

Louis Times. He got into the wrestling business as an assistant to promoter Tom Packs and found his niche.

He served for more than 25 years as president of the National Wrestling Alliance, which consisted of promoters from coast to coast. During his career as Mr. Wrestling, Sam Muchnick spent many days relating his sporting stories to me and other young people growing up in the Metro East. He still stops by and talks to Jack English, George Silvey, Bob Burns, Eddie Moran, Bob Bregg and other friends in the sports business during a visit to English's Tavern in Belleville.

Today, I bring to the attention of my colleagues the long and popular career of "Mr. Wrestling." I know they join me in congratulating Sam Muchnick for the years of enjoyment he has provided to wrestling and entertainment fans in the United States.

IN HONOR OF THE 1995 CARNAVAL
ELIZABETH

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 1995

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the participants of the Carnival Elizabeth. This 3-day event celebrates Hispanic achievement in America and the diversity of the Hispanic culture. The Carnival will be held from September 2d to the 4th, 1995, in the city of Elizabeth in New Jersey.

The Carnival is sponsored by the Elizabeth Latin Chamber of Commerce and Melly Mell Productions. The Elizabeth Latin Chamber of Commerce prides itself on assisting and defending Hispanic businesses. It is an organization that engenders friendship and fraternity among city and State organizations. Both organizations are dedicated to helping the Hispanic community. Together they are producing a Carnival that will celebrate the hard work and traditions of the Hispanic people.

The Carnival Elizabeth will be celebrated for 3 days over a quarter of a mile stretch in the heart of Elizabeth's Hispanic business district. There will be live entertainment, dancing, folklore and amusement rides for the children. Many Hispanic entertainers such as Ramon Ortiz, Frankie Ruiz, Jose Alberto and many others will share their musical talents. The Carnival will have booths featuring traditional foods, products, arts and crafts.

The Hispanic culture is rich and diverse. The Carnival is an opportunity for people from different Hispanic countries to gather together and celebrate their culture. Awareness is very important in the Hispanic community—the Carnival introduces people to many new customs and traditions. The Carnival also celebrates the many vital contributions that the Hispanic Community has given to the city of Elizabeth.

I am confident my colleagues will join me in honoring and celebrating the Carnival Elizabeth. In its 14th year, the Carnival Elizabeth will celebrate the uniqueness of the Hispanic culture. The gathering will integrate the many Hispanic traditions and create an atmosphere of festivity and cultural recognition.

TRIBUTE TO WALTER REUTHER

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 1995

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, September 8 a 25th Commemorative Tribute will be held in honor of Walter Reuther. Marking the tragic death of Walter and Mae Reuther in 1970, it will honor their lives and their service to others.

In life, Walter Reuther was larger than life, a giant of a figure.

In death, he left a legacy that has outlived him, and a strong group of legatees to carry on his work.

His legacy includes a number of seeming ironies: Considered by some in the business world to be an enemy, time more and more revealed him as a key figure in helping to preserve, indeed strengthen American capitalism; often in the middle of a number of historic adversarial clashes with management, his Union has led the way toward a more collaborative relationship between management and labor, and sometimes accused of class warfare, Walter Reuther, his brothers Roy and Vic and their colleagues helped create in America the largest middle class in the world.

These contrasts were actually a reflection of consistent threads running throughout the life of Walter Reuther: a strong dedication to democracy and a deep distaste for intolerance; a belief in the dignity of work and of the individual who labored. His strength of personality reinforced, rather than undermined, his belief in pluralism.

His love for his Union, the UAW, was so powerful that it only motivated him to address its imperfections.

I saw his influence first-hand initially as a youngster helping to earn some money for college working in a factory one summer. Walter Reuther's spirit of brotherhood and sisterhood helped create among the rank and file in the plant an atmosphere of people working together, instead of against each other. The plant—hot and dirty—was hardly a haven but it provided a welcome respite from the outside atmosphere in a city often torn by social and racial divisions.

Remembering Walter Reuther is important in part in helping us to remember first principles. He was visionary, and that meant that he could see far enough ahead to discern when there was a need for change in order to be faithful to basic principles, and in order to be effective in carrying them out.

