

and all who served under him, or who worked with him, as I did, wish Admiral Wright well, congratulate him, and want to know how much he will be sorely missed.

Emerson once said that what people say about you behind your back is the measure of your standing in society. Mr. Speaker, the words that have been said about Admiral Wright behind his back include: honest, decent, a gentleman, hard working, loyal, dedicated, courageous. From the time he entered the Navy in 1961, through his tours of duty as commander of a carrier air wing, commander of the 7th fleet, and Chief of Naval Education and Training, to his work in the Office of the Secretary of the Navy, Admiral Wright has shown a standard of excellence and dedication to duty that marks him out as a singularly able and distinguished man of intellect, skill and integrity.

Admiral Wright made a career that showed him to be one of the Navy's finest—the best of the best. For anybody who doubts that, look at the record: Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Meritorious Service Medal. The list goes on and on, and its testimony to a man that has given to his country an example of excellence for which we should all strive.

Now Admiral Wright will be retiring, returning to the wife and children that he loves, making up for the lost hours that a distinguished career in the Navy requires of its best and brightest. He has earned a period of R and R, as they say in the Navy, though I'll bet that he will not spend his free time sitting around the house watching game shows, and that retirement will not mean the end of an active life. Men of such dedication and nobility are not the kind of people to, if the Admiral will not mind me quoting a General, "simply fade away."

So, I join the people of the United States, of the Navy, and of my district in Florida, in wishing Admiral Wright a hearty congratulations and thanks for a job well done and a life well lived. May the years ahead bring him continued good health and happiness, and may Admiral Wright go into the next stage of his life secure in the knowledge that he has made a difference, both to those who know him and even to those who do not. The Navy is a better organization for his having served in it. Godspeed Admiral Wright; I wish for fair winds and following seas.

REPORT FROM INDIANA—WERNLE HOME

HON. DAVID M. MCINTOSH

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 1996

Mr. MCINTOSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give my Report from Indiana. In the Second District of Indiana, I meet wonderful people, wonderful, kind and caring people, working day and night to help others.

Individuals, like those involved with a very special place, Wernle Home, a children's orphanage that I visited just a few weeks ago in Richmond, IN. Everyone involved with the success of Wernle are Hoosier Heros in my book. Ruthie and I have visited our friends at Wernle on many occasions. And each time we meet loving workers and volunteers who care for battered and abused children.

Several years ago, in my first visit, I formed a special friendship with a young boy staying at the home. We sat in his room, and he opened up his special drawer with all of his prized possessions. As he showed us his matchbox cars, and baseball cards, Ruthie asked him, one simple question. "What's your favorite thing to do?" His answer, remains in my heart, as clear today as it did back then. "I want to be with my family." That brought tears to my eyes put a lump in my throat, and filled my heart with hope.

The folks at Wernle Home, help kids like this young boy—and encourage them so they never give up hope for a brighter future.

The Lutheran Church founded Wernle in 1879 as an orphanage. Today it assists children who have suffered from emotional, physical, and sexual abuse at the hands of others.

I'd like to recognize and thank the volunteers and staff who make Wernle Home a huge success.

Folks like, Rev. Paul Knecht. For over 40 years he has helped children with special emotional and behavioral needs. He believes in his heart that "every child deserves a chance." Pat Mertz, ensures that Wernle has the financial stability it needs. He's known for swapping baseball cards with the boys. Pat makes an impact on their happiness. Judy Beeson, teaches handicapped children with a simple motto, "You can always see a rainbow even in a tornado."

Vern Pittman, is a father figure to many of the boys. Billie Fisher and Paula Wright are affectionately referred to as Mom. And Reverend Jerald Rayl, for over 14 years has ensured that the children receive spiritual needs.

And my good friend, Mike Wilson, has dedicated his life to raising the public awareness of Wernle throughout Indiana and Ohio. Cleo Lee makes sure the boys receive clothing, and this is no small task. Today there are over 110 children to care for. Craig Leavell, the director of recreation teaches the children who say, "No, I can't," to discover, "Yes, I can."

Of course the true success of Wernle Home is found in the hearts of volunteers who make it possible. Irna Chase has faithfully made sure that cakes are delivered on birthday's. Forrest Fox, has formed a special grandfather-type relationship with one young boy at the Home. His love is crucial because the child has no parents, no family. Retired Judge Brandon Griffis, conducts discussions on the law and legal issues with the older boys. Al and Marilyn Young, continue to provide leadership and support to make Wernle Home successful.

Now, I am only mentioning a few. The entire staff and all the volunteers at Wernle Home, are Hoosier Heros. They work very hard, to take these precious children in from the darkness of despair, and serve as a beacon of light. Showing them there is: Hope for tomorrow.

