

He is the father of two children, Karen and Clay McLeod.

As one who was a college classmate of Mike McLeod and one who has worked with him in many activities, it give me great personal pleasure to pay tribute to my trusted friend for his outstanding contributions to his community and Nation.

TRIBUTE TO JACQUELINE  
BERGMAN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 29, 1996

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, Ms. Jacqueline Bergman has distinguished herself as the first female member president of the International Association of Lions Clubs, and I think it is important to recognize this landmark achievement. In 1987 she was installed as the first woman member of the Brooklyn Downtown Lions Club. This is indeed significant because it demonstrates that barriers to advancement for women are being overcome.

Ms. Bergman has served the Lions organization well. She has chaired major fundraisers, been the recipient of the organization's highest award by being designated as a Melvin Jones Fellow, and edited the club's newsletter. Jacqueline has also served as a delegate to numerous district, State and international conventions. Jacqueline lives in Brooklyn Heights, has two children, Andrew and Mona, and adores her grandson Andre. Her commitment to service is only exceeded by her desire to do the best job possible. I am honored to recognize her dedicated efforts.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MT.  
ZION SEVENTH GRADE BOYS  
BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. GLENN POSHARD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 29, 1996

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and celebrate the Mt. Zion, IL, seventh grade boys basketball team and their coach, Jeff Sams, for winning the Illinois Elementary School Association 7AA State championships. Their tremendous team effort brought them back from a four point half-time deficit against the favored Lincoln Trojans. I join their families and the rest of Mt. Zion in honoring their achievement.

As all of us sports fans know, February and March are the height of the high school and college basketball seasons. The Super Bowl is over, the first sounds of spring training are just being heard, and playoffs in pro basketball and hockey are still weeks away. Moreover, in small towns across America, local sports are the only game that matters, and a community's pulse can be measured by how the local teams fare. This is the case in Mt. Zion, where 2,500 turned out to watch the championship game. They were not disappointed, as the Braves shot 58 percent en route to the victory. The excitement of playing before such a crowd is truly an exhilarating experience that those players won't soon forget, and the thrill

that the team gave to the community is equally special. As coach Sams said, "I found the whole experience to be an unforgettable memory for everyone involved."

Mr. Speaker, sports also serve to develop qualities in our children that will help them throughout their lives. Leadership, team play, and the value of physical fitness are all integrally linked to success, and I am confident that all of Mt. Zion's players will achieve even greater heights in their future endeavors. I would like to congratulate them again, and mention their names: Aaron Barger, Stephen Barger, Sean Brewer, Justin Cox, Jonathan Ellis, Ryan Kistenfeger, Matt McCollom, Neil Plank, Jake Sams, Josh Stonecipher, Matthew Trusner, and Chad Watson.

RIGHTS OF VICTIMS

HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 29, 1996

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, I am submitting into the RECORD a letter that was sent to me which deserves immediate attention from every Member of Congress.

Nashotah, WI, February 26, 1996.

Congressman CHARLES SCHUMER,  
Committee On The Judiciary,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN SCHUMER: On July 19, 1994, my wife Karin testified before this committee on the subject of health care abuse. She was only 28 years old when she appeared before you, yet she was dying as a direct result of medical malpractice. Karin told you about our HMO, Family Health Plan in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and how for over three years her doctors misdiagnosed the classic physical symptoms of advanced cervical cancer while their lab chronically misread her pap smears and her biopsies.

Karin told you about Dr. Lipo who owned the lab while he also served on the board of directors at Family Health Plan, and how in that capacity he would see the bids from competing labs and adjust his contract to keep the HMO's business. Karin also testified about June Fricano, the lab technician, who was paid on a per slide basis, reading 5 times the federally recommended number of slides and working at as many as four other labs simultaneously.

Although our HMO repeatedly told us everything was okay, our fears drew us to look elsewhere. Within one week of going to a gynecologist outside of Family Health Plan, we received the devastating news. Had Karin been properly diagnosed in 1988, after her first positive pap smear was misread, she would have had a 95-97 percent chance of survival, but due to the gross incompetence of Family Health Plan, my wife died at 29. Next Friday marks the one year anniversary of Karin's death.

Karin fought 2 battles when she became sick and she fought them as hard as she could. She fought the cancer with chemotherapy, radiation, surgery and prayer. The other battle she fought was to protect the rights of all patients and victims of medical malpractice and she fought that battle with her words and her experiences.

Every chance she got, Karin would write letters to regulatory agencies, legislators, or go to Washington to tell her story to Congress. She spoke to the Clintons', she testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee and she spoke to you. All so that no other American would fall prey to the horrible nightmare we were forced to endure.

