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change was adopted in May, 1992 at the Earth Summit held in

Rio de Janeiro and calls upon industrialized nations to aim towards voluntarily limiting their greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2000; and

Whereas ongoing international negotiations are underway aimed at finalizing a Climate Treaty by the end of 1997 that is expected to require legally-binding cutbacks in energy usage and emission targets that will be applicable to developed nations only; and

Whereas a growing body of economic studies indicate that any U.S. effort to significantly limit greenhouse gas emissions in a short time frame will slow economic growth, cost hundreds of thousands of jobs in Oakland County and throughout the United States, and discourage investments in more energy-efficient technologies or facilities; and

Whereas mandatory constraints on fossil fuel use would raise the monthly cost to consumers for electricity, heating and cooling bills. Projections also indicate that the residents of Oakland County could experience a gasoline price increase of up to \$0.50 per gallon. This would be particularly detrimental to those on fixed incomes, living in rural areas or dependent on private vehicles to transport their families to work, school and stores; and

Whereas ill-advised policies on climate control change could significantly limit personal mobility, seriously disrupt the growing economy of Oakland County and would negatively impact those businesses located in Oakland County that could no longer compete effectively against their foreign counterparts as a result of the higher cost of fuel; and

Whereas the exemption for developing countries is inconsistent with the need for global action on climate change, is environmentally flawed and imposes trade disadvantages. The Climate Treaty will inflict serious harm to Oakland County's economy with the loss of manufacturing jobs, as the incentive to move industry abroad to exempt, high-growth countries such as Mexico, China and Brazil is heightened; and

Whereas the Oakland County Board of Commissioners holds that the United States should not agree to any international global climate proposals that are not justified by sound scientific and economic policies.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners strongly supports MAC, NACo and SEMCOG, and urges that the United States not be signatory to any protocol to, or other agreement regarding, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change of 1992, at negotiations in Kyoto in December 1997, or thereafter, which would:

(A) mandate new commitments to limit or reduce greenhouse gas emissions for the United States, unless the protocol or other agreement also mandates new specific scheduled commitments to limit or reduce greenhouse gas emissions for developing countries within the same compliance period, or

(B) result in job loss or serious harm to the economy of Oakland County, the State of Michigan and the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any protocol to, or other agreement regarding, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change of 1992, signed by the United States at negotiations in Kyoto in December 1997, or thereafter, should:

(1) be voluntary as much as possible;

(2) include all nations, developed and developing, under comparable criteria and within the same compliance period;

(3) assist developing nations in growing economically while increasing energy efficiency; and

(4) promote technology approaches that can reduce adverse impacts on consumers and the economy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the United States Senate are strongly urged not to consent to any protocol or agreement regarding the Global Climate Change, unless said protocol or agreement is:

(i.) accompanied by an analysis of the detailed explanation of any legislation or regulatory actions that would be required to implement the protocol or agreement; and

(ii.) accompanied by an analysis of the detailed financial costs and other impacts on the economy of the United States that would be incurred by implementation of the protocol or agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, Senator Spencer Abraham, Senator Carl Levin, Oakland County Legislators, the Governor of the State of Michigan, and to Oakland County's Legislative Agents.

Chairperson, we move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

SHELLEY TAUB,

District #12.

DONN L. WOLF,

District #19.

Vote on resolution, as amended:

AYES: Huntoon, Johnson, Law, McCulloch, McPherson, Moffin, Obrecht, Palmer, Powers, Schmid, Taub, Wolf, Amos, Dingeldey, Douglas, Garfield. (16)

NAYS: Holbert, Jacobs, Jensen, Kingzett, Coleman. (5)

A sufficient majority having voted therefor, the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

RECOGNIZING MS. THELMA SIAS

HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 3, 1998

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize Ms. Thelma Sias, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for her outstanding contributions to the community and her life long dedication to serving others.

Ms. Sias is the 1998 recipient of the "Drum Major Award" presented at the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast in Milwaukee. This highly distinguished award is presented every year to an individual who has dedicated his or her life to public service and promoting positive change within the African-American community.

Throughout her years in Milwaukee, Ms. Sias has worked to affect positive change. As the Director for Community Programs at Wisconsin Gas Company, she has set out every day with one goal—to make a difference. She has served on countless boards and committees in Milwaukee where she has worked to revitalize neighborhoods, to provide food for the hungry, to advance women's issues, to improve education opportunities, and to make our neighborhoods safe for children. Ms. Sias is a passionate youth mentor and role model for Athletes for Youth, New Concepts Self Development Center, YMCA Black Achievers Program, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. elementary schools.

Although Thelma is not one to seek praise, her work has not gone unnoticed. She has received a steady stream of accolades including the 1993 Honored Woman Award presented by the Women's Fund, the 1993 Future Milwaukee Community Service Award, the 1991

Milwaukee Times/TV 6 Black Excellence Award, the 1990 YWCA Outstanding Woman of Achievement Award and the 1989 Black Achiever of the Year in Business and Industry Award.

