

CELEBRATION OF THE FIFTH ANNUAL DAY OF THE AFRICAN CHILD

HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 16, 1995

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the fifth annual Day of the African Child, which commemorates the massacre of south African students in Soweto on this date in 1976.

These young students spoke out against apartheid, questioning the system that denied them equality. Who knew that their short lives would inspire their countrymen to alter the course of history in the years to come?

This tragic event was a critical moment in Africa's transition from crisis to hope. The commemoration of this day should remind us that the children of Africa are the true victims of that continent's many tragedies, but also that they will help lead Africa to a brighter future.

Although South Africa is successfully adjusting to its new democracy, other African nations continue to struggle. The horrible suffering in Rwanda has had a devastating impact on its children, with hundreds of thousands dead or homeless as a result of the senseless killing. We must work to prevent a repeat of this catastrophe.

I applaud the many dedicated volunteers and organizations who have worked tirelessly for the children of Africa. I believe Africa—a continent of the world's oldest civilizations and yet home to some of the youngest political states—will work to ensure a brighter future for its children and share the fruits of its hard work with those who nurture that goal today.

TRIBUTE TO BARBARA BLADEN

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 16, 1995

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Barbara Bladen, who retired from the San Mateo Times on December 11, 1994, after 39 years as an exemplary critic and writer. Her instinct throughout the years has led to a long and distinguished career in the San Francisco Bay area. In reading her reviews I have always admired her insight and eloquence. She has devoted the past 39 years to opening the door to the world of performing arts to many bay area residents.

Barbara, who is well-versed in the performing arts, had planned to make her career as a participant of the arts rather than as critic of them. She is schooled in tap, ballet, classical and jazz piano, modeling, and acting. She had planned to study acting in New York when she married the late painter-sculptor Ronald Bladen. After their move to San Carlos, she began acting locally with the Hillbarn Theater.

Shortly thereafter, she began her long and distinguished career with the San Mateo Times. She started off as the newspaper's librarian and worked her way up to arts critic, for which she was paid \$7.50 for each review. From there she moved into the women's de-

partment, and began writing a daily "Lively Arts" column. As a daily columnist, Barbara Bladen found her niche reviewing theater, opera, dance, music, and film. Although it was difficult in the beginning, she continued to strive on and overcome all hurdles to become a revered critic.

Known as one to put her interviewees at ease, Barbara was successful in capturing many celebrity interviews. She made use of her theatrical background interviewing Bette Davis, Clark Gable, Judy Garland, Jimmy Stewart, Omar Sharif, Peter O'Toole, Paul Newman, Lauren Bacall, Sophia Lauren, Lucille Ball, Jody Foster, and Kevin Costner to name a few. Not only did she dress and act accordingly for each star—in full skirts and flamboyant jewelry with a southern twang for country stars, in black leather and raw language for rock stars—she knew exactly what to ask and how to ask it. Barbara traveled extensively throughout her career, and reviewed the many different works she saw and heard from all over the world. She has given the bay area community a lifetime of her performing arts expertise.

Her forth-right manner and her charismatic style has been a great contribution to the arts arena in the bay area, and to the entire community. Mr. Speaker, Barbara Bladen's 39 years of dedication and commitment to sharing new works and discovering new talents has enlightened the entire San Francisco Bay area. On this day, when we celebrate her retirement, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Barbara Bladen for her accomplishments and outstanding career.

TRIBUTE TO LESLIE H. "LES" MORGAN

HON. JULIAN C. DIXON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 16, 1995

Mr. DIXON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Mr. Leslie H. "Les" Morgan on the occasion of his upcoming retirement from the city of Los Angeles after 30 years of outstanding service. In recognition of his dedication to the citizens of Los Angeles, Mr. Morgan will be honored at an appreciation dinner on July 20, 1995. It is a pleasure to share with my colleagues just a few of his many accomplishments.

Born in Arkansas on December 8, 1935, Mr. Morgan spent his formative years in Little Rock. After graduating from Dunbar High School, Les moved to California where he studied real estate and accounting at Compton College. Mr. Morgan completed his studies in real estate at East Los Angeles and Harbor City Colleges. After 19 years of continued education and experience in the field, he became a licensed real estate broker in the states of California and Nevada.

From 1965 to 1985, Mr. Morgan worked for the city of Los Angeles in a number of positions. In 1987, he became a real estate trainee in the general services department and by 1991 was advanced to real estate officer.

