

the greatest use and provide the greatest benefit to the community.

As a supporter of both the Tasman and BART projects since coming to Congress almost 4 years ago, it is gratifying to have my colleagues recognize the value of these efforts and support the funding necessary to make them a reality.

TRIBUTE TO HARRIET FRANCES  
"BITA" LEE

HON. JOE SKEEN

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. SKEEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak of the accomplishments of a fellow New Mexican, rancher and a friend: Harriet Frances Lee. Harriet, better known as Bita, will be posthumously honored on this November 1, 1996, by being inducted into the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame.

The National Cowgirl Hall of Fame is a cultural and heritage museum which originated in Hereford, TX, in 1975. Now located in the heart of Fort Worth, this national hall of fame was formed in order to immortalize the women who embody the spirit of the West. From artist to rancher, each year the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame selects four women who have significantly contributed to the heritage of the West.

Last year alone, over 600 applicants were considered for the four positions. Nominated by a longtime family friend, Dr. Margaret Iden, Bita was selected to join women already inducted into the hall of fame; women such as Sacajawea, Patsy Cline, Dale Evens, Annie Oakley, and our fellow New Mexican, Georgia O'Keeffe.

Along with biographies of fellow hall of fame inductees, the museum includes historical and personal mementos of the West and the women who exemplified its strength.

Among Bita's mementos in the museum there may be a lasso, a tiny pair of boots and spurs, or a piece of turquoise. All of these items could be found on Bita at any time of the day. She was tiny in stature, but could organize and work over 250,000 acres with the force of someone twice her size.

A talented rider, Bita loved to rope and work with palominos and quarter horses. Bita also loved the sheep industry. The June marking of the lambs and the April shearing events were always important to Bita. She could be described as salt of the Earth; never wanting for frills or extravagance, loving and respectful of animals and her land. Bita often made her own furniture, always liked working with her hands, and was caring of her dogs, cats, or—on occasion—raccoons.

Bita also took a great interest in family. A fraternal twin, she and her brother, Harry—or Bito—had worked side by side to help their parents operate the ranch through drought and economic hard times. Before and after her brother's untimely death, she took great interest in her nephews, Floyd and Harry, and her niece, Marron. Bita worked hard, helping them understand the importance of ranching and family. Furthermore, with Bita's help, her nephew Floyd learned how to ride and rope; Harry learned to work with his hands; and, Marron learned to appreciate poetry. In other

words, she helped guide a new generation of Western ranchers.

Bita was a rancher from her birth in 1928, to her death in 1991. Bita was college educated; she could fly a plane; she could ride a horse with grace; she could rope the craftiest of calves; she could write poetry with humor; she could punch cattle; she could shear sheep; and, she always remained a strong and proud woman of New Mexico and the West. I am happy to salute Bita in this manner, and I am pleased to have recommended her to membership in the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame.

ANSWERING AMERICA'S CALL

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, each year the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and its ladies auxiliary conduct the national voice of democracy broadcast scriptwriting contest. This past year more than 116,000 secondary school students participated in the contest competing for the 54 national scholarships totaling more than \$118,000, which was distributed among the winners. The patriotic theme for this year's contest was answering America's call.

I am proud to share with my colleagues the winning script of Sherri Barrier, my constituent from the 10th District of Virginia, the winner for the State of Virginia. Sherri, a junior at Luray High School, is the recipient of the \$1,000 U.S.S. *Battleship Maine* Memorial Scholarship Award for her winning essay. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Barrier, she plans a career as a surgeon and was sponsored in the contest by VFW Post 621 in Luray, VA.

ANSWERING AMERICA'S CALL

Somebody, get the phone. If it's Johnny, tell him I'm not home. If it's Elena, tell her I'll call her back. It's my country? I'm washing my hair, can you take a message? It's my country? What was the message? Responsibility. That's all? Anything else? Responsibility for myself, responsibility for others, and responsibility for my country?

Responsibility for myself: What does personal responsibility mean? Well, I guess one thing it could mean is to take responsibility for my values. Good values are important. My country relies on me to set standards for myself, and to uphold them. Education is a responsibility as well. I need to motivate myself to reach my maximum scholastic potential. Another is to set reachable goals that I can strive to achieve. I'm responsible for my future, and need to be all I can be. Yes, I also have to assume the task of being a leader, and not just a follower. My country depends on me to serve as a role model for others, and to possess certain leadership qualities pertinent to being a good citizen.

