

1995, providing approximately \$7 million to the Bellevue Public Schools and about \$510,000 to the Papillion School District. I'm pleased to note that this year the Labor-HHS appropriations bill increased funding for Impact Aid by \$35 million. I fought hard to make sure this funding was included in the bill because I care deeply about the Offutt community. I want to ensure that the children of military families receive a quality education.

In honor of Offutt Appreciation Day, most of the townships and cities surrounding Offutt have passed proclamations recognizing this event. I am pleased to include the text of one of these proclamations by Robert Eccles, mayor of Ralston:

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Offutt Air Force Base's families are a valued segment of the City of Ralston and other communities in Nebraska where everyone works as neighbors to ensure that Nebraska continues to be "where the good life began", and

Whereas, personnel stationed at Offutt Air Force Base and their families continually dedicate their lives to guarantee our freedom and defend this great nation,

Now, therefore, be it *Resolved* that I, Robert J. Eccles, Mayor of the City of Ralston, join with the Offutt Advisory Council, the Air Force Association, and the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce in saying thank you and do hereby designate July 12, 1996 as Offutt Appreciation Day in the City of Ralston and urge all citizens to join with me on this day in saluting the members of Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska.

In Witness whereof, I have set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Ralston to be affixed this last day of July 1996. Robert J. Eccles, Mayor.

NEWMAN AFRICAN METHODIST
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 1996

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today before my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to pay tribute to the Newman African Methodist Episcopal Church, that is located in Michigan's Ninth Congressional District. The Newman African Methodist Episcopal Church is recognized as the first African-American church established in Oakland County, MI, and as the birthplace of the Oakland County Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The church was organized in 1861 by Rev. Augustus Green. Although Reverend Green and his brethren did not have available to them a permanent home in which to pray, they were determined to worship. The first services were held in a church basement and in a schoolhouse. Eventually, the strength of their collective faith prevailed, and the congregation incorporated in 1868 and purchased their own church building in 1872. That original temple served to enable the congregation to prosper and grow. In 1961, the present house of worship was built and has been a focal point of faith within the community.

Mr. Speaker, the work of the church has led to an increased level of worship within the city. There is no doubt that the Newman African Methodist Episcopal Church has played a sig-

nificant role in Oakland County religious life. Under the leadership of Bishop Basil A. Foley, the current pastor, it continues to be an instrument of positive change in our community. In recognition of its historical importance, a marker will be erected by the State Historic Preservation Office of the Michigan Department of State, that will declare the Newman African Methodist Episcopal Church as a historical site in the State of Michigan.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor and a privilege for me to rise before my colleagues in the House of Representatives to honor a church and its congregation who have contributed so much to society.

IN RECOGNITION OF PATRICK
EMMANUEL

HON. JOE SCARBOROUGH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 1996

Mr. SCARBOROUGH. Mr. Speaker, I address the House of Representatives today in recognition of a remarkable man's professional and personal achievements. Rarely does a man come along who truly makes a difference in the life of his community. As Robert Kennedy once observed, few men possess that special quality that allows them to actually bend history. Through 50 years of dedicated service and unwavering integrity, Patrick Emmanuel has made a difference in the life of northwest Florida and the national legal community.

Today, the First Congressional District of Florida celebrates Patrick Emmanuel's 50 year commitment to excellence and professionalism in the legal field. Mr. Emmanuel's extraordinary achievements put him in a league of his own. He has honored his community by serving as president of the Florida Bar, as a member of the Board of Governors for the Florida Bar, as president of the Florida Bar Foundation, as a fellow for the American College of Trial Lawyers, as fellow for the American College of Probate Counsel and as a fellow for the American Bar Foundation. Perhaps his finest hour as a member of the legal profession was his courageous stand against the American Bar Association's ideological drive to politicize that organization instead of focusing primarily on the promotion of professionalism in the legal field.

If Patrick Emmanuel's accomplishments were limited solely to the legal field, his contribution to our community would be commendable. But many consider his achievements outside the legal field to be his greatest contribution to northwest Florida. Mr. Emmanuel served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Northwest Florida Crippled Children's Home for over 20 years. He was also appointed by the Governor as a member of the Florida Children's Commission and served as chairman of the Advisory Board of Sacred Heart Hospital. Most importantly, he succeeded where it counts the most: as the respected father of 7 children and 11—and counting—grandchildren.

While many have respected Patrick Emmanuel from afar, I had the privilege of working with him as a summer law clerk in 1989. I recall the law clerks and attorneys holding Mr. Emmanuel in a level of esteem remarkably

high for such a cynical age. Most importantly, I observed his total commitment to excellence and integrity. That commitment not only served as an example to summer law clerks such as myself, but also to his clients, his law firm and his community.

