

TRIBUTE TO SAM KARAS

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 1996

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a remarkable man who has served his community for more than 40 years. He has been an impressive figure of California's central coast and a strong leader in his home town of Monterey. It is with sadness that I announce that Sam Karas will soon be retiring from the Monterey County Board of Supervisors.

Sam's long tradition of public service began in 1943 when he moved to Monterey as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. It was at this time that he also married the lovely Edith James. The Karas' have been blessed with three daughters, all of whom graduated from the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District, and four granddaughters.

When not doting on his family, Sam Karas has long been involved in community service. Employed in the wholesale meat industry for 35 years, Sam always found time to involve himself in a variety of activities and humanitarian causes, donating his time and talent as a fund raiser. He was one of the original board members of the Human Rights Commission, which led the fight against California's proposition 14, a discriminatory housing initiative. He has received awards from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the League of United Latin American Citizens and the Japanese American Citizens League for his outstanding work. Sam also served as an organizer and board member of the Monterey Peninsula Visitor and Convention Bureau.

Additionally, Sam Karas served as board member for the Monterey Peninsula Visitor and Convention Bureau, and on the board of trustees of the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District from 1973 to 1980. During this time his contributions included fighting for a Magnet School Program and advocating for the integration of students, staff, and teachers. In 1984, Sam was elected to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors and has served Monterey County in that capacity ever since. He was elected chair of the board of supervisors in 1986 and again in 1991. In his role as county supervisor, I have had the honor of cochairing the Big Sur Multi-Agency Advisory Council with him where he always provides a fresh outlook and a candid perspective.

Among Sam's many accomplishments is the work he has done on behalf of the farm worker community and in support of decent and affordable housing in Monterey County. In addition to this, Sam Karas created the Carmel River Task Force which successfully rebuilt community bridges and neighborhoods after two devastating floods in the winter of 1995. Sam also helped to protect the environment by coauthoring a countywide ballot measure to prevent offshore oil and gas development in the Monterey Bay—now part of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

Sam's contributions to the area have stretched far beyond the average capacity, adding to the artistic richness of the community as well. He has appeared in many local theater productions, including being asked by his friend Clint Eastwood to play a role in the

Academy Award winning film "Unforgiven." Sam helped to organize the famous Monterey Pop Festival, served as an original member of the board of directors of the Monterey Jazz Festival, and is currently on the board of directors of the Monterey Bay Blues Festival. He has received many honors recognizing his extensive talents.

Sam's devotion to community service is exemplary. It has been an honor and a pleasure to work with him for the benefit of Monterey County. Sam has offered us concern, compassion, realism, and a spunk that we will miss greatly. I know and I am speaking for all residents of Monterey County when I say that we will be sad to see Sam Karas retire from the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, but wish him all the very best in his future endeavors.

HONORING ST. JUDE THADDEUS
CATHOLIC CHURCH

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 1996

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the parish of St. Jude Thaddeus in Highlands, TX, as they prepare to commemorate their 50th anniversary on November 3, 1996. The church has been a building block and an inspiration for the community.

The history of St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church began with a census taken in 1945 to determine the community and spiritual needs for a Catholic Church in Highlands, TX. In 1946, the parish began building a wooden structure on 2½ acres of land on Main Street. With Father Bernard Roehmer serving as resident pastor, Bishop Christopher Byrne dedicated this new structure on November 30, 1947.

On March 6, 1966, the existing brick church and C.C.E. Building were completed and blessed by the Reverend Bishop John L. Morkovsky. From the humble beginning of 30 registered families at St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church, the support and commitment of the community has been inspirational.

Father John Zabelskas, appointed in 1992, serves as the eighth pastor of the present facilities which include Marian Hall, a new rectory, C.C.E. Building, and parish gym. On Sunday, November 3, 1996, St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a High Mass, dinner, and reception in the parish gymnasium. I thank the parish for all that they have contributed to our community in these 50 years and wish them many blessings for the future.

A TRIBUTE TO GEORGE R. BOGGS

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 1996

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise George Boggs, president of Palomar Community College. It has been my privilege to work with Mr. Boggs in addressing the educational needs of the people of San Diego County.

On October 12, George Boggs will be recognized as the best community college executive in the United States by the Association of Community College Trustees. His record of achievement is outstanding and clearly deserving of this recognition.

I submit for the RECORD an editorial from the October 4, 1996, North County Times—Escondido, CA—newspaper which further describes President Boggs' outstanding achievements.

Congratulations George, you have earned it. [From the North County (CA) Times, Oct. 4, 1996]

UNJUSTIFIED MODESTY

When George R. Boggs came to Palomar Community College in 1985 to serve as its president, there were 15,500 students, the equivalent of 325 full-time faculty members, and a standard array of course offerings.

Today, the college has about 26,000 students enrolled, a full-time equivalent faculty of 516, and the honor of being named as one of three "flagship" community colleges in the nation, for the college's focus on learning outcomes.

Humility being one of his obvious traits, Boggs would never take credit for the school's successful growth. But his board of trustees and his national peers would: Boggs has been named the best community college executive in the United States by the Association of Community College Trustees.

On Oct. 12, Boggs will receive the 1996 Marie Y. Martin Chief Executive Officer Award at the association's annual conference. It is an exceptional honor, one earned by Boggs' exemplary performance in a politically and economically challenging era for community colleges. And his success is not based on his numerous publications, the size of the school's endowment, or the value of its research facilities.

No, instead Boggs has focused the district's resources on that which is most important to the community: student learning. Boggs has built partnerships within the community to improve both student access to higher education and the experience they have in the classroom. And the college is continuing to grow.

North County is lucky to have Boggs and the outstanding curriculum, staff, and student body he has helped to nurture. Congratulations.

TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN LEGION
POST 642

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 1996

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 50th anniversary of American Legion Post 642—the Przybylski Post—in Toledo OH. The post is celebrating the occasion on Sunday, October 6, 1996. As part of this golden anniversary celebration, the post's adjutant has announced that the members and families of American Legion Post 642 will "honor the founding and present members for the American endeavor and patriotism which have sustained the post for so long." To mark this auspicious occasion, we recall the "American Creed," penned by William Tyler Page.

I believe in the United States of America as a Government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of