

of the Suffolk Jewish Center, and as a board member of SAJES, the Solomon Schechter Day School of Suffolk County, B'nai B'rith, the World Jewish Congress, and the Suffolk Jewish Communal Planning Council.

Extraordinary is a word that befits SAJE's third honoree, Leonard Cooper. Because of his extraordinary talents for enhancing the Suffolk Jewish community, SAJES confers upon him an award of special recognition. Leonard has served with great distinction and effectiveness as the first president of the Suffolk Y Jewish Community Center, and he is also a board member of the Gurwin Jewish Geriatric Center. In addition, he has served as campaign chairman for the United Jewish Appeal on Eastern Long Island.

Without compensation or demand for recognition, these men have given of their great skills and talents to the uplifting and betterment of our community. It is with great pride that I call upon all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in paying tribute to Kenneth R. Kornhauser, Fred Milstein and Leonard Cooper. May their good works and selfless deeds serve as an example for all Americans to follow.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 20, 1995

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, due to a family emergency, I was not able to attend the House legislative sessions on November 17 and 18, 1995. If I had been here, I would have voted in the following manner: rollcall vote No. 810, "nay;" rollcall vote No. 812, "nay;" rollcall vote No. 813, "nay;" rollcall vote No. 814, "nay;" rollcall vote No. 815, "nay;" rollcall vote No. 816, "nay;" rollcall vote No. 817, "nay;" rollcall vote No. 818, "yea;" and rollcall vote No. 819, "nay."

HAPPY 35TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY TO KATHRYN AND RAPHAEL FALLON

HON. ROBERT K. DORNAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 20, 1995

Mr. DORNAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to rise today to congratulate Kathryn and Raphael Fallon of Wenona, IL, on the occasion of their 35th wedding anniversary. I am submitting for the RECORD a copy of a news article describing their wedding ceremony on November 19, 1960. I also am including a copy of an award winning essay by then Kathryn Brunski as well as a news article describing how Raphael was able to complete his college degree while operating a 240 acre grain farm. Congratulations Kaye and Ray on your 35th wedding anniversary.

KATHRYN BRUNSKI, RAPHAEL FALLON VOWS EXCHANGED

Simplicity was the keynote of the wedding which united the lives of Miss Kathryn Brunski, daughter of Mrs. Edgar Brunski and

the late Edgar Brunski of Wenona and Raphael Fallon, son of Mrs. Kerrie Fallon and the late Kerrie Fallon of Rutland at St. Mary's church, Wenona, at 9:30 a.m. on November 19th.

The nuptial Mass and single ring service was celebrated by the Rev. Paul Reddy before the altar adorned with white and gold mums. Sister Adele, OSB presided at the organ assisted by the children's choir.

The bride wore a silk brocade costume in candlelight with a matching velvet petite hat with a blusher veil and carried an arrangement of white roses on a white pearl prayerbook, a gift of the groom.

The maid of honor was Angela Goropesek, a close friend of the bride, who wore a silk gold brocade outfit with matching hat and carried a cascade arrangement of white fujii mums.

Andrew Fallon of Beloit, Wisconsin, was his brother's best man.

The mother of the bride wore a blue suit dress with matching accessories and the bridegroom's mother wore a green knit dress with matching accessories. Both had white carnation corsages.

A dinner for the immediate family was held at Ryan's Corner House in Tonica following the ceremony.

WINNING ESSAYS IN RURAL LIFE CONTEST PUBLISHED

The essay written by Kathryn Brunski, winner in the junior division, is as follows:

WHY RURAL BOYS AND GIRLS THINK OFTEN OF GOD

Rural boys and girls think often of God because they have a wonderful opportunity to observe nature. Consequently they are able to realize how great God is.

In the beautiful days of spring the boys and girls on the farm can learn the wonderful miracles of life. They can watch their fathers plant the seed and see the beautiful green plants begin to grow.

When they play in the nearby woods and watch the flowers and trees bud and blossom into bloom, as they watch everything becoming alive, they can think of God who gives life to all things, and who makes the world beautiful for the men whom He has made.

In the summer with the sun shining, the crops at the height of their growth, when everywhere nature can be seen at the height of her glory, grateful thoughts turn to God.

As winter draws near, when rural boys and girls see everything dying, the leaves of the trees falling, all the beautiful green becoming brown and dry, they will realize that they too must die some day, and that they should have their souls in readiness for that day.

Everything in nature tells them of God's care for men. God sends the essential rain and sunshine for the crops. He provides trees from which man can obtain food, wood, and even shelter. He provides plants for food, clothing, and other purposes; the rivers for transportation are His creation. To what other boys and girls does God's care seem so necessary and so protecting and loving? When they look around and see the great wonders of nature, they will turn their thoughts to Almighty God who has made all things possible.

