

Government of Japan will host an international conference on Sustainable Contribution of Fisheries to Food Security in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization [FAO] of the United Nations. This Conference will provide an excellent opportunity for international awareness and understanding of the varied economic, social, and cultural diversity of the utilization of marine resources throughout the world. Delegates representing government and nongovernmental organizations will discuss options and strategies to ensure the sustainable contribution of fisheries to the world's food security in the future.

While the present food fish production throughout the world is approximately 72 million tons, it is projected that the demand for food fish will reach 105 million tons in the year 2010, when the world population reaches 7 billion. Clearly, nations must initiate measures to achieve a sustainable increase in fish production through cooperation on rational utilization measures and implementation of sound conservation programs. It is clear that those of us living at the end of the 20th century have the responsibility to provide a stable food supply system and maintain those reasonable resources for present and future generations. Living aquatic resources are renewable and can provide increased food for human consumption through responsible management and appropriate harvest and handling practices. Such a goal can be achieved if utilization of these resources is based on objective scientific and socio-economic data and principles that recognize and respect the importance of culture and traditions, guarantee the integrity of ecosystems that support living aquatic food resources, and encompass sound management measures through national, and where appropriate, multinational management programs.

I commend the Government of Japan for taking the initiative in hosting this important Conference and I wish the delegates to the Conference much success in their deliberations. As chairman of the Resources Committee of the House of Representatives, I look forward to reviewing their observations, conclusions, and recommendations.

SUPPORTS CATS AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

HON. ELIZABETH FURSE

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 1995

Ms. FURSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Community Action Teams Program [CATS], and other summer youth programs that provide children with healthy alternatives to engaging in gang activity and criminal behavior. Last summer, I had the opportunity to visit with children who participated in this unique summer youth program which emphasizes helping others and teaches the value of hard work. I learned firsthand of the positive difference the CATS programs and other similar programs are having nationwide on our children and in the community. The CATS program is primarily sponsored by the Yamhill County Sheriff's Department in partnership with local schools and the community. This strong partnership between law enforcement and the community enables traditionally poor

and underserved areas such as Yamhill County, to pool together their resources to provide a service to children and families.

Yamhill County is rural area in my home district of Oregon with limited resources. Through its creative partnership, Yamhill County has been able to offer this quality program which benefits the community. I applaud Yamhill County's efforts to collaborate and deter our children from criminal activity and I urge other Members to recognize the importance and value of summer youth programs and crime prevention.

LIBERTYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PROTEST AGAINST HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN NIGERIA

HON. JOHN EDWARD PORTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 1995

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I always have said that I am honored to represent one of the most educated, enlightened, caring districts in our country. Today, the meritorious actions by some of the younger members in my district have proven my point, making me proud once again. I want to commend the Libertyville High School students in my district, who last week waged a protest outside a local Shell gasoline station in response to the barbarous executions of Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight other Ogoni leaders by the Nigerian military regime. Under the banner of Amnesty International, these students hope to put pressure on Shell, whose Nigerian branch alone accounts for half the government's income, to use their financial power to influence positive change in Nigeria.

In a time when we question our ability to influence global change, I praise these high school students not only for their global awareness, but also for their compassion and drive that has compelled them to rise from the classroom and take their cause to a forum where their demands cannot be ignored. Refusing to be silent, these half-dozen students have no inhibitions about sending a loud message to an oil giant that it has a moral and ethical responsibility to use its power to help influence the Nigerian Government to stop committing these atrocious human rights violations.

I fully support these students who have reiterated my own outrage at the Nigerian regime. As cochairman of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus, I have sent numerous letters to the Nigerian Government demanding reform. Additionally, I held hearings in response to the latest tragic executions. Today, Representative DON PAYNE of New Jersey and I and a number of other original cosponsors will introduce a bill calling for sanctions against Nigeria. We must all continue putting pressure on the Nigerian Government any way we can, until democracy and the rule of law is restored to Nigeria. I am pleased to work with the Libertyville High School students to this end.

PUERTO RICAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. WILLIAM J. MARTINI

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 1995

Mr. MARTINI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of November 1995, as Puerto Rican Heritage Month. The achievements and contributions of Puerto Rican-Americans should be acknowledged by us all.