Responsibility for others: What responsibility for others do I have? Helping to prevent violence is a definite responsibility. I'm in charge of the way I act toward others. This means I have to regulate my behavior and need to help others use anger in a positive way before restoring to violence. I also have to be sensitive to racial issues. "All men are created equal," the Declaration of Independence states. It's up to me to refrain from discriminating against anyone, and to keep peace in the society. I also need to be aware of the drug problem in this country. I

can dissuade friends from the use of drugs and show evident disgust with those who take drugs. I can also project a great influence on my friends. I could help them by giving good advice and by raising my standards in hope they will do the same.

Responsibility for my country: What responsibilities do I have for my country? Only I can involve myself in the government. I am able to do this by voting which gives me a chance to express my opinion on candidates and issues. Responsibility lies with me to be informed about world issues affecting our government. Building a better society is up to every individual. Even though I am only one person, I can convince others to accept their responsibilities. Together, we can ensure that America has a bright future and make this country an even better place to live. Wow! I didn't realize how much responsibility America entrusts in me. Our country depends on its youth to take responsibility and answer America's call.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR SOUTHDOWN  
TOWN POLICE CHIEF STANLEY  
DROSKOSKI FOR 32 YEARS OF  
DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE  
PEOPLE OF SOUTHDOWN

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Southold Town Police Chief Stanley Droskoski for his 32 years of dedicated service to the people of Southold, Long Island, NY.

It is with great sincerity that I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Chief Droskoski on his retirement from Southold's police department. This great Nation's police forces are the backbone in maintaining a civil society in which to live and work, and safeguard us by protecting ourselves and our property that we, as a society, value so greatly. Our policemen and women also serve as role models for our youngsters, helping to instill in them a sense of pride and respect for their town, county, State and country. For Chief Droskoski, he has proudly taken on these responsibilities and turned them into personal accomplishments.

Beginning 32 years of distinguished service on May 30, 1964, Chief Droskoski steadily moved up the ranks, serving first as a patrol officer before becoming a detective, sergeant, and then lieutenant. He took over the reins as police chief on January 2, 1990, and served in that capacity until his retirement became effective on May 31, 1996. Joining him to enjoy his retirement is his wife of 40 years, Patricia, and his three children, Mark, Cheryl, and Chrissie, along with four grandchildren.

Too often, we take the services of our many dedicated police officers for granted. Police work is the type of employ where everyday achievements often go unnoticed, and where common mistakes seem highlighted. Chief Droskoski has proven himself over the years to be a man of honor and conviction by spending most of his adult life serving the public and aiding the development of this Nation, by making the Southold community a better place to live. Through his leadership and his work ethic, Chief Droskoski has been a positive influence on his department's quest to

maintain a structured and balanced relationship between the police and the community they serve. I applaud him on his successful efforts in this regard, and the many benefits they have brought to Southold.

As citizens of this free and prosperous Nation, all Americans owe our local police officers a tremendous debt of gratitude for the sacrifices they have endured and the efforts they have made on our behalf. Please join me in saluting Police Chief Stanley Droskoski for all he has done for the people of the town of Southold.

Congratulations for your 32 years of service and, on behalf of the entire Congress, I wish you a long, healthy, and happy retirement.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE TOM BEVILL AND THE HONORABLE GLEN BROWDER

SPEECH OF

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 18, 1996*

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the gentleman from Alabama, Mr. TOM BEVILL, who has honorably served the residents of Alabama's Fourth District for the past 30 years as their Representative in the United States Congress.

Mr. BEVILL first served our country in the U.S. Army during World War II. A few years later, he began representing Alabama citizens in the Alabama House of Representatives, where he served for 8 years.

Beginning in 1967, Mr. BEVILL has represented the northern region of Alabama in Congress. Through his years, Mr. BEVILL has earned the respect of his congressional colleagues and the public alike. Thanks to his efforts, many water and energy project ideas became a reality.

Mr. BEVILL's constituents appreciated his hard work and efforts, rewarding him with large reelection margins each time.

Over his years in Congress, Mr. BEVILL has truly been the distinguished gentleman from Alabama.

On behalf of the citizens of Wisconsin's Ninth District, I thank Mr. TOM BEVILL for his outstanding service to the United States.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE POLISH NATIONAL ALLIANCE—MILWAUKEE SOCIETY

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 19, 1996*

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Polish National Alliance—Milwaukee Society. I also congratulate my fellow members of the Milwaukee Society as they host the 50th annual Pulaski Day banquet.

