

in the U.S. Army during World War II. In the Army, Mr. Odom served as a master sergeant in the Signal Corps stationed in Europe.

After the war, Vernon Odom finished his studies at Morehouse College, earning his degree in June, 1949. During this same period, he met and married his wife, Sadie Harvey, an Atlantan who became his inspiration and most trusted advisor. While participating in graduate field study in Harlem in August, 1949, Mr. Odom became embroiled in the Peekskill riot, defending Paul Robeson's right to sing in public.

In 1950, Mr. Odom received a master's degree in social work from Atlanta University, and 3 years later joined the staff of the Akron Community Service Center and Urban League. He later rose to executive director, a position he held from 1964 to 1992. As the executive director, Mr. Odom changed the agency's mission from charity work to opportunity building.

Mr. Odom served in leadership positions on most of the major planning and public-service boards in the greater Akron area. He had the unique ability to combine a broad civic vision with sincere concern for individuals which led him to be both widely respected and genuinely loved throughout the Akron community.

During his career, Mr. Odom helped provide thousands of young men and women with jobs, training, money for school, and personal counseling. At the same time, he established himself as an effective civic leader—pushing to desegregate the city of Akron's police department, workplaces and most other major institutions. For his work, he received national recognition, including the Whitney Young Medallion—the highest award of the National Urban League, the National Black Police Association Humanitarian Award, and an honorary doctorate in Human Service from the University of Akron.

Mr. Odom was a lifetime member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, a member of the Century Club of the United Negro College Fund and the Arlington Church of God.

Vernon Odom passed away on May 22, 1996. While my entire community mourns his death, we remain deeply grateful for the far-reaching and ongoing contribution he made to improving the quality of our lives together, throughout our community and Nation. Vern Odom's life itself is his legacy. Those of us who knew him are better for his having lived it among us.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ONLINE PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT

HON. BOB FRANKS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I was deeply concerned to learn that several national data base companies provide Social Security number information online. A Social Security number is one of the most sensitive pieces of information a person can know about another person. Although it was not meant to be, a person's Social Security number has become something close to a national identification number. It is the key to unlock

countless sensitive documents about a person, such as credit reports, driving records, and court documents.

In fact, with a person's Social Security number, it is possible to steal their identity. With it, a person can obtain a Social Security card, and then a driver's license, and then credit cards. That is why it is imperative that the confidentiality of Social Security number be protected.

However, on at least two national data bases, Lexis-Nexis' P-Trak and the Westlaw data base, it is possible to connect a whole cornucopia of information with a Social Security number, such as a name, past address, maiden name, and birthdate.

Industry representatives say these services are not a problem since they no longer provide Social Security numbers to searches that are begun with a name or address. However, those firms continue to provide all the other information on the data base to searches begun with a Social Security number—an equally worrisome practice.

Any unscrupulous individual wanted to steal a new identity could easily keypunch any random Social Security number and obtain that person's personal information. A thief would not care whose Social Security number they have, just that there were able to connect to other information. By random searching, such a person could get a Social Security card and drivers license.

I understand that there are many legitimate purposes for these services. They are used to find people who skip court appearances, fail to pay child support, or need to be notified of changes in pension plans. However, these purposes do not necessitate a commercial online lookup service containing Social Security numbers. Individuals on these data bases also have rights to privacy and protection from abuse.

My bill would seek to require these services to obtain written permission before they can list any person's Social Security number on their data base. This legislation would not stop people from searching for individuals using public records by traditional means, such as doing research in a courthouse. My bill would merely require that in order to add this sensitive personal information to online searchable indexes, the person whose Social Security number is included would have to grant consent.

Mr. Speaker, I understand there are only a few legislative days left in this session. Accordingly I, with 11 of my colleagues, have written a letter to the Federal Trade Commission asking them to look into the appropriateness of these data bases and to see what actions could be taken to suspend these services until a more comprehensive review can be accomplished. If the Federal Trade Commission fails to adequately address this problem, I will reintroduce this measure in the next Congress.

TRIBUTE TO THE ROCKLAND COUNTY SHIELDS

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Rockland County Shields,

which are currently celebrating their 30th anniversary.

The Rockland County Shields are dedicated to providing a fraternal and social organization for all active and retired police officers who either worked or lived in Rockland County. The organization has fostered the fact that officers, be they Federal, State, city or local are all brothers. This ideal has been maintained for the last 30 years, and today the Shields have over 1,600 members.