Mr. Morgan is an accomplished entrepreneur. He is a hair stylist for Morgan's Hair Styles, insurance broker, notary public, and owner of Morgan's Real Estate. When is not hard at work, Les enjoys Jazz, cooking, and travel.

Les has contributed his talents to the community through his active participation in community organizations such as the Western Association of Community Health Centers and the National Association of Community Health Centers. He served as treasurer of the Watts Health Foundation, as well as chairman of the organization's board of directors from 1972 to 1978. Dedicated to community health, he played an integral role in the negotiations and completion of the \$7 million health center in 1978.

In appreciation of his service and dedication to the community, Les has received several awards and commendations. He is the recipient of certificates of appreciation bestowed by the Crippled Children's Society for his volunteer efforts and by the Volunteer's Auxiliary of the Watts Foundation for his contributions to the community. He was listed in "Men of Achievement," as well as the first edition of "Who's Who Among Black Americans." He has also been recognized for his dedication to public health by both the Los Angeles City Council and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

A devoted father of four sons, Gerry, Claude, Frederick, and Vincent, Les was married to Jewel Hall for 35 years. Jewel passed away in 1991, and he has since married the former Sandra Garrett. After Les retires, he looks forward to spending time with his family.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in saluting Mr. Leslie H. Morgan on his many years of dedicated service to the city of Los Angeles. It is a pleasure to join his family, friends, and colleagues in recognizing his distinguished career and congratulating him on his well-deserved retirement.

DAY OF THE AFRICAN CHILD

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 16, 1995

Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise to note that this day, the 16th day of June, has been declared the "Day of the African Child" by the Organization of African Unity.

Founded in memory of the uprising and massacre of school children in Soweto, South Africa, it is a day that we pause to remember the plight of children all over Africa, and what we as citizens and legislators can do to create a better environment for them. It is a day that provides us with a forum to celebrate the achievements Africa has attained in meeting the needs of its children, and provides us with the opportunity to renew our commitment to providing greater resources to aid in this struggle.

In light of the recent defeat of the Hastings amendment to the foreign aid reauthorization bill regarding the restoration of the \$802 million level for the Development Fund for Africa, we need to remind ourselves of the impact of this important part of our foreign aid bill that provided funds to help the malnourished, the illiterate and impoverished.

Through foreign aid provided by America and other countries:

The death rate of children under five has been halved since 1960.

African governments provided safe water and adequate sanitation to an additional 120 million people during the 1980's and now over 80 percent of the children living in urban areas have access to safe water and adequate sanitation.

African girls face many obstacles in obtaining an education but now approximately 69 percent of African girls are enrolled in primary school, up from 44 percent in the 1970's.

While there has been progress over the last three decades, there were several setbacks in the 1980's, such as a falling off of school enrollment by 7 percent.

This setback has been largely caused by the increasing civil wars with Africa. Armed conflict continues to afflict sub-Saharan Africa where fighting persists in Sudan, Liberia, and Sierra Leone. The potential for renewed outbreaks in Rwanda, Burundi, and Somalia is high, and other countries like Zaire and Nigeria, are at risk. Most of the nations where these wars occur have been victims of our former cold war policy.

The condition that these countries find themselves in today is largely due to our policy of containment of communism in the cold war days. As proper as that may have been during that period, the truth is these countries are suffering today because of the divisions this policy created in their societies.

Children of Africa have suffered due to this policy and this should concern the American people so that we strive harder to right these wrongs.

It is important that this year's Day of the African Child campaign will explore the theme of children in armed conflict. A study commissioned by UNICEF found that 75 percent of the children interviewed in Rwanda had seen mass killings in many areas. Moreover, in several African countries, boys as young as 11 years old have been recruited into military training.

The recent war in Rwanda is only one example of the atrocities committed where children have been the greatest victims. Thousands have been killed in the most brutal way by hacking away arms and limbs. On June 14 of last year, militia members of the majority Hutu tribe abducted up to 40 children of the minority Tutsis from a church complex in the government-held part of the Rwandan capital. The militia headed them off to almost certain death.

Enormous strides have been made in providing basic services for children caught in conflict. I was proud of the pharmaceutical industries in the New Jersey and New York area that responded to my call to help the children of Somalia through providing quality drugs through UNICEF.

On this now fifth annual Day of the African Child, please think of the children in each of the 56 countries of Africa and help in your own personal way to continue this good work.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

TRIBUTE TO ROLLING MEADOWS
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 1994
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HON. PHILIP M. CRANE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 16, 1995

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor five very special business leaders in my district who were recognized and honored on May 11, 1995 by the Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce for their contributions to the community.

