

TRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT MARC E. HALL AND COSUMNES RIVER COLLEGE

HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 1995

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to two Sacramento community assets: Cosumnes River College and the man who has led the college's remarkable growth and success, president Marc E. Hall. This year marks the 25th anniversary of Cosumnes River College and the end of Dr. Hall's tenure as president.

Cosumnes River College opened in 1970, in a storefront in south Sacramento. In the beginning, student enrollment was slightly over 2,000 and in the 25 years which have passed, the college has attracted an average semester enrollment of 9,000 students at their main campus alone.

Since its first year, the college has served more than 152,000 students, illustrating a growth which has necessitated the college's newly expanded El Dorado Center and the Folsom Lake Center.

During the last 25 years, the college's curriculum has expanded and contracted to reflect the region's job and economic markets. A statewide leader in partnerships, CRC has joined with other educational institutions and business and industry leaders such as Ford Motor Co., Sacramento Educational Cable Commission, PacWest Cable, Citizens Telecommunication and several allied health agencies, all in an effort to bring quality education to the region's students.

With the benefit of strong leadership, the college has become an active participant in community affairs and has led a movement in establishing educational goals for its service area.

An example of the college's success is the foodservice production and control program to the area in the 1989-90 school year. The program includes a special cooperative effort with the Sacramento Area Community Kitchen, training unemployed workers for careers in the foodservice industry while simultaneously preparing nutritious meals for the area's homeless shelters. This cooperative effort took 80 percent of the students enrolled in this special food preparation course off the public assistance rolls and put them to work in a variety of jobs. The college has implemented many other partnership programs, reflecting a model approach to serving both students, workers and employers in this region.

Three of the four presidents of CRC are still active in the local education and business communities. Oliver Durand, founding president, Vincent "Pete" Padilla, emeritus and Dr. Marc E. Hall, current president. All three were recently recognized by the college's foundation for their excellent leadership and commitment to education.

Dr. Hall, has chosen to close his tenure as president in June of this year

and will return to the scene of his first love, the classroom. He will be sorely missed by the staff and the students who followed his leadership through the shared governance process, during one of the community's largest growth periods.

I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting the outstanding contributions Cosumnes River College has made to the region and also in thanking Dr. Hall for his remarkable leadership.

TRIBUTE TO TOGO TANAKA

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Mr. Togo Tanaka on the occasion of his receipt of the Spirit of Wellness Community Award from the Wellness Community in Santa Monica, CA.

As an active member of the Wellness Community Board of Directors, Mr. Tanaka has made a tremendous contribution to realizing the goal of the Wellness Community.

Togo Tanaka is one of the most prominent members of the large Los Angeles Japanese-American community. A political scientist by training, Mr. Tanaka has also served as a newspaper editor, publisher, and leading figure in the field of real estate. In addition, he served 10 years as a director of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco and on the advisory council of the California World Trade Commission.

During World War II, like virtually every other individual of Japanese ancestry, Mr. Tanaka was interned at a remote rural relocation center. Tanaka, who is a native-born American citizen, has never been bitter about the great injustice he and others of Japanese ancestry suffered from the unconstitutional and unconscionable forced relocation program.

Despite Mr. Tanaka's busy professional life and strong commitment to his family, he has found the time and energy to become deeply involved in numerous philanthropies. Among those to which he is most dedicated are the Wellness Community, the Crippled Children's Society, the American Red Cross, and the Japanese Cultural and Community Center.

I ask you, Mr. Speaker, and all of our colleagues to congratulate Togo Tanaka and to wish him continued happiness, good health, and success in all future endeavors.

INTRODUCTION OF PIPELINE SAFETY LEGISLATION

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 1995

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing legislation, at the request of the pipeline industry, to reauthorize our pipeline safety programs. This legislation represents the consensus view of both the natural gas and hazardous liquid pipeline industries on the future direction of pipeline safety programs and will be considered at a Surface Transportation Subcommittee hearing to be held next week.

TRIBUTE TO PHIL ZIMMERMAN

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 1995

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100 years of living by one of our community's most endearing constituents, Mr. Phil Zimmerman of Toledo, OH. Mr. Zimmerman, born on March 16, 1895, married his wife Eva, 70 years ago. Together they have reared 3 daughters, 7 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren, all of whom join our community in congratulating this centurion of a man on his 100th birthday.

