

A PARTNERSHIP WORKING FOR
SACRAMENTO STUDENTS

HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a superlative example of the success which can result from partnerships between education and business.

In Sacramento, Encina High School and Sutter Health have forged a partnership to rethink the way students are prepared for life after school. The partnership has come to serve as a model for other schools and was a large factor in Encina High School's recognition by the U.S. Department of Education this year as one of the Nation's 10 New American High Schools.

This award recognized Encina's commitment to offer challenging academic standards for all students and demonstrates how new and innovative learning environments and career education opportunities can make a difference in helping all students achieve success.

At Encina High School, small academies provide students with a nurturing environment that enhances their ability to achieve. Each student enrolls in one of the five career academies that organize the academic curriculum around a career-related theme. This structure customizes learning to accommodate a variety of learning styles, interests, and life experiences.

The academies provide more one-on-one attention from adults, use technology appropriate to the course of study, and give students a better understanding of their field of interest by learning through doing in the classroom, in workplaces and through community service.

The 7-year-old Encina High School Health Academy, in partnership with Sutter Health, has been recognized as a national model program. It provides a rigorous academic education with a health care focus. The program has enhanced the school-to-work transition by offering students many work experience opportunities such as apprenticeships and summer jobs, so that students can see themselves as a part of a productive work environment. The Health Academy program has resulted in improved student attendance, improved student learning, a greater student interest in continuing education—90 percent of the first year's graduates entered college.

In addition to the Health Academy, Sutter has committed much more to the San Juan Unified School District. Sutter has established a health care link with the district, providing health care services for teens and pregnant minors, a physician and bilingual nurses to serve students and their families on school campuses, immunizations, medical screenings, and vision testing.

Sutter Health has provided exemplary leadership by modeling the benefits of school and business partnerships and by encouraging other businesses to reach out to schools, especially in tough economic times.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Encina High School and Sutter Health for their extraordinary success in this school and business partnership. This program illustrates a new approach to education

I hope more school districts across the Nation will strive to adopt.

SAVINGS BANK LIFE INSURANCE

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, Savings Bank Life Insurance [SBLI] was created as the brainchild of Louis Brandeis. The law allowed for the establishment of a system of over-the-counter life insurance sales through mutual savings banks in Massachusetts. Lower insurance costs resulted because of the elimination of commissions and other traditional selling expense. Similar laws were passed in New York and Connecticut.

Massachusetts has passed a law which consolidates SBLI into non-public stock insurance company, while still allowing for the sale of its product through Massachusetts banking institutions. The law provided that the total surplus of the prior SBL insurance departments was to be paid out to current policyholders as an additional policy dividend over a 12-year period. Tax legislation is needed to clarify the Tax Code to assure that the 12-year dividend payout is treated as a deductible policyholder dividend as opposed to a non-deductible redemption of any equity interest.

I have worked with Representatives JOHNSON and HOUGHTON to address this issue. Unfortunately, the committee on Ways and Means was unable to complete action on a legislative proposal. It was determined such a proposal is noncontroversial. I have contacted Chairman ARCHER and requested the Committee on Ways and Means address this issue next year. I would like to submit for the record my letter to Chairman ARCHER and Chairman Archer's response. I hope Congress will be able to address this issue next year.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, September 27, 1996.

Hon. BILL ARCHER,

Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN ARCHER: During the 104th session of Congress, I have contacted you about Savings Bank Life Insurance [SBLI]. Tax legislation is needed to clarify the tax code to assure that the 12-year dividend payout is treated as a deductible policyholder dividend as opposed to a non-deductible redemption of any equity interest.

I have worked with Representatives Johnson and Houghton on this issue. The Department of Treasury has indicated that it has not objection to the proposal. I realize the Committee on Ways and Means was unable to address this issue this year. I hope we can work together to address this issue as early as possible in the 105th Congress.

Thank you in advance for consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

RICHARD E. NEAL,
Member of Congress.

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS,

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, September 28, 1996.

Hon. RICHARD E. NEAL,

Rayburn HOB, Washington, DC.

DEAR RICHIE: Thank you for your letter of September 27, 1996 concerning the tax treatment of consolidations of life insurance departments of mutual savings banks.

I would be delighted to work with you next year, together with Representatives Johnson and Houghton, in attempting to resolve this issue. As you know, representatives of the U.S. Treasury testified before the Committee during July of 1995 that the Administration does not oppose the provision. Clearly, this provision merits a closer look, and I find it regrettable, as do you, that the Committee schedule has not permitted a review of this issue this year.

Again, I look forward to working with you next year.

