

I have had the distinct pleasure of knowing Julian for most of his 43 years of membership in the UAW. We started our careers together, organizing hard working Americans under the banner of trade unionism and fighting to ensure workers would receive a decent wage for jobs well done.

Following his graduation from Roosevelt High School in east Los Angeles, Julian began his career at ITT Cannon Electric. In 1956, he was drafted and served with distinction in the U.S. Army. Julian returned to ITT Cannon Electric, after his tenure in the Army.

After serving as UAW committeeperson, in 1968 Julian was elected chairperson of over 3,000 members to help with organizing drives for UAW Region Six. He also served until 1974 on the staff of the International Unions Manpower O.J.T. and an east Los Angeles community development corporation as an instructor for on-the-job training program.

In 1975, Julian was elected Local 509's vice president and service representative. Among his other duties at local 509 have included: coordinator of community services; the CAP Council; recreation committee; retirees committee; and the F.E.P.C.

Currently, Julian serves as an international trustee, a position he was elected to at the International UAW Convention, and as local 509's president.

Julian and his lovely wife of 28 years, Marlene, have four children, Lorraine, Larry, James, and Mark, three grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Mr. Speaker, Julian Cervantes has been a true champion for America's working men and women. His legacy of fair and decisive leadership will serve as a guiding light for local 509's membership in the days to come. I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting this great American and wishing him well in his retirement.

A TRIBUTE TO ED MULLANEY

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 1996

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to acknowledge one of Montgomery County's finest teachers, Ed Mullaney, on the occasion of his retirement. For 30 years, he has ensured that the students of the Montgomery County school system received educations of the highest standard. First a geography and history teacher at Leland Junior High School and later a social studies teacher at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, Mr. Mullaney energetically devoted himself to the students he taught. Yet far more than just teaching them academics, he educated students about community service.

As a founder of teen organizations, sponsor of yearbooks, student governments, and sports programs, Ed Mullaney gave of himself so that the communities of the schools in which he worked would be stronger. At B-CC, he was often recognized as the spirit of the school, a teacher who made students realize how fortunate they were to attend Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School. Even when they left, students could not forget Mr. Mullaney, for he even organized alumni events during his past 7 years at B-CC.

Wherever Mr. Mullaney has been, he has encouraged his students to involve themselves in their communities. He realizes that community spirit is the key to a successful education.

I fondly remember that when I was a Maryland State Legislator, Mr. Mullaney could be depended upon to bring students of the highest caliber to the State capitol. His organization of these excursions was always beyond the duty of a teacher, but he wanted to give his students something more than a classroom education.

Ed Mullaney will be missed both as a teacher and a leader in Montgomery County. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to add my voice to the praises of his students and colleagues who gather to salute him.

SAVING MEDICARE IS "MISSION: IMPERATIVE"

HON. MARTIN R. HOKE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 1996

Mr. HOKE. Mr. Speaker, the Medicare trustees have just issued their annual report and the news isn't good.

Medicare is now losing money for the first time ever, and will be completely broke by 2001 unless prompt, effective, and decisive action is taken to control costs.

Last year the trustees—who include three members of the Clinton Cabinet—projected Medicare wouldn't run out of money until 2002. So the situation has worsened.

But as bad as the news is, the American people need to know that regardless of who wins in November, Medicare's financial crisis will be solved.

Letting Medicare go bankrupt simply is not an option.

Both Congress and the White House have offered plans that limit the rate of growth in Medicare spending—by strikingly similar amounts. The White House would increase spending 7.2 percent annually, Congress 7.0 percent. To put this in perspective, bear in mind that private sector health care spending is now growing at less than 3 percent annually.

This no doubt comes as a surprise to those who already have suffered from overexposure to the semihysterical, patently false, and politically motivated mantra of "cuts, cuts, cuts." President Clinton himself put it well: "When you hear all this business about cuts, let me caution you that that is not what is going on. We are going to have increases in Medicare."

While the sides essentially are in agreement with respect to how much, there are significant differences as to how.

The President and those who believe Washington knows best are committed to a top-down, bureaucratic solution that would increase the Government's role in the health care of our seniors, essentially identical to Mrs. Clinton's defeated health care plan of 1994.

