

In 1993 Bruce was the co-host of the first annual Palo Alto Conference. This historic conference brought together academics, anthropologists, historians, political scientists, sociologists and military research analysts from both Mexico and the United States. It was the first time such a gathering occurred, and the lessons we all learned were monumental.

Mr. Speaker, Bruce Aiken is a special man who has taught the Brownsville community much more about our history than anyone could have ever imagined. He has added to the history of our area, and our community is grateful to him for his efforts to bolster our education so that we will be better able to understand our future. January 19, 1995, has been declared "Bruce Aiken Day" by the Board of Directors of the Historic Brownsville Museum Association. I hope my colleagues will join me in paying tribute to Bruce Aiken, a very special patriot, historian and teacher.

**WILKES-BARRE SOCIAL SECURITY  
CENTER FOR DATA OPERATIONS  
CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

**HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 19, 1995*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Wilkes-Barre Center for Data Operations of the Social Security Administration. This facility provides employment for more than 1,000 residents in my district.

Although the facility is now housed in a brand-new, state-of-the-art complex, this was not always the case. In the early 1980's, the Social Security Administration sought to consolidate and modernize its operations in Wilkes-Barre, which at that time were scattered about several buildings in the area. The operation needed more space and the possibility existed that the entire operation would leave northeastern Pennsylvania.

After several setbacks in finding a location for a new facility, I testified before the Appropriations Committee on the need for funding a new building. In the fall of 1986, the House and Senate approved my amendment to provide funding for a brand new facility in the Wilkes-Barre area.

For almost 2 years, problems were encountered in finding an appropriate site for the new facility. Then, in late 1988, I worked with Governor Robert Casey and State senators and representatives to draft legislation to sell 200 acres of land in Plains Township to the Greater Wilkes-Barre Industrial Fund which would convey 35 acres to the GSA for construction of the building. In the months to follow, GSA determined that the construction of the new facility would actually save more than \$9 million over the life of the facility. More funding was appropriated for the project in 1990. In continued partnership between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Federal Government, the appropriate State legislation was passed, and in late 1990, the legislation for the transfer of the land from the Commonwealth to the industrial fund was signed into law. In 1991, the site for the new building was announced to the public.

Mr. Speaker, one of the proudest moments of my tenure in Congress came on November

29, 1993 when I joined Federal, State, and local officials in dedicating the new Social Security Center in Plains Township. Dedicating the facility signified the realization of a goal which I set when I was first elected to Congress. This new building assured the continued presence of the SSA in my district and secured more than 1,000 jobs for my constituents.

The building stands today as a tribute to the work ethic of the people I serve. It is also a monument to the cooperation and partnership possible among the Federal, State, and local governments. I am extremely pleased to congratulate the WBDON on its 50th anniversary and to have this opportunity to thank the Social Security Administration again for its continued faith in the people of northeastern Pennsylvania.

**INTRODUCTION OF THE NEVADA  
FOREST PROTECTION ACT**

**HON. BARBARA F. VUCANOVICH**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 19, 1995*

Mrs. VUCANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, 6 years of persistent drought has produced large areas of dead and dying trees and other accumulated fuels in Nevada's forested lands. The 1994 wildfire season was the worst in history, and extreme wildfire danger still exists in many of the forested lands in Nevada, including the Lake Tahoe area which, in addition to the drought, has suffered years of insect infestation, resulting in a dangerous overloading of fuels.

Last year, over 780 wildfires occurred throughout Nevada, involving well over 215,000 acres affecting areas near Caliente, Hallelujah Junction, Panacea, Lone Mountain, Bull Run, Mahogany Springs, Holbrook Junction, and Verdi. Both Federal and State resources were stretched to the limit fighting fires across Nevada as well as helping out in other States.

The risk of intense wildfires threatening the safety of people and property, like the ones that flared across Nevada and other Western States last year, can be significantly reduced by removing excessive fuel accumulations including slash piles and dead trees that become fuel ladders.

Today I am reintroducing the Nevada Forest Protection Act to preserve the health of Nevada's forested lands and to protect the lives and property of those who live in or near forested lands. This legislation requires the U.S. Forest Service and the Interior Department, working with State officials, to identify high-fire-risk Federal forested lands and to clear the forest fuels in those areas. My bill also calls for a long-term fire prevention plan to be designed by the Forest Service and Interior so that the dangerous buildup of fuels will no longer continue unchecked.

Preemptive action now will be cost effective in the long run, since the cost of fighting fires as they occur is significant. This legislation is vital in the process of preventing wildfires and improving the health of our Federal forested lands. I hope all my colleagues will support my efforts to ensure responsible management of these invaluable lands.

