

One of the legends surrounding St. David is that during his schooling, a dove with a golden beak was seen playing by his lips, teaching him to sing the glory of God.

At the time of his death, just before angels carried his soul to heaven, St. David is reported to have said: "Be joyful brothers and sisters. Keep your faith and do the little things you have seen and heard with me."

For the many Welsh-Americans who will be celebrating tomorrow, I trust that the day will bring you the joy St. David spoke of so many years ago.

TRIBUTE TO LETICIA P. JOHNSON

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 29, 1996

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, there is no greater calling than attending to the education and nurturing of our children. For the past 22 years Leticia P. Johnson has been performing that very vital task. Leticia is a graduate of Brooklyn College and received a master's degree in supervision and administration.

Leticia believes that early childhood learning sets the stage for positive human development. Leticia has dedicated herself to getting society and educators to focus on the total needs of our children.

Leticia's participation in various organizations reflects her commitment to children. She is a member of the National Black Child Development Institute, and is the cochair of the Early Childhood Task Force. Leticia is also a member of the Bedford-Stuyvesant Community Conference Inc. For the past 10 years she has served as the director of Young Minds Day Care Center, sponsored by Fort Greene Citizens Council Inc. Brooklyn sees the fruits of Leticia's efforts each time a child is nurtured and educated in her institution. I am happy to acknowledge her selfless efforts.

HANSON POLICE CHIEF HAILS 1994 CRIME BILL

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 29, 1996

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I ask permission to insert into the RECORD a very powerful letter which I received from Chief Eugene Berry of the police department of the town of Hanson. Chief Berry writes to express his strong support for the 1994 crime bill and the funds that have gone to local communities as the result of this. His letter reinforces the point that it would be great folly for this Congress to disrupt this flow of funds by making drastic changes in this program. Chief Berry notes that his department and the entire State of Massachusetts have benefited from these funds, and as a police chief who is dealing every day with the problem of protecting the public safety in a small community, Chief Berry speaks with great credibility on this subject.

As a police chief, and as an instructor for the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council, Chief Berry is very well situated to

evaluate this program and his strong testimony in support of it should carry a great deal of weight. I ask that Chief Berry's letter be printed here.

POLICE DEPARTMENT,
TOWN OF HANSON,
Hanson, MA, January 31, 1996.

Hon. BARNEY FRANK,
State House, Boston, MA.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE FRANK: I am writing to you to share the success of the 1994 federal Crime Bill, specifically the COPS FAST and COPS MORE projects.

The Town of Hanson Police Department counts itself extremely fortunate to be the recipients of both of these grants.

The COPS FAST grant has truly allowed this department to address the community concerns.

The COPS MORE grant will enable this department to install in-cruiser computers which will add the equivalent of 2.8 police officers to the complement of this department.

The 1994 federal Crime Bill has reinvigorated the dedication of law enforcement in America through these programs.

As an instructor for the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council teaching many of the officers hired as a result of the COPS FAST program, I can attest to the re-dedication of the police service in preparing our recruits for practicing the community policing philosophy.

If the political leaders of our nation are going to play politics with the Community Policing programs in the 1994 federal Crime Bill, it will have a devastating effect on all the positive strides we have made in the last 2 years.

I know you will take an active role in the leadership fighting to retain the advances in policing we have made since 1994.

Sincerely,

E.G. BERRY,
Chief of Police.

IN HONOR OF FATHER JOHN J. MURPHY

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 29, 1996

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take time today to pay tribute to a great man and community leader, Father John J. Murphy of Catskill, NY, in my congressional district. Father Murphy will be celebrating his 25th anniversary as pastor of the St. Patrick's parish located in Catskill, nestled between the Catskill mountains and the Hudson River.

Throughout his tenure as pastor, Father Murphy has served the Catskill community with an unending devotion, self-sacrifice, and countless hours of hard work and determination. Moreover, he has devoted a great deal of his time to ensuring that families in Greene and Columbia Counties have the opportunity to provide their children with a parochial school education in their own community. While attending St. Patrick's for school, it wouldn't be rare to see Father Murphy out front in all kinds of weather, even those Northeast winters, welcoming students off the school bus. Father Murphy takes great pride in playing a central role in the students religious education from their very first day, to graduation day and beyond. Former students spanning his 25 years of service still know they can expect a warm greeting, sound advice and guidance, or just an open ear upon their return.