On my Capitol Hill desk sits the pen set Mr. Emmanuel presented me at the end of my summer employment. The set is a reminder of a summer where I was introduced to a great man who had a great impact not only on my life, but on the lives of so many others who may never have had a chance to thank him. As the U.S. Representative for that region, I thank Mr. Emmanuel tonight on behalf of all those lives he has enriched. Thank you, Mr. Emmanuel.

REPORT FROM INDIANA—FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. DAVID M. MCINTOSH

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 1996

Mr. MCINTOSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give a special Report from Indiana. It is a special report because I was truly moved by a recent visit to a church in my hometown of Muncie, IN.

On June 28, Ruthie and I visited a very special place, the First Baptist Church. Ruthie and I were so grateful and honored to be included in a patriotic celebration called Liberty, in honor of Independence Day.

The musical celebration was directed by Steve Clarke, the minister of music. It truly captured the spirit of America in song.

Dr. Edward Strother read patriotic passages from Abraham Lincoln and Ronald Reagan during the interludes. He echoed President Reagan's inaugural address in asking God that "You would continue to hold us close as we fill the world with our song—a song of unity, affection, and love." He also quoted from Lincoln's Gettysburg Address in saying, "We here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that the government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth."

The production was amazing, screens flashed to the lyrics as our favorite patriotic songs were coordinated by a cast of all ages, from youngsters to seniors.

Songs: Star Spangled Banner; Yankee Doodle; Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean; You're a Grand Old Flag; America the Beautiful; Fifty States in Rhyme; Oh Susanna; Home on the Range; Dixieland; Shenandoah; I've Been Working on the Railroad; Johnny Has Gone For a Soldier; U.S. Air Force; Caisson Go Rolling Along; Anchors Aweigh; Marine Corps Hymn; Battle Hymn of the Republic; From Where I Stand; The Golden Dream; My Country 'Tis of Thee; and The Pledge of Allegiance.

The volunteers and staff at First Baptist Church, in Muncie, made "Liberty," a special patriotic program, a big success. Folks like, Elaine Hamilton, produced the event, worked the sound, made a huge contribution from behind the scenes. Their tribute and respect in honor of our Nation's birthday, made me proud. It made so many of us proud.

So many folks made this patriotic event a very moving program. The entire staff and all

the volunteers at First Baptist Church, are to be commended for their heartfelt celebration honoring our country and freedom. I would like to say thank you for including us. It truly touched both of us.

That, Mr. Speaker, is my Report from Indiana.

NAMES TO BE ENTERED INTO RECORD

Steve & Debbie Clarke, Dr. Edward Strother, Elizabeth Ratchford, Elaine Hamilton, Jana Allen, MaNell Gregg, Dirk Harris, Andy Rees, Wendy Rees, Wes Russell, Mike Wilson, Elsie Anderson, Walt Baker, Martha Bogle, Sharon Boyle, Wanda Burns, Nancy Callahan, Helen Clark, Bill Conner, Earl Coulson Jr., Susan Coulson, Lois Craig, Denzel Crist, Jack Cronin, Dana Davis, Heather Davis.

Barbara Eidson, Eleanor Fisk, Mary Flannery, Nellie Halt, Jerry Hamilton, Bill Harris, Louise Head, Rodney Head, Harry Irwin, Jacqueline Irwin, Pat Kissick, Nancy Kosar, Cathy Mitchell, Kristin Murray, Connie Parker, Jane Patton, Lavenna Putman, Bill Reid, Phobe Reid, Connie Thalls, Anson Tooley, Barbara Turner, Betty Unger, Gaylon Washburn, Marsena Washburn, Heidi Webb, Midge Wooters, Ashley Blackwell, Stanley Blackwell, Robbie Craig, Samantha Ratchford.

TRIBUTE TO FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS, WEST SIDE CAMPAIGN AGAINST HUNGER

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 1996

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the food pantry volunteers of the West Side Campaign Against Hunger, a special group of people who regularly give up their time to assist in feeding the hungry of the west side of Manhattan. This group of dedicated volunteers is being celebrated by the West Side Campaign Against Hunger at the Church of St. Paul and St. Andrew on Sunday, July 14 for the enormous contribution they have made to their community.

The food pantry volunteers generously donate their time and energy to staff the food pantry. Volunteers assist the pantry daily, taking in deliveries, displaying food, helping customers, recycling and cleaning up. These volunteers have contributed 7,600 hours in 1996 to this effort. Due to the steady stream of support from the volunteers, the food pantry has been able to feed nearly 3,000 people each month.

