

HONORING THE PARENT PROJECT
AND RUDY AND MONA GOMEZ

HON. ESTEBAN EDWARD TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 1995

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Parent Project. The Parent Project is an organization managed by the parents of children who have Duchenne and Becker, a severe form of muscular dystrophy.

Duchenne is an incurable disease that causes the muscle cells to disintegrate. The disease affects only boys, afflicting about 1 in every 3,500—or more. Progressive muscle deterioration starts in the feet and slowly moves up the body, turning children into invalids, until the muscles in lungs and heart atrophy and die. Few boys with Duchenne have survived past their early twenties.

Because much about this disease is little known or understood, the Parent Project has assembled top medical researchers to advise them on what research and clinical trials offer the best hope for treating, and optimistically curing, Duchenne and Becker muscular dystrophies. The Scientific Advisory Board [SAB] serves as a clearinghouse for coordinating and monitoring constantly evolving developments within the scientific community. Thanks to recommendations made by the SAB, the Parent Project is able to fund viable research immediately. And as parents know, time is critical to saving the lives of their children.

What makes the Parent Project unique, and important, is that it links parents, patients, family, and friends with scientists who are investigating a treatment—and hopefully a cure—for Duchenne and Becker muscular dystrophies. It's a relationship that is critical to the success of obliterating this devastating disease.

The goal for the Parent Project is to raise \$40 million to find a cure by the year 2000. The Parent Project is run by parent volunteers who raise money in different ways, be it by raffles, walk-a-thons, bake sales, dinner parties, and silent auctions. This Saturday, July 29, 1995, at the Naval Reserve Center in Santa Barbara, Rudy and Mona Gomez will host a fundraiser for the Parent Project.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration that I rise in recognition of the Parent Project and Rudy and Mona Gomez for their perseverance in raising money to find the cure for this childhood robbing disease. I also ask that my colleagues join me in saluting these committed parents.

TRIBUTE TO ANDREW JACKSON
TRANSUE

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, it is truly an honor and a privilege to rise before you today to pay tribute to the late Andrew Jackson Transue, a selfless servant to the people of Michigan and a personal friend of mine. Mr. Transue passed away on June 28, 1995, at the age of 92, but his long tenure of dedicated service will never be forgotten by the thousands of individuals whose lives he enriched.

Born and raised in Clarksville, MI, Mr. Transue graduated from Clarksville-Ionia County High School and received his Juris Doctorate from the Detroit College of Law. Never satisfied by past accomplishments, Mr. Transue's life was characterized by a continuous, unquenchable effort to better the lives of America's working people. The vigor with which Mr. Andrew Jackson Transue fought for the American working family was every bit the equal of that of his namesake.

Transue began his long career of public service in 1933 when he was elected county prosecuting attorney, and he continued to represent the common man from 1937 to 1939 as a New Deal Democrat in the 75th Congress. Later, he would serve as President of the Flint Lions Club and as a devoted 55-year member of the Court Street United Methodist Church. What Transue was perhaps most proud of, however, was the case he argued before the U.S. Supreme Court in 1952. Not only did he win that case, but he also succeeded in redefining the legal principle of "criminal intent" and in setting a precedent that would subsequently be cited in over 500 judicial rulings.

In light of these accomplishments, it is often difficult, even for those of us who knew him personally, to keep in mind that Mr. Transue should not be remembered primarily for his legal and electoral successes. Rather, we must remember him for his genuine concern for his fellow man and for the endearing legacy of compassion he has left behind. Never consumed by self-focused ambition, Mr. Transue was first and foremost a man dedicated to his community and to his late wife Vivian, and his children, Tamara and Andrea. His integrity, his wisdom, but most of all his passion, will never be forgotten by the many souls graced with his humanity.

S.O.S.—SAVE OUR SANCTUARIES!

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

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Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of increasing funds for our national marine sanctuaries. The cuts in this bill will be especially harmful to the people in northern California. There are three national marine sanctuaries off the spectacular northern California coast—Cordell Banks; Gulf of the Farallones; and Monterey Bay.

These stunning and unique sanctuaries need protection, Mr. Speaker. We should make every effort to preserve our precious marine areas. It is time to honor the commitment made when the U.S. Congress established the sanctuary program.

If California's coast is to be utilized by future generations as it is today, it must have strong protection now. Adequately funding the National Marine Sanctuary Program will help provide that protection.

The National Marine Sanctuary Program, a program which has been historically underfunded, is authorized in fiscal year 1996 for \$20 million. This bill provides \$9 million—less than half the authorized level, and \$3 million less than last year.

