

public life, Jerry has shown this community a beautiful example of someone who does not let involvement in work, politics, and community affairs interfere with his dedication to his family. No matter how busy, Jerry has always been a caring husband to his wife Linda Gherman, and a devoted father to his children, Ron Robin, and Ryan Gherman.

In all, Jerry Gherman is a remarkable American. He is truly an example to all of us, accomplishing the things that we of this Nation hold in greatest esteem: He served in our country in uniform, he works to save lives, he has a vision of what his fellow workers need and has fought with skill and passion to make their lives better, he gives generously of his experience and time to the young people of his community and to the church of his beliefs, and he has supported and loved his family throughout a very active and committed life. I am proud to call Jerry Gherman a friend and it is an honor to ask that this Congress recognize him as the great and generous man that he is.

JIM LACY'S RETIREMENT: A LOSS FOR OUR STUDENTS

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 5, 1996

Mr. ROGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great friend, teacher, and leader for our children and community in Wolfe County, KY.

For almost 30 years, Jim Lacy has served the students and families of Wolfe County as a teacher, administrator, and county superintendent.

As a teacher for more than 24 years, he taught almost every class and knew every student. He also served as the high school's basketball and baseball coach, teaching our children not only the value of education, but of physical fitness, competition, and sportsmanship.

After 2 years as the principal of the Wolfe County Middle School, Jim was hired by the board of education to become superintendent of schools.

During his 4 years of service, he has been a strong supporter of our schools and the need for constantly improving our education system.

In addition to educating our children, Jim also worked closely with the Kentucky State Conservation Service to help our communities. He has served as an excellent representative in visits to Washington, DC, Frankfort, and other States as an advocate for eastern Kentucky.

Jim Lacy is a leader. He has molded our children as a role model and example of leadership for a long time. And now, as he teaches and leads a second generation of students—the children of his former students—Jim Lacy will always stand out because of his commitment to excellence.

Many of his students have enjoyed their time with Jim Lacy. For his loyal service, we are all grateful.

Good luck, Jim, and may your retirement be long and enjoyable.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE W. LITTLE, BUSINESS, COMMUNITY, AND CIVIC LEADER

HON. DAVID FUNDERBURK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 5, 1996

Mr. FUNDERBURK. Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to recognize the major accomplishment of Moore County civic and political leader, George W. Little. Few people have as long a list of business, civic, and political activities or of recognitions and awards.

Mr. Little grew up in Southern Pines, NC where he attended public school. Following that he attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is married to Teena S. Little who is a State Senator. His three children are Cynthia Little Frazier, Lindsay Evans Little, and George Wesley Little, Jr. George Little is a member of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church in Southern Pines.

Mr. Little is a leading insurance consultant and broker who also served as Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Natural and Economic Resources. In business activities he is a member of Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Board of Directors; the Sanford Association of Life Underwriters; the Pinehurst Area Convention and Visitors Bureau; and the North Carolina Board of Economic Development [vice chairman].

George Little is truly a community leader in civic activities. He serves as a member of the Sandhills area Chamber of Commerce, the Sandhills Kiwanis Club, and the Southern Pines Elks Lodge. Most notably for over two decades, he has served as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Sandhills Community College, one of North Carolina's finest. And reflecting his statewide leadership role in community college education, he is chairman of the North Carolina Association of Community College Trustees Executive Committee.

His past civic, business, and political activities are far too numerous to mention. In Republican politics he has been a kingmaker for some 25 years. For example, he has served as Moore County GOP Chairman for several terms, as the North Carolina GOP Finance Chairman, as a member of the North Carolina GOP Executive and Central Committees; and as a Delegate to the Republican National Convention. And he has served as finance and/or political member of many GOP Lieutenant Governor, Governor, and Presidential campaigns.

Some of George Little's most notable awards and recognition were: Honorary Associate in Humanities Degree from Sandhills Community College; National Sales Achievement Awards; North Carolina Jaycees Outstanding State Chairman Award; North Carolina Outstanding Sound Citizens Award; and Outstanding Young Man of the Year of Southern Pines. Additionally his benevolent and humanitarian activities are especially laudable and noteworthy.

In summary, George W. Little merits our thanks and tribute for the outstanding contribution he has made to his community, county, and State. I am pleased to extend personal thanks to a longtime friend and fellow Sandhills native.

COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKEE

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 5, 1996

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th anniversary of the founding of the city of Milwaukee.

I am proud to be among those who call this beautiful city home. Milwaukee has long been graced with a natural environment that is second to none. Our city is blessed with beautiful parks, a preserved and protected lakefront, and architecture that preserves the richness of our past while looking toward the future.

Long recognized as the workshop of the world, Milwaukee is home to shops and factories that are known worldwide for their craftsmanship and quality. The pride and skill of Milwaukee's working men and women proudly shines through in products which are shipped and sold throughout the world.

