

IN HONOR OF MR. KENNETH A. CARLSON AND HIS DOCUMENTARY "GO TIGERS!"

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 11, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Kenneth A. Carlson, the writer, director and producer of successful high school football team, the Massillon Tigers.

"GO TIGERS!" has long been a vision for creator Kenneth A. Carlson, and became a reality during the 1999 football season. Carlson, a native Ohioan, has desired to create a film of his hometown for more than 10 years, and focus primarily on the town's incredible love for football. Throughout his travels to the town, he had the opportunity to re-live a part of his life that he thought he had outgrown, but that always remained an important part of his soul.

"GO TIGERS!" chronicles a pivotal season for the Massillon football team; following the team's poor season in the previous year, the entire town was confronted with a school tax levy that was necessary to protect the jobs and livelihood of the school district.

The documentary follows the team, marching band, and fans through a whirlwind season from a town where boys are born with pigskins in hand. Kenneth Carlson has the gift of bringing the season to life, from the personal stories of teammates to great wins and losses. Carlson manages to touch the human spirit and soul with this film and effectively portrays life from a small, Ohio "football town." Carlson truly captures the essence of a small rustbelt town that draws its major identity from football.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring a distinguished writer, director, and producer, Mr. Kenneth Carlson on his stunning documentary, "GO TIGERS!"

FARM SECURITY ACT OF 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2001

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, my vote on H.R. 2646, the Farm Security Act of 2001 has been a difficult one. I have struggled to determine how H.R. 2646 would benefit rural farmers and ranchers in northern New Mexico. I have always been a strong advocate for family farmers in New Mexico and I want these hardworking families to be successful and their farms profitable. However, H.R. 2646 fails these families in many ways. This new farm bill encourages overproduction while prices are low, fails to adequately help small farmers, and increases federal spending in times of economic uncertainty.

After much thought, I must agree with President Bush and his analysis of H.R. 2646. I want to support a farm bill that is better for rural America, supports the environment, and expands the opportunities for our farmers in growing world markets. I agree with President Bush that H.R. 2646 fails to meet these objectives. For these and other reasons, I regret that I will vote against H.R. 2646 in its current form.

I encourage the Administration to continue working with Congress to provide a plan that meets these new policy goals. Our current economic uncertainty, and some are starting to call it a recession, forces us to think wisely before spending. Combined with emergency aid, more tax packages and economic aid programs, we are facing some difficult fiscal hardships. For example, within the past several weeks, Congress passed a \$40 billion emergency fund in response to the September 11th attacks; we have approved a \$15 billion emergency aid package for U.S. commercial airlines; and we currently are negotiating with the President for an economic stimulus package that could reach \$75 billion. With that in mind, I can not support H.R. 2646 in its current form and in our current climate.

I agree with President Bush, and I call for a thorough examination of current farm policy. Our current farm bill does not expire until September 2002. Let's take the time to get it right. We must modernize the nation's farm programs to reflect changing technologies, markets, and environmental agendas. Yet, we must develop a farm program that protects and supports small family farmers and ranchers such as those in New Mexico. I question how the Farm Security Act would help the small farmers and ranchers in an equitable way.

Mr. Speaker, the next generation of the nation's farm programs should have the flexibility to meet the diverse needs of all farmers and ranchers. It is time to seize this unique opportunity to develop long-term, progressive farm program solutions that are fair and benefit all farmers and ranchers.

I am hopeful, however, that if this bill returns from a conference committee, it will contain the necessary improvements that will allow me to support this effort. I do support a new farm bill, but one that helps small farmers and ranchers, is strong on conservation, and is fiscally sound in uncertain economic times. I am confident the other body will produce a farm bill that we all can support to keep small family farmers and ranchers strong and in business.

HONORING DR. RALPH W. SHRADER

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 11, 2001

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true friend of Northern Virginia, Dr. Ralph W. Shrader, who will receive the Northern Virginia Community Foundation's 2001 Community Leadership Award tomorrow, October 12, 2001, at the Foundation's Gala.

As many of my colleagues know, Dr. Shrader is chairman and chief executive officer of Booz-Allen and Hamilton, one of the world's largest and oldest management and technology consulting firms, based in McLean, Virginia. Dr. Shrader also serves as president of the firm's Worldwide Technology Business division. His expertise in the area of global communications is unparalleled.

I cannot imagine a more deserving recipient of this award. Dr. Shrader's commitment to community service has spanned many years

and focused on dozens of projects and programs. Just as importantly, he has set an admirable tone for Booz-Allen's employees, encouraging all personnel to donate their time to worthwhile causes.

