

of the business and correspondence while Dave is in meetings. Her support has made it possible for Dave Danbom to dedicate as much time as he has to the betterment of the fishery.

In recent years the Danboms worked with myself and my predecessor to this office, now White House Chief of Staff, Leon Panetta, for the establishment of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, which stretches from San Luis Obispo County to Point Reyes and is managed out of both Monterey and San Francisco.

The Danboms' devotion to the preservation of ocean waters and resources is exemplary. It is an honor to have David and Barbara Danbom on the Central Coast of California. I know I am speaking for the residents of the 17th District when I say that we are proud of Barbara and David Danbom.

SIERRA CLUB'S ANTI-GOP EFFORTS ASSISTED BY REP. BOEHLERT

HON. WES COOLEY

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 1996

Mr. COOLEY of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, during my tenure in Congress, I have been astounded by the intensity of partisan political activities by national environmental groups. The Sierra Club has clearly been among the most partisan and politically active of all these groups.

According to the Federal Election Commission's records from July 1995, the Sierra Club has contributed a total of \$8,500 to four Republican candidates for Congress and \$85,162 to 47 Democratic candidates during the current election cycle. The September/October 1996 issue of Sierra magazine reported the group had endorsed 131 candidates for House and Senate. Not surprisingly, only 7 of these were Republicans.

Moreover, during last winter's special U.S. Senate race in my State, the Sierra Club reported spending \$168,454 in independent expenditures on behalf of Democratic nominee RON WYDEN. Many similar independent expenditures are currently underway throughout the Nation.

I was dismayed, but not surprised, to learn that Representative SHERRY BOEHLERT, co-chairman of the Speaker's Task Force on the Environment, has aided and abetted the Sierra Club in its efforts to defeat Republicans this November. Consequently, I signed the following letter along with many other free market and conservative groups asking the Speaker to discipline Representative BOEHLERT for his unforgivable actions. I urge my colleagues to read this letter and learn more about Representative BOEHLERT's efforts to help the Sierra Club elect a Democrat majority in Congress.

SEPTEMBER 16, 1996.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: We are writing to express our concerns about recent activities of Representative Sherwood Boehlert, which we believe undermine the mission and credibility of your Speaker's Task Force on the Environment. You have stated that the value of

your Task Force is that it offers a forum in which members with widely varying views on environmental and regulatory issues can learn from each other in an atmosphere of mutual trust and respect. Rep. Boehlert has poisoned that atmosphere.

On August 13 during the Republican National Convention, Rep. Boehlert was the featured guest at a Sierra Club fundraising reception at the Harbor Island West Hotel in San Diego. The Sierra Club presented him with their "highest award for elected officials." In his remarks, Rep. Boehlert concluded by telling the audience that a "cleaner, healthier, safer environment is what I am working for. That is what you are working for, and we are partners."

Rep. Boehlert's partners at the Sierra Club are doing something else besides working for a cleaner, healthier, safer environment. They are also engaged in a massive effort to "take back the Congress," which their president, Adam Werbach, recently described as "the worst Congress ever, period." The political director of the Sierra Club, Daniel J. Weiss, has described their election strategy as a "multi-million dollar educational campaign." Of 131 House and Senate candidates officially endorsed by the Sierra Club in the current issue of *Sierra* magazine, seven are Republicans. The challenger is endorsed in Georgia's sixth Congressional district. FEC reports in July show that in the current election cycle the Sierra Club had contributed a total of \$8,500 to four Republican candidates and \$85,162 to 47 Democratic candidates. In addition, the Sierra Club reported spending \$168,454 in independent expenditures during last winter's special Senate election in Oregon on behalf of Ron Wyden. Similar independent expenditures are planned for the fall campaign in many races.