The organization offers benefits not only to police officers, but to the citizens of Rockland County. Moreover, the Shields maintain an emergency fund to aid the community, award eight scholarships annually, and provide monies for United Hospice, local school functions, and scout troops for eagle scout projects. They have an annual Saint Patrick's Day party and march in the Rockland parade, which is the second largest in the country. They also have summer picnics, fishing trips, and dances.

Since the Rockland County Shields were started in 1966, similar fraternal police groups have been formed in Orange, Sullivan, Ulster, Delaware, and Westchester counties.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join in congratulating the Rockland County Shields for their 30 years of invaluable community service and wish them for future success in both their service and fraternal brotherhood.

TRIBUTE TO THE WORLD ORGANIZATION OF CHINA PAINTERS

HON. JAMES M. TALENT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. TALENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the World Organization of China Painters and recognize the efforts of its membership to promote and celebrate the accomplishments of their unique artistic talents. China painting is the overglaze decoration of china, and its artists are seeking recognition as a fine art.

I rise today not only in support of their efforts, but for all artistic and cultural activities which promote the participation in and the appreciation of the arts in all areas. The efforts of the World Organization of China Painting, stands as a testament not only to the art of china painting, but as an example of the importance of artistic achievement.

The World Organization of China Painting has over 6,000 members around the world of which my State, Missouri has the largest membership. The organization is presently headquartered in Oklahoma City, OK, where they have a museum displaying numerous works by china painting artists.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the World Organization of China Painting on their efforts to promote and advance their art form.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. WILLIAM F. CLINGER, JR.

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. CLINGER. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, September 26th, I regrettably missed Rollcall

Votes 441, 442, 443, and 444 due to a previously scheduled event. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on all four measures. The event in question was scheduled some time ago to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the General Accounting Office. In my role as chairman of the House Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, I was honored to be asked to play a key part in the GAO anniversary celebration.

VALLEY FORWARD ASSOCIATION
HONORS ARIZONA PROJECTS
FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I want to bring to the attention of my colleagues the selection of the city of Phoenix as the recipient of the highest award of the Valley Forward Association for work at the Tres Rios Constructed Wetland Demonstration Project. The city accepted Valley Forward's premiere award, the President's Award, at the organization's annual awards program on September 20, 1996, on behalf of its partner cities, Glendale, Mesa, Scottsdale, and Tempe.

The Tres Rios Constructed Wetlands Demonstration Project consists of approximately fourteen acres of wetlands constructed to evaluate and demonstrate the use of artificial wetlands to filter wastewater from the 91st Avenue Waste Treatment Plant while also providing valuable habitat and other benefits.

Valley Forward Association was formed in 1969 to promote environmental, cultural and aesthetic endeavors in the greater Metropolitan Phoenix area. Through the years, it has recognized many endeavors—private and industrial, commercial and governmental—for making the "Valley of the Sun" a better place to live. Valley Forward's awards program began in 1980 to recognize outstanding contributions to the physical environment of the surrounding communities. Through the years the awards program has grown to include innovative technologies, environmental education, achievements in public media, and artistic endeavors.

Judges for this year's awards included representatives from universities, consultants, planners, architects, communications and businesses, who were selected for their knowledge of and contribution to environmental excellence. The President's Award bestowed on the Tres Rios Project was for special achievement in environmental excellence. It recognized a project that has tremendous potential for using wastewater to restore valuable wetlands in our region of the arid Southwest, creating fish and wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities in the community.

I want to congratulate the city of Phoenix and all the other recipients for the honor that has been bestowed upon them and to bring to the attention of my colleagues this project, of which I have been a strong advocate during my tenure here in Congress.

HONORING F. LEE LAWRENCE

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an old friend and outstanding East Texan, F. Lee Lawrence of Tyler, TX, who died recently at the age of 70. He, his brother Bill, and I were old friends from Southern Methodist University School of Law. Following his graduation from law school in 1950, he began his practice of law in Tyler. Lee was a great lawyer and a senior partner of one of the finest law firms in Texas. Yet he also found time to share his abilities with a number of worthy causes in his community and state.

