

for their exceptional hard work and generosity, and commend them for their extraordinary efforts over the past 10 years on behalf of children with cancer and their families.

TRIBUTE TO DARRELL L. SANDERS

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, today I'd like to congratulate Frankfort Chief of Police Darrell L. Sanders for his induction as president of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Chief Sanders has served the Frankfort community since 1979 and distinguished himself as the President of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police. He is an outstanding law enforcement officer and has gained national recognition and distinction for his service and dedication.

Chief Sanders was also elected as President of the Greater Cook County Council of Police Chiefs and served with honor as a member of the Board of Officers of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

As a Magna Cum Laude graduate in political science, Chief Sanders has also earned his Master of Arts degree in Public Administration, an associate's degree in Criminal Justice and graduated from the FBI National Academy.

Chief Sanders must be commended for his hard work, vision and leadership. His tenure as the Chief of Police of Frankfort demonstrates an unselfish dedication to law enforcement and a commitment to those residents he serves.

Congratulations Chief Sanders on such a high recognition and best of luck as the President of the International Association of Chiefs of Police. You are deserving and I thank you for your dedication and devotion to your community, neighbors, friends and family.

KEN AND ELAINE OLSEN'S GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, anytime there is a celebration of a golden wedding anniversary, it is a special event. It is one marked with thoughtful remembrances, expressions of congratulations and best wishes for many more years of happiness. As society standards have changed in recent years, a golden anniversary has become even more rare. As special as these events are, it is even more special when it occurs in one's own family.

On December 2, 1996, the golden anniversary of Ken and Elaine Olsen of Escanaba, Michigan will be celebrated with family and friends. Ken and Elaine are constituents of mine, but more importantly, they are the parents of my wife, Laurie. It is an honor for me to call them Mom and Dad. I want to bring this very special event to the attention of my colleagues in the House of Representatives and

extend on their behalf our most sincere congratulations.

Raised in the Escanaba area, Mom and Dad met after the completion of Ken's tour of duty in World War II. The courtship lasted about two years and they were married on December 2, 1946 in the rectory of St. Patrick's Church in Escanaba. Shortly thereafter, Ken followed in the footsteps of his father and other family members and began his life long career with the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad. Dad retired on December 16, 1983. Mom worked briefly for a local accounting firm before becoming staff secretary in the Escanaba office of the International Union of Operating Engineers, and retired in January of 1986.

In 1954, Mom and Dad were blessed with their only child, Laurie.

I am pleased to say that both Ken and Elaine are in good health and enjoy an active life. Mom is very interested in politics at all levels and is well versed in the issues of the day. Dad is an avid hunter and is always ready to travel to the family's homestead to hunt deer, with his son-in-law, daughter and two grandsons, Ken and BJ. During the colder winter months, they reside in Tucson, AZ.

Mr. Speaker, Ken and Elaine Olsen epitomize the kind of love and commitment that in many cases is missing in our society today. They serve as examples to follow for many, including their daughter, me and their grandsons. Again, I want to take this opportunity to extend to them our most sincere congratulations, love and best wishes for many more years together. Happy Golden Anniversary, Mom and Dad.

IN HONOR OF MIRNA ACEITUNO BECOMING A U.S. CITIZEN

HON. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY II

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating a very special person who will soon become a citizen of our great Nation. This is an especially gratifying moment for me because it is someone I know very well. She is a valued member of my staff here in Washington and she has proven over and over to be a great asset to me and the people of the Eighth District of Massachusetts.

She came here as a young child with her family, escaping the political upheavals of her native Guatemala. They settled in Los Angeles and she attended the public schools there. She graduated high school and went on to the University of California at Santa Barbara, graduating from there in 1994. She moved to Washington, DC, in 1994 to pursue her interest in government.

Few people know better the amazing opportunities that our country offers. This amazing young woman has chosen to give back to her country not only by working in the public sector, but also by being an active volunteer in her community. Now, she is choosing to avail herself of the greatest part of our democracy, the right to vote.

My colleagues, this wonderful person's name is Mirna Aceituno and I am pleased to call her my friend. Please join me in congratulating her on this accomplishment.

A TRIBUTE TO TVA EMPLOYEES

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the employees of the Tennessee Valley Authority [TVA] for accomplishing their goal of a decade of service without an increase in electric-power rates.

