

would cover these expenses. Mr. Murty has spent the last 8 years exhausting all possible avenues of redress. His last recourse is the bill of private relief which I have introduced today.

The Comptroller General of the United States has reviewed Mr. Murty's claim and agrees that his case deserves to be favorably considered by Congress. I urge the committee of jurisdiction to take up this legislation expeditiously so that this issue will be fairly and judiciously settled once and for all.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAN MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 1995

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, during Rollcall Vote 265, the Roukema amendment, I was unfortunately unable to be present.

I would have voted "yes" on the amendment.

TRIBUTE TO MR. AND MRS. HEINDL

HON. WILLIAM F. CLINGER, JR.

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 1995

Mr. CLINGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. and Mrs. Heindl for the many acts of kindness they have bestowed on our community. It is an honor and a privilege to express my gratitude to this generous couple. Truly, the Heindls epitomize the type of people that make our local communities great. These are the real life heroes that kindle the spirit of giving in each one of us.

When we look at role models in history, the ones who get recognized the most are sometimes the least worthy. I hope that volunteers like the Heindls continue to be recognized as they are most deserving. One of the traits that make people like the Heindls so special is that they do it out of the goodness of their heart. The only motives behind their actions is the hope that those around them will in some way be bettered by their hard work. I can speak for everyone when I say that we have all been touched by their philanthropy.

One of the most important facets in our society is the education system; it lays the foundation for future leaders. Contributions, like those of the Heindls, prove to enhance the system and benefit community members for years to come. The Ridgway residents I am speaking of today have made significant contributions to the Ridgway Area Public Schools. They have selflessly donated their time and resources to ensure that new facilities would be constructed for use by all students. By giving of themselves so freely, they set an example for all of us to follow.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to recognize Mr. and Mrs. Heindl for all of their kindness and dedicated service on behalf of the Ridgway community. I extend to them my best wishes for continued health and happiness.

WISHING "BO" WILBURN AND SUSIE BOWES WELL ON THEIR WEDDING DAY

HON. JACK FIELDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 1995

Mr. FIELDS. Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me to take a moment to wish two very special people well as they prepare to join in holy matrimony this Saturday in Texas.

Mark "Bo" Bryan Wilburn of Dayton, TX, will marry Kathleen Sue Bowes of Houston at the Heaven on Earth plantation in Missouri City, TX, this Saturday. "Bo" is a peace officer in the Houston area, while Susie is a fifth grade teacher at Timber Elementary School in Humble. Following their wedding, the couple plans to live in the Humble area.

"Bo" is the son of Tom and Janet Wilburn of Dayton, TX, and Susie is the daughter of William and Barbara Bowes of Houston. Since I first took office in January 1981, Barbara has served as my district coordinator, while Bill has for many years served as chairman of my Service Academy Nominations Board.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me this opportunity to observe this upcoming union, and thank you for joining with me in wishing "Bo" and Susie much happiness on their wedding day and throughout their lives together.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JIM GRANT

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 1995

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, this week I was privileged to participate in a very special event to mark the life of Jim Grant, one of the most extraordinary public servants the world has ever seen, who died earlier this year at the age of 77.

Memorial services are often held at which the passing of a noted public figure is lamented. But, for those who gathered in the Russell caucus room to remember Jim Grant, it was in celebration of a life that was devoted with energy, enthusiasm, endless persistence and, yes, joy, to saving and improving the lives of children in the world's poorest countries.

Those who offered remembrances of Jim Grant included Congressmen DAVID OBEY and TONY HALL; Warren Unna, John Sewell, president of the Overseas Development Council; Dr. Richard Jolly of UNICEF; Mrs. Margaret Catley-Carlson of the Population Council, and two of Jim's sons, John and James D. Musical interludes were provided by the World Children's Choir.

One of Jim's greatest gifts was his ability to imbue others with that same sense of demanding dedication that motivated his own life, and that was how the speakers recalled him.

Jim Grant was one of the most remarkable men it has ever been my privilege and my pleasure to know and to work with.

Never elected to public office, he nonetheless was one of the most effective politicians and diplomats I can recall, particularly when it came to working the Halls of Congress.

His special constituents were the children in the world's poorest countries. He worked tirelessly to improve their conditions.

Jim used his role as executive director of UNICEF as a bully pulpit to prod, pull, and pummel the international community into facing the awful realities of malnourishment and disease that annually claims the lives of millions of children.

Jim Grant placed special emphasis on adapting new findings in the drug and health industries—immunization, breastfeeding, oral rehydration therapy—to low-cost applications that parents could use at home to care for their children.

