

A scholarly man, Dr. Fogel has authored more than 60 articles in professional magazines and publications, and he is a member of many national organizations and societies.

Finally, one of Dr. Fogel's projects that has been particularly close to my heart has been the University's Minority Student Health Careers Motivation Program, which has exposed hundreds of young Floridians to the rigors rewards of medical school. Dr. Fogel challenged each of these students to pursue careers in science and medicine, and over the past 19 years nearly 80 percent of them accepted the challenge and are now physicians, scientists, and health care workers.

On November 1, Dr. Bernie Fogel stepped down as dean of School of Medicine and senior vice president of medical affairs but, thankfully, he will continue his devoted service to his alma mater as dean emeritus and special advisor to the president.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues in the Congress to join with me in saluting this great man of education; a great man of medicine, and a great American—Bernie Fogel, M.D., dean emeritus, University of Miami School of Medicine.

TRIBUTE TO DONALD P. FREITAS

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 1995

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I know that all Members of the U.S. House of Representatives will join me in honoring an outstanding public servant, Donald Freitas, who is going to be leaving his position as a director of the Contra Costa Water District next month.

Don Freitas has been one of the great leaders in the effort to preserve and restore the water quality of San Francisco Bay and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta throughout his 16 year tenure on the board, including his service as its president in 1987–89. He has always been a trusted and valued ally to me as I have waged battle after battle here in the Congress to reform California's water policy and to make it more responsive both to the taxpayers and to the environment.

I want to mention some highlights of Don Freitas' service on the board, because he has made many contributions that will endure long after he has moved on to other challenges: Don has served as the manager of the Contra Costa County Clean Water program which is charged with implementing the Federal Clean Water Act storm water pollution program within our county; Don Freitas helped lead the successful fight in 1982 that stopped construction of the Peripheral Canal that was intended to divert much of the delta's water south to farms and cities in other regions of the State, with devastating consequences to the ecology of the delta and San Francisco Bay; Don was a leader in the long effort to build the Los Vaqueros Reservoir which is now under construction to serve the thousands of Contra Costans whose water quality has long been at risk because of the mismanagement of our State's water supply.

On these and many other challenges over the years, Don Freitas has demonstrated exceptional vision and leadership, and I am hon-

ored to have had him as a colleague and friend. We all join the 400,000 customers of the Contra Costa Water District, and all advocates of water policy reform, in wishing Don Freitas the very best in the future, and in thanking him for his years of dedicated service.

TRIBUTE TO CICERO BUSINESSES

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 1995

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to 21 businesses located in Cicero, IL, which were honored for longevity at the Cicero Chamber of Commerce and Industry's ninth annual dinner on November 8, 1995. Illinois Lt. Gov. Bob Kustra was the guest speaker, and Betty Loren-Maltese, town president, was honored for her contributions to the community.

Establishments passing the 100 year mark were Chas. Fingerhut Bakeries, 5537 Cermak Road; Cermak Home for Funerals, 5844 Cermak Road; Central Federal Savings and Loan Association, formerly Vypomocny Spolek Jungman, 5959 Cermak Road; and Cicero Bible Church, formerly the Morton Park Congregational Church, 1230 Laramie Avenue.

Marking 75 years in business were Ida Florists, formerly John Ida Florist, 4928 W. 31st St.; Family Federal Savings of Illinois, formerly Morton Park Savings, 5225 W. 25th St.; Pinnacle Bank of Cicero, formerly First National Bank of Cicero, 6000 Cermak Road; Rosicky's National Cleaners, 5818 Cermak Road; Edward's Market, 2933 S. 49th Ave.; ComEd, formerly the Edison Co. for Isolated Lighting; and Family Service and Mental Health Center of Cicero, formerly the Cicero Welfare Center, 5341 Cermak Road.

Honored for 50 years were Walter M. Vlodek, attorney at law, formerly Miles Vlodek, 5814 Cermak Road; Prater Industries, formerly Prater Pulverizer, 1515 S. 55th Court; Chicago Extruded Metals Co., 1601 S. 16th St.; Walgreen Drug Store, 5958 Cermak Road; Manor Bakery, formerly Chester and Emily Matias Bakery, 5906 W. 35th St.; St. Anthony Federal Savings Bank, formerly St. Anthony Savings and Loan Association; 1447 S. 49th Court; West Town Savings Bank, formerly West Town Saving and Loan Association, 4852 W. 30th St.; Frank F. Kucera Co., 1800 Laramie Ave.; and MidAmerica Federal Savings Bank, 5900 Cermak Road.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate these businesses for the many years they have provided services to their community and wish them the very best in the years yet to come.

ATTACHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE DISMANTLING ACT TO THE DEBT EXTENSION BILL, H.R. 2586

HON. JAMES A. HAYES

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 1995

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, I was pleased to see that reason prevailed and the provisions

to eliminate the Department of Commerce were struck from the Short-Term Debt Ceiling Extension bill, H.R. 2586.

