

Americans who have bravely risked their lives far and away to keep the bridge of democracy standing, I also have the opportunity to defend my country by serving in the military. I can help keep the principles of our democracy alive through my talents, skills, and actions for the betterment of my community and our great nation.

Through knowledge and contribution, I have become an effective cable in the bridge of our democracy that will allow our great society to cross into the future . . . and my voice in our democracy will be heard.

HONORING THE BROOKLYN CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 1998

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join Innovations in American Government, an awards program of the Ford Foundation and Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government in partnership with the Council for Excellence in Government, in commending the exciting efforts of Brooklyn Child Advocacy Center (BCAC) in creating a program which put children first.

Innovations in American Government is recognized as one of the most prestigious public awards in the country. Innovations awards and recognizes programs and policies that represent original and effective government initiatives. The Brooklyn Child Advocacy Center is among the 100 semifinalists for the award this year. BCAC is an inter-agency partnership that brings together all the jurisdictional agencies responsible for the investigation and prosecution of child sexual abuse.

Traditionally, the investigation of child sexual abuse meant multiple interviews with multiple professionals, disclosing the abuse to three separate agencies. Through the creation of BCAC, previous practices have changed dramatically. When children disclose sexual abuse, they are brought to the BCAC, a child-friendly environment, instead of police precincts, emergency rooms, and municipal offices. At the Center, specialized units of each agency's staff work together in a coordinated, multidisciplinary team approach.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Brooklyn Child Advocacy Center for all of its achievements and hard work to meet the needs of children who have been victimized.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF PRINCIPAL PATRICIA K. O'CONNOR

HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 1998

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a few minutes today to give tribute to Ms. Patricia K. O'Connor, the principal of St. Edmund Elementary School, in recognition of her 25 years of service to the students of St. Edmund.

Principal O'Connor spent her first twelve years at St. Edmund teaching students in the middle and upper grades before assuming the position of principal in 1984. Since then, her

dedicated spirit and enthusiasm have left an indelible mark on St. Edmund Elementary School.

During her tenure, Principal O'Connor has helped St. Edmund to flourish and grow. She introduced a pre-Kindergarten program and a full-day Kindergarten program for the benefit of the youngest students at St. Edmund. Keeping pace with new technologies, Principal O'Connor has ensured that the school has a fully equipped computer lab for use by the students. Her efforts have won Middle States Accreditation for St. Edmund Elementary School.

A school is not just an academic institution, it is also a community of students, parents, and teachers. Principal O'Connor has contributed to this community in the same way, and with the same dedicated work, that she has contributed to the classrooms of St. Edmund Elementary. She has started the Children's Choir which performs at many Liturgical celebrations in addition to establishing a Children's Liturgy at Mass on the third Sunday of each month. She has organized school plays such as a Christmas Pageant and a Passion Play which is performed during Holy Week. By helping to start a student-run newspaper she has strengthened the sense of community at St. Edmund immeasurably.

Principal O'Connor's talents have been previously recognized through her position as Liaison to District #22 for Remediation. I am sure that all of my colleagues today will be delighted to join with me in honoring Principal Patricia K. O'Connor for her twenty-five years of service to the community of St. Edmund Elementary School as a teacher, a principal, and as a leader.

HANOVER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CELEBRATES ENDURING COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY AFTER 75 YEARS

HON. WILLIAM F. GOODLING

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 1998

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, May 13, 1998 will mark the 75th anniversary of south central Pennsylvania's, Hanover Chamber of Commerce. Since its establishment in 1923, the Chamber has been dedicated to serving the community and promoting the economic interests of Hanover's merchants and manufacturers.

For three quarters of a century, the Hanover area has benefitted tremendously from the Chambers efforts to improve the quality of life in the community. Because of the Chamber's enduring dedication to promote the business opportunities in the area, Hanover has become Pennsylvania's fifth largest retail trading area and eighth largest manufacturing center.

Today, the Chamber's leadership has been even more vital to the future of their community. As Hanover continues to experience an explosion of commercial and residential growth, the Chamber recognized this challenge by adopting a visionary agenda—the Hanover 2000 Plan—to effectively manage this tremendous expansion. The plan focuses on community development, human services, water and scenic resource protection, and infrastructure improvements.

This combination of economic promotion and community service initiatives are sure to

bring the Hanover area to the forefront of excellence as we enter the 20th century. In recognition of its past and future successes, I am pleased to associate myself with such an important organization committed to better serving the greater Hanover area and join them as they celebrate their Diamond Anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO MAYOR ROGER SHEPHERD

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 1998

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great man.