Known as much for clean government as for its clean streets, Milwaukee has maintained a tradition of progressive civic leadership throughout its history. With a commitment to a superb quality of life for all citizens, Milwaukee's city government has consistently worked to create and maintain a thriving local economy, safe streets and neighborhoods, and decent and affordable housing for all.

Milwaukee is also rightfully proud of its outstanding institutions of higher learning and of its vibrant and diverse cultural activities. Our city is clearly a great place to live. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing the citizens of Milwaukee a happy 150th anniversary.

RESOLUTION COMMENDING GREEN BAY PACKERS AND QUARTERBACK BRETT FAVRE FOR THEIR WINNING WAYS

HON. TOBY ROTH

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 5, 1996

Mr. ROTH. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I introduce a resolution congratulating the Green Bay Packers football team and its remarkable quarterback, Brett Favre, for their outstanding performances this year.

The Packers, the only League team owned by a municipality, the City of Green Bay, WI, has won its first National Football Conference Central Division title in 23 years.

The team has battled its way into the divisional playoffs, and now face the Super Bowl Champion San Francisco 49ers.

The Packers' quarterback, Brett Favre, has just been recognized as the most valuable player in the entire National Football League [NFL].

Indeed, Mr. Chairman, Brett Favre received 78 percent of the votes cast in bestowing this honor, a margin of enviable magnitude.

My resolution commends the Packers as a team, its coaches, its athletes, its staff, and its loyal fans for the season's hard-fought victories.

It commends Brett Favre for his incredible individual accomplishments.

These include a Conference record 38 touchdown passes during the regular season.

Brett Favre threw three more touchdown passes in Sunday's 37-20 first-round playoff victory over the Atlanta Falcons.

He has started in 61 consecutive football games, the longest streak among active NFL quarterbacks.

Finally, the resolution recognizes the team's commitment to achieving and demonstrating athletic excellence in the best traditions of the State of Wisconsin and of the Nation.

I urge the House to join me in giving special recognition to this exceptionally talented team and its admirable quarterback. They have proven themselves leaders and top performers in every capacity through one of the most competitive professional football seasons in history.

I ask that the article about the team and Mr. Favre and his award that appeared in the Green Bay Press-Gazette on January 2, 1996, be printed in the RECORD.

FAVRE ON HONOR: IT'S SALUTE TO TEAM
(By Chris Havel)

Brett Favre bounded into his Ashwaubenon home dying to share the news.

The Green Bay Packers' quarterback had just learned he was voted the National Football League's Most Valuable Player for the 1995 season.

"He was just like a kid winning his first trophy ever," said Deanna Tynes, Favre's longtime girlfriend. "He said, 'Do you know how big this is?' I said, 'yes, I do.' He said, 'No, you don't. You can't, because I don't know.'"

Winning the MVP award is one thing. Comprehending it is another.

That was on Saturday.

The Associated Press, which conducted the balloting in which Favre earned 69 of 88 votes from a national media panel, told him during an advance interview two days before the award was released.

On Monday, Favre seemed just as excited as if he'd heard it the first time.

"This is great," he said.

The 26-year-old admitted his NFC record 38 touchdown passes and NFL-leading 4,413 yards passing obviously played a bit role in his winning the award. But no greater a role than the Packers' 11-5 record and Central Division title.

"The numbers are hard to ignore, but if we had gone 2-14 everyone would have said, 'So what?'" he said. "I can't say enough about what this award means for me and my team. You can't win something like this unless you win and be successful. That's a salute to all my teammates."

The award was especially impressive in that it came in the same season San Francisco's Jerry Rice and Dallas' Emmitt Smith set NFL records for receiving yards (1,848) and touchdowns (25), respectively.

This is heady stuff.

The people closest to Favre know it. They also know it won't go to his head.

"The only way he has changed is that he has grown up a lot," said Tynes, who laughs at the notion that Favre is a "big ego" guy. "He's still a kid at heart. He'll always be that way. More than anything, he loves to play football and he loves to win. That's just the way he is."

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Bryant Medders who played with Favre at Southern Mississippi and is a close friend, said Favre's maturity—both physically and mentally—is striking.

"He never knew where the weight room was at Southern Miss," Medders said. "Now on Tuesdays (the Packers' day off) he goes in

and rides the bike and does the treadmill. I thought, 'That doesn't sound like Brett.' But it is now."

Steve Mariucci, the Packers' quarterbacks coach, also has seen the changes.

"Brett's image used to be the . . . Well, you know. Now his image and persona is that he's an intelligent quarterback. Heads-up. Gutsy. He's playing the position very well and very smart," said Mariucci. "He's playing a little bit beyond the scheme of our system at times with his improvising and making good things happen. He's keeping the negatives to a minimum."

Clearly, Favre is a serious NFL quarterback. Yet he remains his fun-loving self.