The far better solution is to modernize Medicare by giving seniors the kinds of options, including medical savings accounts, now available in some of the best private sector plans, while preserving their right to stay with traditional Medicare. In addition, we must mount the first ever attack on the waste and fraud

that have helped bring Medicare to the brink of bankruptcy. The congressional plan to preserve Medicare contains both of these elements.

Unfortunately, some folks, including politicians, Washington special interests groups, even the President, have indulged their partisan ambitions by intentionally trying to scare seniors into believing that Congress might take their Medicare benefits away from them. Helping to spread the poison are the big labor bosses in Washington, who have spent millions of dollars confiscated from their own rank and file membership on advertisements pusing that same big lie.

Yet when you cut through all the political grandstanding, one thing becomes crystal clear: the longer a Medicare solution is put off, the harder and more unpalatable the choices become.

We need all sides working together now—not as Republicans and Democrats, but as Americans—to solve this problem.

So the next time you hear someone attack Congress for killing Medicare, ask them to show you their plan to save it. Chances are they won't have one. That's because they're thinking more about the next election than the next generation.

A RECOGNIZED HERO

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 1996

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a special person and true hero—Chief Warrant Officer 2 Wade Chapple of Milford.

The operations group soldier was recently awarded the Soldier's Medal of Honor for an act of heroism that saved a Colombian man's Life.

Serving a 3-year tour as a tactical training advisor to the Colombian Army 10th Airborne Division in Malgar, Colombia, Chapple and his crew rescued an injured Colombian man who had fallen off a cliff.

First, Chapple was able to diplomatically convince the base commander to provide a helicopter for the rescue. After landing on a small finger of open space nearly 700 feet below the injured victim, Chapple and his crew of two men went to work.

Chapple scaled the vertical climb dragging a stretcher that was tied to his waste.

Upon arriving at the injured man, Chapple notice multiple injuries and the man in shock. Working quickly to immobilize the man, Chapple and his crew eased the injured man slowly down the steep face of the mountain.

The helicopter rushed the victim back to the base and there a waiting ambulance rushed the man to the hospital. Three months later, Chapple met the man who was beginning to walk again and has since recovered.

The incident was reported to Chapple's commanders by the Colombian Army without his knowledge.

Chapple is a symbol of today's military. Compassionate, skilled and heroic. Wade put his life on the line to save a man he didn't even know. I am proud of Wade Chapple. His great and noble rescue has made our community smile.

THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS MAJESTY, KING BHUMIBOL ADULYADEJ'S ACCESSION TO THE THRONE

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 1996

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, on June 9, 1996, citizens of Thailand celebrated the 50th anniversary of the accession to the throne of His Majesty, King Bhumibol Adulyadej. This is a joyous moment for the people of Thailand and the people of the United States join with them on this special auspicious occasion.

The King is a good friend of the United States. He permitted Thailand to be the most supportive nation in the region throughout the Vietnam war. He always makes sure that Thailand is a tremendous refuge for people fleeing repressive governments in the region.

The King has underscored that Thailand is a democracy in an otherwise undemocratic region. His tact, intelligence, and grace has enabled Thailand to grow and prosper. He is in constant touch with his people and he travels regularly throughout Thailand.

The King was born 68 years ago here in the United States and he is the world's longest serving living monarch. He is known as the "working king" because of his extensive travels throughout Thailand and the 2,000 projects in Thailand that he initiated.

Because of his diligent work, Thailand is a beacon of hope and serves as an example for other nations in the region.

Accordingly, I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing His Majesty, King Bhumibol Adulyadej's a long, healthy, and prosperous life on this auspicious occasion of the 50th anniversary of his accession to the throne.

STOP ATTACK ON CALIFORNIA AVOCADO JOBS

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 1996

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, as we consider the fiscal year 1997 Agriculture Appropriations Act, I want to take this opportunity to inform my colleagues of another Clinton administration attack on California agricultural jobs. Six thousand American avocado growers and 21,000 avocado industry workers are in danger of losing their livelihood should the USDA implement its proposed plan to modify the quarantine on Mexican Hass avocados. The quarantine was placed in 1914 to protect our avocado crops from Mexican pests and fruit flies.