**ALICE SPEARS TO CELEBRATE  
HER 100TH BIRTHDAY**

**HON. RAY LAHOOD**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 19, 1995*

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, Saturday, January 21, 1995, will be a very special day in the lives of a wonderful family living in Peoria, IL.

Alice Agnes Spears will be celebrating her 100th birthday.

Her three sons, Joseph, George, and Bill, along with 13 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great grandchildren, with family and friends, will celebrate a life of caring and inspiration for those whose lives have been touched by this devoted lady.

I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Alice Agnes Spears a very happy 100th birthday.

**TRIBUTE TO WOODROW W. WOODY**

**HON. DAVID E. BONIOR**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 19, 1995*

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Woodrow W. Woody, president of Pontiac Motor Sales, Inc., parent company of the Woody Pontiac auto dealership in Hamtramck, MI.

Woodrow Woody is a remarkable person who has earned an impeccable reputation for hard work and service. In commemoration of Woody's 55 years of service, I am sharing a recent article from the Oakland Tech News that highlights Woody's American dream:

Never mind the Detroit Institute of Arts or Greenfield Village—the real treasure trove of local history is stored at the Woody Pontiac dealership in Hamtramck.

Woodrow W. Woody, president of Pontiac Motor Sales, Inc., parent company of Woody Pontiac, turned 87 years young on November 15 and his dealership celebrated 55 years of service on January 2.

After being honored by the Automotive Hall of Fame with its Distinguished Service Citation award recently, Woody, a friend of presidents and popes, took a few moments at his second-story office to talk about his career.

Woody finds great irony in being considered a civic institution in Hamtramck, where his Woody Pontiac dealership has been located at the northern end of Joseph Campau since January 2, 1940. Irony because Hamtramck has been known as Detroit's Polish enclave while he was born in Lebanon in the Middle East.

"When I first applied for the dealership, the district manager said, 'Hamtramck is all Polish and you're not Polish, so what do you want to go there for?'" Woody recalled. "I said, 'well, I'm dating a Polish girl so if you give me the franchise I'll marry her.'"

Franchise? Yes. Girl? Ditto.

Almost 55 years later both the dealership and his marriage to the former Anna Martes are still going strong. In between, Woodrow and Anna have had a life that most only dream of—owners of the Hillcrest Country Club in Mount Clemens, world travelers and

they swim with a social crowd that is definitely upper crust.

Play a "famous name" word-association game with Anna Woody and here's what you get:

Pope John Paul II?

"Oh we knew him before he was the Pope."

Richard Nixon?

"He used to write us the nicest cards and letters."

John DeLorean?

"We knew him even before he went to school."

The photographic "wall of fame" known as Woody's Gallery takes up much of the second floor of the dealership. A short list of some of the celebrities that the Woodys have had their picture taken with includes: Pope John Paul II, Dwight Eisenhower, Rocky Mariciano, Helen Thomas, George Bush, Dan Quayle, Bill Milliken, Bob Hope, Gerald Ford, Bob Dole, Phyllis Diller, Jack Nicklaus, and Ronald Reagan.

Among the notable photos:

Woody and Anna in the Oval Office of the White House in 1973, presenting then-President Nixon with a petition full of signatures of encouragement. (Nixon was sinking under the weight of Watergate at the time.)

A 1975 photo of the Woodys with Frank Sinatra and Danny Thomas, the late comedian who was a Detroit native and was also Lebanese.

Pope John Paul II visiting Hamtramck in 1987, traveling down Joseph Campau in the "popemobile" with the Woody Pontiac dealership in the background. (Alas, the popemobile is a Mercedes and not a Pontiac.)

A foursome-photo of Woodrow Woody together with Charles Dalglish, Ed Rinke and Babe Krajenke. (Doug Dalglish Sr. says it was the last photo taken of his father before he died.)

"And all four of us were 75 years old when that photo was taken," Woodrow Woody noted of Detroit's most famous car-dealers.

Mona Louis was recently named general manager of the dealership and she says that not much will change because of the legacy Woody established.

"He has fun doing it (working at the dealership) and he comes across just the way he really is," she said. "People like him and trust him, because he might've sold a car to their parents or maybe even their grandparents."

Even at 86, Woody videotapes a new 30-second TV commercial every six months or so and they still travel as much as is practical, having just recently come back from Memphis where they attended a function supporting St. Jude Children's hospital program started by Danny Thomas.

Woody reflects that his dealership has been so successful over the years because of a good product to sell, whether it was the Catalinas and Torpedos of the 1940s and '50s or the Grand Ams and Grand Prix of today. (Woody himself drives a Bonneville.)

"In my opinion," Woody said, "the Pontiac car is in a class by itself because it's loved by young people, middle-aged people, and older people. You can't really say that Pontiacs are only for the younger buyers. Our customers' ages vary across the board."