One of the founding fathers of Toledo's Old Newsboys Goodfellow Association, Mr. Zimmerman serves now as the organization's honorary president, the only person ever to hold the post. A life member, he remains actively involved in its good works—providing scholarships to talented students and winter outerclothes to needy children—by serving as a cochairman of the finance committee.

Phil Zimmerman has been active in our community in other ways as well. He is a 32d-degree Mason, a Shriner, member of B'nai B'rith, and past president of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He was a business leader as well and owned the Diamond Jewelry Co., and served as vice president of the Toledo Blueprint Co.

The actress Helen Hayes has said, "Old age is not something at which I have arrived reluctantly, it is something which I have achieved." His family, friends, and community honor and applaud Phil Zimmerman on his rare and remarkable achievement of a lifetime with 100 years and more.

SETTING RECORD STRAIGHT ON ALAR

HON. SAM GEJDENSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 1995

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, conventional wisdom now claims that the so-called alar scare was overblown, and that the chemical sprayed on apples posed no real threat to children, as had been reported on "60 Minutes" from a Natural Resources Defense Council study.

This mistaken impression that alar was never dangerous is sad testimony to the skillfulness of a highly financed disinformation campaign by the agricultural chemical industry.

Six years later, and with this false story fueling the debate to overturn current regulations, it's time to set the record straight.

On two occasions after the "60 Minutes" broadcast—in July 1991, and again in September 1992—further scientific studies prompted EPA to reaffirm alar as a probable human carcinogen. EPA set a zero tolerance for alar, meaning no foods can contain any residues of the chemical whatsoever.

These findings were reached after EPA's scientific advisory board, under the Bush administration, considered further animal tumor data. This data showed that alar was even more dangerous than originally believed. In

apple juice and other processed foods, the studies show alar breaks down into nitrosamines—a highly potent carcinogen according to all mainstream, responsible science.

Indeed EPA staff had been pressing to ban alar since 1985, under the Reagan administration, because of the scientific evidence. Massachusetts and New York had already banned alar long before the NRDC report, and the American Academy of Pediatrics had urged such a ban at the Federal level.

Final vindication came in 1993 when the National Academy of Sciences released a landmark report affirming the basic premise of NRDC's study—that infants and young children are more susceptible to cancer causing agents in food. Yet to date no Federal exposure standards have been recalculated to compensate for the increased sensitivity of children.

Said the chairman of the National Academy of Sciences report, Dr. Philip Landrigan, "NRDC was absolutely on the right track when they excoriated the regulatory agencies for having allowed a toxic material such as alar to stay on the market for 25 years."

Meanwhile, the apple industry has prospered without alar, earning record revenues. The banning of this chemical based on real, sound, mainstream, nonideological science in the long run hurt this industry not one bit.

By distorting the facts and blurring the real issues, I'm afraid some of my colleagues aim to condition the public to reject future reports of pesticides hazards as invalid, as another alar. Yet the record proves alar was dangerous to children, and the Republican administration of George Bush was absolutely correct to remove it from all foods altogether.

JACK SCARANGELLA: A PUBLIC SERVANT WHO WENT THE EXTRA MILE

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 1995

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Jack Scarangella—a resident of the 18th Congressional District of New York—for his enduring commitment to our Nation's senior citizens, and for his extraordinary service to the best traditions of public leadership. On January 20, Jack Scarangella retired as the District Manager of the Social Security Administration for the New Rochelle, NY area, which I proudly represent. Jack has dedicated the last 46 years of his life to Government service, overseeing tens of thousands of Social Security claims each year. He began his career with Social Security as a claims examiner in 1951, and 5 years later became the New Rochelle District Manager, a post he then held until the day he retired.

Jack's inspired leadership, creative decision making, and insistence on reevaluating the way the Social Security Administration conducts business have improved the efficiency of the Social Security Administration and helped enhance service to Social Security beneficiaries. He has been recognized for the improvements in operational procedures he has helped implement over the years through the receipt of numerous awards for performance

and service. The fact that Jack received another such award just last year is testament to the fact that he was as ambitious and dedicated at the end of his career as he was when he first joined the Social Security Administration almost five decades earlier.

Jack was not content to help only those recipients who came through his doors or whose problems crossed his desk. That is why he enlisted the support of prominent citizens and local celebrities in information campaigns, hosted a weekly radio show on WVOX featuring questions and answers on topical agency issues, and hosted a community access show on TCI cable. Initiatives and public forums such as these have allowed Jack to expand public knowledge and, in turn, assist countless older Americans and their families with the Social Security system.