With best personal regards,

BILL ARCHER,
*Chairman.*THE PINEDALE MANOR BOYS AND
GIRLS CLUB

HON. ROBERT C. SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. SCOTT. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Congressman HERB BATEMAN and myself, I would like to take this time to share with our colleagues an exciting private-public partnership in our hometown of Newport News, VA. This program, which will have its grand opening on September 30, 1996, is the brainchild of Mr. Earl Ferguson, president of Artcraft Companies.

Aircraft Companies has been instrumental in providing and renovating affordable housing for low-income families in Richmond, Roanoke, Williamsburg, Newport News and Norfolk. While performing these renovations, Mr. Ferguson found that many of the children who live in these areas are coming home after-school with little to occupy their free time. As many of us know, and as documented by research conducted by the Carnegie Foundation, children have a great deal of unsupervised free time during the day—up to 40 percent. It is during this discretionary time that children and youth are most at risk of violence, teen-pregnancy and drug use.

The children who reside in Pinedale Manor in Newport News, newly renovated by Artcraft Companies, were also at risk of engaging in these destructive activities. Now, through the innovations of Mr. Ferguson, these children are members of the Pinedale Manor Boys and Girls Club. Mr. Ferguson contributed the funds to open and operate this club on-site at Pinedale Manor. This unique investment in the Pinedale Manor community assures the families of Pinedale Manor the opportunity to live in a safe, rehabilitated environment and provides the children a structured and supervised program to go to after-school and during the evening.

With support from the Peninsula Boys and Girls Club, the Pinedale Manor Boys and Girls Club provides 24 boys and girls an opportunity to participate in constructive educational and social development activities. Activities such as reading groups, arts and crafts, and recreational activities have been instrumental in minimizing the dangers that unsupervised after-school time presents to young children. The Pinedale Manor Boys and Girls Club is growing and expects to be able to accommodate 60 children in the very near future.

The Pinedale Manor Boys and Girls Club is modeled after the Lincoln Manor Boys and Girls Club in Richmond, Virginia, also financed

by Mr. Ferguson. According to Mr. Ferguson, "It's the right thing to do, and it's the way we want to run our company. But it's also not totally philanthropic; it's good mix of economics and common sense."

Mr. Speaker, economics and common sense have inspired many public-private partnerships. This partnership is a model for community reinvestment that deserves to be replicated in other local communities. Not only will the children of Pinedale Manor benefit from Mr. Ferguson's contributions, but the entire community of Newport News will have the long-term benefits of this venture.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2202,
ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION REFORM
AND IMMIGRANT RESPONSIBILITY
ACT OF 1996

SPEECH OF

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 1996

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to H.R. 2202.

We all agree that we need to control illegal immigration by strengthening our borders, enforcing our laws, and ensuring compliance with our national labor laws.

While there are some provisions in H.R. 2202 that move in this direction, this bill continues to fall short of achieving meaningful reform in crucial areas.

For example, rather than provide the Labor Department with additional resources to investigate labor abuses, H.R. 2202 contains zero additional funding in this area.

In addition, this bill deletes important anti-discrimination protections in the workplace, and denies fair compensation to employees for errors in the employment verification process.

This bill fails to address the fact that jobs are the primary reason immigrants, whether legal or illegal, come to this country. Instead, this bill unfairly punishes legal immigrants, and threatens discrimination against American workers.

H.R. 2202 is flawed and unfair. I urge a "no" vote on this bill.

TRIBUTE TO BILL JACK HATHCOX

HON. JIM CHAPMAN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. CHAPMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great Texan, a great Democrat, a great man, Bill Jack Hathcox of Sulphur Springs, TX, who passed away April 3, 1996 at the age of 77.

Bill Jack Hathcox was family to those of us who grew up in Sulphur Springs. He was a devotee of Will Rogers, and like Will Rogers, it could be said that Bill Jack Hathcox never met anyone he didn't like. And there was no one who didn't like him. A dairy farmer, an entrepreneur, a restaurant owner, an inventor, a public servant, Bill Jack Hathcox embodied the industrious, strong, and generous generation that endured the Depression and made ours

the most prosperous and free nation in the world.

Bill Jack Hathcox was born July 10, 1918 in Yantis, TX, in Wood County, the son of John William and Ella Maude Craver Hathcox. He married Margie Dale Parkins on October 25, 1938.

Mr. Hathcox was well known by several generations in Hopkins and Wood counties for his restaurant, farm, ranch and other agricultural enterprises. He was instrumental in the commercial development of the south side of Sulphur Springs and along the Highway 154 corridor into Wood County.

