

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT FOERSTER  
ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 1996*

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Colonel Robert Y. Foerster, an outstanding individual and a fine soldier, who is entering civilian life after a distinguished career in the United States Air Force.

Since August of 1990, Robert Foerster has served as Director of Admissions for the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. Robert has worked tirelessly assisting candidates and their families as well as Congressional staff members to work within the USAFA Admissions process to identify, nominate and offer appointments to a select few of the best and the brightest of our high school seniors.

Robert Foerster is a Baltimore native. Robert graduated from University Military School in Mobile, AL in 1960 and after one year at Michigan State, entered the U.S. Air Force Academy. Upon graduation from the Academy, he was commissioned a second lieutenant and entered pilot training in Texas. Colonel Foerster earned a master's degree in business administration from Inter American University, Puerto Rico, in 1971. He attended Squadron Officer School in 1972, the Naval College of Command and Staff in 1976, and the National War College in 1980.

Robert Foerster has received numerous military decorations, including the Legion of Merit with three oak leaf clusters, Distinguished Flying Cross with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Air Medal with five oak leaf clusters, and Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster.

Mr. Speaker, Robert Foerster's distinguished military service is a model of patriotism and citizenship. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Robert, his wife Sheila, his daughters Janet, Leslie, Katrina and his son Mark well as the Foerster family begins this new chapter in their lives.

May they fully enjoy the blessings of peace and freedom that Robert Foerster has so ably defended as an officer in the United States Air Force.

SALUTE TO GIRL SCOUT CHRISTY  
WILEY

HON. SHERWOOD L. BOEHLERT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 1996*

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to salute an outstanding young woman who has been honored with the Girl Scout Gold Award by Foothills Girl Scout Council in Utica, New York. She is Christy Willey of Girl Scout Troop 429. She is being honored on August 1, 1996 for earning the highest achievement award in U.S. Girl Scouting. The Girl Scout Gold Award symbolizes outstanding accomplishments in the areas of leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development. The award can be earned by a girl aged 14–17, or in grades 9–12.

Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., an organization serving over 2.5 million girls, has awarded more than 20,000 Girl Scout Gold Awards to Senior Girl Scouts since the inception of the program in 1980. To receive the award, a Girl Scout must earn four interest project patches, the Career Exploration Pin, the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, and the Senior Girl Scout Challenge, as well as design and implement a Girl Scout Gold Award project. A plan for fulfilling these requirements is created by the Senior Girl Scout and is carried out through close cooperation between the girl and an adult Girl Scout volunteer.

As a member of Foothills Girl Scout Council, Christy began working toward the Girl Scout Gold Award in 1994. She completed her project in the areas of Adapted Aquatics and Water Safety, and I believe she should receive the public recognition due her for this significant service to her community and her country.

MAHARISHI UNIVERSITY OF MANAGEMENT  
CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JIM LIGHTFOOT

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 1996*

Mr. LIGHTFOOT. Mr. Speaker, this year the Maharishi University of Management in Fairfield, IA, is celebrating its Silver Jubilee. The University was founded in 1971 by Maharishi Mahesh Yogi as Maharishi International University. In 1995, the original name was changed to Maharishi University of Management "to emphasize the importance of students' gaining the complete knowledge and experience of how to successfully manage all areas of life, both personal and professional." I congratulate the university on this milestone and as requested ask that the following be placed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

HIGHLIGHTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Maharishi University of Management was granted bachelor's and master's accreditation from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCACS) in 1980, and doctoral accreditation in 1982. Now, in its Silver Jubilee Year, the University is establishing itself as a truly global institution.

The rigorous and innovative curriculum offers academic excellence, development of consciousness and creativity, and a high quality of life, preparing students from all over the world to be leaders of their professions and their nations—competent to manage any challenge and to create a prosperous, progressive and peaceful world.

The research of its distinguished faculty has gained international recognition; faculty publish or present over 100 papers a year, many in prestigious referred journals. The University and faculty have received over 155 grants and contact totaling \$18.3 million since 1977 from federal, state, and private sources, supporting research, development of new academic programs and infrastructure, endowment, and fellowships.

Graduates are enjoying successful careers in business, education, law, high technology, the health care professions, the arts, and the sciences. Of its 2,888 graduates, alumni have been accepted by over 130 graduate and professional schools, and have been hired by many leading corporations and institutions, or have become entrepreneurs founding their

own highly successful companies. Many have established businesses in Iowa, contributing to the economic development of the state. Alumni are achieving a level of success higher than national norms as measured by their salaries.

Students achieve high scores on national examinations, and awards and prizes in competitions in art, literature, computer science, writing, management, and mathematics. The University's internship programs give students practical, professional training as part of their academic studies.

Consciousness Based Approach to Education. While students excel in a full range of traditional academic disciplines, they also develop their consciousness and unfold their full creative potential through systematic programs including the Maharishi Transcendental Meditation® and TM-Sidhi® program, including Yogic Flying. Research finds that, as a result of this unique educational system, students grow in intelligence, orderliness in brain functioning, self-development and creativity. Their physical and mental health improves, and they display high moral development.

One of Maharishi University of Management's greatest and ongoing achievements is to create a measurable influence of coherence, harmony and peace for the U.S. and the world, through Maharishi's technologies of consciousness. The University is the world's leading center of research on this phenomenon, which is known as the Maharishi Effect.

The University has pioneered in the development, application, and research on prevention-oriented health approaches for maintaining good physical and mental health throughout life.

Hundreds of students in India are currently enrolling in the University's distance education MBA programs, via videotaped courses, telephone conferencing, and the Internet.

Students at Maharishi School of the Age of Enlightenment, Maharishi University of Management's successful primary and secondary school, have won many Iowa state championships and awards in drama, history, science, creativity, spelling, and tennis; the school's classes characteristically score in the 95th percentile and above on standardized tests.

Since 1974, the Maharishi University of Management has been fortunate to find a home in the City of Fairfield, IA, a community rich in the natural beauty, dynamism, and good-heartedness typical of America's heartland. People from all over the world have been drawn to Fairfield because of the University's academic excellence, quality of life, and unique programs for the development of consciousness. The University has promoted very fruitful partnerships for progress in the community, working with the Fairfield Area Chamber of Commerce and the Fairfield Economic Development Association to attract and develop new businesses in the area, especially in high tech areas such as computer software and communications. Maharishi University of Management has contributed greatly to this vital and growing community, which the Honorable Terry Branstad, Governor of Iowa, has called the "economic superstar of Iowa."

It is evident by the above that the faculty, students, alumni, and community are proud of their contribution to our State, Nation, and world. I hope all will join me in offering warmest congratulations to Maharishi University of Management and to its founder, Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, on its upcoming Silver Jubilee celebration on September 12, 1996.