Mr. Speaker, these individuals are deserving of special recognition for their tireless contribution of time and energy to the plight of those less fortunate. I am proud to rise here to honor this much appreciated but far too rarely acknowledged group of volunteers. I ask my colleagues to join with me and the West Side Campaign Against Hunger to celebrate their hard work and commitment.

TRIBUTE TO ALLEN C. "PETE" OGDEN

HON. PHIL ENGLISH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 1996

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, this is a proclamation to acknowledge Mr. Allen C. "Pete" Ogden as president of the Western Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners.

In addition to his civic accomplishments, Mr. Ogden is a retired business manager from Iroquois School District where he also taught mathematics. He is a devoted family man and has been married to Pat for 40 years. Together they have three grown children—Pam, Paula, and Peter—as well as three grandchildren—Jennifer, Nicole, and Matthew.

He has been a Lawrence Park Township commissioner for the last 15 years and 7 of those years he has served as president of the board. Despite the demands of being a part-time commissioner on a full-time basis, Mr. Ogden also manages to be vice president of Northwest Planning, an executive board member of the East Erie Communications Center, delegate to the Erie Area Council of Governments, the Watershed Plan Advisory Board, the Allegheny League of Municipalities, the Erie County Association of Township Officials, as well as a member of the Erie County Library Committee, the Erie Eye Bank Association, the Runner's Club, and the Lions Club.

Please join me in recognizing Mr. Ogden as State president and thank him for his many years of dedicated public service.

A SALUTE TO JOSE CASTRO CORRAL

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 1996

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of this Nation's newest citizens. When Jose Castro Corral came to the United States in 1918, Woodrow Wilson was President, Arizona was celebrating its fourth year of statehood, and America was in the middle of a devastating World War. In this time, Jose Corral and his family immigrated to America because they dreamed of a better life for themselves and their community. Indeed, Jose Castro Corral has more than fulfilled his family's vision.

Mr. Corral was born in Sonora, Mexico on August 9, 1916. Two years later, his family moved to the small mining town of Kearny, AZ, where he has lived ever since. Jose Corral's parents raised their children to become productive, accomplished members of American society. During his childhood, Jose Corral was encouraged to strive for educational excellence and active participation in community service. These upstanding ideals continue to thrive in the Corral family today.

Not only was Jose Corral dedicated to his career as a miner, he also strived to build a family of high integrity and moral value. Together with his wife Amanda, Jose Corral raised six educated and accomplished children who have become important figures of organi-

zations including the U.S. Armed Forces, Phoenix Symphony Orchestra, Salt River Project, and INTEL. The Corral children have raised families of their own, and continue to uphold their father's vision.

In addition to Jose Corral's accomplished family and career, his altruistic nature is truly commendable. The Corral family has a unique love for music, and Jose participates in his church's choir each week. He also volunteers at church retreats and various community functions.

After 78 years of countless accomplishments in America, Jose Castro Corral recently decided to strive for yet another goal—U.S. citizenship. As the only noncitizen in his family, Jose felt that U.S. citizenship would fulfill his dream of service to his family, his community, and his country. On June 21, 1996, as his family waved signs and posters applauding his latest accomplishment, Jose Castro Corral celebrated U.S. citizenship.

Jose Castro Corral and his family serve as role models for immigrants who come to this country to fulfill America's ideals of opportunity and individual responsibility. Not only is he a model person, he is now a model citizen. It is truly an honor to welcome Mr. Jose Castro Corral as a citizen of this great Nation.

TRIBUTE TO CARLOS LLERAS

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 1996

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Carlos Lleras, a man who exemplifies the very best in public service. He retires this month after valiantly serving his country of Colombia for the past 2 years as their Ambassador to the United States. Ambassador Lleras has diligently represented his people, and it has been my pleasure to work with him through his tenure. His distinguished background will serve him well as he enters the next stage of his professional career.

Ambassador Lleras came to the United States of America in 1994 with impressive credentials. While he draws upon his vast intellectual capacity in fields as expansive as agrology, economics, and law, he is masterful in his application of this knowledge. His past is as broad as it is deep, and I am confident that he will continue to hold the people of Colombia close and dear to his heart in his future endeavors.

Ambassador Lleras received his juris doctor in law and social science from the Colegio Mayor de Nuestra Senora del Rosario. He received a diploma in civil cassation in 1960. By the time he was 24 years of age, Ambassador Lleras had already become a municipal judge and professor of economics at the Fundacion Universidad de Bogota Jorge Tadeo Lozano. One year later, in 1962, he had become professor of political science at the Universidad de America, and was also appointed dean of the faculty of natural resources at the Fundacion Universidad de Bogota Jorge Tadeo Lozano, a post he would hold for the ensuing 4 years. By 1966, Ambassador Lleras had additionally been appointed academic dean, and given an honorary degree in agrology. Ambassador Lleras then went on to