TVA was established as a Federal agency by the U.S. Congress in 1933. TVA is one of the Nation's largest electric-power producers, a regional development agency, and a national environmental laboratory. It also manages the Tennessee River, the Nation's fifth-largest river system.

TVA serves more than 7 million people in an 80,000 square mile region in the Southeastern United States. This area includes most of Tennessee and parts of six other States: Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky, Virginia, North Carolina, and Georgia.

TVA's power system pays its own way by selling electricity to its customers throughout the Valley. It uses no tax dollars.

A three member Board of Directors manages TVA. As you may know, the directors of TVA are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. Craven Crowell is the Chairman of TVA, and William H. Kenney and Johnny H. Hayes are Directors.

"Electric Light & Power" magazine ranked TVA as the largest power producer in the United States and the twelfth lowest in production costs. Although electricity prices have increased, TVA has cut costs and decreased operating expenses.

I am proud of the thousands of TVA employees in the Second District of Tennessee, and I know that their dedicated service to the Tennessee Valley Region is a key part of TVA's continued success.

I would like to call TVA's accomplishment to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD.

INDIA ADMITS MASS CREMATIONS OF SIKHS

HON. GARY A. CONDIT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. CONDIT. Mr. Speaker, Indian newspapers reported last month that the Indian government has admitted to the mass cremation of Sikhs. India's Supreme Court heard the Central Bureau of Investigation [CBI] admit it has "prima facie evidence" that at least 984 Sikhs had been cremated after being declared unidentified.

These cremations are just the beginning. Jaswant Singh Khaira, a human rights activist, reported that more than 25,000 young Sikh men had been kidnapped by the regime, tortured, and murdered, then declared their bodies unidentified and cremated them. After publishing this report, Mr. Khaira was kidnapped on September 6, 1995. Almost a year later, Mr. Khaira's whereabouts remain unknown.

There is pattern of repression against the Sikhs in India shown with the kidnapping of Mr. Khaira, the airport beating of British-based

Khalistani leader Jagjit Singh Chohan, and the arrest of U.S. citizen Balbir Singh Dhillon on trumped-up charges.

The Sikhs feel they have no place in Indian democracy. Therefore, the Sikhs declared their independence in 1987, calling their new country Khalistan. For the people of Khalistan, the U.S. must continue to demand a full accounting of the policy of mass cremations. Additionally, we must demand the whereabouts of Mr. Khalra and the release of Mr. Dhillon.

PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH, RED BANK, NJ—A CENTURY OF SERVICE TO GOD AND COMMUNITY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, on Sunday, October 20, 1996, Pilgrim Baptist Church of Red Bank, NJ, will celebrate its 100th anniversary. It is an honor for me to pay tribute to this great milestone.

Pilgrim Baptist Church was founded in 1896 and has remained in Red Bank throughout that entire century of service to the community. The church's founders—who included the parents of one of Red Bank's most renowned citizens, the great bandleader Count Basie—held services in their own private homes until they were granted permission to share the facilities of the Calvary Baptist Church on Bridge Avenue. In fact, the name "Pilgrim" evolved because the founders of the congregation had to go from house to house when Calvary was not available.

In 1905, the Rev. William B. Scott was called to pastor the church and his tenure lasted for 11 years, during which time the small congregation was able to purchase the parcel of land at Pearl Street. The year 1910 marked the beginning of the construction of the historic "Little Pilgrim" on Pearl Street, which still stands and now houses St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church. Following Rev. Scott, Reverends D.K. Askew, W.B. Hebron, and W.B. Neal served as pastors. In 1945, the Rev. Henry L. Morgan was installed, and he would go on to serve for 25 years. With an increasing membership, in 1955 the congregation purchased its present building at 172 Shrewsbury Avenue. The Rev. Kenneth Grayson succeeded the Rev. Morgan, serving from 1971 until 1975. The Rev. Millard W. Harris, Jr., Pilgrim's current pastor, was installed in January 1976.

Under the leadership of Reverend Harris, the membership of Pilgrim has continued to grow. At the same time, the church has purchased rental properties on Earl and Leonard Streets, purchased vehicles, expanded the sanctuary, and built classrooms that house the Head Start program.

Mr. Speaker, it is great honor to pay tribute to Pilgrim Baptist Church for its 100 years of service to God and community. The Reverend Harris, officers of the church, and all the members of the Pilgrim family have made—and continue to make—a huge difference for the entire Red Bank and Monmouth County area. While the Pilgrim family can be proud of their first century, I know that their thoughts and prayers are clearly focused on continuing that legacy into a new century.