He was relentless in pursuit of resources to support programs to save and improve the lives of children. Jim's motto was, the difficult gets done immediately, the impossible takes a little longer.

Jim was a leader who went out to see for himself. No project was too remote to escape his interest. Traveling with Jim in Africa meant bouncing around in Land Rovers and Jeeps to check on village health programs in the remote bush.

His flair for promotion and publicity enabled him to attract as celebrity spokesmen for UNICEF leading figures of the entertainment world such as Danny Kaye, Peter Ustinov, Harry Belafonte and Audrey Hepburn, to name just a few.

Shakespeare's Marc Antony lamented in his funeral oration for Julius Caesar that the "good that men do is oft interred with their bones." In Jim Grant's case the good he has done lives on.

During his tenure as the executive director of UNICEF, immunization levels in developing countries increased from 20 percent in 1980 to nearly 80 percent today the number of polio victims fell from 500,000 a year to fewer than 100,000. More than a million lives are saved each year thanks to the oral rehydration therapy works makes Jim strongly advocated.

Jim Grant was an American hero and a world treasure. His presence is greatly missed, but his spirit and his good works continue as a legacy of his persistence, his energy and his humanity. We shall all miss him.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN BYRNE

HON. BARBARA F. VUCANOVICH

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 1995

Mrs. VUCANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I want to salute John Byrne upon his retirement from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, the I.B.E.W.

Mr. Byrne graduated from Storey County High School in May 1943, and completed his electrical apprenticeship in Medford, OR, in 1947. He returned to Reno in 1950 as general foreman for Landa Electric and became a member of the I.B.E.W. Local Union No. 401, in Reno, in 1951.

From 1957 to 1966 he served as financial secretary/business manager of the I.B.E.W. Local Union No. 401, until his appointment as secretary/business representative of Northern Nevada Building Trades Council. He was re-elected secretary/business representative in 1967 and 1969.

In January 1971 he accepted an interim appointment as secretary/business representative of the Honolulu Building Trades Council. However, he returned to Reno in July 1971 when he was reelected as financial secretary and business manager of I.B.E.W. Local Union No. 401, a post in which he served until 1987.

In addition, Mr. Byrne has been active in his community throughout his life. He served on the Washoe County Building Code Appeal Board from 1960 to 1964, the Reno Electrical Board of Examiners from 1960 to 1966, the Nevada Employment Security Board of Review from 1963 to 1971, the Nevada State Apprenticeship Council from 1963 to 1971, the Nevada OSHA Review Board from 1981 to 1985, the Governor's Committee for the Restoration of Virginia City, the Nevada State Industrial Safety Code Revision Committee, and the Construction Opportunity Trust. He also served as chairman of the Nevada OSHA Review Board from 1985 to 1989, president of the California State Electrical Association from 1982 to 1983, and coordinator of the Construction Opportunity Trust.

Further, Mr. Byrne's achievements were recognized by the Northern Nevada Chapter of the Associated General Contractors who awarded him their prestigious Service, Integrity, Responsibility [S.I.R.] Award, the only time that award has been given to a labor representative in Nevada.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Mr. Byrne for his accomplishments and my warm wishes for an enjoyable retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 1995

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I was unavailable to cast my vote on the Archer en bloc amendment, rollcall No. 258. I had been in a meeting off the floor during this 5-minute vote, and was unable to return to the floor before the 5-minute period had ended. Had I been present I would have voted "no" on the Archer en bloc amendment.

HONORING JAMES C. HOUGE ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE MONTEBELLO POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. ESTEBAN EDWARD TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 1995

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize James C. Houge, who is retiring from the Montebello Police Department after 30 years of dedicated and superior service. Lieutenant Houge will be honored at a special ceremony on Friday, March 24, 1995.

Born in Baldwin Park, CA, Lieutenant Houge attended local schools and earned his associate of science degree from Mount San Antonio Junior College. He enlisted in the U.S. Army on October 31, 1961, and was honorably discharged on October 21, 1963.

In 1965, Lieutenant Houge began his tenure serving the people of Montebello as a police

officer. In 1971, his on-the-job performance earned him the status of senior officer. Three years later he was promoted to detective and, in 1979, sergeant. In 1985, Lieutenant Houge was instrumental in leading an investigation which resulted in the seizure of 131 kilos of high-grade cocaine, approximately \$300,000 of U.S. currency and the arrest of three foreign nationals. On March 26, 1987, he achieved his present rank of lieutenant and was assigned the responsibility of overseeing the department's K-9 unit.

