

HONORING THE WILLIAMSON
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 Williamson 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.

TRIBUTE TO LARRY E. GRIFFIN

HON. MIKE PARKER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PARKER. Mr. Speaker, I come before the House to ask you to join me in honoring Mr. Larry E. Griffin, the current president of the International Right of Way Association and a resident of Laurel, MS.

Born on December 28, 1949, in Laurel, Mr. Griffin earned his bachelor of science degree from the University of Southern Mississippi. Following his graduation he began his career as a specialist in the acquisition of power line and pipeline rights-of-way. While serving in the Mississippi highway department, Griffin earned his senior right-of-way designation and worked to ensure that his peers were recognized and rewarded for their achievement. After 12 years of dedicated service to the department and the people of Mississippi, Mr. Griffin moved on in 1987 to become the director of lands at the South Mississippi Electric Power Association.

Mr. Griffin has been active with the International Right of Way Association serving in many capacities—treasurer, membership chairman, local president, director, public awareness chairman, course coordinator, nomination and election committee, liaison committee, president's club, a course coordi-

nator, nomination and election committee, liaison committee, president's club, a representative for the pacesetter campaign, and as vice-chair and chair of the Southeast United States Region. In 1985, he received his chapter's Professional of the Year Award. He also has been recognized by two international awards: the Gene L. Land award for the greatest percentage increase in chapter membership, and the Frank C. Balfour professional of the year award.

A year ago, I had the privilege of installing Mr. Griffin as the 41st president and the first Mississippian to be president of the International Right of Way Association. In addition to holding this prestigious position, he has continued his daily responsibilities to the people of Mississippi, and his other commitments to his church and family, his children's schools and civic organizations. He is an advisory board member of the Word of Life Church, Parent Teacher Organization president, and director of the Kiwanis Club of Laurel.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I ask you to join with me in thanking Mr. Griffin for his dedicated service and in wishing his continued success. Mr. Griffin, thank you for all you have done for Mississippi and our Nation.

DEJA VU BUDGET

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today out of deep concern for our children, senior citizens and the working poor. This budget is deja vu all over again. I thought that the leadership learned a lesson last year when they shut down the Government and lost favor in the eyes of the American people but here we go again with the same old gimmickry. Just like last year, they are using the annual report published by the Medicare Board of Trustees to justify these extreme cuts in Medicare, while everyone knows that these cuts are going to be used to pay for the tax cuts they plan to bestow on their wealthy friends.

Mr. Speaker, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle would have the American people believe that they are doing seniors a favor by causing them to have to choose between going to the doctor and buying groceries. This is no favor it is a vicious attack on the Nation's elderly. There are over 388,000 medicare beneficiaries in Mississippi and this bill will have a devastating impact on them.

Mr. Speaker, because this budget is just like the old one, more than 6 million families with children will see a reduction in the earned income tax credit. This is a credit that goes to working families and is not a welfare payment. To take this credit away from working families makes about as much sense as asking the Bulls to play without Michael Jordan tonight.

Mr. Speaker, it is a sad day when we are forced to stand before the American people as leaders and speak out to protect the most vulnerable people in our society against an irresponsible plan that would cause undue pain. I urge a "no" vote on this budget resolution.

RECOGNITION OF THE UNITED
FAMILY COALITION**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the United Family Coalition for its commitment to regaining control of their community in Ward 7, Washington, DC. On June 13, 1996, UFC will courageously march against drug offenders in their neighborhood. The organization will march from 60th and East Capitol Streets to the U.S. Capitol Grounds as a symbolic show of their solidarity and determination to rid the community of drug dealers and their illegal activity. The United Family Coalition will put all drug dealers and abusers on notice that the sale of narcotics and violent behavior will not be tolerated in Ward 7. UFC and march participants will announce to Congress that Ward 7 can govern itself.

UFC's mission is to enhance the quality of life for children, youth, and families in at-risk communities. This organization provides individual and group counseling on substance abuse, AIDS, employment, and parenting skills. They also provide tutoring and college preparation referrals.

We should all applaud the United Family Coalition for its efforts to regain control of their community. I enthusiastically support the march's objective to create safer communities for our children and families. I urge my colleagues on Capitol Hill to make a similar commitment.

