

In simple fairness to the taxpayers of the nation as a whole, continued subsidization of the current commonwealth relationship will require Congress to consider issues of fiscal equity and responsibility for Puerto Rico. Ultimately, subsidization must end one way or the other, and phasing in Federal taxes should lead to a lower overall tax rate for the U.S. citizens of Puerto Rico as full integration into the national economic and fiscal system are achieved and currently very high local taxes are reduced.

For now, the purpose of this measure is simply to ensure that Congress will be prepared to address these issues in an informed manner. We need to begin planning now rather than waiting until the urgent need for a plan arises. This provision will require the Secretary of Treasury to provide Congress with a recommended course of action in the event that introduction of Federal taxes not currently collected by the IRS is determined by Congress to be in the best interests of Puerto Rico and the nation as a whole.

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED CAREER OF JAMES "BOOTS" DONNELLY

HON. BART GORDON
OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate James "Boots" Donnelly on a successful career as head coach of the Middle Tennessee State University football team.

Boots' 22-year career record as a collegiate head coach stands at 151-92-1. He recently announced he will be stepping down at the end of the 1998 season, after a 20 year career as head football coach at MTSU, his alma mater.

Boots' record and awards are impressive: the eighth winningest coach in Division 1-AA history, 1997 Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame inductee, recorded 12 straight winning seasons between 1981 and 1992, four Ohio Valley Conference championships, 10 national top 25 finishes and five Coach of the Year awards. Fourteen of Boots' players have gone on to play in the National Football League.

MTSU has Boots to thank for the opportunity to begin Division 1-A play in 1999.

The hallmark of Boots' success has been his interaction with his players. When recruiting players, he not only assessed their athletic ability, but also their character, integrity and intelligence. Once a recruit joined the Blue Raiders, Boots taught him the importance of team spirit and discipline, traits that would remain with the player throughout his life. He has always had the respect and admiration of his players and assistant coaches.

Boots is a keen judge of character. He knows to stay away from people with "big hats and no cattle" and those who can "find a bone in ice cream."

His teams were always well-prepared and disciplined. When game time came, they "stepped up to the licking block, stayed in the buggy when the horse rared up and never spit on the bit."

Although Boots always desired to win, and usually did, he took losses with his usual good humor. He understood that "sometimes you

get the chicken, and sometimes you get the feathers."

Again, Boots, congratulations on 22 years as a winning collegiate head football coach. Thank you for the contributions you have made to your players, fans and the MTSU community.

CONGRATULATING FAYETTE COUNTY 4-H AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to offer congratulations to several fine young men and women from my district who have distinguished themselves in the Fayette County 4-H. As my colleagues know, 4-H is one of the finest youth-oriented organizations in our nation, developing character in our future leaders.

Fayette County 4-H will be recognizing with special awards the following young people on Saturday night, October 9, and I know my colleagues join me in congratulating them and wishing them the best for the future.

Receiving the Gold Star award are Michelle Cernoch, Ashley Dittert, and Vickie Sanders.

Receiving the Silver Star award are Bradley Klesel and Billie Jo Murphy.

Receiving the "I Dare You" award are Heather Woelfel and Shayne Markwardt.

Receiving the "Outstanding Jr." award are Jenifer Klesel, Melanie Cernoch and Kelly Orsak.

And receiving the "Outstanding Sub Jr." award are Adam Mayer, Jodie Kristynick, and Brandon Otto.

A TRIBUTE TO LUCAS COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Lucas County Mental Health Board in Northwest Ohio. The year 1998 marks the 30th anniversary of the Lucas County Mental Health Board, and the agency is celebrating a commemorative event on September 9, 1998 to recognize the achievement.

The Lucas County Mental Health Board ably and effectively has served thousands of our most vulnerable citizens through three decades which have seen monumental change and a complete overhaul in the treatment of mental basis. Through it all, the Lucas County Mental Health Board has adapted, growing to meet the changing needs of its clients and their families. The agency administers sites throughout the county which handle the unique needs of children with mental illness, people with milder forms of illness, those who are most severely disabled, families, and people needing short term help to get them through the rough spots of their lives. Always, the people of the Lucas County Mental Health Board strive to provide these services remembering the dignity of those they counsel, providing both caring treatment and advocacy.

I am pleased to take this opportunity to salute the men and women, past and present, of the Lucas County Mental Health Board whose careers have been dedicated to lifting the stigma and the suffering of mental illness from so many. Their efforts and their victories large and small are commendable, and are truly making our community and the lives of its residents a better place. For their unsung efforts, we offer a grateful thank you.

IN HONOR OF GREGORY A STRATTON

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Greg Stratton, the man who was elected to the Simi Valley City Council in the same election as I, and who succeeded me as Mayor of the city I still call home. Greg's guidance as mayor for the past 12 years has kept Simi Valley a most extraordinary place to live, even as it has matured and endured its share of arrows and hardships.

Greg was elected to the Simi Valley City Council in 1979, but his involvement in the community began long before that. Soon after he moved to Simi Valley, Greg began making a difference through his involvement in the Simi Valley Jaycees and his role in helping to found the Boys & Girls Club of Simi Valley. He served on the City Incorporation Study Committee and chaired a Neighborhood Council.

In 1986, he was elected Mayor of Simi Valley. Under his leadership, Simi Valley has consistently been recognized as one of the safest cities of its size in the country. For the past 18 years, the city has also been recognized for the quality of its Financial Reporting program by the Government Finance Officers Association, a testament to Greg's reputation as a fiscal conservative, or—as some would say—tightwad.

During his tenure as councilman and mayor, Greg was vital in preserving the community's hillsides and controlling residential development through the City's Hillside Performance Standards and City Council-initiated Growth Control Ordinance. Those balanced measures still allowed for residential and business growth in an orderly fashion.

Greg also deserves credit for the construction of several new city facilities, including the City Hall in 1984, the Senior Citizens Center at about the same time, and a Transit Maintenance Facility for the city's bus fleet in 1989/90. A new, 53,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art Police facility opened adjacent to City Hall this month.

Greg was also instrumental in bringing other government services to Simi Valley and centrally locating them at the Civic Center. Among them are construction of a state Department of Motor Vehicles office in 1989 and construction of a County courthouse in 1990.

Also under his direction, the City's Sanitation Treatment Plant was expanded and was recognized by the State of California as "Plant of the Year."

Being Mayor, however, does not mean just providing government facilities. A brand new facility for the Boys & Girls Club opened in 1996 under his guidance. The Community