It is time to take a stand for the preservation of our marine areas. It is time to take seriously our commitment to the National Marine Sanc-

tuary Program. It is time to fight for the future well-being of our coastal waters, our coastal economies, and the Nation as a whole.

Vote "yes" on the Farr amendment.

TRIBUTE TO DEBORAH JUDE
ANTHONY

HON. ESTEBAN EDWARD TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I inform my colleagues of the tragic death of Deborah Jude Anthony. I first met Debby when she participated in my district's Congressional Award program. Having earned the Silver Medal in October 1993, Debby was working on attaining her Gold Medal. She was expected to receive it in 1996.

Though she had spina bifida and cerebral palsy, Debby achieved more than most. In addition to earning the Congressional Award, Debby earned an athletic letter in swimming from Charter Oak High School and was to receive, in September, the Gold Award given to only 15 of 20,000 Girl Scouts each year.

According to news reports, on Monday night while at home, a freak short circuit in her wheelchair sparked a fire that killed her before emergency personnel arrived.

In a December, 1993, letter to me, Debby's mother, Judith D. Anthony, wrote about Debby's participation in the Congressional Award:

As a mother of a physically disabled child, I watched Debby painfully struggling all these years—not to achieve—not even to keep up with her peers, but merely to survive. It has been a struggle against all odds. In a world where academic and physical achievements measure success, Debby did not have a chance. The Congressional Award, however, made success and achievement not only a possibility, but a reality for her. I truly believe this kind of award brings forth recognition of the true heroes of our youth, because it is based on personal development, service and physical challenge.

Mr. Speaker, Debby was and will continue to be an inspiration for me and a bright star in our community. Her presence will be sorely missed. I ask my colleagues to keep her family in their thoughts and to join me in saluting this outstanding and accomplished young American.

TRIBUTE TO SGT. MICHAEL JUDE
MCCUMBER, U.S. CAPITOL

HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 1995

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of our own who passed away on July 25, 1995. Sergeant McCumber served honorably with the U.S. Capitol Police from August 25, 1975, until his untimely death on July 25, 1995, at the age of 41.

Sergeant McCumber was born on November 15, 1953 and was a native of the Washington, DC area. He graduated from St. John's College High School in Northwest Washington, DC.

Sergeant McCumber began his career with the Capitol Police on the midnight shift of the Senate Division. He also was assigned to the midnight shift of the Patrol and House Divisions. Sergeant McCumber was promoted in 1987 to his present rank and was assigned to the Communications Division. He later served as a supervisor at the Senate Division before being reassigned to his present assignment at the House Division in 1990.

Sergeant McCumber was a dedicated and respected member of the U.S. Capitol Police and was well liked by everyone who he came in contact with. He will be remembered fondly by his colleagues as a man with a unique sense of humor and wit. He will be greatly missed.

Sergeant McCumber is survived by his mother Mary, two children Amie and Edwin Thaddeus, and several sisters.

Mr. Speaker, Sergeant McCumber displayed a great devotion to his family as well as the congressional community which he faithfully served for the past 20 years. I am sure that my colleagues share my feelings of loss, as do those in the law enforcement community, by the passing of this dedicated officer and public servant. Our heartfelt prayers go out to his family, friends and fellow officers.

TRIBUTE TO MR. ELMER CERIN

HON. CARDESS COLLINS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 1995

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on July 24, 1995, the U.S. Congress lost a valuable and extraordinary friend. Mr. Elmer Cerin, who walked the Halls of Congress and lobbied on behalf of critical women's health issues for almost two decades, passed away on Monday. Lobbyists are not uncommon here in Washington, DC, but Mr. Cerin was one of a kind. He was unique and special because he worked tirelessly, cheerfully, successfully, and for free.

As a longtime advocate for greater funding and research for breast cancer, Mr. Cerin provided tremendous help to me and to my staff. He built support for several bills that I sponsored, traveling to other congressional offices and meeting with staff and Members to get their cosponsorship. Despite any setbacks or discouragements that Mr. Cerin encountered, he had an exceptionally positive attitude that opened doors that might not have opened for others with less charisma and strength of character.

Mr. Cerin's incredible spirit was evident recently as he faced prostate cancer with great courage, strength, and dignity. He was a true prince among men and will be greatly missed. He will not be forgotten, however, as we continue to fight for the issues that were so important to Mr. Cerin in the weeks and years ahead.

THE CHRISTA MCCAULIFFE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 1995

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Christa McAuliffe Fellowship Program.