TRIBUTE TO MARTHA M. RICH OF
EDGEFIELD, SC**HON. LINDSEY O. GRAHAM**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 1996

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. Speaker, Martha M. Rich, who is known affectionately throughout Edgefield County as Miz Martha, has served the people of Edgefield County in many ways since moving here in 1956. In that year she began work with the South Carolina Highway Department. Previously, she had worked as a bank teller in Augusta, GA, and operated a restaurant and motel in McCormick County.

It was in 1963 that Martha Rich was asked by then-County Commissioner Frank Timmerman to consider working for Edgefield County. Starting her county work in the tax assessor's office, she was involved that year in the very first property value reassessment program. In 1970, she was named assistant county administrator. During her 33 years with the county, she has served the public on matters as diverse as roads and bridges, emergency medical and fire operations, and waste disposal. Ms. Rich was a key figure in the transition to home rule, when county governments were gaining local control under new laws enacted at the State level. In the often trying political environment of county government, Ms. Rich has served six county administrators and numerous local elected officials. She has also remained a key contact person with State and Federal office holders on behalf

of Edgerfield County. Her professionalism and historical perspective of our county government will be missed tremendously now that she has decided to retire.

Though her work schedule has remained heavy throughout the years, Mr. Rich has always made time for community and family. She has been active in the Senior Citizens' Advisory Council, Piedmont Technical College, the Edgefield County Red Cross, the Edgefield County Transportation Committee, and the Governor's Beautification Task Force. She is also a fixture at Red Oak Grove Baptist Church, where she participates in the WMU and the Edgefield Baptist Association. Away from public life and civic pursuits, Martha Rich occupies herself with family. She has a son, Jackie, and three daughters: Patsy Smith, Greenie Crowder, and Georgia Morris. She has one brother, Kenneth Morgan. Six grandchildren also keep her quite busy and bring her a great deal of joy. Ms. Rich looks to family as a first priority in her retirement.

We wish Miz Martha the best in retirement, and we thank her for the work she has done on the behalf of Edgefield County.

IN HONOR OF FIRE CHIEF PETER
PHELAN

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 1996

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, June 12, 1996, the Milford Fire Department will hold a testimonial dinner to honor Chief Peter Phelan who is retiring. It is with great pleasure that I salute Chief Phelan and his distinguished career of service to the Milford Fire Department.

Chief Phelan's career as a firefighter began in 1944 when he joined the Milford Fire Department as a volunteer firefighter with the former Myrtle Beach Volunteer Engine Company No. 3. He was following a long family history of firefighting for the town of Milford as both his father and grandfather had served in the same company. Chief Phelan was permitted to join even though he was only 17 years old and still in high school at the time. World War II had created a manpower shortage within the fire department so the chief's young age was overlooked.

In November of 1948 Chief Phelan was appointed to the Career Department. He left briefly from 1951 to 1953 to serve with distinction in the Korean conflict. The chief's early career included work with the late Fire Chief Richard Coley to reorganize the old civil defense programs into the Milford Civil Preparedness Agency. Chief Phelan was responsible for preparing plans to put the city of Milford in line for Federal grant programs.

In 1966, Chief Phelan was promoted to the rank of lieutenant. He was promoted again in 1967 to the newly established rank of captain. The chief became a battalion chief in 1972 and, in 1977, became the assistant chief/fire marshal. When the department was reorganized, he was named assistant chief/operations. On January 1, 1996, he was appointed to the office of fire chief.

Chief Phelan has earned a number of awards during the course of his career. The most outstanding awards are the Ryder Fire-

man of the Year Award and a bronze medal from the Connecticut Humane Society for his part in the rescue of a handicapped person from the second floor of a burning building. These awards illustrate Chief Phelan's dedication to firefighting and the safety of the residents of Milford. He is without doubt one of Milford's most important public servants.

In addition to his involvement with a number of community organizations, Chief Phelan has served as chairman of the Connecticut Fire Marshal's Association's Annual Educational Seminar for the past 15 years. He is also a member of the New England Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs and was a member of the first group of the Fairfield County Arson Task Force. He is a past president of the Connecticut State Fireman's Association, has served as president of the Connecticut Fire Marshal's Association and has been a member of the board of directors of the New England Fire Marshals Association and the New Haven County Fire Chiefs Emergency Plan.