History was his special passion, and on June 13 of this year he was presented the Governor's Award for Historic Preservation. Governor Bush had appointed Lee to the Texas Historical Commission in April, 1995, where he was already serving as a member. Previously, he had served on the Commission's board for 4 years, beginning in 1959, when he collaborated with John Ben Shepperd and Dr. Rupert N. Richardson in originating and developing the present State Historical Marker Program. With Dr. Robert Glover he wrote the first State marker, which was erected at the site of Camp Ford near Tyler. Today, there are 11,000 historical markers in Texas.

Lee helped organize historical societies in San Augustine, Shelby, Gregg, and Rusk Counties. He served as President of the Texas State Historical Association, was a member of the Executive Council throughout the 70's and served as president of the Texas Historical Foundation. He was founding member and president of the Smith County Historical Society and founding member and first president of the East Texas Historical Association at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, where he served on the Board continuously since its inception in 1962. He also served on the Texas Civil War Centennial Commission from 1960 to 1965.

Lee served on the advisory council for the Center for Historical Resources at Texas A&M University and was a member of the Company of Military Historians, the Manuscript Society, and West Texas Historical Association. He co-published "Tyler and Smith County, Texas: An Historical Survey" and coauthored "Camp Ford, CSA: The Story of Union Prisoners in Texas, 1964." He authored and published "Texas War Horses" in 1995.

Lee received numerous awards for his dedication to historical preservation. The State of Texas presented him the award for Meritorious Service in 1963. He received the Mary Moody Northern Award for 35 years of service from the Texas Historical Foundation in 1994, the Ruth Lester Award for lifetime achievement from the Texas Historical Commission in 1995, the Preservation Award from Historic Tyler in 1995, and the Ralph Steen Award for distinguished service to the East Texas Historical Association and East Texas history.

Lee also had served on the Board of Trustees at Texas Christian University since 1972 and on the Executive, Faculty Relations and Fiscal Affairs and Development Committees. In Tyler, he was actively involved in community organizations. He was president of the

Texas Rose Festival Association, YMCA of Tyler, vice-president of Tyler Chamber of Commerce, chairman of Carnegie Public Library, and advisor for Texas Junior Quarter Horse Association. He served on numerous boards in Tyler and was serving on the board of Lifeline Underwriters Life Insurance Company at the time of his death.

Lee was a member and elder of Fifth Street Presbyterian Church, member of St. John's Lodge; Chapter No. 24, R.A.M.; Geo. M. Patrick Council No. 13; Ascension Commandery No. 25; a 32 degree Scottish Rite and Sharon Temple.

Born in Paris, TX on May 21, 1926 to Elizabeth O. Lawrence and the late W. Dewey Lawrence, Lee had lived in Tyler since 1931. He served 2 years in the U.S. Navy during World War II and attended Texas Christian University before graduating from SMU School of Law.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia Ann Lawrence; daughters Frances Ann Lawrence and Amy Jane Lawrence Walton and son-in-law Randall H. Walton, all of Albuquerque, NM; daughter Mary Elizabeth Lawrence Cannan of Tyler; his mother Elizabeth; brother and sister-in-law, William D. and Dorothy Lawrence; two grandchildren and other relatives.

Mr. Speaker, Lee Lawrence was one of those individuals whose influence was felt in all that he did, and he will be truly missed by all those who knew him. It was a privilege to be his friend—and I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying our last respects to this outstanding American.

EXTEND GRAZING PRIVILEGES

HON. BARBARA CUBIN

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mrs. CUBIN. Mr. Speaker, Jackson Hole, WY is one of the most beautiful and unique areas of our Nation. Over 3 million visitors per year come to hike, camp, ski, and sightsee amidst the grandeur of the Teton range and the winding Snake River in Grand Teton National Park and the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem beyond. Many wildlife species such as moose, bear, eagles, and trumpeter swan make the valley their home, while the largest elk herd in the lower 48 States annually migrates through it to winter on the wildlife refuge at its southern end.

While much of the valley is protected for perpetuity in Federal ownership, some of the most valuable wildlife habitat, migration routes, and scenic vistas remain in private ownership as working ranchlands. Conservation groups in Jackson Hole and around the country have worked for years to help protect these ranches from development, through the use of scenic easements and other means, and are to be commended for their good work.

Unfortunately, we now face a situation where some of the most scenic and valuable ranchlands adjacent to the park could be forced to sell and subdivide. In 1950 the law establishing Grand Teton National Park allowed local grazing permittees whose livestock had historically used the new park lands for summer range to continue that grazing for the life of the permittees' designed heirs. As a result, 14,000 acres were set aside, irrigated,