

has the best winning percentage in the NAIA. As one of Birmingham-Southern College's most successful basketball coaches, the biggest achievement for Reboul is not the records he attains, but the respect he receives from former players. Each year, the goals remain the same—winning a championship and striving to make each player the best possible person he can be. Consequently, the student-athletes take these ideals and this winning attitude into the classroom and win them for the rest of their lives.

Finally, the winning attitude that has been instilled in the minds of the players should not go unnoticed. At this time, I would like to congratulate the student athletes who have worked so hard, and dedicated their time and efforts to achieving these accomplishments. Chris Armstrong, Obra Carter, James Cason, Nigel Coates, Bo Coln, Tommy Dalley, Dwayne Elliot, Paul Fleming, Todd Largen, Jay Mitchell, Mike Schwallie, Eddie Walter, Damon Wilcox, and Will Worrell are each to be applauded for their accomplishments both on and off of the court. I wish them all success in their academic as well as athletic pursuits.

Congratulations to Coach Reboul and his team for an outstanding year. We look forward to your continued success and achievement of excellence.

TRIBUTE TO LT. COL. MICHAEL J. LEPPER

**HON. GREG LAUGHLIN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 17, 1995*

Mr. LAUGHLIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lt. Col. Michael J. Lepper for his distinguished and exemplary service to the U.S. Air Force and this great Nation as Deputy Chief of the House Liaison Office from March 29, 1993, to July 5, 1995. In this capacity, Mike has excelled in providing the House of Representatives with outstanding service and unselfish commitment above and beyond the call of duty. He quickly established a solid reputation with both Members and staff, displaying his extensive knowledge of Air Force programs and issues, as well as national defense strategy. As a highly trained and experienced fighter pilot, I can think of no one who has provided better guidance, advice, and real-world expertise on a wide array of aerospace and other national security issues than Mike Lepper. His intelligence, charm, keen wit, and can-do attitude have made an indelible impact on us. He has aided us immeasurably in our day-to-day operations, and his effectiveness on Capitol Hill is legendary. No one has a better feel for the congressional pulse. In the challenging arena of international travel, Mike has always been the military escort of choice. He was brilliant in planning, organizing, and executing numerous congressional delegation trips to virtually every corner of the Earth. Having personally traveled with Mike, he has a way of making the difficult look effortless, and the impossible a reality. Because of Mike's credibility and goodwill, the Air Force and the Department of Defense will long reap the benefits of his tenure on the Hill. My colleagues and I bid a fond farewell to Lt. Col. Mike Lepper and his wife, Joanne, and wish

them continued success in their next assignment at National War College.

IN HONOR OF ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO MAKE PROJECT CHILDREN A REALITY FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF NORTHERN IRELAND

**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 17, 1995*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to all the people who make Project Children a great success. Project Children is an organization that brings together children from Northern Ireland and American host families. These volunteers give up their time to dedicate themselves to providing these children with a peaceful and fun-filled summer.

There are many heroes involved with Project Children. John and Joan Hughes coordinate the Project Children in New Jersey and I am grateful for their devotion. The Hughes' have dedicated much of their time to raising funds that make it possible for these children to travel. They are assisted by many others, including Carolyn Malizia, Maryanne McAdams, Patty Moreale, Kevin Ferrick, Joe Masterson. They have all dedicated their time and resources to provide a summer away from the troubles and pain of Northern Ireland. I have singled out some of the people responsible for Project Children, but there are many other volunteers, too numerous to mention here, who also deserve our thanks. Every year I hold a luncheon for these young children and their host families. For the past 2 years Mr. and Mrs. Liam Benson, owners of O'Donohues Pub in Hoboken, NJ, have been gracious enough to donate their services.

Project Children is an organization founded by Denis Mulcahy and his brother Pat Mulcahy. Through the years, the organization has grown and has provided thousands of children many wonderful summers in the United States. It is an opportunity for these children to experience a different type of life, a life away from the threat of violence with which they live daily. Project Children aims to touch each individual child and imprint in their heart and mind the memories of a lifetime.

This year there is new hope for Northern Ireland with the recent signing of a ceasefire agreement. Hopefully, this will mark the dawn of a new era. These children can, perhaps now, return to a Northern Ireland that is free of bloodshed. May they return to a country united by a common cultural heritage and accepting of its religious diversity.