I especially would like to discuss an organization from my home State, *Comite Noviembre de New Jersey*. Founded in 1987, *Comite* has clearly promoted a holistic understanding of Puerto Rican culture in New Jersey and all over the United States. By highlighting social, economic, cultural, and political accomplishments, *Comite* has etched the history of the Puerto Rican people in the minds of all Americans. Widespread education has served a dual role: the *Comite* has strengthened a sense of cultural pride among young Puerto Ricans and has simultaneously generated respect for the Puerto Rican culture amongst non-Puerto Rican Americans.

Puerto Rican Heritage Month serves to further our understanding and appreciation of Puerto Rican leaders of the past and the present. It also unifies Puerto Rican Americans by instilling a sense of pride in where they have been, and where they are going as a people. As head of the *Comite Noviembre*, Jose Angel Villalonga has recognized November 30, 1995, as a day to pay tribute to Puerto Rican leaders of the State of New Jersey and the youth of the State. This day is dedicated to local Puerto Ricans in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the community and the family unit. They are not only models for this generation but also for generations to come, and of most importance, they are inspirations to us all.

Comite is committed to supporting people and inspiring and educating future generations. By the year 2000, the *Comite Noviembre de New Jersey* hopes that all Americans will realize and appreciate the richness of culture and heritage found within the Puerto Rican community.

I would like to offer my most sincere admiration and praise to the Puerto Rican-Americans of my congressional district and across the Nation as we celebrate Puerto Rican Heritage Month. This is a time of celebration to be enjoyed by all.

TRIBUTE TO A SAN DIEGO EMPLOYER WORKING FOR TECHNOLOGY IN EDUCATION

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 1995

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a local employer in San Diego which has made a special commitment to advancing the use and availability of high technology in education. That employer is Sony Electronics, Inc., which has a major plant in Rancho Bernardo, in my congressional district.

Technology in education is one of my great interests and top priorities. For several years,

and in several ways, Sony Electronics Inc. has demonstrated a strong interest in the education of children.

Sony has been an active participant in all five of my annual TechFair education-high technology symposia. TechFairs bring local high school students together with San Diego's leading high-technology employers and researchers. The students learn about career opportunities in high technology, and speak one-on-one with men and women who work in high-technology fields every day. They learn what kind of education they need to succeed in the good paying, high-technology careers of today and tomorrow. This year's TechFair, held at the new Scripps Ranch High School, featured a demonstration of Sony's new digital satellite communications technology. Partly as a result of Sony's longstanding commitment to technology in education, the 1995 TechFair was the biggest and best ever.

They have also sponsored the 24 Challenge mathematics competition I initiated with San Diego schools.

I have also had the privilege of addressing students participating in Sony's Student Project Abroad. Under this program, Sony selects top math and science from around the country in an educational and cultural exchange. They spend 2 weeks visiting Sony plants in San Diego and Japan, and learn about high-technology manufacturing.

Most recently, on October 12 and 13, Sony participated in a distance learning conference based in Johnston, IA, with Gov. Terry Branstad and other State and local officials. They explored and shared ways to affordably link rural areas, particularly our schools, through new telecommunications technologies.

The future of our work to expand the technological literacy of the next generation of Americans depends not on larger Federal programs run from Washington, or on an expansion of the huge national debt. Our promise lies in the ingenuity of individuals and private enterprise, and companies like Sony, who are willingly volunteering their personnel and expertise to inspire and teach tomorrow's scientists and engineers.

SALUTING THE CONGREGATION OF THE SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ROSEHILL, TX

HON. JACK FIELDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 1995

Mr. FIELDS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, faith is a wonderful but mysterious thing. It enhances our lives when times are good, and sustains us when life seems almost unbearable. Faith in God and love for one's fellow man are two of the most valuable gifts a person can possess.

The men, women, and children who attend the Salem Lutheran Church in Rosehill, TX, realize that their faith springs from within. They recognize that their church's foundation is built on more than brick, concrete, and glass. They understand that that foundation is built upon the faith, the kindness and the compassion of each and every one of the church's members.

Sadly, I must report that on the evening of Tuesday, November 21, a four-alarm fire de-

stroyed the sanctuary of the Salem Lutheran Church. More than 25 fire trucks from Rosehill and nearby communities responded to the blaze, and only because of the decisive action of one fire fighter was the church's family center saved from destruction.

Mr. Speaker, Salem Lutheran Church is the oldest Missouri Lutheran Church in the State of Texas. When founded in 1852, Salem Lutheran Church was the first church in the Tomball area, which then was known as Peck. In 1870, the one-room sanctuary was transformed into the Salem Lutheran School, with students in grades one through eight attending. A new sanctuary was erected nearby.