Bill Jack Hathcox was a 1936 graduate of Sulphur Springs High School and attended Texas A&M University and East Texas State Teachers College. A natural leader, he was president of the freshmen and sophomore classes at East Texas State in 1937 and 1938. Bill Jack was a legend at East Texas for his industriousness and creativity. He brought a cow with him to school and milked it to pay for his room and board. Later, to pay for his honeymoon in Greenville, TX, he hauled along a cargo of cotton seed hulls in his truck.

Bill Jack worked as a roughneck for Shell Oil Co. from 1938 to 1943, and at the same time he and his wife owned Hathcox Grocery Store in Yantis, TX. During that time he worked also as a substitute teacher and a substitute mail carrier. When World War II came, Bill Jack, a master carpenter, assisted the war effort by helping build the Red River Arsenal and Camp Maxey.

In the 1940's, Mr. Hathcox opened a Humble, then Texaco gas station with his father-in-law T.D. Parkins. From 1949 to 1958, Bill Jack and Margie Dale operated the P&B cafe, located next to the gas station on Gilmer Street in Sulphur Springs, and later, from 1966 to 1986, they owned and operated the Big H Drive-In.

Three generations of folks in Sulphur Springs practically grew up at the Hathcox's restaurants. Bill Jack and Margie Dale had the first private dining room in town, served as a center of the community and were a second set of parents to the young people of Sulphur Springs.

In addition, he worked as a fertilizer broker for Big H Fertilizer Co. and Mississippi Chemical Co., and operated a dairy with 600 head in Wood County from the 1950's until 1992. Mr. Hathcox was a 33d Degree Mason, a Shriner, a 50-year Master Mason with the Grand Lodge of Texas, Yantis Lodge and Sulphur Springs Lodge and past Worshipful Master. He taught Sunday school at First Baptist Church of Yantis and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Sulphur Springs.

He received the Butter Knife Award in 1984 and many other dairy show citations for his accomplishments in the dairy industry, and the All-Electric Building Design Award in 1966, a testament to his ingenuity and inventiveness. He was the owner of the 1978 National Quarterhorse Futurity Champion.

Bill Jack Hathcox was a tireless civic-minded citizen. He served as a member of the Yantis School Board for many years and was politically active all his life. Bill Jack felt people should vote and express their views, and he used to take out newspaper ads before elections to announce which candidate he was voting for to dramatize that point. I am sure many people took his advice.

Bill Jack Hathcox always fought for the underdog, always tried to look out for those less

fortunate than he. To him equal rights, and justice for all, were not just slogans but rather the way that life should be lived. I speak for all of us from Hopkins County when I express in his small way our community's sadness at the passing of Bill Jack Hathcox, and our gratitude for the time he spent with us. So long, Bill Jack—I will miss you, my friend.

CLOSE THE ARMY SCHOOL OF THE
AMERICAS

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, for years, some of us have had serious questions about the Army's School of the Americas and its connection to some of the worst human rights violators in our hemisphere. Last weekend, information released by the Pentagon confirmed our worst suspicions: U.S. Army intelligence manuals, distributed to thousands of military officers throughout Latin America, promoted the use of executions, torture, blackmail, and other forms of coercion.

We now have concrete proof of what we had suspected. For almost 10 years, U.S. taxpayer dollars were used to promote an approach that advocates using, and I quote, "fear, payment of bounties for enemy dead, beatings, false imprisonment, executions, and the use of truth serum."

What is the official Department of Defense explanation for promoting the routine abuse of human rights? Bureaucratic oversight. Again I quote, the "use (of this material) since 1982 evaded the established system of doctrinal controls" according to a 1992 investigation.

Mr. Speaker, the enormity of this "bureaucratic oversight" and its contribution to a climate of terror, persecution, injustice, and civil war in this hemisphere is difficult to comprehend. What is not difficult to comprehend is that we should put an end to this tragic chapter by closing the Army School of the Americas. Americans don't want their hard-earned tax dollars to be spent promoting human rights abuses and terror.

IN RECOGNITION OF OLINDO AND
FILOMENA DI FRANCESCO

HON. LOUISE MCINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to two distinguished citizens of New York's 28th District, Olindo and Filomena Di Francesco.

Mr. and Mrs. Di Francesco own a small business in my district, Olindo's Food Service. For the past 10 years, they have held an annual dinner dance to benefit Camp Good Days and Special Times, Inc., a camp for children with cancer. As a result, they have successfully raised over \$250,000 over the past decade to help send children with cancer to camp, to renovate camp buildings, and construct a pool for the camp's recreational facility.

As they prepare once again for their annual benefit, we honor Mr. and Mrs. Di Francesco