We must find a way to fund such a valuable program that has affected teachers and students in every State and territory. While I understand these are tight budgetary times, I think we owe it to the seven astronauts who gave their lives for our country to maintain this tribute. The astronauts of the Challenger mission gave their lives to our country; our memory, and ability to pay tribute, must not be so short-lived.

We are approaching the tenth anniversary of the Challenger shuttle explosion which struck the hearts of children and adults throughout the world. Seven astronauts, including Christa McAuliffe, the first teacher-astronaut, gave their lives in this devastating tragedy. In honor of those who gave their lives on this mission, the Christa McAuliffe Fellowship Program was established. This program serves not only as a living tribute to these brave astronauts, but also supports a unique and valuable program for teachers that recognize and develop excellence in teaching. It personifies the hope evident in Christa McAuliffe's statement about her teaching in Concord, NH, "I touch the future, I teach." It would be a tremendous dishonor to their lives and memory to eliminate funding for this fellowship. However, it is now being criticized as "too small to be effective on a national level."

The Christa McAuliffe Fellowship Program has received approximately \$2 million per year in Federal funding since 1987. Approximately 60–75 fellowships are awarded each year to outstanding teachers throughout the country. There have been over 600 participants in this program since its inception in 1987; 38 of these past fellows have gone on to receive Presidential awards. These fellows complete semester or year-long projects to enhance their own teaching skills and broaden the horizons of education. Their activities help students to experience subjects such as math and science in a fun way. These math and science skills are extremely important in our increasingly high-tech world. This high-tech world will result in a society of technological haves and have-nots unless our schools are able to teach our children effectively in these most important subjects. These teachers have developed many exemplary projects that provide for more benefit than their costs.

This fellowship, and other small, directed programs such as this, have a huge ripple effect; awardees of these programs donate much of their own time, energy and resources towards the development of their projects and they also share information between teachers, students, and Challenger Centers located throughout the Nation. This fellowship program inspires not only those familiar with the outstanding local achievements of past fellows, but also those who visit the network of Challenger Centers located throughout the U.S. and Canada. These Centers provide hundreds of thousands of children and teachers with unique educational experiences such as high-

tech spaceflight simulators, satellite teleconferences for schools, and hands-on teachers' workshops.

Framingham State College, Christa McAuliffe's alma mater, has established a McAuliffe Center to honor Christa's life and her commitment to teaching. The mission of the Center is to carry out educational activities and research that will support teachers in their work, improve educational practice, offer students goals and incentives to enhance their development, and strengthen community support for public education. The Center also serves as the archive and distribution center for the teachers' award winning projects. In addition, Framingham State College is the site of one of the Challenger Learning Centers.

The Christa McAuliffe Center and all its activities are a fitting tribute to our Nation's first teacher-astronaut. Christa hoped her participation in the Challenger mission would encourage students and teachers to pursue their own dreams, explore exciting educational opportunities, and unleash their own imagination and creativity. As the network of the Challenger Centers expands and links teachers and students across the country, the legacy of Christa and the other Challenger astronauts continues to endure.

We must now restore our bipartisan commitment to education, a fundamental building block of a competitive economy. Now, even more than ever, opportunity in the global economy depends on skills and education. Education and advanced training are the key to economic growth. It is programs such as the McAuliffe Fellowship that help our Nation provide the education we need to continue to compete in the world economy and to provide our children with the knowledge and skills they will need to be productive and successful adults.

STABILIZING THE CO-OP MARKET

HON. ROBERT G. TORRICELLI

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 1995

Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. Speaker, last fall, Jim Johnson, chairman of the Federal National Mortgage Association also known as Fannie Mae, came to New Jersey to join me in announcing an innovative co-op initiative that has helped countless Northern New Jersey families preserve the value of their co-op apartment homes in a sagging co-op market. The initiative was modeled after a similar plan that was extremely successful in New York which my colleague Representative CHARLES SCHUMER and Queens Borough president Claire Schulman announced with Fannie Mae almost 2 years ago.

The reason the initiative works so well is that it allows co-op buyers to increase the portion of their mortgage payment which goes to pay for the underlying or blanket mortgage on the co-op building itself.

The challenge that co-op buyers faced in my district is that from 1989, when the housing market virtually collapsed, to 1993 the resale value of co-ops in Bergen and Hudson Counties, as in most of the State, declined by as much as 40 percent. That caused the pro-rata share—the share of the underlying co-op building mortgage—to exceed 30 percent of