I am so pleased to join Chief Phelan's colleagues at the Milford Fire Department, his wife Catherine, and his children and grandchildren in congratulating him on his retirement. His departure is a great loss to the town of Milford and the Fire Department. I thank Chief Phelan for a lifetime of extraordinary service to the public and wish him enjoyment in his retirement.

THE WINNING TRADITION OF HUN-
TINGTON HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

HON. NICK J. RAHALL, II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 1996

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, for years we have heard that national sports figures have been role models to young Americans all around the country. There has been a great debate centering around academics versus athletics and what takes precedent in the lives of young adults. I rise today to honor a group of individuals from my district that I am proud to say have excelled on both the athletic field and in the classroom.

The Huntington High School Pony Express boys and girls tennis teams have won a total of three State championships in a span of 2 years. The school won dual titles in 1995 and the girls team won again in 1996. Although they may not be as well known as Andre Agassi or Steffi Graf, they are great example of what one can achieve through hard work and dedication.

Under the guidance of coach Roberta Bunch, the teams combined have attained a record of 68 wins and 2 losses in 2-year span. They are the true definition of what one would call exceptional athletes.

But their performance does not stop between the baselines. In the classroom, this group of players is among the best in the school. All of the players are college bound to schools such as Marshall University, West Virginia University, Duke University, Wake Forest University, and Indiana University. The grade point averages among these players consistently rank in the top 10 percent of their respective classes. They are the true definition of what one would call exceptional students.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that their names be entered into the RECORD at this time: Jeff Morrison, Kyle Foster, Adam Woodruff, Jay Hatten, Jimmy Leach, Ellie Earles, Taryn Foster, Ashleigh Harrison, Lindsay Wilson, Tiffany Kassab, Erin Allen, Lauren Oxley, Jenna Hegg, Kate Denman, Ramsey Cook, Katie Twohig, Lynsey Jenkins, and Sabrina Copley.

I am proud to recognize these individuals who have striven for and attained the highest peak possible in the Mountain State. I congratulate and salute them.

OFFICER SORRY FOR ATTACK ON
NAVY CHIEF

HON. ANDREW JACOBS, JR.

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 1996

Mr. JACOBS. Mr. Speaker, the following is an article published by the Indianapolis Star on May 29.

Our Center Township assessor, Jim Maley, says, "Sticks and stones may have broken his bones, but names and words broke his heart. We good guys are proud of Big Mike Boorda."

An honest mistake which hurts no one else does not deserve dishonor, much less death.

At the airport, sometimes they turn the metal detector up too high and it even picks up the ring on your finger. If anything, Adm. Jeremy Boorda's sense of honor was too high. And whatever that is, it is certainly not dishonor.

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OFFICER SORRY FOR ATTACK ON NAVY CHIEF

(By Robert Burns)

WASHINGTON.—A Navy officer whose unsigned letter attacking Adm. Jeremy M. "Mike" Boorda was published in the Navy Times three days before Boorda's suicide has come forward and apologized.

"I am sorry for Admiral Boorda's family and for the sailors he loved," Cmdr. John E. Carey wrote in a letter to the editor of the Navy Times.

The newspaper, too, said it regretted publishing the earlier letter, which it called a "cheap shot." It promised to stop publishing letters containing personal attacks.

In a related development, the Navy distributed to all sailors a message from Boorda's widow, Bettie Moran Boorda, expressing thanks for their support.

In publishing Carey's attack against the chief of naval operations Navy Times did not mention that Carey had been relieved of command of the guided-missile destroyer USS Curtis Wilbur. He was punished for verbally abusing his crew.

In a suicide note left at his residence at the Washington Navy Yard, Boorda expressed distress over what he apparently felt would become a media scandal over questions about the propriety of two combat pins he had worn on his chest.

In the unsigned May 13 letter, Carey said Boorda had lost respect of his fellow officers and asked him to resign. He wrote that admirals often referred to the 5-foot-4-inch Navy chief as "Little Mikey Boorda" out of disrespect.

New York's Newsday, reported that Carey told one of its reporters he planned to leave the Navy soon.