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

Names to be entered into RECORD:

Rev. Paul Knecht, Pat Mertz, Judy Beeson, Nancy Carter, Vern Pittman, Marvin Nesheim, Bille Fisher, Paula Wright, Dick Harrell, Rev. Jerry Rayl, Cleo Lee, and Craig Leavell.

Stan Thomas, Steve Tyler, Irna Chase, Amy Dillon, Forrest Fox, Judge Brandon Griffis, Jr., Al and Marilyn Young, the staff of WKBV/Hits 101.3 FM, Mike Wilson, and Kath Barker.

IN HONOR OF THE PUERTO RICAN FLAG'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 1996

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the design of the Puerto Rican flag, a symbol which represents the enormous contribution the citizens of the island have made to our Nation. The flag's anniversary will be honored by the city of Hoboken and the Puerto Rican Week Committee at City Hall in Hoboken on July 13, 1996.

The flag was completed in New York City at Chimney Corner Hall in Manhattan on December 22, 1895. The flag of Puerto Rico has a rich history. Dr. Julio J. Henna, led a group of 59 Puerto Ricans who organized the Puerto Rican section of the Cuban Revolutionary Party. As part of their activities, a flag was created to rally support for independence from Spain.

The Puerto Rican flag was designed by inverting the colors of the single starred flag of its neighbor in the Caribbean, Cuba. The first known incarnation of the symbol was made by Manuela "Mima" Besosa, the Puerto Rican Betsy Ross. The motion to adopt the flag was approved unanimously by the Puerto Rican revolutionaries.

For 100 years, the Puerto Rican flag has symbolized a proud people. It has served as a symbol of Puerto Rico's cultural tradition and heritage. Puerto Ricans are proud of their many contributions to the United States and they are proud of the unique identity their flag represents. Puerto Rico has been referred to as the "Shining Star of the Caribbean." Her citizens residing in Hoboken are shining stars in their community.

It is an honor to recognize the banner of a group of constituents I am proud to represent. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the 100th anniversary of the creation of Puerto Rican flag.

TRIBUTE TO THE 10TH DISTRICT OF OHIO

HON. MARTIN R. HOKE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 1996

Mr. HOKE. Mr. Speaker, Cleveland Magazine recently published a story detailing the results of their fourth annual survey of Cleveland area communities. The study ranks the 47 communities according to safety, education, and affordability. I am happy to announce today the 8 of the top 10 communities are in the 10th District.

Mr. Speaker, I believe this is a tribute to the good people of the 10th District and demonstrates their strong sense of neighborhood and community values. You know, sometimes people in Washington have a tendency to think all things good flow from here. But it is at the local level that lives and communities are actually improved.

At a time when crime, poor education, and the depletion of values have become commonplace in many communities across the

country, it is wonderful to see citizens taking the initiative to make their communities better. I am extremely proud of the people of my district, and I encourage them, and citizens across the country, to keep up the good work.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EVA M. CLAYTON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 1996

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, on the week of May 17, 1996 I was unavoidably detained and therefore missed the vote on the Solomon amendment, for the defense authorization bill. Had I been present I would have voted "no" on the amendment.

WHEN IT COMES TO U.S. TRADE POLICY, U.S. TOBACCO MARKET SHARE TRUMPS HEALTH WELFARE

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 1996

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, the U.S. is No. 1. But that's nothing to cheer about when you're the No. 1 exporter of tobacco products. According to the World Health Organization [WHO], the U.S. is the top exporter of tobacco products world wide, yet tobacco products represent less than 1 percent of total U.S. export earnings. Two recent studies by the National Bureau of Economic Research [NBER] and WHO have pointed out some disturbing information about the U.S. role in promoting tobacco products around the world and our international support of this addictive drug.

Since tobacco consumption has decreased by as much as 20 percent in the last 20 years in the U.S. and other highly industrialized nations, tobacco companies have been forced to turn elsewhere to shore up their huge profits. That elsewhere is foreign markets like Taiwan, Thailand, Japan, and South Korea. Since the early 1980's, the tobacco industry has been aggressively pressuring countries to open their markets to American tobacco products—and using U.S. trade policy to do it. Spurred by the tobacco industry, the U.S. Trade Representative [USTR] and the Commerce Department have successfully persuaded Asian countries to open their heavily restricted cigarette markets to U.S. tobacco products or face retaliatory measures.

The tobacco industry has been extremely successful in their conquest of the world tobacco market. The NBER study found that in 1991, U.S. tobacco market share in four Asian countries that lifted their import curbs was up 600 percent. Since 1975, U.S. cigarette exports have increased by 340 percent, up from 50.2 billion cigarettes in 1975 to 220.2 billion cigarettes in 1994.