When history has a truly ample period of time to look back fully to discern the evolution of democracy in America in the 20th century, I have no doubt that Walter Reuther will loom very large. It is only true to ourselves, as people who share his faith in democracy, that we take some time in 1995 to remember him, whom we grievously lost 25 years ago in 1970.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KWEISI MFUME

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 1995

Mr. MFUME. Mr. Speaker, I was detained in my congressional district in Baltimore today and thus forced to miss three record votes. Specifically, I was not present to record my vote on rollcall vote No. 636, on ordering the previous question; rollcall vote No. 637, the motion to recommit the conference report to H.R. 1854; and rollcall vote No. 638, on agreeing to the conference report to H.R. 1854.

Had I been here I would have voted nay on rollcall vote No. 636, ordering the previous question; yea on rollcall vote No. 637, the motion to recommit the conference report; and nay on rollcall vote No. 638, on agreeing to the conference report.

RECOGNITION OF THE FIRST LADY
HILLARY CLINTON

HON. PATRICIA SCHROEDER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 1995

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, hats off to First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton for her powerful statement at the U.N. Conference on Women in Beijing. Over the past 3 years, the First Lady has been a strong voice for children, families, and women. She has never shied away from speaking out on issues she cared about—be it childcare or women's health. Over the next week, I would like to highlight excerpts from Mrs. Clinton's statements on women, children, and families so that Members in the House as well as their constituents at their own public libraries can read them.

The first excerpt is from her commencement speech at the University of Minnesota given this past year and focuses on education:

But instead of support and appreciation for education today, we see a movement among us to undermine education. We see some among us who would knock down the ladders of opportunity after they themselves have already reached the top rung. For generations, education has been the gateway to opportunity and, when married with responsibility, has been the recipe for the American Dream. Education is not just about acquiring facts, or even about acquiring skills to prepare oneself for a career. It is also about learning how to meet the challenges of one's time. How to solve problems and adapt to new circumstances. How to go forward into the world with the spirit and optimism that Eric talked about. It is about building a deeper understanding of the complexity of human civilization. Understanding our history, knowing that there is much we can learn from those who came before. Defining one's place in the world, and figuring out how to live in a way that does honor to those who have believed in us.

Education is also not, if it ever were, a one-shot deal. There are all kinds of people in our society today who need to learn and want to learn. They range from the very young to the very old. They are all kinds of people who recognize that the challenges of the global economy are such that they can

only be met by a spirit of learning. But tragically as we all know today, there is a movement afoot in state capitals, and the nation's capital, to retreat on America's historic commitment to education funding. It is a retreat marked by a rather unusual argument. One that says, slashing education funding is for the good of our children. Under this skewed logic, cutting back on education will enable us, in some miraculous way, to provide more and better opportunities than we now enjoy. Nothing could be further from the truth. If we sound the retreat on education in America, we deny the opportunity of preschool and Head Start to thousands of children. We deny tens of thousands of elementary school students the resources they need to improve their reading and math schools. We deny summer jobs and learning opportunities to young people. And most cruelly of all, we deny the opportunity for college to millions of Americans by decreasing the availability of loans, making them less flexible, and raising interest payments and tuition beyond the reach of many working families.

It is particularly ironic that those who profess to worry most about values in America are on a crusade to diminish federal support for education and obliterate the National Service program known as Americorps, that the President launched last year. It is a false debate to pit a discussion about values against the real economic concerns of the American people. It is not either/or. It is both/and. We need both a strong economy that protects jobs and values that we want our children to be raised by. And what better example than National Service of what we mean by taking economic and educational opportunity and marrying it with values. The values you get from tutoring children, building homes for the elderly, working with police officers, cleaning up the environment, immunizing children. National Service is built on very old-fashioned values of hard work, discipline, and community service. The men and women who serve do so because they want to help people. And in return they get some small assistance with their education that not only helps them, but helps us as a country.

So whether we belong to Generation X, Y, or Z, each of us has the opportunity in our own way to make clear what values really matter. And we also can make a difference with those values in the lives of people we love and care about. Education matters. Kindness matters. Truth matters. Patience, hard work, tolerance, empathy, discipline—all of these matter. Forgiveness matters, and gratitude matters, especially on a day like today.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE WEBSTER

HON. JAMES H. (JIMMY) QUILLEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 1995

Mr. QUILLEN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to take this opportunity to pay tribute to a legend of the Washington, DC, legal community, as well as a very dear friend of mine, George Webster, who is stepping down as general counsel for the American Society of Association Executives after 30 years of exemplary service to that body.

Although he has made his living in the District of Columbia for 45 years, he remains a constituent of mine by maintaining his beautiful farm in Hawkins County, TN, the region where his family originated and where he was

born 74 years ago. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and attended Harvard Law School on the GI bill.