Karin and I experienced first hand, the overwhelming lack of continuity of care, lack of communication, lack of responsibility, lack of accountability and lack of humanity which are the hallmarks of profit driven managed care facilities in this country today.

When Karin testified before you she asked that you let her experience be your guide. She asked you for a health care system that allows choice, while providing accountability and incorporating strict mandatory medical negligence prevention. As a victim of those offenses, Karin implored you . . . "Please don't let Congress strip away the rights of victims like me." It would be her wish that we'd continue the fight in her name. Please don't let her death be in vain.

Sincerely,

PETER SMITH.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE  
SANDRA SCHULTZ NEWMAN

HON. JON D. FOX

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 29, 1996

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a resident of the 13th Congressional District who has a long record of service to the people of Montgomery County, PA and who now serves the entire Commonwealth with honor and distinction.

The Honorable Sandra Schultz Newman is the newest member of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. Justice Newman was elected to the highest court in 1995 and became the first woman elected to serve in that distinguished office in the history of the State. Previously, she served the residents of the Keystone State as an outstanding Judge of the Commonwealth Court.

The daughter of Oscar Newman and Minerva Kaminsky Schultz. Judge Newman earned her bachelor's degree from Drexel University in Philadelphia. After receiving a master's degree from Temple University in Philadelphia, Justice Newman graduated with honors from Villanova University Law School where she received her Juris Doctor degree.

Justice Newman served in private law practice from 1972-79 where she rose to become the senior partner in the firm of Astor, Weiss & Newman in 1979. Justice Newman served with great distinction as an Assistant District Attorney in Montgomery County, PA. She is the past president of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. She is also a contributing member of the American Bar Association, the Pennsylvania Bar Association, the Montgomery County Bar Association, the Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association and the American Trial Lawyers Association.

Additionally, she is a member of the National Association of Women Judges and past board manager of the family law section of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. Justice Newman serves as chairman of the board of consultants of the Villanova University Law School and a member of the advisory board for the University of Pennsylvania Biddle Law Library.

Justice Newman has been honored by Best Lawyers in America and has received the Drexel 100 Award, 1992, Medallion of Achievement Award of the Villanova Law

School, 1993. She is the author of "Alimony, Child Support, and Counsel Fees"—1988—and has been active in many charitable and community service organizations in Montgomery County and throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Speaker, I join the residents of Pennsylvania in honoring Justice Sandra Schultz Newman as a revered member of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. Her legal skills, outstanding judgment, compassionate heart, and fundamental fairness marks her as one of the most outstanding leaders in the United States. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

#### PEARL HARBOR '41, BOSNIA '95

HON. FRANK A. LOBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 29, 1996

Mr. LOBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, I commend to my colleagues an excellent editorial which appeared in the January issue of the Township of Hamilton Veterans Bulletin. As our Nation embarks on yet another military mission overseas, we should all keep the following points in mind.

PEARL HARBOR '41, BOSNIA '95

(By John Heint)

This is the last of the 50th Anniversary Celebrations of World War II and the 54th remembrance of Pearl Harbor. December 7, 1941, is a day etched in my politically incorrect memory with the hope that this day will forever live in infamy.

Veterans are often guilty of tell the adventures of the war as the fun of youth. Our minds forbid us to recall we were bit players in massive tableaux of horror. Let's tell our children and grandchildren that our war stories are not grand heroic adventures.

Accordingly, I take this opportunity to warn of this nation's neglect of three bitter history lessons. They are: Our failure to prepare, our nation's unity during WWII, and our responsibilities after WWII. Today, we teeter on the brink of a similar disastrous day. We plan to risk the blood of our sons, daughters, grandsons and granddaughters for peace in Bosnia?

First, in WWII and Korea, unprepared we sacrificed young people to buy time. Pearl Harbor and Bataan were such sacrifices. Unprepared heroes saved the Pusan perimeter. Our WWII bazookas were no match for North Korea's tanks. In Vietnam our troops had to fight a new type of war. Since Generals prepare for the last war, have we trained our armed forces for peacekeeping and nation building? I shudder when young men shout happily when told they will create peace by force of arms. Peace by standing between armed forces while arming one at the expense of the other. I doubt these young men are ready for the realities of war.

Second, before we go to war, our forces in the field need our resources, and our government. However, even more, they need the hearts of their countrymen. War is not a television side show. It involves life and death for real people with feelings and families. We must not permit the spin doctors, or the Jane Fondas, to shift the blame for Bosnia's war to the warriors.

