

of arts from Central State College and then went on to earn a master's degree in social work from Fordham University and a doctoral degree in social welfare policy and planning from Columbia University.

Dr. Corbie joined The City University of New York in 1969 as a counselor in the Seek program at Lehman college and became director of the program that same year. The Seek program provides financial and academic assistance to students in need. Dr. Corbie has served as the vice chancellor for student affairs for the City University, from 1981 to 1991.

In June 1993, Dr. Corbie was named acting president of the Bronx Community College. He took over the college at a time of instability and uncertainty. Through his leadership and dedication, Dr. Corbie managed to continue the Bronx Community College tradition of excellence and educational opportunity for all who seek to improve themselves.

Today, Bronx Community College welcomes their new president, Dr. Carolyn Grubbs Williams. Dr. Williams has been president of Los Angeles Southwest College of the Los Angeles Community College district since 1992. In her first year, she eliminated a budget deficit of \$1.6 million and increased student enrollment by 9 percent. She was able to obtain funding and State approval for three major construction projects.

Dr. Williams earned her bachelor's degree in sociology, master's degree in urban planning/social planning and her doctoral degree in higher education from Wayne State University in Detroit.

Dr. Williams leadership has shaped Los Angeles Southwest Community College into an outstanding institution. Her outstanding record has earned her numerous accolades and has been elected to the board of directors of the American Association of Community Colleges and the AACC's National Council on Black American Affairs.

Bronx Community College has benefited from the expertise and outstanding record of Dr. Corbie, and will surely continue to prosper under President Williams. Mr. Speaker I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Leo Corbie and Dr. Carolyn Grubbs Williams for their commitment to the advancement of higher education.

PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 1996

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, I recently completed my latest series of town meetings across California's 25th Congressional District. These meetings not only provide my constituents the opportunity to discuss issues of national and local concern, but they give me the chance to meet and interact with the citizens I represent as well. Recently, I had the honor of meeting Mr. Howard F. Simmon of Lancaster, CA. Mr. Simon had never before been to a town hall meeting, yet managed to attend this latest round of discussions. His dedication to this Nation is embodied in a poem he presented me at this latest series of meetings. I would like to read that poem today.

Justly be proud of America,

"Tis all that it is, and more,
The land of the free,
And the home of the brave,
As 'twas said in the olden lore;
So justly be proud of America,
And rest on it, it's true,
Where the sky spans o'er,
From shore to shore
It's a beautiful land,
A wonderful land,
The land of the free, and more.

IN HONOR OF HENRY LEGRAND SMITH

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 26, 1996

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, my wife Bonnie and I were blessed with a new grandson on July 20 at 12:29 a.m. His name is Henry LeGrand Smith. He weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz. He is the fifth child of Bradley LeGrand Smith and Margaret Diane Smith. My namesake, Nick Smith is 9, Emily is 7 years old. Claire is 4 years old, and George is 2 years old.

Bonnie and I join Henry's other grandparents, Neville and Jennifer Monteith from Orillia, ON, in welcoming Henry to this world.

Like his brothers and sisters, Henry is going to have a tough time paying back all the money the Federal Government is borrowing. If we don't change our ways, Henry will have to pay \$187,000 in taxes over his lifetime just to cover his share of the interest on the national debt.

I would conclude by asking all the parents and grandparents now in Congress to work with me to minimize the debt which our children and grandchildren will have to pay back for our undisciplined deficit spending.

THANK YOU, CYNDY WILKINSON, FOR YOUR LOYAL SERVICE

HON. JACK FIELDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 1996

Mr. FIELDS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it was with mixed emotions that I announced last December 11 my decision to retire from the House at the conclusion of my current term. As I explained at the time, the decision to retire was made more difficult because of the loyalty and dedication of my staff, and because of the genuine friendship I feel for each of them. They have served the men and women of Texas' 8th Congressional District in an extraordinary way.

Today, I want to thank one member of my staff—Cyndy Wilkinson, a counsel with the House Telecommunications and Finance Subcommittee, who formerly served as chief minority counsel on the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, on which I was the ranking minority member.

A native of Galveston, TX, Cyndy is a 1970 graduate of Lamar University. She graduated with honors from the Potomac School of Law, where she attended classes at night while working on Capitol Hill during the day.

Cyndy has a long and distinguished record of service on Capitol Hill, having served on the

staffs of U.S. Reps, Jack Brooks, D-TX, from 1970 to 1971, and Mario Biaggi D-NY, from 1971 to 1978 prior to joining the staff of the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee.