Media packets distributed by the Sierra Club at their San Diego fund-raiser viciously and unfairly lambasted Congressional attempts to reform and improve federal environmental laws and attack you personally in the most outrageous terms (as do Sierra Club fundraising letters). Immediately before their fund-raiser, Rep. Boehlert's partners at the Sierra Club sponsored a protest rally and walk along the harbor in San Diego to "take back the Congress." One protester carried a homemade banner that depicted a bulldozer driven by you with the words "Private Property Rights" emblazoned on the blade. Underneath were the words "Stop GOP Terrorism" with a swastika drawn inside the O in GOP.

It should also be mentioned that Sierra magazine featured Representative Richard Pombo, the other co-chairman of your Task Force on the Environment, as its first "Eco-Thug of the Month." It has also featured at least five other members of your Task Force as Eco-Thugs of the Month: Representatives Billy Tauzin, Andrea Seastrand, Nathan Deal, Helen Chenoweth, and Jimmy Hayes. In addition, the Sierra Club has officially endorsed the opponents of two other members of the Task Force's Steering Committee, Representatives James Longley and Brian Bilbray.

The Sierra Club is not the only radical organization Rep. Boehlert has been working with to thwart Congress's environmental reform efforts. In a January 30 letter to the legislative director of the Natural Resources Defense Council thanking NRDC's staff for their help, he wrote, "At this time in 1995, the prospects for environmental protection looked bleak." On July 23, the news service Greenwire reported that, "Starting this week, the Natural Resources Defense Council will air 60-second radio ads against 16 House members with 'anti-environmental voting patterns.'" An Associated Press story published in the November 2, 1995 Atlanta *Con-*

stitution reports that Rep. Boehlert attended an environmental protest rally on the Capitol steps and "joined in the chant 'Stop the rollback. Free the planet.'"

We enthusiastically applaud the efforts made by the 104th Congress to reform our nation's disastrous command-and-control environmental policies. Given Rep. Boehlert's actions outlined above to stymie those efforts and to defeat those who support them, we respectfully suggest that it is inappropriate for him to serve as co-chairman of your Task Force on the Environment, a position of great responsibility that gives him power to control what environmental legislation can come to the floor.

We are enclosing relevant supporting materials. We look forward to working with you to address these concerns.

Sincerely yours,

Malcolm Wallop, Chairman, Frontiers of Freedom; Paul M. Weyrich, President, Free Congress Foundation.

Joseph M. Phillips, Director, Federal Affairs, National Rifle Association I.L.A.; Dennis Hollingsworth, Director of Natural Resources, Riverside County Farm Bureau; Peter T. Flaherty, Chairman, Conservative Campaign Fund; Amy Moritz, President, National Center for Public Policy Research; Carol W. LaGrasse, President, Property Rights Foundation of America, Inc.; Nancie G. Marzulla, President and Chief Legal Counsel, Defenders of Property Rights.

Morton C. Blackwell, Republican National Committeeman for Virginia; David Ridenour, Director, Environmental Policy Task Force; Chuck Cushman, Executive Director, American Land Rights Association; Fred L. Smith, President, Competitive Enterprise Institute; Margaret Ann Riegle, Chairman, The Fairness to Landowners Committee; Jeffrey P. Harris, Exec. Director, National Coalition for Public Lands and Natural Resources.

Met Johnson, Executive Director, Western States Coalition; G. Ray Arnett, President, Arnett & Associates; David B. Howard, President, Land Rights Foundation; The Honorable Donald Amador, Commissioner, OHMVR Div., Calif. Department of Parks and Recreation; Douglas Domenech, Executive Director, Madison Project; Kathleen Marquardt, Chairman, Putting People First.

Dr. S. Fred Singer, President, Science and Environmental Policy Project; The Honorable Wes Cooley, Member of Congress, Oregon, Second District; Karen Kerrigan, President, Small Business Survival Committee; Clark L. Collins, Executive Director, Blue Ribbon Coalition; Henry Lamb, Exec. Vice President, Environmental Conservation Organization; Thomas A. DeWeese, President, American Policy Center.

