

As a result of the Reeds' work, a State and national park will forever protect 15,000 acres of Indiana's dunes, home to giant sand dunes, river forests, prairie lands, and bogs. The national lakeshore contains 1,400 plant species—only four national parks contain more plant diversity.

Herb and Charlotte Reed are dear friends and successful environmental activists. I cannot say enough about this exalted couple. Their efforts to create the national lakeshore in Indiana will forever remain a large part of the history of Indiana's First Congressional District. It seems only fitting that Herb and Charlotte live in a cabin enveloped by the national lakeshore. It is from this vantage point that they fought their four-decade war for the dunes, while at the same time raised their five wonderful children.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Herb and Charlotte for their commitment and valiant efforts to protect and preserve the environment for generations to come. Herb and Charlotte Reed are, indeed, living legends.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN
ROBERT WALKER

HON. BUD SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a friend and colleague of mine who has served with distinction in this body for almost 20 years. The member, Mr. Speaker, who I speak of is the Honorable BOB WALKER of Pennsylvania.

BOB has earned a reputation in Congress as a leader with visionary ideas and strongly held conservative beliefs. His achievements as a Member of Congress are extensive and his influence on Pennsylvania and America will be felt long after he is gone from this body. Congressman WALKER is responsible for the Drug-Free Workplace Act, the Walker-Smith Taxpayer Debt Buy-Down Act, and the growth management study. As chairman of the House Science Committee, he has championed the Omnibus Space Commercialization Act, and has been a strong advocate of the scientific research which is so critical to the future of our Nation. BOB's tireless work on the Budget Committee has also distinguished him as a leader in the effort to reign in out-of-control Federal spending.

Since coming to Congress in 1977, BOB WALKER has proven himself as one of the most effective legislators in Congress. His accolades speak for themselves, and his opulent knowledge of the workings of this House and the issues that effect it, will be sorely missed on both sides of the aisle. Congressman WALKER is a man whose intelligence, class, integrity, and leadership have not only been beneficial to the people of Pennsylvania's 16th Congressional district, but to the country as a whole. Mr. Speaker, I am not only honored to have worked with BOB WALKER, But I am fortunate enough to call him my friend. At this time Mr. Speaker, I will close by wishing both BOB and his wife, Sue, the best of luck in whatever the future may hold for them.

TRIBUTE TO ANDY JACOBS

HON. TOM BEVILL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. BEVILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor ANDY JACOBS of Indiana for his fine service in the U.S. Congress. As you know, ANDY was first elected in 1964. While he was out of office one term from 1972 to 1974, he has the distinction of being one of our longest-serving Members.

I have enjoyed ANDY's friendship over the years. We have frequently walked and talked together on the way to vote. I appreciate his stories and his sense of humor.

ANDY is a unique individual. I respect him for having the utmost integrity and I know that everything he does is carefully considered and well-reasoned. He has made an excellent career in public service by representing the best interests of his constituents, his State and Nation.

ANDY, I wish you every success in your future endeavors. Your many contributions will always be remembered and appreciated.

HONORING REPRESENTATIVE
JOHN MYERS

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank our distinguished colleagues from the Indiana congressional delegation, Representatives LEE HAMILTON and DAN BURTON, for reserving this Special Order. We gather to pay tribute to the dean of the Indiana congressional delegation, JOHN MYERS, who is retiring at the end of this legislative session.

JOHN's retirement brings to a close a long and productive career in the Halls of Congress. For 30 years, he has represented the Seventh Congressional District of Indiana. His service to his constituents and this Nation has been exemplary. It has earned him our deepest respect and admiration.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to holding the post of dean of the Indiana congressional delegation, JOHN MYERS is the third most senior member of his party here in the Congress. He is a thoughtful and pragmatic lawmaker whose legislative record is a reflection of his strong commitment to public service. JOHN is a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee. He chairs the Energy and Water Development Subcommittee and serves as a member of the Agriculture and Military Construction Subcommittees. During his tenure, JOHN has also served on the House Ethics Committee and the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

Indiana's Seventh Congressional District has benefited as a result of JOHN's efforts. He has utilized his Appropriations Committee position to guarantee much-needed funding for flood control projects in his district. In addition, he has promoted scientific research at universities throughout Indiana. Throughout his career, JOHN MYERS has earned the reputation of a staunch fiscal conservative. He has voted against higher spending and opposed efforts to increase taxes.