First of all, increasing the debt ceiling is an issue of public confidence—in our financial markets both at home and abroad. Even if we pass landmark legislation this year calling for a balanced budget by the year 2002—and I hope we do—the debt ceiling will still have to be raised periodically, at least in the near term, to meet our financial responsibilities on our \$5 trillion debt. I am not willing to play political gamesmanship with the stability of our economy or strength of our credit.

We should be able to count on the Federal Government to pay its bills on time. It is for this very reason that, regardless of my objections to the extraneous amendments added onto this legislation, I strongly supported the passage of H.R. 2586.

Accordingly, I was glad to see that dismantling the Department of Commerce was not included. While I advocate reforming the non-essential and wasteful functions of the Department, I remain skeptical that budgetary savings result from simply reshuffling agencies into other bureaucratic boxes.

My home State of Louisiana depends heavily on many of the programs under the jurisdiction of the Department of Commerce. Of particular significance is research and funding provided by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration [NOAA]. Although a source of frustration and consternation to area shrimpers, the research efforts of the National Marine Fisheries Service are critical to the restoration of our coastal wetlands. NMFS is continuously engaged in activities that enhance our ability to preserve wildlife and prevent flooding. The National Weather Service early warning system is also vital for a low lying coastal State like Louisiana to ensure adequate preparation for families and businesses in the event of a natural disaster.

I also wanted to give special mention to the importance of the Economic Development Administration [EDA] to rural Louisiana. In the western part of my district alone, EDA technical assistance grants have enabled communities to leverage small Federal dollars into other Federal grants totalling some \$156 million over the past 20 years. Infrastructure improvements through EDA grants also entice entrepreneurs to invest in our communities, thus augmenting our competitive position and our ability to create jobs. Finally, with the downsizing of Fort Polk, EDA moneys are available to assist the base and the surrounding Leesville area in coping with potential job displacements.

The House overwhelmingly rejected an amendment by Congressman HEFLEY to the Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Appropriations bill, H.R. 2076, that would have eliminated EDA. The House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure also approved, on three separate occasions, legislation to reform and preserve EDA. If these votes are indicative of our policy preferences—and I believe that they are—then the successful initiatives put forth by EDA to help my rural Louisiana district and the Nation should be allowed to continue.

Clearly, there should be some agent of the business community at the Cabinet level to appropriately defend and promote the powers of the marketplace and the necessity of job creation. Whether that representative has to

be the Department of Commerce, I am uncertain. But, I am certain that, until savings can be verified and functions and programs are properly studied, we should not haphazardly act or unsuitably connect the issue to the debt ceiling.

DR. TOM CLARK AND HIS HONORABLE CAREER OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 1995

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, for the past three decades the city of Long Beach has benefited from the efforts of an extraordinary public servant, Dr. Thomas Clark, whose commitment and dedication have been integral to the city's development and growth over those years.

Tom Clark, whom I am privileged to call a friend, has been described as "a living piece of Long Beach history" in a recent article in the Long Beach Press Telegram. He was first elected to the Long Beach City Council in 1966, and his list of achievements is considerable. As the Press Telegram reported, "Clark pushed for a measure to put fluoride in the city's water supply, sponsored legislation that led to the construction of the Main Library and El Dorado Park and even rode aboard the Queen Mary when the historic ocean liner first sailed into Long Beach."

When Tom Clark announced that he would not seek reelection, it indeed signaled an end of an era. In addition to his three decades on the Council, Tom served two terms as the city's mayor, spending a total of 7 years in that position. He and his helpful wife, Lois, who is a professional medical librarian, have spent thousands of hours representing Long Beach throughout the city and State, as well as nationally and abroad. And his leadership extended well beyond the city, ranging from the California League of Cities to the California Public Employees Retirement System.

Tom exemplifies the best of what we seek in public service. The same days that he was spending countless hours in service to his fellow citizens as a member of the council, he was also working full-time as an optometrist, a practice from which he retired in 1993.

In a November 8 editorial, the Press Telegram said this of Tom Clark: "Clark is the very model of a city councilman. He is earnest to the point of gravity; almost never raises his voice; thrives on meetings and compromise; relishes the role of public official; has only a moderately thin skin; is only modestly partisan; never seems to tire of solving neighborhood problems; and has served long and loyally for little pay. What more could we ask?"

Tom Clark has regularly walked his council district. With a listed telephone, he was available to his constituents all times of night and day.

Tom can take pride in his accomplishments and the legacy he has left. He will be missed on the council, but I am confident that he will always be available to serve the city he loves and has done so much to improve.

Mr. Speaker, Tom Clark has conducted himself with honor. As citizen and office holder, he has symbolized good government and de-

cency, not only in the eyes of his friends and neighbors, but also to all who have known him.