Roger Shepherd was a person who was proud of his community and envisioned great things for the future. As a school teacher, he touched the lives of children and helped to shape future generations. As Mayor of Harrisburg, Arkansas, he touched an entire city.

In serving from 1975 to 1976, Mayor Shepherd produced an impressive list of accomplishments. He worked continually to bring grants into the city to help Harrisburg reach its full potential. Mayor Shepherd was responsible for the creation of a city park in Harrisburg. He was mayor when our nation celebrated its 200th birthday and directed the successful Harrisburg Bicentennial Celebration.

The city of Harrisburg will remember Mayor Shepherd through an upcoming city festival being held in his honor. The festival will serve as a testament to him and the contributions he made to his hometown. It is selfless people like Roger Shepherd that make the world a better place.

HONORING GULFSTREAM AERO- SPACE CORPORATION AND THE GULFSTREAM V INDUSTRY TEAM ON WINNING THE 1997 ROBERT J. COLLIER TROPHY

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 1998

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, it is a thrill for me to speak in this chamber today not to talk about any pressing matters at hand or particular legislation, but to pay tribute to an outstanding company that is based in Georgia's 1st Congressional District. This company is known as Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation, and they have reached a milestone.

Throughout my years as a public servant, I have come to know the Gulfstream Family in Savannah. They truly represent what it takes to become the nation's leading manufacturer in corporate/business jets. Every time I visit a member of this fine organization, I am always reminded of what symbolizes dedication and excellence.

Because of their unprecedented achievement, the Gulfstream V, and their flawless reputation, the National Aeronautic Association has awarded the 1997 Robert J. Collier Trophy to the Gulfstream Family. This acknowledgment is no ordinary, run-of-the-mill trophy. It is the aviation's most prestigious award.

The Collier Trophy is given annually by the National Aeronautic Association to recognize

the top aeronautical achievement in the United States. Gulfstream and the G-V Industry Team were presented the trophy at a ceremony and dinner at which I was privileged to attend on April 29, 1998, hosted by the National Aeronautic Association and the National Aviation Club in Arlington, Virginia.

Gulfstream and the Gulfstream V industry team were recognized specifically "for successful application of advanced design and efficient manufacturing techniques, together with innovative international business partnerships, to place into service the Gulfstream V—the world's first ultra-long range business jet." Past winners of the award include Orville Wright, Neil Armstrong and the Apollo 11 flight crew, Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager and United States Senator JOHN GLENN.

Certified by the FAA in April, 1997, the Gulfstream V business jet is the first aircraft of its kind in the world. With unmatched performance, comfort and speed, the Gulfstream V has a range that is 50% greater than any other business jet currently in service. The Gulfstream V can carry eight passengers and a crew of four non-stop distances up to 6,500 nautical miles at speeds up to Mach .88. The V is designed to cruise routinely at 51,000 feet. Last year, in the first eleven months of service, the Gulfstream V set 47 world and national records, consisting of 22 city pair speed records and 25 performance records. The Gulfstream V has made non-stop travel between cities such as Tokyo and Washington, London and Beijing, Los Angeles and Moscow routine business.

The Gulfstream V was recognized as one of the "Ten Most Memorable Flights in 1997" by the National Aeronautic Association on the flight from Washington, D.C. to Dubai, United Arab Emirates. The flight was 6,330 nautical miles and took 12 hours and 40 minutes. It flew non-stop.

On behalf of the citizens of the 1st District of Georgia, I would like to congratulate the 6,000 men and women at Gulfstream for their outstanding work and for achieving this extraordinary milestone. I am very proud to have the opportunity to recognize the Gulfstream Family this day.

Thank you, and may others throughout the aviation community be inspired to follow Gulfstream's path to success.

TRIBUTE TO THE TUNA CLUB OF SANTA CATALINA ISLAND

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 1998

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Centennial anniversary of the Tuna Club of Santa Catalina Island. Founded in 1898 by Dr. Charles Frederick Holder, following his rod and reel capture of a 183-pound leaping tuna, the Tuna Club inaugurated the sport of big game fishing. During the last century, the Tuna Club has advanced angling as a sport by designing rules that gave their quarry a sporting chance, introducing tackle categories that recognize an individual's skill, and initiating a code of sport fishing ethics. Many of these accomplishments have been adopted by angling clubs worldwide.

