

worked to freeze physicians' fees, prevent doctors from charging patients extra fees, and expand Medicare benefits to cover occupational medical therapy.

I have worked closely with Congressman JACOBS on the Ways and Means Committee over the last 12 years, and I can vouch personally for his integrity, his intelligence, and his zany sense of humor. ANDY has been fearless in speaking out against what he sees as unfair or unwise policies—regardless of public support or opposition—and he has taken on powerful special interests, at least one which has worked unsuccessfully to unseat him. He has defended public employees—not always the most popular thing to do—and he has worked to raise cigarette taxes and protect smokers rights. A combat veteran, he was a critic of both the Vietnam war and the Persian Gulf war. Here, clearly, is a man who takes a stand on principle rather than polling. ANDY is also well-known for his frugality, and his wry, quirky sense of humor and his dry wit have shocked and amused his colleagues, congressional witnesses, and hearing audiences on countless occasions. The Ways and Means Committee will be a much less spontaneous place when he leaves at the end of this year.

It has been an honor to serve with ANDY JACOBS and JOHN MYERS. I want to thank them both for their many years of public service, and I wish both of them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

CELEBRATING GERMAN-AMERICAN DAY

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I am looking forward to celebrating German-American Day, which is traditionally observed on October 6, with the community in Michigan. In community halls, homes, and places of worship across the Nation, German-Americans will be gathering to reflect on their heritage. In Macomb County, we will be gathering on Saturday, October 5, at the Carpathia Club in Sterling Heights. The local German-American club, chaired by Agnes Newman, will again be hosting the celebration.

Since the first German immigrants settled in America on October 6, 1683, German-Americans have made significant contributions to the heritage and culture of the United States.

Today, there are more than 50 million citizens of German ancestry in America. Together, we have forged a strong and lasting bond. Our two nations have made a strong commitment to strengthening the friendship between our two governments and our citizens. While the importance of the relationship between our two governments cannot be emphasized enough, it is the personal connections we make that will keep the relationship flourishing. We have been associated with several very good programs that help to do just that.

In Michigan's 10th District, we have been very closely associated with the Congress-Bundestag exchange program for young professionals. This year, we are hosting three Germans who we hope will benefit from the experience, and young people from our com-

munities are guests in Germany. In addition to the Congress-Bundestag program, there are efforts such as the staff exchange that help to strengthen our bonds of friendship.

Mr. Speaker, in this spirit, it is a fitting tribute to German-Americans to again observe German-American Day and celebrate our friendship together.

MARKING THE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE A.M.E. ZION CHURCH

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church on the occasion of its bicentennial celebration. In just a few weeks, members of the A.M.E. Church will gather in New York to mark this special occasion. I want to share with my colleagues and the Nation some information regarding the A.M.E. Church.

Founded in 1796 out of racial persecution and religious discrimination, the A.M.E. Zion Church is one of the oldest African-American dominations. It includes a membership of 1.5 million people in 12 countries and spanning 5 continents.

Mr. Speaker, the A.M.E. Zion Church is known as the "Freedom Church of Liberation" because of its leadership in the abolitionist movement. Some of the most famous names in the struggle to abolish slavery, including Sojourner Truth, Frederick Douglass, Paul Robeson, and Harriet Tubman, were A.M.E. Zion Church members. It is interesting to note that A.M.E. Zion churches, including the Mother A.M.E. Zion Church, the oldest black church in New York City, were actual "stations to freedom" on the Underground Railroad. The stations not only served as safe havens, but also as a place to pray for continued success.

The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Bicentennial celebration marks two centuries of worship. Those gathered for the celebration will also pause to acknowledge the unselfish labors and sacrifices made by men and women throughout the struggle for religious freedom and equality.

Mr. Speaker, I take pride in saluting the A.M.E. Zion Church on the occasion of its bicentennial celebration. I ask that my colleagues join me in this special tribute.

TRIBUTE TO OUTGOING MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I want to take time to offer my own thoughts and feelings about the Democratic members of the Texas delegation who are leaving this year—E KIKI DE LA GARZA, JOHN BRYANT, and RONALD D. COLEMAN. We have worked together on issues that have affected our great State of Texas and I want to express my continuing gratitude to them for their service in congress.

The 15th Congressional District in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas has had the able leadership of Congressman DE LA GARZA for 12 terms. He has been chairman of the House Agriculture Committee for 14 years, longer than anyone else. During his distinguished service he has supervised three major farm bills in 1981, 1985, and 1990. He led the reorganization of the USDA, overhauled the Federal Crop Insurance Program and helped to make sure NAFTA phase out tariffs on fruits and vegetables. His leadership will be missed and I wish he and his family only the best for the future.