I ask that the Press Telegram editorial be placed at this point in the RECORD. The editorial follows:

[From the Long Beach Press-Telegram, Nov. 8, 1995]

AN ARCHETYPICAL COUNCILMAN

It's a bit early to say goodbye to Tom Clark, because he plans to finish out his term before he retires as a Long Beach city councilman. But a few kind words are timely, and he deserves them.

Clark is the very model of a city councilman. He is earnest to the point of gravity; almost never raises his voice; thrives on meetings and compromise; relishes the role of public official; has only a moderately thin skin; is only modestly partisan; never seems to tire of solving neighborhood problems; and has served long and loyally for little pay.

What more could we ask? (Actually, if we could, we'd change his position on one or two things, but that's a different subject.) Agree with him or not, he stood for what he believed was best for his district and his community.

As the longest-serving of his city's public officials, Clark has been associated, for better or worse, directly or indirectly, with a long list of public works and community change; a performing arts center, downtown redevelopment, creation of El Dorado Park and the purchase of the Queen Mary (he rode it into town on its last voyage, and never abandoned ship, so to speak).

He has taken some flack now and then, most recently for his support of reviewing the Los Altos Shopping Center (a difficult and important task, and one that could not possibly please everyone). But he seems to have created no real enemies.

Clark's most intense political opponent was former Mayor Ernie Kell. Neither Clark nor Kell missed many opportunities to take a shot at each other, mostly on the somewhat foggy issue of leadership, and each regarded the other as an easy target; yet both managed to keep their differences on a mostly civil level. Clark lost a close election to Kell for mayor at large, but in the end he outlasted him and at least in that sense will have the last word.

For years Clark was the best known of Long Beach officials. He served twice as mayor at a time when that position was filled by council members, and he so enjoyed city governance that in his spare time he served as a leader of the association of local elected officials, the California League of Cities. Even now he probably wouldn't be stepping aside if he felt there was no one properly qualified to take his place.

But, after all these years, he is retiring. Because he served for such a long time—nearly a third of the history of his city, it is hard to say what might be his most significant accomplishment. Maybe it is pretty much what the League of Cities might expect, or the charter of a council-manager municipal government might suggest: a citizen, gainfully employed, who dedicates himself to elective office, part-time, representing no special interest other than his constituents, whom he serves honorably. As for what was most important to him, it's probably best, as it nearly always was, to take him at his word: that he wants to be remembered as someone who cared.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JACK REED

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 1995

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent for rollcall votes 788 and 789 due to mechanical problems with my flight to Washington.

Mr. Speaker, had I not been detained, I would have voted "No" on rollcall vote 788 and "Yes" on rollcall vote 789.

"DOLE'S MOMENT"

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 1995

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I commend the following column by James Glassman from the Washington Post to the attention of my colleagues.

[From the Washington Post, Nov. 14, 1995]

DOLE'S MOMENT

(By James K. Glassman)

For two good reasons, Bob Dole's campaign people liked having Colin Powell around. First, Powell took the spotlight off Dole, letting him avoid the scrutiny that often destroys early front-runners. Second, Powell took the spotlight off the other candidates, depriving them of the publicity they needed to raise money and get traction.

Now Powell is gone, and the predictable stories have begun. The front page of The Post yesterday carried the headline: "Out in Front, but Losing Ground. Polls Expose Dole's Potential Vulnerabilities as Presidential Challenger." The New York Times opted for a piece on how "Moderates could pass up Dole and hold out for an independent." Etc. etc.

The hyperactive press demands novelty. It will never heed Pascal's famous warning "that all human evil comes from . . . man's being unable to sit still in a room." And, certainly, cynicism about politicians is nothing new. Thumbing through some issues of the New Yorker in its heyday, I found an article by Richard Rovere from June 1968 that described the intense dissatisfaction of voters with the presidential field at the time. What a field! Robert Kennedy, Hubert Humphrey, Eugene McCarthy, Richard Nixon, George Wallace and Nelson Rockefeller.

But what about Bob? I suspect that 14 months from now, at age 73, he'll be sworn in as president. He has a giant lead in New Hampshire. Sen. Phil Gramm (R-Tex.), who was supposed to give him a tough race, is in single digits. And his other top foes have never won an election—a reactionary pundit and a rich supply-sider who inherited a magazine from his famous dad.

In the general election, polls show Dole and President Clinton about even. But answers to two questions are ominous for the president. A Time/CNN survey found 41 percent would "definitely" vote against him. A Post survey asked, "Which party better represents your views on national issues." Republicans got 55 percent, Democrats 25 percent.

The White House, meanwhile, has adopted a weird reelection strategy. Harold Ickes, the lead official on the campaign, says that "the overall issue is going to be leadership. . . . People will make their judgments based