David Hill, Jr., chairman and president of Kimball Hill, Inc., was honored as the 1994 Business Leader of the Year. Having grown to become one of the 50 largest homebuilders in the United States, Kimball Hill Homes collectively delivered over 1,000 homes in 1994 alone. In addition, Mr. Hill has been involved in national housing policy efforts and has testified before Congress on housing finance issues. Moreover, he has been an extremely active participant in a number of local and regional planning, affordable housing, and charitable organizations.

Dr. Arvind Goyal, of Family Doctor, Inc., was honored as the 1994 Community Leader of the Year. Aside from having served residents for 16 years as a family doctor, Dr. Goyal has belonged to a wide range of local, State, and national organizations, such as the American Medical Association and the American Cancer Society. Other activities that have benefited the community include his public presentations and testimonials on health and other issues before a number of community institutions. Finally, Dr. Goyal has actively lobbied State and Federal legislators on such issues as smoking restrictions in business places, prevention of domestic violence, and health care reform.

Helene Curtis Industries, Inc., was honored with the 1994 Business Beautification Award. This respected Fortune 500 company which has been headquartered in Chicago for years completely renovated their building at 3100 Golf Road. The Rolling Meadows Chamber has obviously taken note of the marked improvement in appearance.

McMinn & Troutman was honored as Small Business of the Year. Having moonlighted as my campaign treasurer for the past 25 years, I am pleased to see Billy McMinn recognized for all the dedicated time and effort that he and his partner, Larry Troutman, have put into their business. Aside from their exceptional skills within the office, McMinn and Troutman have been longtime civic volunteers, as each are also active members of the Rolling Meadows Rotary Club, their respective churches, and many other civic institutions within the community.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate these five business leaders of Rolling Meadows for their hard work and dedication.

Rolling Meadows and the Eighth Congressional District of Illinois is a better place to live because of them.

THE FLAT TAX AND CRIMINALS

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 16, 1995

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, advocates of sales taxes and value added taxes say that their proposals will eliminate the underground economy and tax avoidance by the criminal element and pretty much make the IRS unnecessary.

Personally, I've been very skeptical of this argument, but the following letter, received by members of the Ways and Means Committee, indicates that the Republican tax revolution may indeed bring a revolution to criminal thinking.

ROBIN, GYPSUM, & STEEL, P.C.,
Springfield, VA, June 7, 1995.

Chairman BILL ARCHER,
Committee on Ways and Means, 1102 Longworth HOB, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: We serve as legal representatives of the United Drug Dealers of America and the Organized Families Mutual Benefit Association. On behalf of our clients, we were pleased and excited to hear your opening statement of June 5, 1995, detailing how the United States of America might abolish the IRS and move to a transaction or sales tax system. As you indicated, this would abolish the problem of the underground economy and the problem of non-compliance with the nation's tax laws.

On behalf of our clients, we heartily endorse this move. Our clients are patriotic Americans who want to contribute to the nation's tax base.

We do have, however, a number of technical questions as to how the sales tax system would work, and we hope you can provide guidance to the entrepreneurs we represent.

1. To reduce the paperwork associated with millions of dollars worth of marijuana, heroin, cocaine, LSD, etc., sales, can we pay the tax just once at the point of entry? If so, can we pay to an authority other than the U.S. Customs Service (whose personnel seem to have an unprofessional "attitude" problem toward our clients)? Or could you abolish the Customs Service, too?

2. Many of our clients build a customer base near centers of education by the use of free samples. Later, much later, the customer pays. Can the cost of free samples be netted against the profits of later sales?

3. Sometimes a client/customer will make an offer that can't be refused, and a refund for a below par product is in order. If our client has already paid the sales tax, whom do they apply to for a refund?

4. In the execution of our business, a contract is frequently let for disposing of a family of problems. Half the payment is made at the time of the contract, half on the completed contract method of accounting. If, however, the contractor is himself/herself indisposed before half the job is completed, can we receive a refund for a business loss?

5. Because of the high rate of disease and disability in our clients' professions, we are very interested in qualifying for Social Security disability payments as soon as possible. Will we be able to qualify after six quarters of employment in the event of hostile fire? If there is no IRS, who will keep track of our Social Security and Medicare payments? Or would you recommend that we advise our clients to switch to State Workmen's Compensation programs?

6. It is reported you might exempt medical expenses from the sales tax. Client customers who use drugs for stress-reducing