

to drive it." Phil replied, "I know how to drive it Grandpa. I just don't know how to stop." Well, Grandpa just loved that. He would appreciate the humor in life.

Grandpa was a man who, in his own humble way, walked with God. When he drove a combine into a new field, he would make the sign of the cross. He is with God now. The monument to Thomas Francis Corcoran is his contribution to our collective spirit, his place in the hearts and minds of the family and friends and neighbors gathered here in prayer. In a world where so many forces work to keep us all apart, memories of him bind us together. What greater legacy from a decent and a fine man.

M. EVAN CORCORAN,
Ottawa, IL.

HONORING THREE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL TEAMS

HON. CHARLIE NORWOOD

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 1, 1996

Mr. NORWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to bring to your attention three Georgia high school championship football teams from my district. T.W. Josey High School won the group AAA championship. The Eagles were undefeated, going 15-0 under Coach John Starr. Elbert County High School won the group AA championship. The Blue Devils finished the year 14-1 under Coach Tom McFerrin. Lincoln County High School won the group A championship. The Red Devils were undefeated, going 15-0 under Coach Larry Campbell. I am very proud of the efforts of these young men, their coaches, teachers, and the communities that supported them. They are a credit to the State of Georgia.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to herald the accomplishments of these three champions.

SALUTING COACH NEAL QUILLIN AND THE HUMBLE WILDCATS ON ANOTHER GREAT SEASON

HON. JACK FIELDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 1, 1996

Mr. FIELDS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the 1995 football season was yet another outstanding season for the Humble High School Wildcats. The same "experts" who predicted that Humble would finish seventh in their district in 1994—only to see them win the District 21-5A championship—were again proven wrong last year. Humble, predicted to finish fifth in their district in 1995, instead fought their way to a 9-4-2 record, ending their season in a Division II state semi-final game.

Coach Neal Quillin and the members of the Humble Wildcats football team have earned the gratitude of their community and fans, and have earned the respect not only of their opponents, but of high school football "experts" as well. As an Humble native, and a graduate of Humble High School, I want to take a moment to salute the remarkable success of the Humble High School Wildcat football team this past season.

The Wildcats began the 1995 season on a low note—a 24-21 loss to Baytown Sterling,

before recovering to defeat Katy Taylor 27-23. A narrow 21-20 loss to Westfield followed before the Wildcats defeated MacArthur 28-7; defeated Aldine 26-7; tied Spring 24-24; and defeated Kingwood 20-3.

Next, Humble lost to Eisenhower 42-20—putting the Wildcats in a must-win situation to secure a playoff spot. The Wildcats were up to the challenge; in their regular-season finale, they defeated Nimitz 23-7, winning a place in post-season play.

In the playoffs, the Wildcats, and their coaching staff, showed what they were made of. They defeated Baytown Lee 17-14, overcoming the area's number one-ranked offense. Next, they tied Texas City 21-21, before going on to defeat Madison 20-7, and Elkins, 9-5.

While the Wildcats' 17-7 loss to San Antonio Roosevelt was disappointing, Humble's players and coaching staff demonstrated last year what they demonstrated the year before: that the experts' mediocre expectations can be exceeded through hard work, dedication, teamwork and planning.

In addition, to the outstanding record compiled last year by the Wildcats, I want to point out that last year's season also saw Coach Quillin achieve his 100th career victory—a testament to his coaching skills.

In the Wildcats' third-round playoff game against Madison, the 17-5A champions—a game held in Houston Astrodome—Humble quarterback Steve O'Neill showed just how talented he is. In that game, O'Neill passed for 92 yards, rushed for 141 yards, and caught two critical passes. His performance in that game impressed even those who were already familiar with his playing skills earlier in the season.

While those of us who cheer for the Humble Wildcats were disappointed by their loss to San Antonio Roosevelt, we remember that during their five-game playoff run, the Wildcats won bidistrict, area and regional championships. And that's not bad for a team picked to finish fifth in their district!

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me to do this little hometown boasting. I know you join with me in congratulating the Humble Wildcats and their coaching staff on a truly remarkable 1995 football season, and in wishing them continued success on an off the field in the years ahead. They have made all of us proud of their accomplishments, and to them we say "thank you."

SMALL BUSINESS EXPORT WORK- ING CAPITAL ENHANCEMENT ACT

HON. JOHN ELIAS BALDACCI

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 1, 1996

Mr. BALDACCI. Mr. Speaker, as a small businessman, I am acutely aware of the fact that small businesses are the engines that drive our Nation's economy. I also recognize that these businesses often need assistance so that they can expand and increase employment.

As part of their efforts to expand, many small businesses have begun to recognize the potential of markets outside of the United States. In fact, the percentage of small firms involved in exporting is projected to increase

from 23 percent to 33 percent by the year 2005. Realizing the potential of foreign markets, delegates to the White House Conference on Small Business recommended that the Federal Government provide export assistance to small businesses, and make export finance more available to these firms through Federal guarantees.