OMNIBUS MEAT, POULTRY, AND SEAFOOD INSPECTION LEGISLATION

HON. STEVE GUNDERSON

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. GUNDERSON. Mr. Speaker, in the last 2 years, the Livestock, Dairy and Poultry Subcommittee, which I chair, has had several hearings on meat, poultry, and seafood inspection issues with an eye on making the safest inspection system in the world even better. Our goal was to update decades-old inspection laws and to unite meat, poultry, and seafood regulations under a single roof.

Regrettably, that will not happen in the 104th Congress largely because this is an emotionally charged issue where the personal agendas of some government employees, industry executives, and consumer group lobbyist have too often prevailed. That's why, in a Presidential election year, the vast majority of my colleagues felt that this issue was "too hot to handle."

Even though legislative action was unlikely, we had our subcommittee staff, on a bipartisan basis, working on legislation that would both simplify and strengthen meat, poultry, and seafood inspection by uniting it under a single agency and encouraging greater cooperation between government and industry. While this legislation will not move in the 104th Congress, I am introducing our work product today, in draft form, for the use and information of future congresses.

I, therefore, commend the attention of my colleagues to the draft "Meat, Poultry, and Seafood Inspection Reform Act of 1996." I believe that it would make an excellent starting point for the 105th Congress on this issue.

A TRIBUTE TO SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AGENCY HONOREES

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention the fine work of the city of San Bernardino Private Industry Council and the employment and training agency, organizations that are doing fantastic work in addressing some very special job training needs on behalf of citizens in California. It was my honor earlier this week to join leaders of our local business community in recognizing four outstanding alumni of the Job Training Partnership Act Program [JTPA], as well as the outstanding business of the year and the outstanding school of the year.

Michael and Carla Davis are extraordinary examples of the value of this remarkable public-private partnership. Both were employed as engineers until they faced layoffs in 1994. Through San Bernardino's Dislocated Worker Adjustment Assistance Program, they enrolled in the teaching credential program at the University of Redlands. Within 2 years of being laid off, both Carla and Michael had their teaching credentials and quickly found teaching jobs in local school districts.

Leticia Calderon Delgado is a remarkable success story. As a young woman on welfare with three young children and few job skills, she applied remarkable determination and motivation to turning her life around. After enrolling in a work experience program and obtaining her GED, Leticia went to work for a local insurance agency. She is now off welfare and working at a job she loves.

Norma Gonzalez is a young person who, through the Summer Youth Employment and Training Program, has found a job and success that will serve her well as she pursues a college degree and, she hopes, a future in the medical field.

Accent Furniture last year relocated from Anaheim to San Bernardino to capitalize on land and building availability and to take advantage of incentives offered by the city. Today, the company is growing and serving the area by training and hiring JTPA eligible employees referred by SBETA.

The U.S. Truck Driving School is not only meeting the growing demand for trained truck drivers in the Inland Empire, it is fulfilling a valuable role in a public-private partnership that is training people and putting them to work in well-paying jobs.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me and our colleagues in recognizing the outstanding contributions of the San Bernardino Employment and Training Agency and the many fine individuals who are benefiting from the Job Training Partnership Act. In light of these tremendous records of success, it is only fitting that the House recognize all of them today.

TRIBUTE TO VERNON ODOM

HON. THOMAS C. SAWYER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. SAWYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share with Members the loss of a man who was not only an extraordinary community leader in the 14th Congressional District of Ohio, but whose work in the National Urban League touched the lives of countless others across the country.

There are a few people who, by the very way that they live their lives, have changed entire communities, people whose actions enrich the lives of others and whose vision, perseverance, and accomplishments inspire others to succeed.

Vernon Odom, a 43-year resident of Akron, OH, was such a person. Everyone whose life he touched benefited from his wisdom, his commitment, and his strength of character.

Born in Biscoe, AR, in 1921, Mr. Odom was the son of a former slave who went on to attend medical school at Meharry in Nashville, TN, before the turn of the century. Mr. Odom's mother was widowed when he was only 2 years old. Surrounded by the racial tensions of the rural South during the 1920's and 1930's she managed to raise eight children, supervise sharecroppers, and fend off the theft of her property.

At age 16, Vernon Odom moved to Cleveland to continue his education—the school for African-Americans in his hometown only went to the 10th grade. After high school he enrolled at Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA, but soon had to postpone his studies to serve