Mr. Speaker, I have the greatest respect and admiration for JOHN MYERS. We have enjoyed a close friendship during our service together on the House Appropriations Committee and as former members of the Ethics Committee. JOHN is a man of the highest integrity and decency. He is also a gentleman and statesman. This has been demonstrated during the toughest committee deliberations and House floor debates. Throughout the deliberations, JOHN MYERS has been the voice of reason and compassion. For years, JOHN and I have had congressional offices across the hall from one another. I will miss his warm greetings during the course of the day and the special Indiana popcorn which my staff and I often enjoyed.

Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of his retirement, we pause to wish JOHN, his lovely wife, Carol Ann, and members of the Myers family our very best. JOHN MYERS is a credit to this institution. He leaves a legacy that will stand in the years to come.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
BARBARA VUCANOVICH

HON. JIM LIGHTFOOT

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. LIGHTFOOT. Mr. Speaker, it has been my great honor to have served with my colleague from Nevada, Congresswoman BARBARA VUCANOVICH.

BARBARA was elected to Congress in 1982. She was the first woman elected to a Federal office from Nevada and she was the first Nevadan to serve in a leadership position in the U.S. House of Representatives. Those of us who serve with BARBARA in the House elected her to the position of Secretary for the House Republican Conference for the 104th Congress—a position which allowed her to help shape the direction of legislative policy.

I have had the great honor of serving with BARBARA on the Appropriations Committee, where she is known for her commonsense, integrity, and sound judgment. We have also stood side-by-side on a number of issues important to both of our States, as members of the Rural Health Care Coalition and the Congressional Sportsmen Caucus Foundation.

As Representative from the Second District of Nevada, BARBARA has served her district, State, and Nation well.

Mr. Speaker, it has been a great honor to have served with my good friend and colleague from Nevada, BARBARA VUCANOVICH.

TRIBUTE TO BOB MERKLE

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I take great pride in rising today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Bob Merkle, who is retiring later this year after a long and distinguished career as an official with the United Auto Workers Region 1 and as a dedicated community activist.

Walter Ruether, the great UAW leader, once said, "the most important thing in the world is to fight for the other guy."

Mr. Speaker, that quote reminds me a lot of Bob Merkle, because for over 30 years, Bob Merkle has been organizing and educating and tirelessly fighting for the rights of working men and women in Michigan and our Nation. Through all of those years Bob has been guided by a fiery devotion to the interests of working families and a love of our community.

Bob started his career as an apprentice tool and diemaker at Enterprise Tool and Gear in 1956. Starting in 1960, Bob served as a plant chairperson and chief steward at Bendix Automation and Measurement. He was later elected vice president and then president of UAW Local 155. In 1979, Bob was appointed to the staff of UAW Region 1, where he served as CAP coordinator under Steve Yokich.

In addition to Bob's years of work with the UAW, he has also been tremendously active in local civic organizations. Bob has served his community on the board of Michigan Works, the Macomb Community Growth Alliance, and the Hamtramck Advisory Committee.

Bob and his wife Pat are both committed Democratic Party activists. Bob has served as a precinct delegate in Ira Township, on the Democratic State Central Committee and as a delegate to four Democratic Conventions. Both Bob and Pat have also devoted so much of their time to the 10th District Democratic Committee. And this year, Pat served as a delegate to the Democratic Convention in Chicago.

I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Bob Merkle for nearly 20 years. On issues like NAFTA, and employee rights and job safety, nobody has worked longer, fought harder or been more committed. I am proud to call Bob and Pat close friends.

After a distinguished career working with the UAW for the rights of middle-income families, Bob will now move on to other pursuits. But all of us who know Bob know that whatever he chooses to do, he will continue to be a leader and continue to be guided by the principal that all of us have a responsibility to look out for our neighbor, and to improve our community.

I am pleased to call attention to Bob's years of dedicated service and to congratulate him on his retirement. I know that he and Pat have many years of happiness ahead of them. I wish them both the best and look forward to continuing our friendship and our association.

RECOGNITION OF 22 YEARS OF CONGRESSIONAL SERVICE CON- GRESSWOMAN CARDISS COLLINS

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the commitment and dedication of a fellow Member of this body, Congresswoman CARDISS COLLINS, representative from the Seventh District of Illinois located in the city of Chicago.

After 22 years of distinguished service, Congresswoman CARDISS COLLINS has decided to retire from the House of Representatives. Her departure will be missed by those like myself who have come to appreciate her wisdom and quiet dedication to good Federal Government.