Country children can realize just how all things depend on God. If God doesn't send the necessary rain and sunshine for crops, the long hours that their fathers spend in doing the hard work that is necessary on the farm will be in vain. They learn how little man can do without God.

Wherever the country boy or girl turns he sees some evidence of God's great love, kind-

ness, and power, and thinks more often of the Creator and Lord of all things.

RUTLAND FARMER TRAVELS 40,000 MILES FOR DEGREE

RUTLAND.—When candidates for Bradley degrees don their academic robes and start the last five-minute, two-block procession to the Robertson Fieldhouse Sunday evening, one among them will view the last walk as a "Snap."

Twelve years and 40,000 miles lie behind his search for a college degree.

Raphael Fallon, who operates a 240-acre grain farm about two and a half miles northeast of Rutland, will be reaching the culmination of a dream that started several years ago and was achieved only through a dogged determination.

MAJORED IN ACCOUNTING

Fallon will receive a degree in business administration with a major in accounting.

"Many people think that you can't use this kind of an education in farming," he says, "but you sure can—especially cost accounting."

Fallon transferred about two years of previous college work, started at LaSalle-Peru Junior College and University of Illinois Extension Service, to Bradley in 1956.

In the last four years, he has commuted regularly to Bradley's evening college, covering about 100 miles each night, in order to complete work for his degree.

He never missed a class session and maintained a "B" average.

OPERATED ON SCHEDULE

How can you run a farm and still manage to travel and study?

"It's important to schedule yourself," says Fallon. "I managed to work out an organized program at home for study and work. I don't think that you can do it without a schedule."

"I owe an awful lot to the instructors at Bradley and to my parents," says the dark-haired farmer. "It was their encouragement and help that made it possible. I have a younger brother and sister, each of whom has a master's degree, and this was an inducement to keep up with them."

Fallon made the trip alone except for one semester when he had a student from Minonk as a rider. Fortunately, he had no car trouble in the four years that he drove to Peoria, but weather made some of his trips difficult. During last winter's heavy snows, it was sometimes sleety and sometimes foggy. Ordinarily, he was home before midnight.

ANYONE CAN DO IT

"Lots of young fellows up my way have talked about coming down," says Fallon. "It's one way to get an education when you can't go full time during the day. If an ordinary individual like me can do it, anyone can."

Fallon only came close to missing a class on one occasion. This was two weeks ago when his father died. The funeral was on a Monday and Fallon considered missing class that night, but decided to make the drive after the rites and thus maintain his record.

What next for the farmer accountant?

"I think I'll work for my master's degree in business administration. I already have three hours toward the degree and I figure that another 15,000 or 16,000 miles and I can get it."

LOBBYING DISCLOSURE ACT OF 1995

SPEECH OF

HON. BRUCE F. VENTO

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 16, 1995

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2564) to provide for the disclosure of lobbying activities to influence the Federal Government, and for other purposes:

Mr. VENTO. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of House Resolution 250 and H.R. 2564, legislation to strictly limit gifts to Members of Congress and to strengthen the disclosure requirements for professional lobbyists. The positive action before us will incorporate this change into the House rules.

This reform legislation is long overdue. In fact, if not for the Republican parliamentary maneuvering last year, these proposals would already be the law of the land. Unfortunately, in 1994 when the Democratic Congress tried to pass these important congressional reforms, the Senate Republicans blocked our efforts. That is the recent history of this debate. Today, I want to recognize my Republican colleagues' belated conversion and welcome them as they join the Democratic Party's effort to reform how Congress operates and public accountability.

As we consider these proposals today, I would urge my colleagues to resist the temptations to weaken or side track these needed reforms. As we are serious about reforms, we should oppose the Burton amendment to House Resolution 250. That policy path is business as usual wrapped in new disclosure reports and does not merit support.

For too long this year, meaningful congressional reforms have been postponed. A separate important initiative, the Lobbying Disclosure Act, attempts to modernize our Federal lobby registration requirements and is intended to effectively cover all professional lobbyists. This too is similar to a measure that passed the House in the past Congress but again was held up in the Senate and did not become law. While this bill does cover professional lobbyists, grassroots lobbying would not be covered.

Mr. Chairman, it is unfortunate that under the cover of reforming professional lobbying, some Members are seeking to silence legitimate lobbying efforts by nonprofit grassroots organizations. I urge my colleagues to oppose the Istook amendment, it is wrong and its objective is not lobby reform but silencing those with whom some extreme Members of Congress disagree.

I urge my colleagues to join me to defeat this new gag rule. The new Republican majority in Congress may not want to hear from nonprofit and charitable organizations, who so often serve and advocate for people in need, but I want to hear from such groups. These groups surely act as the conscience of those without power. Further, I believe that this is a fight of free expression and such involvement is essential in a free society. The Republicans have been making public policy based on anecdotes and radio talk sound bites. Congress must make public policy on the facts and on information from those individuals on

the front lines. We need the input from the Red Cross, the Children's Defense Fund, and the Catholic Conference of Bishops as we develop policies on welfare, housing, and health care—issues to which these organizations have committed their time and limited funds. I want to hear from the American Lung Association, the Alzheimer's Association, and the American Cancer Society about health research.