On the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, Cyndy's knowledge of, and advice on, maritime and environmental issues was widely respected by Democratic and Republican members of the committee. Indeed, she served as a member of the Democratic committee staff in a variety of capacities from 1978 to 1993. In 1993, she joined the Republican staff as minority chief counsel.

In her various capacities, she worked to pass the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, which greatly enhanced the Nation's ability to prevent and respond to oil spills and other threats to our maritime environment. She also worked to reform the Endangered Species Act, enhance private property rights related to Federal wetlands regulations, and promote cruise ship safety. Her breadth of knowledge of maritime and maritime-related issues, her keen political acumen, and her eagerness to achieve consensus on vital issues affecting the maritime industry won her many friends in the merchant marine industry, including management and labor, and among Coast Guard officials.

In the 104th Congress, when I assumed the chairmanship of the House Telecommunications and Finance Subcommittee, I asked Cyndy to become a counsel on the House Commerce Committee. In that position she has worked on legislation to reform public broadcasting, and reduce its reliance on Federal funding. Due to Cyndy's hard work, public broadcasters reached an agreement for the first time ever on a legislative proposal to make their industry more financially self-reliant.

Cyndy is one of those hard-working men and women who make all of us in this institution look better than we deserve. I know she has done that for me, and I appreciate this opportunity to publicly thank her for the dedication, loyalty, and professionalism she has exhibited throughout the time I have worked with her.

Cyndy's future plans after I retire are as yet uncertain, but knowing her as well as I do, I am confident that the skills and professionalism she has demonstrated in the past will lead to continued success in the future.

Mr. Speaker, I know you join with me in saying thank you to Cyndy Wilkinson for her loyal service to me, to the men and women of Texas' 8th Congressional District, and to this great institution. And I know you join with me today in wishing Cyndy a very happy birthday.

TRIBUTE TO DONALD MATTEO

HON. SAM GEJDENSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 1996

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay special tribute to Mr. Donald Matteo, the executive director of the submarine directorate of the Naval Sea Systems Command. On the occasion of his retirement, I ask that you and the other Members of this distinguished body, join me to pay special tribute to his extraordinary achievements in the service of our great Nation.

Don Matteo manages our Nation's most critical strategic, tactical, and special purpose

programs—the design, acquisition, maintenance, and modernization of the Navy's attack and strategic submarines and deep submergence systems. His contributions to the Navy span a civil service career of over 36 years, 15 of which have been as a member of the Senior Executive Service.

Don Matteo has been honored with numerous impressive awards. He is the recipient of the Presidential Distinguished Executive Award, and has been honored on many occasions with the Presidential Meritorious Rank Award, the Navy Superior Civilian Service Award, and the Navy Special Act or Service Award.

A native of Brooklyn, NY, Don is a graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. He began his civil service career as a marine engineer at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. During the course of his distinguished career, Don Served as the program manager for acquisition of the SSBN-726 class trident submarines, and as the program manager for acquisition of SSN-688 Los Angeles class attack submarines. Don Matteo's leadership has been central to the tremendous success of our Nation's strategic and fast attack submarines. His expertise and innovative approaches to both management and technical issues continue to manifest themselves in the cost effectiveness and quality of Navy programs and products.

Don Matteo provided a major contribution to the successful termination of cold war hostilities. He worked closely in negotiations with numerous government agencies, and in collaborative operations with representatives at the highest levels of international navies and the defense communities. His cooperation with our allies, including the British, Australian, and Egyptian navies, set the tone for an emerging new era of peace. His vision and personal efforts to maximize the submarine strategic deterrence mission helped facilitate the Strategic Arms Reduction Talks [START] and the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks [SALT] Accords.

Don Matteo epitomizes the best of a modern executive. The high regard in which he is held throughout the Defense establishment and in private industry marks Don as one of our most effective and respected Navy civilian leaders. He is known throughout the Department of Defense for his technical expertise and insightful leadership. He has inspired and mentored many executives, and is a highly respected role model for many young managers. Don has led the way in achieving the goals of the President's National Performance Review. He was on the forefront of Navy initiatives to rightsize the submarine community to meet changing national strategic goals, while minimizing adverse effects.