David M. Rothbard, President, Comm. for a Constructive Tomorrow; Bruce C. Grefrath, Washington Representative, National Inholders Association; Y. Leon Favreau, President, Multiple Use Association; Caren Cowan, Executive Director, New Mexico Wool Growers Inc.; William T. Riley, Northwest Council of Governments; Robert L. Gardner, President, Curry County Oregon Project.

Edmund Peterson, Chairman, Project 21; William E. Theis, Steering Committee, Stop Taking Our Property; Jack E. Phelps, Executive Director, Alaska Forest Association; Helen A. Baker, Director, Women For California; William Pickell, General Manager, Washington Contract Loggers Assn.; Randal L. Pelton, Chairman, Chelan County Citizens Coalition.

Edward H. Waldheim, President, California Off-Road Vehicle Association; Peggy A. Wagner, Director, Montanans for Multiple Use; Dr. Bonner R. Cohen, Editor, EPA Watch; R.O. Voight, President, Maine Conservation

Rights Institute; Adam Dubitsky, President, ABD Communications; Robert MacMullin, President, MacMullin Forestry & Logging.

William J. Murray, Chairman, Government Is Not God PAC; Barbara Mossman, Spokesman, American Loggers Solidarity; Chuck Chase, Director, Eastern Oregon Mining Association; Patricia A. Bradburn, President, Virginians for Property Rights; Darlene Slusher, President, Accord Chapter, People for the West; Karl W. Mote, Retired, Mining Industry; Harry A. Baker, Jr., Chief Instructor, California 44 Education & Training; Robert J. Smith, Senior Environmental Scholar, Competitive Enterprise Institute; Mike Dail, President, Federal Land Bank Association of Mason.

TRIBUTE TO MSGR. LOUIS BIHR

HON. WILLIAM J. MARTINI

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 1996

Mr. MARTINI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a real American hero. I am talking of Msgr. Louis Bihr, pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Wayne, NJ.

Mr. Speaker, Monsignor Bihr ("Father Lou") has devoted over 25 years of his life to preaching god's word. Known for his devotion to mass, prayer, love and kindness, Father Lou has served at Blessed Sacrament Parish, St. Joseph's Parish, St. Boniface Parish and St. Gerald's Church. Mr. Speaker, he has been cherished by countless numbers of individuals in the religious world.

Apart from his preaching in the church, Mr. Speaker, he has continued to spread the word of God in surrounding communities. He moved from director of the Diocesan Youth Department/CYO to the elected position of assistant chairman of region II of the National CYO Federation. He led the development of a diocesanwide high school retreat. He brought Youth Haven, a shelter for runaway teenagers, to the community. Finally, Father Lou initiated the opening of a children's day care center, El Mundo del Nino.

Mr. Speaker, Msgr. Louis Bihr has been chosen as "Man of the Year" by St. Gerald's Church. He is also man of the year in my eyes. I ask that we all acknowledge the work and life of this man. He has fought for the good of our country, our hearts, and our souls.

HONORING SOUTH POST OAK BAPTIST CHURCH ON ITS 37TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 1996

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor South Post Oak Baptist Church in my district as it celebrates its 37th anniversary, and I extend to Pastor Remus E. Wright a special congratulations for all that he has done for the church and for our community.

Under Pastor Wright's leadership, the church has experienced rapid growth. Once as small as 150 members, the church today serves more than 2,000 members. Pastor Wright has established 20 new ministries and enhanced several others so that the church

can better fulfill its mission of Christian service to our community.

Pastor Wright's concern for people goes far beyond the membership of South Post Oak Baptist Church. He is extensively involved in the community around the church. He currently serves on community boards for two high schools in Houston. In May 1994, the city of Houston and Mayor Bob Lanier proclaimed Rev. Ramus E. Wright Day in Houston in recognition of the work he has done at South Post Oak and in the community.