Dr. Shrader leads by example. He is currently chairman of The Neediest Kids, a non-profit organization that donates clothing and school supplies to at-risk children, so that they, too, can reach their full potential in school. But the list of his philanthropic undertakings does not end there: he is a former chairman of the American Cancer Society's Capital Baron's Ball, and works with many other charitable organizations that make our communities better places to live, work and raise families. Group like The National Business and Disability Council and The Women's Center have sought him out to deliver keynote addresses at their conferences.

Booz-Allen employees are quick to point out that Dr. Shrader makes their needs and aspirations a top priority. He formed a Women's Advisory Board at the firm, has supported employee forums on important issues, and received a commendation from the company's Workforce Diversity Council.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I want to congratulate Dr. Shrader on receiving this award. It strikes me that the theme of this weekend's Foundation Gala, "Transforming Our Community", could not be more appropriate. Dr. Shrader has, indeed, transformed his community for the better, proving that one man can make a difference in the lives of many. He is that rare individual who cares more about doing good than getting credit. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Shrader on this prestigious honor.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC RIGHT WHALE RECOVERY ACT OF 2001

HON. WILLIAM D. DELAHUNT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 11, 2001

Mr. DELAHUNT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the North Atlantic Right Whale Recovery Act of 2001 which will coordinate and expand United States and international programs for the conservation and protection of North Atlantic Whale. This bill is designed to improve the management and research activities for right whales and increase the focus on reducing mortality caused by ship collisions, entanglement in fishing gear, and other causes. The most endangered of the great whales, the northern Atlantic right whale has shown no evidence of recovery since the whaling days of the 1900s despite full protection from hunting by a League of Nations agreement since 1935. Today the population of North Atlantic Right Whales remains at less than 350 animals.

Right whales are at risk of extinction from a number of sources. These include, ship strikes, the number one source of known right whale fatalities, entanglement in fishing gear, coastal pollution, habitat degradation, ocean noise and climate change. This legislation requires the Secretary of Commerce to institute a North Atlantic Right Whale Recovery Program, in coordination with the Department of Transportation and other appropriate Federal

agencies, States, the Southeast and Northeast Northern Atlantic Right Whale Recovery Plan Implementation Team and the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Team, pursuant to the authority provided under the Endangered Species Act, the Marine Mammal Protection Act, and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

This legislation would require the Secretary of Commerce within 6 months of enactment, to initiate demonstration projects designed to result in the immediate reductions in North Atlantic right whale deaths. There are 4 distinct areas that I believe we should be focusing our attention on. First, we should develop acoustic detection and tracking technologies to monitor the migration of right whales so that ships at sea can avoid right whales. Second, we need to continue work on individual satellite tags for right whales. This is yet another way that we can track whale migration and alert ships at sea of the presence of whales and avoid ship strikes. Third, this legislation would speed up the development of neutrally buoyant line and "weak link" fishing gear, so that we can either avoid having whales become entangled in the first place or when they do the "weak links" break and they can more easily become disentangled. Finally this legislation supports research and testing into developing innovative ways to increase the success of disentanglement efforts.

This legislation allows for the government to provide fishermen "whale safe" fishing gear in high use or critical habitat areas. This is crucial, because once we have developed this "whale safe" gear we need to get it in the water as soon as possible. I believe an assistance program that is fair to fishermen will be needed and we are asking the agencies to tell us the potential costs so we can ensure that the gear can be deployed where needed.

This legislation requires the Secretary of Transportation and Commerce to develop and implement a comprehensive ship strike avoidance plan for Right Whales because ship strikes are the leading cause of right whale mortalities. The plan incorporates the Mandatory Reporting System which I helped shepherd through Congress in 1997. This system requires large vessels traveling through designated critical right whale habitats to contact area Coast Guard authorities. Ship pilots report course, speed, location, destination and route and are alerted to the presence or nearby whales. The system has helped mariners to better navigate away from these endangered animals. Through this legislation, the reporting system will be improved to include the collection and analysis of data on traffic patterns and ship strikes.

This legislation also establishes a right whale research grant program. This program will establish a peer review process of all innovative biological and technical projects designed to protect right whales. In addition to the scientific community, this peer review team will also be comprised of representatives of the fishing industry and the maritime transportation industry. It is important that from the very beginning we have the input of the people who are on the water every day. Their knowledge and experience is absolutely necessary to developing innovative practices and techniques to save right whales.