Despite its long and proud history, Salem Lutheran Church has also known tragedy and heartache. In 1964, the church pastor and his wife were killed in an auto accident. Then, several months later, the church burned to the ground. Finally a new structure was built, and it was dedicated in 1967.

Now that the sanctuary is gone, church services will be held at Salem Lutheran School. The 2,000 members of the church's congregation can look forward to better days ahead, however.

Even before the November 21 blase, the church had begun a new, 2,000-seat sanctuary, which, when completed, will be the largest Missouri Synod Lutheran Church in Texas. While construction of the new structure will continue for at least another year, I am confident that the congregation of Salem Lutheran Church will get through this difficult time because of its faith.

No one knows why this latest disaster has struck Salem Lutheran Church. When adversity strikes, we often ask ourselves what we did to arouse God's wrath. The fact is that God has a plan for each and every one of us who believes in Him, including the men, women, and children who attend the Salem Lutheran Church.

This latest tragedy, no matter how difficult it is for us to understand, is a part of that plan. And that knowledge will, I hope, sustain senior pastor Wayne Grauman; administrative pastor Doug Dommer; pastor of care and counseling Craig Whitson; and the entire congregation of the Salem Lutheran Church of Rosehill in the weeks and months ahead.

Mr. Speaker, I know you join with me in keeping the congregation of the Salem Lutheran Church in our thoughts and prayers, and wishing them a full and speedy recovery from this most recent tragedy.

TRIBUTE TO ANETA CORSAUT

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 1995

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, we are honored to pay tribute to Aneta Corsaut, a dear friend, who died much too young from cancer this November. Aneta was a spirited, warm, and lovely woman who had a heartfelt compassion for others. Those who knew her well were touched by her selflessness and feelings of empathy. She was a special person, and we will miss her very much.

Born in Hutchinson, KS, Aneta came to southern California in 1950's to pursue her dream of being an actress. She landed a part in "The Blob," which has become a science fiction cult classic and, later, had a recurring role on the Andy Griffith Show as Helen Crump, Andy's girlfriend. Whether on the New York stage—where she started—or a Hollywood soundstage, Aneta found success in a profession that is notoriously difficult. All of her friends were so proud of her accomplishments.

But there was another side to Aneta, a side that brought her into our world. Aneta had a passion for politics, especially Democratic Party politics—a rarity for a person from Kansas. We would like to think that her political affiliation was a direct result of her selfless, caring nature. Most important, she was an unapologetic liberal to the end.

We both had the good fortune to work with Aneta. Her dedication to causes and issues was heartening. At a time of widespread cynicism and apathy Aneta was the perfect counter, a living, breathing example of how essential it is for people to get involved. We—all of us—need more Aneta Corsauts in this world.

Mr. Speaker, we ask our colleagues to join us today in saluting Aneta Corsaut, whose life is an inspiration to all. We were lucky indeed to have known her.

TRIBUTE TO PENN HIGH SCHOOL

HON. TIM ROEMER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 1995

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to the 1995 State of Indiana Class 5-A football champions: my alma mater, the Penn Kingsmen. On Saturday, November 25, Head Coach Chris Geesman and the Kingsmen completed a perfect 14-0 season by crushing favored Evansville North 35-13 in the State final.

Penn's second State football championship marked the end of what might be considered the most spectacular title run in Indiana playoff history. The last seven teams which Penn faced had a combined record of 55-8. Not only did the Kingsmen emerge victorious in each of these games, they did so by an average score of 25-6.

For the season, which marked Penn's 23d consecutive winning year, the Kingsmen outscored their opponents by a total of 424-84 and finished with a plus-36 turnover ratio. In the final, their Wild Bunch defense forced five turnovers, which the Gold Rush offense converted into victory.

I would also like to commend Penn quarterback, Matt Geesman, for being the recipient of the coveted Phil Eskew Mental Attitude Award. Matt is more than a talented quarterback and team leader. He is also an extraordinary student who is first in his class with a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I would once again like to congratulate Coach Geesman, the assistant coaches, and the entire team on their first State football championship since 1983. Few people thought this team had what it took, but in the end, hard work, unselfish play, and flawless execution combined to bring the Indiana Class 5-A trophy to Mishawaka.