JOHN BRYANT's seven terms in representing the 5th Congressional District in Dallas has been remarkable. His commitment to children and young people is reflected in his work on the Children's Television Act and the Children of Substance Abusers Act. He has consistently spoken out for lobby reform and his tireless work on immigration issues will not be soon forgotten. His strong voice for Texans will continue to echo through the halls of Congress.

RONALD COLEMAN's seven terms in representing the 16th Congressional District have been marked by his tireless efforts on the National Security Committee and the Appropriations Military Construction Subcommittee. His support of NAFTA and the military at Fort Bliss must be commended. He has truly protected our border with Mexico and his presence here in Washington will be missed.

I only hope that the distinguished careers of these outstanding gentlemen will continue in the same vein as they have served the people of Texas. My best of continuing good luck to all in whatever endeavors they may choose.

HONORING REPRESENTATIVES JACOBS AND MYERS

HON. TIM ROEMER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, JACOBS and MYERS are not some law firm you hear about in late night commercials. They are rather, a team of two of the finest legislators that I have ever had the privilege of working with in this House.

ANDY JACOBS and JOHN MYERS have been colleagues, of course, but they have also been mentors and friends to me. When I was the newest Hoosier in the Indian delegation, they provided insight and direction and I still find invaluable.

JOHN MYERS has worked tirelessly for our State. His interest in our economic growth, the health of our farms, the state of our infrastructure, has led to an extremely productive career that has ensured the health of Indiana's economy and the well-being of our people. JOHN's trademark is a dedication to the work of the people first. He has never been attracted to partisan sniping, and instead has made his hallmark the cooperative, bipartisan efforts. He has been the source of restraint and gentility in a too-often fraction Congress. John will be sorely missed, indeed, he is already missed. But I suspect that he will be able to rest well, or take on new challenges, with a light heart knowing how much he has accomplished in his time in Congress. He earned his many returns to the House, and in turn has earned a rest for these labors.

ANDY JACOBS will be missed for many things. His dedication to our seniors and the strength of the Social Security system that protests them is well known. His time in office has been served simply and without attraction to perks or privileges. Andy has a soft spot for society's underdogs, and skillfully wields a sharp sense of humor on their behalf. There are few categories that you can easily place ANDY into: he defies definition as easily as he skewers the foolish and prodigal. His care for his constituents and his independent thinking have brought him repeated reelection without the many trials and trappings of the typical campaign. And, like JOHN, ANDY has always put people before party.

Mr. Speaker, I have also been known to put my constituents before party or President, and with these two as role models, doing the right thing has been obvious and rewarding. As JOHN and ANDY know, putting Hoosiers first is not always easy in the face of partisan pressure, but the broad respect that these two men enjoy in Congress, and especially home in Indiana, is all the encouragement I need to vote for my district and my constituents first. Their lessons to me have been invaluable, and I will not soon forget the lessons and impressions that they have gifted me with as a Representative from Indiana.

Both ANDY and JOHN are men of great humor, a dedicated work ethic, and warm and deep compassion. They have valued family and friends above all, maintained dignity and decorum in all their doings, and brought the very best of Hoosier common sense to Washington. Congress will be the poorer for having lost these good friends and leaders, but Indiana will have them always. They have also left their reputations, integrity, and successful laws imprinted on this institution. It will be a better place to serve due to ANDY and JOHN's work. I am deeply proud to salute my friends and colleagues, here today, and I hope that ANDY and JOHN, and their families, know of my deep respect and lasting admiration.

WELCOMING THE BASIC TREATY BETWEEN HUNGARY AND ROMANIA

HON. LEE H. HAMILTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express strong support for the Treaty of Understanding, Cooperation, and Good-Neighborliness signed by the leaders of Hungary and Romania on September 16. This historic act will contribute significantly to the security and stability in Europe, particularly in Central Europe which traditionally has been plagued by territorial and ethnic disputes.

The negotiation and signing of this treaty is an important milestone in the process of historic reconciliation between Hungary and Romania. The treaty marks a firm commitment by the Governments and peoples of Hungary and Romania to respect each other's territorial integrity as well as the basic human rights of all their peoples' including the large ethnic Hungarian minority in Romania.

The willingness of the Governments of both countries finally to put to rest their past troubles caused by the presence of this large eth-

nic minority demonstrates their commitment to join the community of democratic nations in Europe.