However, this media shift has begun. A recent Brinkley show (Ms. Roberts) and a CNN & Company guest stated, "Since this is an all volunteer army, what's wrong in letting them fight?" I'll tell you. Today, our voluntary armed services consist of those who

joined for education benefits, to learn leadership or to learn work skills, and patriots, they are our best, our brightest and our bravest. The sons and daughters of those who can afford these benefits without joining the services are not part of today's armed, volunteer services. Thus, the "talking heads" advocate putting those "volunteers" in harm's way. Our service people are your, or your neighbor's, sons and daughters. Remember, those who would dodge a draft won't protest for those who go to Bosnia.

Further, isn't our government's prime duty to "provide for the common defense?" Does the military oath permit our nation's defenders to act as mercenaries? Our Constitution doesn't say we will send our troops to enforce "peace" or build new nations. If we want a mercenary army, let's change their oath. Let's drop the part that says to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States.

After Bosnia, will this nation have a future? Who, in their right mind, would counsel their sons and daughters to enter such a military service? Who will protect our country when our government wastes our sons and daughters so recklessly? When they use their blood trying to build foreign nations and keep the peace in foreign lands by force of arms.

The U.N. has had 39 peacekeeping operations that involved fatalities. The U.S. is in 3 of the 13 still operating. Were Somalia or Haiti successful uses or our military, or money? Do you remember the 263 Marines in Beirut? Was Iraq worth the risk?

Third, after any war, as a nation we must know the cost and should honor our debts. After WWII, we funded the Marshall Plan—aid to the nations suffering the ravages of war. This was not intervention in their affairs. That should be the model for aiding foreign nations—not the misuse of our sons and daughters for armed intervention as mercenaries.

But, after any war we have a higher debt, a debt to our own people. War doesn't end when the shooting stops. Those crippled or wounded continue to pay the price. PTSD, Agent Orange, and now the Gulf War Syndrome affects the veterans of our wars. They are our wounded just as if they were maimed by shells or bullets. Some wives and children of Vietnam, and the families of the over 51,000 Gulf War veterans with the syndrome, have the same problems as the veterans. These people are not getting help today.

We bought our freedoms with those shattered lives . . . we are forever in their debt. It is a duty yours and mine, to see that the VA system functions properly. Congress must find honorable places to care for all who suffer for us.

Thus, we go to Bosnia, as we have gone to other recent battlefields. We go without a patriotic cause, without a national interest, and without an economic interest. Our government forgot these three terrible lessons: A united cause—Bosnia is not such a cause; preparation—these troops don't know what perils they face; and without aftermath responsibility—we will again turn our backs on those who suffer for us.

#### TRIBUTE TO JO ANNE SIMON

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 29, 1996

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, Jo Anne Simon is an outstanding community activist who represents the brownstone community of Boerum

Hill in downtown Brooklyn. Ms. Simon is the president of the Boerum Hill Association. The association serves the historic community that has thriving merchant businesses.

Jo Anne works closely with local community board and public officials to ensure that critical issues such as education, crime prevention, historical preservation, and quality of life issues are responsibly addressed on behalf of community and neighborhood members. Ms. Simon recognizes that her efforts must be special because Boerum Hill is a very special Brooklyn enclave.

An attorney and former teacher of the blind, Jo Anne has been very active in the disability rights movement. She is a founding member of the Association of Higher Education and Disability, a national organization which advocates for equal access to higher education. She currently serves on its board of directors. I am pleased to bring Jo Anne Simon's community activism to the attention of my colleagues.

#### SIoux FALLS, SD, SAYS GOOD-BYE TO MSGR. FRANCIS SAMPSON

HON. TIM JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 29, 1996

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a fellow South Dakotan who served his country as a highly decorated soldier and prominent priest, Msgr. Francis Sampson. Monsignor Sampson, 83, died of cancer Sunday, January 28, 1996. Having been born on leap day in 1912, today would have been his 21st leap year birthday. The Sioux Falls community and all of South Dakota mourn the loss of a valuable friend, educator, and hero. Monsignor Sampson's interests and influence went beyond his efforts within the church and the military. As a strong supporter of O'Gorman High School in Sioux Falls, SD, he helped many students pay for their tuition.

Monsignor Sampson briefly served as pastor at Notre Dame Cathedral and Dowling High School in Des Moines, IA, before he began his military career in the Army chaplaincy as a first lieutenant in 1942. He was captured twice and wounded by the Germans during World War II, and his efforts earned him the Distinguished Service Cross. Sampson continued to serve his country in Korea where he rescued American prisoners of war. Prior to his retirement from the Army, Sampson became a monsignor in 1963. He was named deputy chief of chaplains for the Army in 1966, and in 1967 was made chief of chaplains and promoted to major general. Sampson's outstanding military service was recognized with his many awards, including the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star.

Monsignor Sampson continues to make investments in the lives of children through the Monsignor Sampson O'Gorman Fund. In doing so, he has given the Sioux Falls community a legacy that will live on in the successes of