Pastor Wright has been an example for all of us through his community leadership, his caring for others, and his deep and abiding faith. By following that example, the members of South Post Oak Baptist Church have enriched our community for all of us. As the church celebrates its 37th anniversary, I want to express my deep appreciation to Pastor Wright and the members of the church for their good work, and I wish them well in the future. I have no doubt that their many ministries will continue to flourish and prosper to the betterment of us all.

TRIBUTE TO THE VILLAGE OF BURR RIDGE ON ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 1996

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding community in my district that is celebrating its 40th anniversary, Burr Ridge, IL.

Burr Ridge was incorporated October 30, 1956, as a 1-mile square area. The village was originally called Harvester in honor of the International Harvester plant located nearby. The village steadily expanded and was renamed Burr Ridge in 1961 in honor of a stand of Burr Oak trees located on a small ridge in the community.

Through wise planning and controlled growth, the village has combined light industrial areas with subdivisions of single family homes in all price ranges. From the original 300 residents, Burr Ridge has grown to nearly 9,000 inhabitants.

Mr. Speaker, I salute the Village of Burr Ridge on 40 years of serving as a model community in suburban Chicago.

TRIBUTE TO THE URBAN PULSE MAGAZINE SHOW

HON. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY II

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 1996

Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the Urban Pulse Magazine Show. The Urban Pulse Magazine Show will celebrate its expansion from its grass-roots in Boston cable to a New England regional cablecast which will be viewed on WNDS-50TV. The show is committed to excellence in the production of quality urban contemporary programming. Serving 356 surrounding communities, the Urban Pulse magazine's program-

ming reflects the needs, interests and diverse lifestyles of urban America.

Since its inception in January of 1996, the energetic and committed staff of the Urban Pulse magazine, have provided entertaining, educational, and informative African American programming. The Urban Pulse magazine creatively mixes such public affairs issues as education, youth, and local and national politics, with series such as "Mo-Jazz" and "The Urban Roundtable."

I ask my colleagues to join me in paying a special tribute to the Urban Pulse magazine and their continued success.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT H. STEINER

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 1996

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the treasurer of the charter township of Clinton, MI, Mr. Robert H. Steiner. After 33 years of devoted service to the people of Clinton Township, Bob Steiner has decided to retire.

For over three decades, the residents knew they could count on Bob Steiner to perform his responsibilities with professionalism and competence. In addition to his role as the township treasurer, Bob Steiner has served as a member of the Planning Commission for 9 years and as a township trustee for 4 terms of office. In his ongoing attempt to serve the public more ably, he has taken numerous other leadership positions.

For example, Bob is currently the director of three groups vital to the well-being of everyone in the community: the Clinton Township Economic Development Corp., the Michigan Townships Association, and the Grosse Pointes Clinton Refuse Disposal Authority.

The list of other organizations in which Bob has been involved, is simply too lengthy to include. But it is safe to say that if there was a concern raised in Clinton Township, Bob was responsive to it.

His many civic responsibilities did not prevent him from devoting his time, energy, and talents to many community projects through volunteer work. Bob and his family have been active in their church and in the Clinton Valley and Chippewa Valley Kiwanis Clubs. He has worked on behalf of the Clinton Township Goodfellows organization and many school, academic, and sports activities.

It was nearly 25 years ago that I first knocked on the Steiner door and met Bob and his wonderful wife, Alice. Since that time, Bob and I have enjoyed a close working relationship on local, State, and Federal issues. I have watched with respect as the township has grown under his steady leadership. The true measure of his commitment to the people of Clinton Township, is his son's similar interest in public service, obviously learned and nurtured at home.

After 33 years of public service, I thank Bob for his fine work and commend him for his exceptional dedication and outstanding contributions. He will be missed by us all. We wish him the very best in the future as he enters a well-deserved retirement. As family and friends and associates gather on Friday, November 8, 1996, to honor Bob and Alice on