Mr. Speaker, during the course of his career, Don Matteo has faced tremendous engineering, technical, and fiscal challenges. His leadership and personal fortitude have been central to the operational effectiveness and reliability of all submarines, and to our national security strategy which they enable and support. The recent highly successful maiden voyage of the PCU *Seawolf*, the first of a new class of attack submarines to set sail in over 20 years, is but one example of the results of the tremendous leadership of Don Matteo. Although he will be sorely missed in the Department of Defense, Don Matteo's vision, leadership, and personal style will continue to have a great impact in our Navy, and on our Nation for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my colleagues and the citizens of this great country, I am proud to have the opportunity to honor Mr. Donald Matteo on this momentous occasion with Bravo Zulu for a job well done. I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me to wish Mr. Matteo "Fair Winds and Following Seas" as he begins his next voyage.

IN HONOR OF MAY DEL RIO

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 1996

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I join you here today to tell you that an era is coming to an end. For the last 30 years, May Del Rio has been on the frontlines of the battle to protect women's reproductive rights. She has been a leader in this fight on both the national and local levels. Next month, May will retire from Planned Parenthood-New York City.

I would like to congratulate May on her incredible career—a career that has literally made the difference between American women having access to safe, legal abortions and being forced to the back alley. I have to admit, though, that my happiness for May is tinged by a little sadness. I will miss working with her. In addition to being a valued colleague in the fight for the right to choose, May is also someone that I have come to know as a friend.

Anyone who has had the honor of spending time with May will tell you that her great gift—aside from her obvious intelligence, tenacity and with—is her warmth. May has an incredible spirit, and she radiates with kindness and enthusiasm. No wonder May has been so successful at lobbying, what legislator could say no to her?

May began her work on behalf of reproductive rights in 1965, when abortion was still illegal. She tells me that one of her proudest and happiest days was April 9, 1970. She was in the gallery of the New York State Legislature when the bill legalizing abortion in New York was passed. That day was the fruition of years of work for May, and the beginning of a new mission for her—assuring that every woman had access to that hard-won right.

May has worked for Planned Parenthood for the past 18 years. She began working at Planned Parenthood-New York City as its director of public issues and action in 1978. In that role, she lobbied legislators in both Albany and Washington to raise funds for family planning services and to assure that poor women had access to abortion services. In 1989, May moved to Planned Parenthood Federation of America as the national director of field operations.

Eventually, May returned to Planned Parenthood-New York City as vice president of public affairs. There, she has continued to fight on behalf of a women's right to obtain safe, affordable, and legal reproductive health services—including abortion. May has spent a lifetime protecting the rights of American women. Those of us who have had the honor of working with her will miss her greatly, and we wish her nothing but the best in her future endeavors.

KIWANIS CLUB OF LA GRANGE CELEBRATES 70TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 1996

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding community service organization in my congressional district, the Kiwanis Club of La Grange on its 70th anniversary.

From its beginnings on a May night at the old Masonic Temple on La Grange Road 70 years ago, the Kiwanis Club of La Grange has grown with its community during the last seven decades.

The club, sponsored by the Berwyn Kiwanis Club, was organized by 42 people, including some of La Grange's leading citizens, on April 15, 1926. On May 11, 300 Kiwanians from as far away as DeKalb attended a charter night celebration at the Masonic Temple. Otis Townsley was elected the club's first president. Over the years, individuals from numerous professional backgrounds have served the club stop post.

Soon after the club was established, it made its first contribution to the community, \$25 to the La Grange Civic Club for its village beautification program. Philanthropy has been the cornerstone of the club ever since as La Grange Kiwanis has plowed more than half a million dollars into worthy causes in its 70 years. Starting in 1928, with the club's decision to establish a milk fund for needy children served by the La Grange Community Nurse and Service Association, much of Kiwanis' charitable efforts have been directed to the young people of the area.

As the club grew, so did its fundraising projects. In 1951, on its 25th anniversary, La Grange Kiwanis held its first Pancake Day. This event raised \$1,800 for community projects. Pancake Day has grown into one of the top community events in La Grange each year, and along with Peanut Day, is the club's top fundraiser.

In 1976, the club purchased an empty lot at La Grange Road and Elm Avenue and developed a park for the entire community to enjoy. It has been used for weddings, parties, and quiet reflection.

The club went through many changes over the years, but has always grown stronger. Perhaps the biggest change occurred in 1987 when Kiwanis initiated its first woman member of the club, Lee Welker of La Grange, who had served as club secretary for many years.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Kiwanis Club of La Grange on 70 years of service to its community.

TRIBUTE TO RETIRING MARINE CORPS MAJ. WALLACE W. HILLS

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 1996

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Marine Corps Maj. Wallace W. Hills, of Albany, NY, who is retiring this August after a 19-year career. Major Hills has served his country with honor and dedicated service