Congress has appropriated over \$8 million dollars in the last two years to protect right whales. I believe that now is the time to de-

velop a comprehensive plan that spells out what we can do immediately to better protect these whales and focus our research efforts on innovative ideas and technologies that can identify whale migrations.

ALL STAR TRANSPLANT REUNION

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 11, 2001

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Texas Transplant Institute (TTI) in San Antonio, Texas for hosting a special All Star Transplant Reunion. This event will honor all transplant patients and living donors from every Transplant Institute Program in Texas. Guests will also be joined by Spurs basketball player and donor recipient, Sean Elliott.

San Antonio's Texas Transplant Institute was created in 1999 by combining the solid organ transplant program at Methodist Speciality and Transplant Hospital with the bone marrow/stem cell transplant program at Methodist Hospital. Over the years, the Institute has expanded. In May 2001, a liver transplant program was added to the Institute. And in July, a pediatric kidney transplant program was added to complete the full range of services provided at the Texas Transplant Institute.

Today, the Texas Transplant Institute is the only program in the United States that combines the resources and talents of both the bone marrow/stem cell program and the solid organ transplant program under one entity. Through its mission of "Continuing the Legacy of Hope Through Patient Care, Research and Education," the Texas Transplant Institute is dedicated to serving patients who are in need of organ and bone marrow/stem cell transplants. Collectively, these programs have served over 2,500 patients. It has performed 1,684 kidney transplants, 631 bone marrow/stem cell transplants, 212 heart transplants, and 2 liver transplants to patients all over the United States.

On October 13, 2001, hundreds of transplant recipients, patients on waiting lists, and living donors who are considered an inspiration to more than 80,000 men, women, and children will unite. Many will meet for the first time with their respective donors, as well as other individuals who will attend and are urgently awaiting for a transplant to replace a failing kidney, heart, liver, lung, or pancreas.

Mr. Speaker, once again, I would like to commend the Texas Transplant Institute for hosting this special All Star Transplant Reunion. I especially want to thank the doctors and staff at TTI for their hard work and dedication and I wish them well as they continue their life-saving services to the community.

IN HONOR OF FARAH M. WALTERS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 11, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Farah M. Walters for her induction

into the 2001 Ohio Women's Hall of Fame. As President and Chief Executive Officer of University Hospitals Health System and University Hospitals of Cleveland since 1992, Ms. Walters will be placed in an elite group of women recognized for their outstanding contributions to their state and nation. Ms. Walters presides over a system that serves patients at more than 150 locations in Northeast Ohio and which is the region's largest private sector employer.

Ms. Walters graduated from the executive MBA program at Case Western Reserve University's Weatherhead School of Management and holds a Masters of Science in Nutrition from Case Western Reserve University. She has consulted and lectured for major health organizations such as the Pan American Health Organization, American Hospital Association, National Institutes of Health, the U.S. Army, and various hospitals and universities. Ms. Walters has received numerous prestigious awards for her work. For example, in May 2001 she was awarded the Ellis Island Medal of honor by the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations Foundation; in February, 1999 she became the first woman to receive the Business Executive of the Year award from the Sales & Marketing Executives of Cleveland; and in May 1998 she became the first woman to receive the Business Statesmanship Award from the Harvard Business School Club. In January 1993, Mrs. Walters was appointed to Hillary Rodham Clinton's National Health Care Reform Tax Force, and in 1993 Modern Healthcare selected her as one of the 50 individuals in the USA to shape the future of health care in the country. In addition, University Hospitals of Cleveland has been the recipient of many awards under her leadership, including the North Coast 99 Diversity Award from the Employer Resource Council and Enterprise Development and the Exemplary Voluntary Effort Award from the U.S. Department of Labor.

Ms. Walters also serves on a variety of national and local boards and is active in civic affairs. She is on the board of the LTV Corporation and has served on a number of key committees of the Association of American Medical Colleges in Washington, D.C. She also serves on the board of Cleveland Tomorrow, Greater Cleveland Roundtable and Ohio Business Roundtable. In 1994 Ms. Walters was appointed by Governor VOINOVICH to serve on the 15 member Commission to Study the Ohio Economy and Tax Structure. Within the community, she has served as Chairman for the 1997 United Ways Campaign, the first woman and the first CEO of a non-profit organization to be selected for the position.

Ms. Walters will be honored by the Ohio Womens Hall of Fame on October 17, 2001. She and her husband Stephen have one daughter named Stephanie.

HONORING THE CITY OF CLOVIS

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 11, 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank the citizens of Clovis, California for their outpouring of sympathy and compassion in the wake of the tragedy which took