Upon his arrival in Washington, Mr. Webster established himself at a respected DC law firm where he developed his interest in the laws governing associations. This interest led to his being named general counsel of the American Society of Association Executives in 1965. In turn, his work with ASAE led to his writing the definitive book on association law, "The Law of Associations," in 1971. This book has been in print ever since and has provided crucial guidance for legions of associations as they sought to work toward their members' best interest. It has also proven invaluable to all association leaders.

Mr. Webster founded his own Washington, law firm in 1968, currently known as Webster, Chamberlain, and Bean, of which his son Hugh is a partner. As one might expect, Webster, Chamberlain, and Bean does an excellent business in representing associations as well as corporate entities, and it remains one of the most respected Washington law.

In addition to knowing George Webster by his professional reputation and as a fellow Tennessean in Washington, he also has been extremely active in Republican politics at the State and national levels. He was the head of Lawyers for Nixon during President Nixon's reelection campaign, and has been heavily involved in fundraising for several national Republican candidates since then. In east Tennessee, there are few better ways for a Republican to raise money and meet people than to have him entertain at the Webster farm near Rogersville.

Although George feels that 30 years as general counsel to ASAE is enough, he will continue to remain active at Webster, Chamberlain, and Bean, and I know that he will enjoy spending more time with his lovely wife, Tuttie, and his children, Hugh, George, and Aen. I know that while ASAE will surely miss his guidance, he will continue to be available to advise associations, other attorneys, and friends for a long time to come.

It is a great honor to pay tribute to such a valued and longtime friend who richly deserves the highest praise for his contributions, loyalty, and dedication to his profession, to the State of Tennessee and to the Nation over the years. His achievements have done so much for so many during his lifetime.

TRIBUTE TO HARRY AND GERALDINE DUBEL

HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 1995

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 65th wedding anniversary of Harry and Geraldine Dubel. Harry and the former Geraldine Solomon, who were both born in 1909, were married on September 10, 1930, at St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Church.

Parents of 3 wonderful children, Rita, Henry Jr., and Robert, their family now proudly includes 13 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

Harry initially worked as a delivery man for the Bond Bread Co. and then worked in the grocery business. After 10 years, during which

he studied the business, he and Geraldine opened their own family-owned and operated market. Their small market grew and prospered and became Buffalo's well-known "Dubel's Supermarket."

After 54 years of hard work, Harry went into semiretirement: now he works only 6 days a week at the store with his sons who took over the family business years ago.

Mr. Speaker, today I would like to join with Harry and Geraldine's family, colleagues, and innumerable friends throughout western New York to recognize and celebrate with them their 65-year commitment based on mutual love, faith, and respect. Harry and Geraldine Dubel are in inspiration to us all.

MAKES ME WANNA WHINE

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 1995

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring a recent column by Paul Taylor of The Washington Post to the attention of my colleagues. As we in Congress continue about our task of reducing the power, reach and expense of the Federal Government, we might do well also to lower some unrealistic expectations.

In a free society, there are limits to what government can do to guarantee financial success for its citizens, prepare for their retirement, or preserve their families. The U.S. Government can not compel people to make intelligent career choices, invest wisely, or take their kids to the ball game. The Government can not make you go to church—it is in the Constitution.

Our first goal should be to see to it that government interference does not restrain citizens from realizing their dreams. Beyond that, we should limit ourselves to those relatively few activities which are performed best by a National Government. To that end, it would be helpful if politicians, pundits and the press would take a break from over-indulging the malcontents (and searching for scapegoats) and instead focus on efficiently executing the basic functions of government.

The at once sad and glorious truth is that much of what ails the people of the United States today is beyond the domain of government. Americanism is about individual initiative, personal responsibility, private acts of charity, and above all else, freedom. With the freedom to pursue your ambitions comes the risk of falling short. With that in mind, I commend the following column by Paul Taylor to the attention of all interested parties.

MAKES ME WANNA WHINE

(By Paul Taylor)

"Politics," says Bill Bradley, "is broken." His fix is to quit the Senate and "focus on the lives of the people who are disconnected from the political process." And just maybe run for president.

Three suggestions, senator. Start by telling all those disconnected people to stop whining. Then tell the politicians to stop pandering to the whining. Then tell the media to stop exploiting the whining.

Can anyone really believe the problem with American politics is that the folks who claim to be alienated from it—most inclusively defined, the nearly three-quarters of