Please join me in honoring all those responsible for this summer of peace. Let us hope that the cease-fire agreement will be the first stepping stone to a peaceful resolution. We hope that next year these children will enjoy a wonderful summer in a peaceful Northern Ireland.

A NATIONAL LATINA ORGANIZATION HONORS RITA DI MARTINO

**HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 17, 1995*

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Rita Di Martino, a national Latina leader who will be honored on July 27, 1995 by MANA: A National Latina Organization. On that evening the organization will announce the establishment of the Rita Di Martino Scholarship in Communications.

MANA was founded over 20 years ago and through its programs has worked to achieve recognition for Latin American women throughout the United States. The Rita Di Martino Scholarship is the first of many scholarships that MANA will establish in the future to recognize the impressive accomplishments of Latin American women in this country. Latina leaders' achievements and service in the fields of business, education, politics, science, medicine, and the space industries will be honored in this way.

Rita Di Martino is the first Latin American woman to be recognized by MANA for her outstanding contribution to both the Hispanic community and to our Nation as a whole. She is an esteemed spokesperson for the Hispanic community and a nationally recognized expert on Hispanic affairs.

Ms. Di Martino is a member of the Council of Foreign Relations, the Ana Mendez University System, and Gems Television International. She serves on the Executive Committee of the National Council of La Raza, the National Hispanic Corporate Council, the Cuban American National Council, the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials, the U.S. Senate Republican Task Force, is the Vice-Chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, and is a Presidential appointee to the USO World Board of Governors.

In 1982, President Ronald Reagan appointed Ms. Di Martino as the U.S. Ambassador to the UNICEF Executive Board. Ms. Di Martino influenced policy regarding the relationship of the United States and UNICEF, achieved increases in UNICEF's financial support, and extended the scale of programs in the areas of child health, water quality and sanitation, nutrition, and education. Ms. Di Martino conducted oversight and program review visits in Central and South America, East and West Africa, Egypt, and Morocco.

Ms. Di Martino is currently the Director of Federal Government Affairs for AT&T where she coordinates the company's relations with the administration, Congress, and various State governments. She enhanced the political standing of AT&T by securing recognition of AT&T as a major corporate citizen by the current administration. As a leader in the Hispanic community, Ms. Di Martino provides information and guidance to the company's administration about this growing segment of the population and offers leadership and direction with respect to multicultural issues. She is frequently called upon to act as a spokesperson for AT&T in both Spanish and English publications, broadcasts, electronic media, and live events.

Ms. Di Martino has been recognized by Who's Who in America, 100 Hispanic

Influentials in America Today, and Cattell's Who's Who in American Politics. She has been widely honored and recognized for her efforts in the areas of public policy, communications, and public service by businesses and community organizations, colleges, universities, and various educational institutions, in addition to numerous publications and journals.

Through MANA's scholarship program Ms. Di Martino and her achievements will continue to inspire and enable generations of young Hispanic women to strive to be the leaders of tomorrow.

CONGRATULATIONS GEN. CHARLES  
G. BOYD ON HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. IKE SKELTON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 17, 1995*

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to congratulate Gen. Charles G. Boyd, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the United States European Command, who will retire on July 31, 1995. General Boyd's career spans 36 years, over a third of a century in which he has given distinguished service as a leader in the United States Air Force.

Born in Rockwell City, IA, Chuck Boyd's roots extend deep into the heartland of America. He graduated from Aviation Cadet Program, Greenville Air Force Base, MI and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in July 1960. As a captain, General Boyd piloted the F-105 "Thud" over Vietnam, logging 105 combat missions before being shot down. He also interned for 7 years as a prisoner of war at various locations throughout Southeast Asia. Following his release, Chuck Boyd served in a variety of assignments throughout Europe, the Pacific, and the Continental United States. The positions included vice commander of the Strategic Air Command's 8th Air Force, director of plans at Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C., and commander of the Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL. General Boyd retires as the most senior command pilot of the Gray Eagle of the United States Air Force.

Commander at the Air University was one of many positions of high importance in which General Boyd faithfully served his country. As commander, he was responsible for the management of 21 separate Air Force schools. His leadership has had a great impact on the professional military education of the entire Air Force. His stewardship took the command from a position of being widely criticized in this Chamber to one which was praised from the House floor as the finest educational command in the Department of Defense. His stellar leadership of the schools and visionary application of Airpower is best demonstrated by the conception and implementation of the School for Advance Airpower Studies. This is a graduate level program to teach the employment of Airpower in Joint Coalition and Air Force pure operations. This school, General Boyd's project from start to finish, will have the greatest single impact of any educational entity in insuring that the United States Air Force is prepared for the challenges of the 21st Century.