But at what expenses to world health? According to the NBER report, the per capita cigarette consumption in Asian countries is almost 10 percent higher than it would have been if markets weren't open to American cigarettes. In their recent study of world tobacco and health trends, WHO found that, in

the early 1990's tobacco products caused an estimated 3 million deaths world wide per year. In addition, WHO documents that at least one person dies every 10 seconds as a result of tobacco use around the world.

Don't we have other American products to promote through the U.S. trade Representative? Why are we promoting products that unequivocally kill people when used as intended? The United States has an abundance of other products that the USTR could be promoting. Is opening markets for cancer-causing tobacco products the best allocation of USTR resources?

From smoke-free workplaces to the proposed FDA regulation of tobacco, as the United States continues to enact stricter controls regarding tobacco use, we should set a positive example to the rest of the world by promoting healthy, tobacco-free lifestyles. How can we continue to strive to reduce tobacco use at home, but continue to promote tobacco use abroad? The U.S. is known as the leader of the free world. We should lead the fight against tobacco use, rather than lead the world in tobacco sales.

HONORING VFW POST 7734 ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ESTEBAN EDWARD TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 1996

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7734 in Pico Rivera, CA, on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. On Saturday, July 13, 1996, commander Jose Perez, senior vice commander Richard Partida, junior vice commander Adres Ramirez, quartermaster Randolph Parker, and adjunct Robert Navarro, will join veterans, family, and friends to celebrate this momentous occasion.

In 1946, a group of WWII veterans decided to form a VFW post to serve veterans living in southeast Los Angeles County. They gathered their friends, family, and neighbors, and applied for a charter from the national VFW organization. On July 12, 1946, a charter was granted. They decided to name the post after a well-known comrade and school friend, Lt. Ray L. Musgrove, who died in action during WWII. Today, the VFW post still bears his name.

During the late 1940's and early 1950's many of the members began to move into new tract homes in Rivera, Downey, and Santa Fe Springs. In the early 1950's the post was officially moved to the community of Rivera. After purchasing property in 1975, the post broke ground and built its new home. VFW Post 7734 is currently located in Pico Rivera, serving veterans for the past 20 years.

Throughout the year, with the help of its auxiliary, the post has been involved with numerous veterans programs, V.A. hospital visits, helping needy veterans and their families, as well as helping community youth activities, and promoting patriotism. The post has been active in honoring and perpetuating the memory and history of departed comrades who valiantly served our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, VFW Post 7734 today remains as committed to serving our Nation as it was

50 years ago when it was chartered. I proudly ask my colleagues to join me in saluting the members of VFW Post 7734 for their distinguished service to our country.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN JOSEPH Y. RESNICK

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 1996

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I want to take a moment today to share some memories of one of my distinguished predecessors, Joseph Y. Resnick, who served in this body during the mid-1960's. Joe Resnick was an inspiration to me as a young man when I was first getting involved in politics and Government service. His commitment to public service and his responsiveness to his constituents led to a new era in representative government in the Hudson Valley region, a legacy which continues to this day.

The first Ulster County Democratic convention that I attended in 1964 featured Joe Resnick as a candidate for Congress against a long-time, seldom-seen Republican incumbent. During his acceptance speech at that convention Joe Resnick told a story about a conversation with a friend of his in Ellenville, NY. The man expressed his surprise that Joe was a Democrat. You see, back in those days Democrats in upstate New York were outnumbered 3 to 1. Joe continued on in his speech, not for a moment defensive or embarrassed by it and said "I'm the best kind of Democrat—the winning kind!" And he was right. And it wasn't the first or the last time he was right either.

Joe Resnick brought a new style of leadership to the region. He was a very visible public official. Up until that time, Members of Congress in the region didn't have district offices, but Joe Resnick opening a district office in Kingston, NY. Joe Resnick actually wanted his constituents to know who he was and that he was there to serve them, not the other way around. It used to be that the only way you could get your Congressman to help you was if you had power, money, or good connections. Joe Resnick had a radically new idea—serving the public directly, with dedication, and without discrimination. It all seems so natural to us today to do that, but believe me 30 years ago it wasn't. His example inspired me to open one of the very first district offices when I was elected to the New York State Assembly in 1976.

When I first came to Congress in January of 1993, then Speaker Tom Foley told me a wonderful story about his service with Joe Resnick on the House Agriculture Committee back in the 1960's. Joe Resnick was a freshman and the scene was the first day that the committee met for that session of Congress. The chairman of the committee, Speaker Foley went on to say, was an old Southern gentleman, very much of the old school as well, speaking in a thick Southern accent, who propounded the popular theory of those days that a freshman Member of Congress should be "seen and not heard," and that's the kind of treatment that the freshman Members could expect from the committee, and so forth. That was how it was in the old days. Well, Joe Resnick, who as a