During a trip to Mexico City, USDA Secretary Dan Glickman spoke about lifting the current ban. He continues to tell me that he is "absolutely committed to a sound, well-founded, science-based decision on this proposal." This is what I expect from the USDA. However, Secretary Glickman continues to ignore the warnings of independent scientists at the University of California Riverside and elsewhere that infestation of pests from Mexico is very likely if the quarantine is lifted. The USDA believes that Mexico can handle their serious

pest problem. But, science has proven that Mexico has failed for years to destroy pests. NAFTA specifically left the quarantine intact because our Government knows that Mexican pests would devastate American avocados. The University of California Center for Exotic Pest Research released an important report based on their studies, entitled "Risks of Exotic Pest Introductions from Importation of Fresh Mexican Hass Avocados into the United States." Secretary Glickman must carefully consider the results of this report before a final rule is made.

Mexican pest-infested avocados have already been smuggled across our border. On January 5, 1996, the U.S. Customs Service confiscated and destroyed 3,337 pounds of Mexican Hass avocados at the Olay Mesa commercial facility in San Diego County. The driver, who had previously been arrested for the same offense, admitted to similar smuggling activities in recent months. Although U.S. Customs officials thought they were seizing a truck loaded with drugs, they definitely touched on a problem of significant concern to California's avocado growing region.

It is evident that the USDA proposal will only harm our country. I encourage my colleagues to give me a call, should any of you have questions about this plan to destroy the crops and lives of American avocado growers and workers. We must stop this attack against California jobs.

HONORING THE SMITHVILLE- DEKALB COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 1996

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I am taking this opportunity to applaud the invaluable services provided by the Smithville-DeKalb County Rescue Squad. These brave, civic-minded people give freely of their time so that should disaster strike, we know that our friends and neighbors are there to help.

Few realize the depth of training and hard work that goes into being a member of the rescue squad. Rescue squad members undergo a training series over a 4- to 6-month period which includes instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation [CPR], vehicle extrication, emergency driving, and rescue orientation. In addition to this training, rescue squad members also meet monthly to address business concerns as well as hear guest speakers.

Rescue squad members are volunteers. They receive no pay for what they do. What also makes their service especially outstanding is that the organizations themselves receive no funding. They receive no funding from the city, the county, or the Federal Government.

Rescue squads are funded in the same spirit of community voluntarism which moves them to serve. Family, friends, and neighbors pitch in at bake sales, road blocks, and fish fries to help those who sacrifice their time for the benefit of the whole community.

Committing such an amount of spare time and energy to a job so emotionally and physically taxing requires a sense of devotion and duty for which we are all grateful.

GILBERT DE LA ROSA HONORED FOR LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO CITY OF PICO RIVERA

HON. ESTEBAN EDWARD TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 1996

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to a friend of mine, the Honorable Gilbert "Gil" De La Rosa, Pico Rivera City Councilman. On Saturday, June 8, 1996, the board of directors of the Intercommunity Blind Center will recognize Gil for his many years of dedicated service to the city by honoring him with its Distinguished Leadership Award.

Gil served on the Pico Rivera City Council from 1982 to 1990. He served as mayor in 1986, and is currently mayor pro-tempore. He was elected again to the council in 1994.

He also was elected to the El Rancho Unified School District Board of Education in 1966, and was reelected to this position four times, serving until 1982. He was appointed to a management skills team to represent the California School Boards Association, and advised districts throughout the State on good management techniques. Gil was elected president of the Mexican-American School Boards Association in 1981, and was appointed by the National School Boards President to a 10 person task force that developed an investment procedure for school districts throughout the United States.

Gil is an active member of the Pico Rivera Lions Club, and served as its president in 1984-85. His extensive work with the St. Francis of Xavier Holy Name Society, and the Beverly Hospital Foundation, on whose board he has served for 16 years, are well known and respected throughout the community. His involvement in the community also includes membership on the board of directors of the Pico Rivera Redevelopment Agency, and the Pico Rivera Housing Assistance Agency; he also serves with the League of California Cities Environmental Quality Committee, the United Way Board, Pico Rivera Transportation Committee, and is a member of the Southeast Mosquito Abatement District.

Gil has received three gubernatorial appointments as a probate referee, and has been honored as a life member of the California Parents and Teachers Association. He is a member and now serves as immediate past president of the Intercommunity Blind Center. Gil is a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in WWII. He and his lovely wife, Sylvia, live in Pico Rivera.

Mr. Speaker, it is with pride that I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting the Honorable Gilbert De La Rosa for his many years of selfless service to the Intercommunity Blind Center, the city of Pico Rivera, and to our Nation.

A TRIBUTE TO LESTER OLINGER

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 1996

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Lester