Medders got a dose of it a few years back when he came to Green Bay for the Packers' December game against the Rams. Favre told Medders to be sure to bundle up because of the sub-zero temperatures.

"So we step out of the apartment on our way to the game and what does he do? He comes up behind me and stuffs two handfuls of snow right down the back of my shirt," said Medders, laughing. "That started my day out right."

"He's the biggest prankster there is," said Clark Henegan, a college buddy of Favre's who moved to Green Bay and is his personal assistant. "If you're not careful, he'll pull your pants down on the tee box. Trust me."

Favre actually pulled just such a prank on Mariucci at practice.

"The worst part was they had it on film," said Mariucci. "That's just how he is. He's the funniest human being I have ever been around. To be witty, you have to be intelligent, and he's very witty. Not that I ever want him to do that again."

The fact that Favre would even consider such a practical joke on his position coach is testament to the closeness they share.

'MUTUAL RESPECT'

We have a great mutual respect and when I say 'we' I mean all the quarterbacks," said Mariucci. "It's a constant Barnum & Bailey, but when it's time to go, we go. We get after it and there's no fooling around."

Medders thinks Favre is just beginning to blossom.

"Now that he has received some respect from peers and around the nation, it'll actually make him more confident," said Medders, who lives in Birmingham, Ala. "I think it will make him better. It'll bring him out more."

Favre's rock-solid performance in the Packers' 37-20 victory over Atlanta in Sunday's NFC wild-card game makes a convincing argument. Knowing he has been selected as the NFL's MVP didn't affect his approach or his performance.

He completed 24 of 35 passes for 199 yards and three touchdowns.

"There was no pressure on me," Favre said. "I didn't feel like I had to do anything spectacular and I didn't. I don't have to put up big numbers for us to win. Edgar Bennett had 108 yards. We won. That's what we would like to do."

On some teams, the presence of an MVP quarterback might breed jealousy.

In Green Bay, Favre believes it'll breed confidence going into Saturday's NFC Divisional Playoff against defending Super Bowl champion San Francisco.

"Our players can say, 'Hey, if a Packer can win this award, then we're getting a little notoriety and people are starting to recognize us,'" he said.

"We're 11-5. We won our division. We're pretty good. I hope every player feels like we can go out to San Francisco and win."

DEPORTATION OF FOREIGNERS

HON. JULIAN C. DIXON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 5, 1996

Mr. DIXON. Mr. Speaker, I want to take the opportunity to call the attention of my colleagues to the following editorial which appeared in the Los Angeles Times of Tuesday, January 2, 1996. The Times cites encouraging progress by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service [INS] in the deportation of foreigners who are in this country illegally. Obviously, illegal immigration is an issue of great importance to the Los Angeles area as well as the entire State of California, and I commend the INS for its recent successes in efforts to confront this pressing problem.

ENCOURAGING PROGRESS ON DEPORTATIONS
STATISTICS SUPPORT THE STEADY, MEASURED
APPROACH OF THE INS

The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service says a record number of foreigners, 51,600, were deported in 1995 for being in the United States illegally. While those deportations represent only a tiny dent in America's illegal immigration problems, the number does illustrate that the Clinton administration is moving in the right direction on control of the nation's borders.

Experts who track immigration trends can only guess at how many illegal immigrants are living in the country. A rough consensus currently is between 2 million and 3 million. But the INS knows exactly how many it formally deports each year, and the 1995 figure is 15% more than in 1994 and up nearly 75% from 1990. So the INS has shown progress, indicating that its measured approach, pressed methodically despite a prevailing anti-immigrant hysteria, is effective.

Clearly Congress' decision to increase the amount of money spent on border enforcement has paid off. That should provide more political support for the INS spending bill now pending in Congress, which calls for a \$128.7-million increase in enforcement funds. In terms of manpower, that means an additional 1,400 INS officers, mostly detention and deportation officers.

Another wise decision that INS Commissioner Doris Meissner made was to invest in a computerized identification system for INS border inspectors at busy ports of entry like San Ysidro, south of San Diego, and El Paso.

But the most important change in INS procedures was Meissner's decision to expand and accelerate the procedure for holding formal deportation hearings for foreigners who had served time on criminal convictions. Most of the 1995 deportees, 62% of the total, were criminals expelled after completing their sentences.

In the past, these foreigners were sent to federal detention centers to await deportation hearings. Or, if there was no room in the centers, they would simply be set free and ordered to return voluntarily for the hearings. Obviously many did not show up. Under the new INS policy an INS judge goes to the prison, hears the prisoner's case for remaining in the United States and makes a decision on the spot. Those rejected are taken directly to an airport and put on the next plane to their country of origin.

With Congress immersed in a new debate about immigration reform, members should acknowledge the INS successes before they try to reinvent the wheel. Washington needs a steady, credible immigration policy, not a hysterical response to demagogues demanding rash, unproven policies.