In addition, the Tuna Club has had a significant impact on how the public perceives the

importance of protecting marine resources. The Tuna Club has led by example, holding its members to a high degree of sportsmanship and fighting to secure legislation to protect the Catalina Islands fishery.

Let the permanent RECORD of the Congress of the United States make note of the Tuna Club of Catalina Island, recognizing its first century of angling, sportsmanship, conservation and good fellowship. May its membership have good fishing for the Tuna Club's next century.

HONORING KIRA CORRILLO
CORSER, FRANCES PAYNE
ADLER AND HEIDI MCGURRIN

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 1998

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that the works of two photographers and one poet from my district are currently on display in the Cannon Rotunda.

This is the second year that I have hosted "A Patriot's Dream: Health Care for All" at a reception in the Rayburn Foyer. This collection of photographs by Kira Corriolo Corser and poetry by Frances Payne Adler creates a visual story of compelling social issues. This heart-wrenching exhibit on the plight of the uninsured is a must-see for everyone. Many of us don't worry about health care once we've made our choice during open season, but what about those who can't afford health care; or have maxed out the coverage with horrendously high medical costs related to cancer or childhood leukemia; or those who simply can't afford the co-pay on medication they must take three times a day for high blood pressure. The photographs and poetry go straight to the heart on these and other questions.

Also showing in the Cannon Rotunda is a photo essay on the daily lives of the Cuban people. In 1996 the artist, Ms. Heidi McGurkin, spent a number of months on a photo-journalistic assignment in Cuba. Her current show, "Cuba: So near . . . yet so far", presents the Cuban people—from a young bride to a homeless man; a man on his pillow to a woman hanging laundry—in amazing clarity and detail. Ms. McGurkin's work centers mostly around La Habana, Mantanzas and Varadero. This is an incredible opportunity to meet the Cuban people and gain a small insight into their daily lives.

Ms. McGurkin wrote a short statement which she titled "Lasting impressions of La Habana". This statement gives you a taste of the richness that is Cuba and that shines through Ms. McGurkin's photographs. I submit this statement for the RECORD.

LASTING IMPRESSIONS OF LA HABANA

Blown by the winds
She stands proud and naked
Pulsing with music
and beautiful faces . . . jumping colors
dripping beauty
open hearts
a heaven glimpsed . . . a sadness felt
old passions lived

A country full of heart, honesty, soul, passion, rhythm.

Blacks, honey colored mulattos, mixtures of Chinese and Spanish, Cubanos.

Handsome. Full of music.

Beautiful souls who sing and dance and cry and feel, whose struggle is for truth, honor, beauty and heaven. Proud.

Flowers are everywhere, even in the trees, the beautiful trees. The buildings with old ironwork, stained glass, marble everywhere, are like old peeling faded dancers of every color and hue, so regal. Pale blue, deep blue, pale green, burgundys and wines, soft rouge colors, standing like proud haunting crumbling angels.

The women are beautiful. They pay attention and look at you as though they have never seen anyone like you before, they make you feel very much alive, but kind of like a ghost. You are there but you are not there, just like the buildings . . . the feelings can be elusive.

Walking through the inner city I saw families sitting in the doorways . . . the least gesture from me would bring such warmth, a beautiful smile. I feel so much love for these people.

SUPPORT FOR UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 1998

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to lend my support to an effort in the Senate to amend the Higher Education Bill and give the Secretary of Education in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior, authority to provide grant money to create an educational center to research and celebrate the history of the Underground Railroad.

Under the agreement, as I understand it, the Department of Education would be authorized to evaluate competitive proposals put forward by non-profit educational groups and select a proposal that meets certain criteria, including the utilization of an existing public-private partnership and an on-going endowment to sustain the facility in the future.

Mr. Speaker, in 1990 this Congress directed the National Park Service to conduct a study of alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the Underground Railroad. The Park Service found that there were numerous sites in several States involved in the operation of this secret enterprise. Consequently, the Park Service could not recommend just a single site for an Underground Railroad memorial.

The effort in the Senate solves this dilemma by providing funds for the development of a major "hub" site and creation of satellite centers all over the country—true to the actual operation of the Underground Railroad.

Mr. Speaker, the efforts to include this amendment on the Education Bill is also true to the Underground Railroad, because the lessons of the organization are still appropriate today. This commemoration is more than just an historical monument, but instead is a teaching and research tool, that will be used to teach us about our heritage.

Mr. Speaker, I hope the Senate will include this amendment and I hope the House conferees will accept the language in conference.