Since 1921, the PNA Milwaukee Society has served as a leading and unifying force in the Milwaukee area's Polish-American community. The Milwaukee Society was formed with the idea of providing an opportunity for

members of the professions, business and community leaders to meet and work together on issues of concern to Polish-Americans and to our community at large.

As an active component of the Polish National Alliance, the Milwaukee Society has from its inception, been committed to the preservation and promotion of our Polish-American heritage. In addition to sponsoring numerous cultural, fraternal, and social activities however, the Milwaukee Society has coordinated a variety of worthwhile charitable efforts. These efforts have included an annual Christmas food basket distribution and several scholarship programs. Throughout the past 75 years, members of the Milwaukee Society have taken active and leading roles in a variety of organizations and endeavors. In recent years for example, members of the society assumed leadership positions in the effort to construct a Polish-American community center and to promote and coordinate Milwaukee's Polishfest.

On Friday, September 20, members of the Milwaukee Society will gather, as they have done for the past half century, to celebrate the annual Pulaski Day banquet. Our city's first Pulaski Day banquet was conducted in 1946 when members of the Milwaukee Society sought to honor the memory of the American Revolutionary War hero, Casimir Pulaski. Since then, the banquet has provided the Milwaukee Society with an annual opportunity to recognize those whose efforts have benefited the Polish-American community.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to congratulate member of the Milwaukee Society on the worthwhile work that they are doing and on the 75th anniversary of their outstanding organization.

HONORING ALBERT G. PEREZ FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. ESTEBAN EDWARD TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 19, 1996*

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend Albert G. Perez for his many years of selfless service to the residents of our community, and I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to this dedicated public servant.

Albert was born on December 25, 1931, in the town of Douglas, AR. After attending the University of Arizona, Albert moved to California. He has been a resident of South El Monte since 1965, working as a traffic electrical engineer for Cal Trans for 34 years. He was first elected to the South El Monte City Council in April 1972, and was appointed vice mayor 2 years later. In March 1975, he was appointed mayor for a 1-year term. He was re-elected to the city council in 1976 and 1980, and again appointed vice mayor in April 1980. Elected again to the city council in 1984, he was yet again vice mayor in 1985, and served as mayor for two consecutive terms in 1986 and 1988. He was appointed mayor in April 1995, for a 1-year term.

Albert has also served the community through his participation and membership in numerous organizations such as the California Contract Cities Association, the League of California Cities, the Mid Valley Manpower

Consortium, the Los Angeles County Sanitation District, the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee, the Southern California Joint Powers Insurance Authority, and the Good Will Industries. He is also a member of the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion.

For 10 years I had the distinct honor and privilege of representing South El Monte in the House. During that time, I worked closely with Albert on hundreds of issues and prospects to benefit the residents of South El Monte and the greater San Gabriel Valley. He is an exemplary public official and an accomplished advocate for the residents of South El Monte. I am proud to call him my friend.

Mr. Speaker, it is with honor that I ask my colleagues to rise with me to honor my friend of many years, Albert G. Perez, for his many years of service to our community.

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF BOROUGH OF FAIRFIELD, PA

HON. WILLIAM F. GOODLING

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 19, 1996*

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Borough of Fairfield, Adams County, PA located in my congressional district.

Nearly 250 years ago, John Miller of Castle County acquired land in Carroll's Delight, MD and quickly sold off lots for the purpose of agriculture. Upon his death, his son, William Miller, became proprietor of the plantation, and in 1801 had the land surveyed and plotted for a town to be known as Millerstown.

However, it was soon learned that a town of the same name already existed with a post office on the Juniata River. The town then changed its name to Fairfield where it continued to prosper and develop from 1801 until 1896 adding inhabitants, businesses, churches, and commerce alike. On October 12, 1896, the governing council held its first meeting officially establishing the town of Fairfield.

Today, the Borough of Fairfield remains a quiet community nestled in the foothills of the grand Appalachian Mountains. Its citizens continue to hold onto its founder's pioneering spirit as it moves into the 21st century. With self-reliance and good old-fashioned American values, the Borough of Fairfield is a model for small-town America.

Mayor Lewis and the residents of Fairfield, I salute you on your 100th anniversary.

HONORING A DEVOTED GENTLEMAN, EMORY NESTOR

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 19, 1996*

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, the essence of humanity is giving of one's self to help others in need, particularly in times of emergency. This philosophy is epitomized by the work of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul. And we all know that the success of any organization is ultimately tied to the efforts of the members of that organization. The Bay County Council of