As the Deputy Commander in chief of the United States European Command, General

Boyd has guided his staff through the most eventful and challenging period of its postwar history. Having planned over 58 operations in direct response to National Command Authority tasks, and ultimately executing 32 of those operations, General Boyd's strong and positive influence on U.S. foreign policy and national security strategy will be felt well into the next decade.

The United States Air Force will not forget General Boyd's many years of faithful and dedicated service to his country. Throughout his service he has demonstrated not only courage and bravery, but shown his patriotism toward his country. Perhaps he is best represented by the statue of Karl W. Richter, a statue dedicated to the brave souls from the Vietnam War. General Boyd's leadership, like this statue at the center of Academic Circle at Maxwell Air Force Base, will continue to inspire future generations of Air Force leaders.

WILLIAM SICKLICK HONORED FOR  
LIFETIME OF SERVICE

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 17, 1995*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and mourn the sad passing of William Sicklick, a long-time community activist, an auxiliary police officer, and a great New Yorker.

Like all great Americans, Bill Sicklick often answered his community's call to action. He courageously served as a captain of the Auxiliary Police Force, Seventh Precinct. At Governor's Hospital, he served on the advisory board. He was a member of Community Board #3, and always sought to improve the lives of the disadvantaged.

With the passing of Mr. Sicklick, we mourn not only a proud and capable community leader, but also a loving family man. Mr. Sicklick is survived by his wife, Norma, and his two children, Jeffrey and Leslie.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask that my colleagues join me in saluting the life of Bill Sicklick and extending sympathy to his wife, children, and family. His life demonstrates truly American values. His tireless dedication to public service and family are an example to us all.

MACON COUNTY, TN

**HON. BART GORDON**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 17, 1995*

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I share with my fellow Members some of my thoughts about one of the most beautiful areas of my district, Macon County, TN.

Tucked away on the Tennessee-Kentucky border is a place that has attracted many visitors to enjoy its unique natural features, while still retaining a sense of community for those who call it home.

Macon County has endured good times and bad because Macon citizens have a tremendous pride in their community. We all know the strong tobacco tradition in Macon County

and tobacco is enjoying one of its strongest years ever. Last year Macon County farmers placed second in the State in burley tobacco production, bringing home more than \$11.5 million to boost the local economy.

It is the people of Macon County that have made all this hard work possible. The spirit of community, the willingness to always look for new ways to make your community a better place to live is contagious. The Donoho Hotel and the Red Boiling Springs Inn are two examples. They're enjoying a rebirth and the Macon County Chamber of Commerce is working to spread the word to potential tourists about the beauty of Macon County.

I am proud of all our efforts and am eager to help write the next, successful chapter of Macon County's history.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID PRUITT

**HON. SONNY CALLAHAN**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 17, 1995*

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I report the death of David Carl Pruitt, III, a long-time Capitol Hill staffer, and my former administrative assistant.

I know many of my colleagues and Hill staffers remember David. He served as AA to former Congressman Jack Edwards from 1965 until 1985, when he joined my office to help get a new freshman acclimated to Washington.

David Pruitt died tragically after suffering a heart attack at his home in Mobile, AL, on July 10. He was 61 years old.

David grew up in Birmingham, AL, and graduated from the University of Alabama. He was a die-hard Tide fan all his life. After graduating and military service, he moved to Mobile where he was the first director of what became the America's Junior Miss Pageant. He remained active in this pageant as well as in the Miss Alabama and Miss America pageants during his years in Washington and after his return to Mobile.

David retired from the House of Representatives to set up a florist business in Mobile where he was quite successful. He was active in Mobile area civic activities. Most notably, he helped found the Betheze-Rocco House, an organization offering relief and solace to those infected with HIV and AIDS. He also was a major fund raiser for Mobile AIDS Support Services. His contributions to our community helped improve the quality of life for our residents.

One of David's finest qualities was his generosity to his friends and family. Whenever someone was in need, David was the one called because we could rely on his unfailing efforts to help. He leaves many, many friends who will relish delightful memories of him. To them and to his sister, Jean Pruitt Holtsford, I offer my most sincere condolences.