In recognition of his dedicated and committed service, in 1992, Lieutenant Houge was awarded the Career Contribution Management Award.

Mr. Speaker, it is with pride that I rise to recognize one of Montebello's finest, James C. Houge, on the occasion of his retirement from the Montebello Police Department and I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting him for his 30 years of outstanding service to the residents and community of Montebello.

TRIBUTE TO THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY LEGAL AID SOCIETY ADVOCATES FOR JUSTICE HONOREES

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 1995

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the five honorees who will be receiving awards tonight, March 23, on the occasion of the 35th anniversary of the Legal Aid Society of Santa Clara County.

The honorees will include the Rotary Club of San Jose, the law firm of Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich & Rosati, Santa Clara law professor Eric Wright, and deputy district attorney Rolanda Pierre-Dixon. Plaintiffs cocounsel Morrison & Forester will be receiving the prestigious W. Robert Morgan Legal Services Award for donating its services to school desegregation suit against San Jose Unified School District.

President of the board of the Legal Aid Society, Susan L. Sutton said, "Our mission is to be the catalyst for community—we want to ensure that the right thing happens on behalf of our client community without regard to the client's ability to pay. We understand that in some segments of the country that's an idea that has gone out of fashion. But it's still a notion of some currency here in San Jose, good people of this community need to be recognized for their contributions. That is why we created our Advocates for Justice Program."

The Legal Aid Society of Santa Clara County provides legal advice and representation for the indigent community in civil matters including family law, custody, visitation, support, and domestic violence, government benefits, health access advocacy, consumer rights, landlord-tenant law, fair housing, home financing and foreclosure issues, individuals rights and immigration, offers family law and housing self-help clinics, and mediation assistance in landlord-tenant matters.

The following honorees were selected for their community contributions:

Rotary Club of San Jose. This 435 member volunteer organization participates in a broad spectrum of community activities. The club is honored by LASSCC for its works in conjunc-

tion with the San Jose Housing Authority, building the 102 unit Marrone Garden complex off Branham Lane in San Jose.

Jim San Sebastian chaired the Rotary committee that had the mission to promote a moderate income senior citizen housing complex in San Jose, for which the club donated personal, professional, and financial assistance beginning in 1988. The project opened in September 1994, and since that time the club members continue to provide assistance to the residents. The Rotary Club's financial contributions totaling \$100,000 stacked a library, bought a piano, and provided art work for the project of one bedroom apartments that are available for seniors. The Rotary members' contribution of time was priceless.

Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich & Rosati. For its pro bono and philanthropic aid to the community, particularly for the efforts of Larry Sonsini in setting the tone of the largest private law firms in the county. The work of Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich & Rosati in the Silicon Valley has resulted in jobs for local residents of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities as various high technology clients have prospered. LASSCC believes a growing economy offers more access to the community's mainstream of its client base. That alone would be basis for an Advocates for Justice Award. But Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich, & Rosati has contributed generously to charitable causes with attorneys time and their money.

Prof. Eric Wright. Professor Wright has brought a number of agencies together in creating the East San Jose Community Law Center. Professor Wright sought and obtained two separate grants in 1993 to establish a low-income law office in East San Jose. Starting on a shoe-string budget the law center represented day laborers on their wage and hour claims at the outset.

After receiving a grant from the Legal Services Corporation and from the U.S. Department of Education, the center branched further into employment law and immigration law services. Professor Wright is the unpaid center director and has added a community law practice class to the Santa Clara University Law School curriculums well as a street law class involving students in teaching law to middle school and high school students in low income areas of San Jose.

Deputy District Attorney Rolanda Pierre Dixon. Ms. Pierre-Dixon's job requires her to prosecute domestic violence crimes. It doesn't require her to give more than eight speeches a month on that issue to schools and community groups. She is recognized as the Advocate for Justice for her tireless voluntarism on domestic violence issues and her work with community legal groups, including serving on the board of LASSCC. She is past president of the South Bay Black Lawyers, the chair of the Santa Clara County Bar Association and committee on minority access to the Santa Clara County Bar Association.

Morrison & Foerster. The winner of the W. Robert Morgan Legal Services Award is Morrison & Foerster. Their activities cover a full range of public interest work from staffing of legal services clinics and counseling over 140 nonprofit organizations, to handling high impact litigation. The areas of greatest effort during the past year were assisting children in poverty, civil rights and civil liberties cases, representing immigrants, handling issues of