The secret to Woodrow W. Woody's success? Woody himself provides the answer when a phone call comes in asking him where he'll be next week.

"Right where I've been for the last 55 years," he said. "From 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., from Monday through Friday, I'm at the dealership and there's nowhere else in the world I'd rather be."

## A TRIBUTE TO ED MADIGAN

SPEECH OF

### HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 11, 1995

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment and reflect on the great loss Illinois has felt with the passing of our friend, former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Ed Madigan, a longtime Member of this House.

Growing up on a farm in Dwight, IL, and being an active member of 4-H and Future Farmers of America, I have very fond memories of my onetime Congressman, Secretary Madigan and the great impact he had as a respected leader in Illinois and among the farming community.

His gentle ways, strong midwestern values and great sense of humor are how I remember him best. He was a staunch supporter of his party and a tireless campaigner on behalf of those he felt could make a difference in Washington.

It was an honor this past summer when Secretary Madigan came to the 11th District of Illinois on my behalf and spoke to a group of supporters about the need to send new leaders to the U.S. Congress. He said we needed to elect Representatives who would bring with them the hard work ethic and sense of family that is so entrenched in the Midwest.

Whether Secretary Madigan was talking about international trade concerns on behalf of the United States of America or discussing bean prices with local farmers in Peotone, IL—he was always gracious and respectful. He was always mindful of where he came from. The great State of Illinois has truly suffered a loss.

## HONORING FRANK N. LIGUORI

### HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 19, 1995

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join with the constituents of my district in honoring Mr. Frank N. Liguori, chairman and chief executive officer of Olsten Corp., for his exceptional contributions to Long Island.

Mr. Liguori was recently profiled in the Long Island magazine for his outstanding accomplishments. It gives me a great deal of pride to reprint this article below for the benefit of my colleagues who do not know Mr. Liguori.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Mr. Frank N. Liguori for his many years of leadership on Long Island.

Reprinted from the Long Island magazine:

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SATISFYING BOTH SIDES

(By Christa Reilly)

A coin has two distinct sides, but it is valuable only as a complete unit. Frank Liguori, chairman and CEO, Olsten Corporation, North America's leading human resource services company and one of Long Island's top corporations, views the relation-

ships between personnel and clients in a similar way. "A good deal is good only if both parties are satisfied. We run our business with this kind of approach," he says.

When Olsten places an assignment (temporary) employee with one of its clients, it seeks to fulfill the needs of both parties involved, with the intent of "custom matching" the employee's skills to the right assignment. "In essence, we have two customers—not only the client, but the employee assigned to the client," Liguori explains, "and we must maintain a good balance. The industry has matured so that staffing agencies, such as Olsten, are viewed by business as a partner in managing their biggest cost—labor. And Olsten has customized its services to address this need."

Olsten's Partnership Program weaves temporary staff into the fabric of a client's daily operations by managing entire departments or functions. Liguori explains, "We place supervisory personnel on the client's site and, in effect, become part of the clients human resources department. We are already doing this for 150 major corporations." Liguori also applies a similar principle to the home health care side of Olsten's operations, Olsten Kimberly QualityCare. "Our home health care staff blends in with the family as much as possible. They become an integral part of the patient's and family's daily life," he says.

Olsten's home health care business has mushroomed, thanks to a 1993 merger with Lifetime Corporation, doubling the size of the company, and Liguori's decision in the early '80s to have the health care side run autonomously by managers with health care expertise. "The home health care business is driven by demographics—an aging population and the related cost of services. The need for cost-effective care plus advances in medical technology that allow more patients to convalesce at home make a compelling combination."

When Liguori joined Olsten as a controller in 1971, the company had already begun testing the market for home health care, but it wasn't until the late 1970s, when Liguori had become chief financial officer, that the company established a full-fledged home health care business. Olsten built the business into a \$100-million-a-year enterprise before acquiring Upjohn's home health care business in December 1990 and Lifetime Corporation's Kimberly QualityCare in 1993. As chief executive officer, Liguori steered Olsten through the Lifetime acquisition that included not only the health care business, but a major staffing services company in the United Kingdom. Olsten plans to explore additional staffing services opportunities in Europe this year.

If Liguori had a chance to negotiate a few deals regarding Long Island, he would like to see consolidation of overlapping bureaucracies and the reduction of costs. "The quality of life is wonderful \* \* \* but the high tax structure and overall cost of living make it very difficult for this region to recruit businesses, and for young people to grow up and stay on the Island." Fortunately, being a board member of the Long Island Association gives Liguori the means to provide input toward those ends.

Liguori is also on the board of trustees of the New York Institute of Technology, a board member of the Home Health Services and Staffing Association, a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and on the consultant board of the Epilepsy Foundation of Long Island.