Congresswoman COLLINS should not only be remembered as being the longest serving African-American woman in Congress, but as a political "trailblazer."

Congresswoman CARDISS COLLINS has been a vocal advocate on the behalf of women, children, and minorities.

Throughout her tenure in Congress, Mrs. COLLINS has worked diligently to improve the quality of health care for women and minorities. To this end, she wrote the 1991 law which extend Medicare coverage for mammography screening, thereby allowing millions of elderly and disabled women to receive this vital service. She was successful in sponsoring legislation which expanded Medicaid coverage for pap smears in order to better provide for the early detection of cervical and uterine cancers. In each of the past 4 years, the House has adopted Mrs. COLLINS' resolution designating October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, which has lead to greater awareness of the threat to women's health that this disease poses.

Mrs. COLLINS' legislative agenda has also focused on the need for increased awareness and research into the poor health status of America's minority populations. In 1993, she authored legislation which amended the National Institute of Health Revitalization Act to establish a permanent Office of Minority Health within the National Institute of Health [NIH]. As a result of her efforts, funding and research into minority health concerns have increased sharply and the NIH has become more responsive to the health needs of all Americans.

Congresswoman COLLINS has always been a vocal advocate for the protection and increased safety of our Nation's children. As chairwoman of the former House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Competitiveness, she was successful in enacting both the Child Abuse Prevention Act, which provides Federal grants to train teachers and develop curriculum in child abuse prevention, and the Child Safety Protection Act, which requires warning labels on toys with small parts and establishes safety standards for bicycle helmets.

One of Congresswoman COLLINS' most active areas of interest has been her resolve to achieve title IX gender equity in college athletics and she conducted hearings and investigations into the practices of our Nations' colleges and universities to comply with the law. In 1993, she authored the Gender Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act, a law which requires colleges to disclose data on their spending and participation rates for both men and women's sports. As a result of her work, female participation rates in athletics have increased dramatically.

Congresswoman CARDISS COLLINS has indeed made a difference in the lives of many Americans.

Congresswoman COLLINS, I thank you for your leadership and visionary work as a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

A TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE ANDY JACOBS FOR OUTSTAND- ING SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to pay tribute to the gentleman

from Indiana, the Honorable ANDY JACOBS, who has loyally served the residents of Indiana's Tenth District for 30 years as their Representative in the U.S. Congress.

ANDY's service to our country began during the Korean war, when he served in the Marine Corps. In 1964, he was elected as a Representative from Indiana, a duty which he has honorably fulfilled for 30 years.

Throughout his service, ANDY has been a frugal and prudent guardian of Federal spending. He has supported the balanced budget amendment and the "A to Z" spending cuts. Furthermore, he played a key role in converting the Social Security Administration to an independent agency and in limiting employer's need to pay Social Security taxes for part-time domestic workers.

ANDY is a straightforward and unassuming leader who continually has demonstrated the ability to vote for what he believes is right. Political winds and pressure have not affected his decisions. ANDY's humor in the dining room and other places will be sorely missed. This body will be losing a great Representative and American when ANDY leaves here.

On behalf of the citizens of Wisconsin's Ninth district, I thank the Honorable ANDY JACOBS for his outstanding service to the people of the United States.

RETIREMENT OF CONGRESSMEN CLINGER AND WALKER

HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to tribute to two of the longest-serving members from the Pennsylvania delegation—BOB WALKER and BILL CLINGER—as the date of their retirement from this august body draws near. Their records of dedicated service to their country and their constituents are two of the most eloquent arguments against term limits that one could ever imagine.

While we represent very different constituencies and have very different views on a number of public policy issues, I have worked closely with Congressman WALKER and Representative CLINGER on a great many issues of importance to the people of Pennsylvania. The success of the Pennsylvania delegation in representing the interests of the residents of the Commonwealth is due in no small part to the ability of the Pennsylvania congressional delegation to repeatedly rise above partisan politics in order to serve our constituents.

BOB WALKER has served the people of Pennsylvania's 16th Congressional District for 20 years. He will long be remembered for his in-depth knowledge of the House legislative process. His parliamentary prowess was so well-known and admired that he was called upon to instruct House Republican freshmen in the rules and procedures of the House. I think that one of the highest compliments that one politician can give an adversary is that he effectively pursued his goals. BOB WALKER has certainly deserved that plaudit.

BOB is also known for his intense loyalty to his party and his friends. On the floor and off, he has labored tirelessly on behalf of his party—during the many years when House Republicans were in the minority as well as