Mr. Speaker, these years of service alone would have been enough to merit recognition. Jack Scarangella, however, has been more than a dedicated worker. Jack has felt committed to his entire community, not just those in need of assistance with Social Security. He has been active in civic life through his work with Westchester 2000, the Chamber of Commerce, the Boys' and Girls' Club, the American Heart Association, Legal Awareness of Westchester, and several other local service organizations. I am confident that his service will continue for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the friends, colleagues, admirers, and family of Jack Scarangella, I hereby express heartfelt appreciation for his years of service and recognize the joyous occasion of his retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. MIKE MOSES

HON. LARRY COMBEST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 1995

Mr. COMBEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who has for many years devoted himself and his talents to the community of Lubbock, TX. Dr. Mike Moses is now in his sixth year as superintendent of the Lubbock Independent School District.

Recently, Dr. Moses was selected by Governor George W. Bush to become the State commissioner of education. This prestigious appointment is certainly deserved by Dr. Moses for his efforts, not the least of which is that his management expertise and business abilities kept LISD financially viable after he inherited an almost bankrupt district in 1989.

Dr. Moses was named "Educator of the Month" in the July/August 1994 issue of Texas School Business. In the summer of 1993 he served as a member of the Select Committee for Sunset of Texas Education Agency, and was awarded the first ever "Good Scout Award" in December, 1993.

In addition to his tireless efforts to strive for better educational opportunities for our young people, he is a Rotarian and a member of the First United Methodist Church. He is also involved in the chamber of commerce, Boy Scouts, and United Way.

Mr. Speaker, it is a honor for me to recognize such an involved and devoted citizen of west Texas. I salute Dr. Mike Moses for willingness to freely give of his own time, energy,

and talents. He has positively affected the lives of many in Lubbock, TX, and has dedicated himself and his life to a better education for our young people.

LIABILITY LAW REFORM

HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 1995

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following article from the Washington Post because it encapsulates a unique perspective that I believe I bring to the debate we are having today on product liability reform.

[From the Washington Post, Mar. 7, 1995]

GETTING PERSONAL ON PRODUCT LIABILITY—TWO LAWMAKERS' OPPOSING VIEWS STEM FROM THEIR OWN PAINFUL EXPERIENCES

(By Caroline E. Mayer)

To Rep. Brian P. Bilbray (R-Calif.), product liability legislation is "a personal blood and guts issue"—a measure needed to protect women and children who otherwise wouldn't be able to get the drugs they need.

"It's actual flesh and blood that we're talking about," said the freshman lawmaker, who saw his wife go into shock during a pregnancy 10 years ago because a drug she needed to help her deal with severe morning sickness had been pulled off the market by its manufacturer for fear of product liability suits.

But to Rep. Patsy T. Mink (D-Hawaii), legislative efforts to make it harder to sue for damages from defective products is "a great offense" to women and children, especially DES mothers—among them herself—who, by taking a drug thought to prevent miscarriages, exposed her child to a greater risk of cancer.

"Having had the personal experience, I want to make sure the people who are voting for the bill will understand that justice is being thwarted for millions of Americans," said Mink, who collected a \$250,000 settlement from a lawsuit over the medication.

It should be no surprise that these two lawmakers—on different sides of the political aisle—have divergent views about the product liability legislation before the House this week. But it is the personal experience and intensity each brings to the debate that makes their positions stand out in the battle to overhaul the nation's tort laws.

Mink's vociferous opposition stems from her use of DES, diethylstilbestrol, when she was pregnant 43 years ago. "Knowing the agonies that women in other kinds of product liability lawsuits went through, I have a special responsibility to speak out," she said.

Approved by the Food and Drug Administration in 1947 to prevent miscarriages, DES was discovered, decades later, to cause significant damage to the babies born to mothers who used DES. In some cases, DES children have severely deformed sexual organs, cannot have children, have impaired immune systems or a high risk of developing a rare form of cancer.

Mink was given DES as part of an experiment testing the drug's effectiveness, but did not know it until 25 years later, when she received a "blunt letter" from the university where she had been treated. The university asked if she or her daughter had developed cancer.

Mink sued the university and company that supplied the DES, winning a \$250,000 settlement. In addition, the university promised to care for all DES daughters of mothers