Now, in 1998, Thelma is receiving an award named after the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., a man she calls her "role model." How appropriate it is that someone who modeled her own life after the life of a man who made sacrifice after sacrifice for the benefit of others has become a role model to those who witness her work.

We, in Milwaukee, are lucky. Ms. Sias left Mississippi and adopted Milwaukee as her home and, in time, adopted each of us and shared with us her great love for her fellow man. Her contribution has been remarkable. Her recognition is deserved. I congratulate her on her accomplishment and I know that she will continue to devote her time and energy to making Milwaukee a better place.

TRIBUTE TO MISSOURI STATE SENATOR HAROLD L. CASKEY

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 3, 1998

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure for me to rise to congratulate a friend and political colleague from Missouri, State Senator Harold L. Caskey, who was recognized recently for his outstanding work in behalf of people who are blind.

Harold was named 1997 State Official of the Year by the General Council of Industries for the Blind. It is a recognition he richly deserves in light of his work in enacting the State Use Law for the State of Missouri. In addition, his leadership and commitment to the Lighthouse for the Blind will open the door for blind people to receive training, and enable them to lead meaningful and independent lives.

My friend, Harold Caskey, is visually impaired, but there is no selfish motivation to his work to improve access to the blind. He stands out as a model civic leader, with a successful career in law and government. His blindness, however, has given him a unique vision and insight most people lack, and he is using that vision to pave the way for inclusion.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in congratulating Harold Caskey, and join the General Council of Industries for the Blind in commending his good work.

A QUESTION OF HONOR

HON. JAMES M. TALENT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 3, 1998

Mr. TALENT. Mr. Speaker, I commend the remarks of William Bennett to my colleagues. His recent speech at the United States Naval Academy is an excellent discussion of what is important in our society.

DOES HONOR HAVE A FUTURE

(By William Bennett)

It is a privilege to address you this evening.

As way of background—not by way of boasting, but simply wondering out loud—I

should tell you that lately I have received invitations from all of the military academies looking for guidance and help on ethical issues. I will confess that it is a bit strange to me that a well-known former government employee and sometime philosopher like myself should be asked to address this assemblage on matters of ethics and honor, right and wrong, on the question, "Does Honor Have a Future?" But as Sir Thomas More said, "Ladies and gentlemen, I give you the times."

And what do we make of these times? These are good times and bad times. We all know that there have been troubling, and even terrible, incidents here at the United States Naval Academy, and at other academies as well. While we should be bothered by these incidents, we should also be troubled by the superficial, flawed analyses these events have sometimes received. Most of these bottom on the limp excuse that the Academy simply reflects more general changes in society. It goes something like this: "There are these problems everywhere—so why not here? The Academy is just a reflection of the larger society." To which I would respond: no, it is not. Whether we are talking about Annapolis, West Point or Colorado Springs, you are supposed to be different—and in some important ways, you are supposed to be better. It was a wise man who said that when a man enters military life, he enters a higher form of civilization.

Former assistant secretary of the Army Sara Lister, who called the Marines "extremists," did not sufficiently grasp this point. But thank goodness many other Americans still do.

So yes, the military is—and ought to be—different in some important ways from the world outside its walls. It operates with a different code of conduct; a different set of activities; a different way of life. I have no doubt that most of you—perhaps all of you—will leave this academy changed in many important regards. Perhaps you can see the changes in your own life occurring even now.

Last year, I visited the United States Air Force Academy and spoke with one of the cadets, the son of a friend of my wife and me. He told me about the grueling schedule: drills, training, study, sports, lack of sleep, the constant pressure to perform, officers yelling at him to do better and to be better. I asked him two questions: When you are home on vacation, do your friends understand what it is you are going through? He told me no. I then asked him: do you like it here? And he said, "Mr. Bennett, I love it." And you could tell that he did—as I know many of you love the regimen here, even as you struggle to master it. And in mastering it, it is inevitable that you will draw back from some of the softness of contemporary civilian life.

I want to draw to your attention an extraordinary 1995 article in the Wall Street Journal, written by Thomas E. Ricks, about the transformation that took place in Marine recruits after eleven weeks of boot camp at Parris Island.

A Marine talked about his re-entry into society: "It was horrible—the train [ride home] was filled with smoke, people were drinking and their kids were running around aimlessly." Another private said this: "It was crowded. Trash everywhere. People were drinking, getting into fights. No politeness whatsoever." But he went on to say, "I didn't let it get to me. I just said, 'This is the way civilian life is.'" According to one Sgt. Major, "It is a fact of life that there isn't a lot of teaching in society about the importance of honor, courage, commitment. It's difficult to go back into a society of 'what's in it for me?'"

You know that this is, unfortunately, pretty accurate. There are plenty of people in