We and our European allies must work together with the Governments of Hungary and Romania to ensure the free, fair, and full implementation of all the provisions of this treaty. It is essential that the critical elements of the treaty dealing with the protection of ethnic and linguistic rights be fully implemented and upheld at the local and regional as well as at the national levels.

The signing of this treaty is consistent with the principles of the partnership for peace and of the conditions which are guiding the process of the opening of NATO to new members. The study on NATO enlargement, adopted by the 16 NATO nations in September, 1995 states clearly that the resolution of ethnic and external territorial disputes will be an important factor in determining whether to invite a state to join the Alliance.

The signing of this historic treaty is a significant and welcome step in the building of a secure, stable, and unified Europe based upon shared democratic and humanitarian principles.

HONORING MS. E. JEAN GARY, AS- SISTANT CHIEF TRIAL COUNSEL FOR THE STATE BAR OF CALI- FORNIA AND OUTGOING PRESI- DENT OF CALIFORNIA WOMEN LAWYERS

HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding woman who has made countless contributions to her community, to the legal profession, and to the State of California, Ms. E. Jean Gary. I honor Ms. Gary on the occasion of her stepping down after her 1-year term as president of the largest association of women lawyers in the country, the California Women Lawyers.

It should be noted that Ms. Gary's term was historic not only for all that she accomplished, but also because she was the first African-American to head California Women Lawyers.

Although she is completing her tenure as president of the California Women Lawyers, Ms. Gary is by no means slowing down. As of January of last year Ms. Gary took a new position as assistant chief trial counsel, working for the newly appointed State Bar Chief Trial Counsel. Prior to this position, Ms. Gary was chief assistant court counsel to the State Bar Court.

In addition to her responsibility associated with her job and with California Women Lawyers, Ms. Gary has been active in the Black Women Lawyers, the California Association of Black Lawyers, and the John M. Langston Bar Association. Through all of these groups, and through her teaching and lectures, Ms. Gary has promoted and given support to women, especially women of color, who hope to enter the legal profession.

Mr. Speaker, colleagues, I join the California Women Lawyers in saluting Ms. Gary and in applauding the years of dedicated service which she has given to countless women throughout the State of California. I also wish

her the best of luck in the years to come as she continues to serve as a mentor and an inspiration to women, to people of color, and to the any one who is interested in the legal profession. Ms. Gary will be saluted at a dinner on October 10, 1996, at an awards dinner which will be addressed by our Ambassador to the United Nations, Ms. Madeline Albright.

As I said earlier, I salute Ms. Gary and wish her the best of luck in her continuing efforts in the legal profession.

TRIBUTE TO HERB AND CHARLOTTE REED

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, one of the remarkable qualities of Indiana's First Congressional District is the harmony between its massive industries and its exquisite natural treasures. One of the northwest Indiana's jewels is the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore [IDNL] on the shores of Lake Michigan. Two outstanding individuals, who have dedicated their lives to successfully preserving the beauty of northwest Indiana, are Herb and Charlotte Reed. Herb and Charlotte are two of a select few people in the country to be named "American Heros" for their work to protect our national public lands.

Herb's direct involvement with the Indiana Dunes began in 1952, when he joined the Save the Dunes Council. Save the Dunes was formed to establish a dunes national park, as well as to preserve the Indiana Dunes, which were threatened by powerful political and economic interests trying to industrialize all of Indiana's Lake Michigan shoreline. As a result of the fine work of the Save the Dunes Council, the 5,800-acre Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore was established in 1966. Today, the park consists of approximately 15,000 acres, 2,182 of which are located in Indiana Dunes State Park and managed by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

In 1966, Charlotte joined the fight after Congress agreed to authorize the IDNL. She served as one of the very first park rangers and later became the Save the Dunes Council's first paid staffer. Since that time, Charlotte served as the Council's executive director from 1974 to 1992, and she currently serves as its assistant executive director.

Over the years, Herb and Charlotte have been actively involved in several other environmental organizations. In the late 1950's, Herb founded the Porter County Chapter of the Izaak Walton League, which is one of the region's strongest voices for environmental action. Charlotte is cofounder of the Hoosier Environmental Council.

Charlotte is a recipient of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management's [IDEM] Environmental Impact Award. She was chosen for this honor as a result of her advocacy on behalf of environmental protection issues during IDEM's formative years. Herb and Charlotte have both been recognized by several organizations for their joint efforts to preserve our natural treasures. Awards bestowed upon them include the 1990 Gold Cup Award from the Hoosier Environmental Council, the 1991 Gold Cup Award from the Hoosier Sierra Club, and two industry-sponsored awards.