The Istook proposal attempts to characterize such groups as publically funded lobbyists and pretends to address a misuse of Federal funds. But Federal law already bans the use of public funds for political advocacy, and the advocates of the new restrictions certainly have not been able to demonstrate that the current law has been violated. The Istook amendment goes far beyond the current law and restricts the recipients' ability to use their own funds for political advocacy. This is purely an attempt to kill the messenger because some Republican Members do not want to hear the message.

I believe that all Americans have the right of free speech. In developing national policy, Congress benefits from the input and experience of all citizens. Whether it be a multibillion dollar corporation, an advocacy group for the homeless, or the individual citizen, their voices should be heard. The Istook amendment sets a dangerous precedent in trying to silence the voice of a key segment of American society—those serving the Americans in need without a voice or means.

In conclusion, I would point out to my colleagues that the most crucial component of congressional reform is left undone. Unless and until we have meaningful political campaign funding reform in place, the special interests will continue to control the agenda.

As with lobbying and gift reform, meaningful campaign reforms have been postponed, blocked by today's majority party and filibustered as a minority in the Senate during the past congressional session. The Congressional Campaign Spending Limit and Election Reform Act, which I supported, represented the most sweeping campaign reform since Congress enacted the Campaign Reform Act in 1974. Since the 1976 Supreme Court decision in Buckley versus Valeo, Congress has had much less ability to control many important aspects of campaign finance reform. This bill would have established a voluntary spending limit for congressional races. In addition, the bill limited the total political action committee [PAC] and wealthy individual contributions each House and Senate candidate could accept and closed other campaign loopholes dealing with independent expenditures, bundling of contributions, disclosure requirements for negative advertising, and soft money. In spite of assurances to address the issue, the Speaker has frustrated action by illogical and partisan delay. Any attempt to implement these reforms for 1996 now appears moot, ironically, in spite of the Speaker's public agreement to set up a commission 6 months ago, which he completely reneged upon.

I urge my colleagues to support the pending reforms and to work for the timely enactment of comprehensive campaign reforms.

IT'S ELEMENTARY, DEAR HOLMES

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 20, 1995

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, there are people that we meet during our lives that leave an indelible mark. I have had the good fortune to have been acquainted with one such individual who leaves an indelible mark of accomplishment, amazement, and style. On November 29, many of us in the Saginaw community will be joining with his colleagues at General Motors' Delphi Saginaw Steering Systems to honor Mr. Gerald E. Holmes, who will be leaving Saginaw to being his new position as Director of North America Operations Issues Management and Media Relations.

Gerry Holmes has worked for General Motors since February 1964, and in public relations since 1968. He became the public relations/advertising supervisor at the former Saginaw Steering Gear Division in 1975. He then held various positions within GM, including with Detroit Diesel Allison, GM Truck and Bus Group, and then returned to the Saginaw area when he became Director of Public Relations at the Central Foundry Division in 1985. He served as Director of Public Affairs for both the Central Foundry Division and Saginaw Division from 1988 until 1992, when the foundries became part of the GM Powertrain Group.

Success is elementary to Gerry Holmes, as elementary as it was to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's legendary sleuth, Sherlock Holmes. Some of us may remember the passage from *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, A Case of Identity*, when Doyle's Holmes observed "It has long been an axiom of mine that the little things are infinitely the most important." It has long been my experience that Gerry Holmes definitely knows how to take care of the "little things"—the need for information, the explanation of a particular activity at any of the facilities with which he has been affiliated.

His devotion to public service, for example his time with the Saginaw Community Foundation, the Saginaw Community Affairs Committee, his board membership with a host of organizations ranging from the Saginaw Art Museum to St. Mary's Medical Center, to the Boys and Girls Club of America, show his devotion to the "little things" that so many of us fail to recognize as infinitely the most important.

And as Doyle also noted in the *Sign of Four*, "Some facts should be suppressed, or at least, a just sense of proportion should be observed in treating them." Gerry Holmes has always had a marvelous sense of proportion. He has worked to be appropriately promotional with his portrayal of General Motors. The fact that he has throughout his career been given greater responsibility is evidence of this point. And the fact that so many of us haven't been fully aware of Gerry's other community service is a demonstration of his humility in doing what is right without having to seek praise—praise which he does deserve.

Mr. Speaker, with the support of his wife Joy and his family over the years, with the support of his colleagues throughout General Motors, and with his many friends in Saginaw, Gerry Holmes has become a vital member of the community. He may want to deny it, but he will be sorely missed here. I remind our