Currently, the Small Business Administration has a short-term financing program for export transactions. The SBA's Export Working Capital Program, which works in conjunction with the Export-Import Bank, provides loan guarantees to finance small business exports. Until last year, the SBA and the Eximbank harmonized their export loan programs to ensure that all borrowers would have the same loan terms. Both provided a 90 percent guarantee rate on loans. Businesses seeking to borrow less than \$750,000 would apply for an SBA guaranty. Those seeking more than \$750,000 would deal with the Eximbank. Unfortunately, the SBA guarantee rate was reduced in small business legislation we enacted last year. As a result, a disparity has been created between the guarantee rate offered to small businesses by the SBA, and the rate offered to larger businesses by the Eximbank. This will likely have a chilling effect on small business lenders who will have to incur greater risk in financing small business exports.

Mr. Speaker, that is why I am introducing legislation today to restore the 90 percent guarantee rate for small businesses who finance their export transactions through the SBA's Export Working Capital Program. My bill will place small businesses back on a level playing field with larger businesses. This is only fair.

Exporting can be a very lucrative business for many of these firms. It's also beneficial for our Nation's economy. The Labor Department Estimates that for every \$1 billion in increased trade, 20,000 manufacturing jobs and 40,000-60,000 service and support jobs are created. Moreover, wages are 22 percent higher on exported goods.

I don't believe anyone in this Chamber would intentionally discriminate against small businesses who wish to export their products. That is why it is important that we restore the 90 percent guaranty rate to the Export Working Capital Program.

The SBA has been invaluable in helping small businesses enter international markets. Nationally, exporters received a total of 1,161 loan from the SBA for more than \$481 million in fiscal year 1994. It is imperative that we continue to help the SBA help on small businesses through the Export Working Capital Program. I urge my colleagues to show their support for small business exports by cosponsoring this legislation.

IN RECOGNITION OF ARMSTRONG WORLD INDUSTRIES OF MARIETTA

HON. GEORGE W. GEKAS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 1, 1996

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, last April, Americans were horrified by the image of a bombed-out courthouse in Oklahoma City. We prayed that the tired heroes working day and night in the rubble would find more victims

alive, and return them safely to their worried families.

Nearly a year after the tragedy, there are still heroes working to heal the wounds of Oklahoma City. One such hero is a well-known business in central Pennsylvania, Armstrong World Industries of Marietta.

In January, the Marietta plant donated 40,000 square feet of Armstrong ceiling tiles to assist in the rebuilding of the Federal courthouse in Oklahoma City. This generous gift was delivered to the director of the Oklahoma City Customer Service Center of the General Services Administration.

Armstrong World Industries is a shining example of the charitable spirit that so exemplifies central Pennsylvania. It is this spirit that overcomes tragedies and brings people together as a community and a nation.

I am extremely proud of the efforts of the Marietta plant and its workers to help their fellow Americans in Oklahoma City. I am certain their generosity will not soon be forgotten.

TRIBUTE TO CLAIR A. HILL

HON. WALLY HERGER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 1, 1996

Mr. HERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning, to recognize Clair A. Hill, an outstanding leader in the State of California.

Mr. Hill has been an active public servant in northern California for 30 years and has served as chairman of the California Water Commission, a director of the California Chamber of Commerce and an active member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

His dedication to the balanced management of California's water supply was recognized by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in its citizen award to him for outstanding lifelong commitment to the wise use and development of California's water resources.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to submit for the RECORD the following written tribute to Mr. Hill in recognition of his distinguished public service and his extraordinary efforts to improve California water management. Thank you.

IN RECOGNITION OF CLAIR A. HILL FOR EXTRAORDINARY PUBLIC SERVICE

Whereas, Clair A. Hill is leaving the California Water Commission after 30 years of public service on that body, his tenure having spanned the terms of seven governors; and

Whereas, Mr. Hill began his service on the California Water Commission in 1949, when it was then known as the State Water Resources Board, and has ably served as Vice-Chair and Chair of that body; and

Whereas, His interest in, and dedication to, multi-purposes coordinated management of California's water supply was recognized by U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in its Citizen Award to him for "outstanding lifelong commitment to the wise use and development of California's water resources"; and

Whereas, Mr. Hill's history of involvement in water resources management at the statewide level is demonstrated by his long association with the California Water Plan. In 1957, he signed the State Water Resources Board's letter transmitting Department of Water Resources Bulletin 3, the first California water plan. In his most recent term on the California Water Commission, he participated in the Commission public hearing on the latest update of the plan; and

Whereas, As fishery issues have increasingly become an important component of water resources management, Mr. Hill has represented the California Water Commission before Congress and before federal agencies to seek funding for needed federal fishery restoration projects; and

Whereas, Mr. Hill has been a lifelong resident of northern California, having been founder and present of the Redding engineering firm of Clair A. Hill and Associates, now grown to the international firm of CH2MHill. In addition to his participation on the California Water Commission, he has served as a director of the California Chamber of Commerce and has been involved with the American Society of Civil Engineers; and

Whereas, Mr. Hill's wealth of knowledge on California water resources management and long experience in helping the State meet its water supply needs have made him an invaluable asset to the Water Commission;

Now, Therefore, I express my sincere thanks to Mr. Hill for his service to the people of California and of the Nation, and commend him for his personal and professional contributions throughout his career to helping improve California water management.

WALLY HERGER.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN E. KUMPF

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 1, 1996

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great deal of personal pleasure that I recognize the major accomplishments of an individual who dedicated his career to serving the interests of our country, Mr. John E. Kumpf.

Mr. Kumpf, who has been a resident of Dallas, TX, for the past 23 years, distinguished himself as a fighter pilot from 1950 to 1954. He was a member of the 25th Interceptor Squadron and flew an F-86 Sabre jet during the Korean war. Mr. Kumpf flew over 100 air combat and support missions from his base of operations at Suwon, Korea. For his dedicated efforts during this campaign, Mr. Kumpf received the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three clusters. He continued in the U.S. Air Force until December 1954 when he received an honorable discharge as a captain. Mr. Kumpf continued to serve his country for 20 years through the U.S. Air Force Reserve as a pilot and public information officer, retiring as a lieutenant colonel.

After Korea, he continued his career in the defense sector by joining Sperry Rand Corp. in 1956. He served them admirably in public relations and marketing for 16 years in his hometown of Minneapolis, MN.

In 1972, he joined E-Systems, in Dallas, TX, as director of public relations and later as vice president, corporate communications. He directed the annual U.S. savings bonds drive to solicit employees to buy U.S. savings bonds through payroll deduction. As a result, over a 23-year period, E-Systems employees have purchased more than \$110 million of U.S. savings bonds.

In summary, Mr. Kumpf merits our thanks and tribute for the outstanding contribution he has made to his country. My personal thanks and extraordinary citizen and constituent.

TRIBUTE TO GENERAL D.O. GRAHAM

HON. DANA ROHRBACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 1, 1996

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Mr. Speaker, Gen. Daniel Graham's service to this country has been matched by few Americans. As a tribute to him and his achievements, I would like to submit for the RECORD, a letter that Speaker NEWT GINGRICH wrote to General Graham last year, and General Graham's obituary as it appeared in the January 3, 1996, edition of the New York Times.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, May 10, 1995.

DEAR DAN: I am sorry I am not able to join you this evening. However, I do not want my appreciation of your achievements to go unstated.

Your contributions to U.S. national security and the U.S. space program are exceptionally well known in Congress. As Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, your unflinching analysis of Soviet capabilities and intentions reminded us that the Soviet Union was an unfailing adversary that wished the United States immense harm. Your fortitude in telling elected officials the cold, hard truth, even when they sometimes did not want to hear it, served as a guidepost by which we could reorient U.S. foreign policy and win the Cold War.

Even in retirement, General Graham, you were dedicated and forward-thinking which you proved by founding High Frontier, a citizen's organization dedicated to leading the United States towards a secure future in space. Your leadership helped President Reagan launch the Strategic Defense Initiative, which has brought us ever closer to ending the threat of nuclear annihilation. However, you were not satisfied to simply improve national security, but you led High Frontier and its sister organization, the Space Transportation Association, to creatively think about the U.S. future in space. Today, under your care and instruction, these two organizations are among the most creative sources of thinking on developing outer space as a national resource. The X-33 program to create a reusable rocket that dramatically lowers the cost of access to space, for example, would not be happening today without the contributions of you and your colleagues.

In closing, I can only say thank you for your past service in the Cold War and your wonderful contributions to America's future. In formulating a vision for space development, you planted, watered, and nurtured a seed that is growing as we speak and will one day surpass our wildest imagination. Thank you Lieutenant General Daniel O. Graham for helping save America.

Your friend,

NEWT GINGRICH.

[From the New York Times, Jan. 3, 1996]

D.O. GRAHAM, 70, CREATOR OF 'STAR WARS' DEFENSE

(By Steve Lohr)

Lieut. Gen. Daniel O. Graham, one of the leading architects of President Ronald Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative, also known as "Star Wars," died on Sunday at his home in Arlington, Va. He was 70.

General Graham died of colon cancer, Brig. Gen. Robert Richardson 3d, a friend and longtime colleague, said yesterday.

While others, including Dr. Edward Teller, played roles in getting the Reagan Administration to adopt the Star Wars plan to shield