Mr. Speaker, even outside his formal duties to his parish and the school, it is not unusual to see Father Murphy at all kinds of community events. I always have admired people like Father Murphy who go out of their way to offer their services to neighbors in the community, especially to those people who may not have the privilege of hearing his words of wisdom regularly. It is actions like these, Mr. Speaker, that make Father John Murphy a pillar of the Catskill community.

This year, Father Murphy will have been a priest for 39 years, 25 of which will have been as pastor of St. Patrick's. And on this Sunday, March 3, 1996, the Catskill community will pay tribute to his tremendous service on their behalf. At this time, I ask you, Mr. Speaker, and the rest of my colleagues in the House to rise alongside myself and the rest of his community in wishing Father Murphy many more years of health and happiness.

HIGHWAY RAIL GRADE CROSSING SAFETY FORMULA ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 1996

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 29, 1996

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Mr. Speaker, because I am concerned about the number of railroad crossing accidents in northwest Indiana, today I am introducing legislation that will provide a more effective method of targeting available Federal funds to enhance safety at our most dangerous highway rail grade crossings. I am introducing this legislation with our colleague, Mr. Hostettler, and the entire Indiana congressional delegation, in a bipartisan effort to improve rail safety. This bill, the Highway Rail Grade Crossing Safety Formula Enhancement Act of 1996, which is the companion bill to legislation introduced in the Senate by Indiana's Senators, RICHARD LUGAR and DAN COATS, is similar to legislation I introduced in the 103d Congress (H.R. 4855). This bill would improve the Federal funding formula to account for risk factors that identify which States have significant grade crossing safety problems. The factors considered in the bill include a State's share of the national total for public highway-rail grade crossings, its number of crossings with passive warning devices, and its total number of accidents and fatalities caused by vehicle-train collisions at crossings.

Under the proposed funding formula established by my bill, Indiana's share of rail crossing safety construction funds would increase by an estimated 33 percent annually, from \$4.9 million to \$6.6 million. In 1994, Indiana ranked sixth in the Nation for number of grade crossings—6,788—third for grade crossing accidents—263—and fifth for fatalities, 27. For the current fiscal year, Indiana received 3.4 percent of section 130 safety construction funding, while accounting for 6.1 percent of the Nation's accidents, 5.9 percent of fatalities, and 4 percent of crossings.

Currently, in the United States, several hundred people are killed and thousands more injured every year as a result of vehicle-train collisions at highway rail grade crossings. A significant number of these accidents occur in rail-intensive States, such as Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, California, and Texas. One quarter of

the Nation's 168,000 public highway rail grade crossings are located in these five States. They accounted for 38 percent of deaths and 32 percent of injuries caused by vehicle-train collisions nationwide during 1991–93. Overall, about 24 States would receive an increase in section 130 funds for grade crossing improvements under my legislation.

Maximizing the return from Federal funds requires that they be targeted to areas with the greatest risk, like Indiana. In a 1995 report to Congress on the status of efforts to improve railroad crossing safety, the General Accounting Office [GAO] found anomalies among the States in terms of the funds they received in proportion to three key factors: accidents, fatalities, and total crossings.

Through this bill, we have a unique opportunity to maximize existing resources, improve safety at rail crossings, and save lives. The establishment of a new funding formula is an innovative step in that direction and will directly benefit northwest Indiana, which bears the lion's share of rail traffic in Indiana. By targeting funds to States based on accident rates and number of rail crossings, we can put scarce resources to work and use a common sense approach by allocating Federal dollars where the need is greatest.

Given the limited resources available for railroad crossing safety, it is crucial that available funds be targeted to the most cost-effective approaches. The first means to target our limited resources is to change the current method used to apportion section 130 dollars to the States. The legislation I am introducing today will accomplish that. I urge you and all of my House colleagues to support it.

HONORING LUCY CORREA VIERA

HON. BILL BAKER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 29, 1996

Mr. BAKER of California. Mr. Chairman, when a young Lucy Correa Viera was 5 years old, she looked forward to walking the 2 miles from her parents' cattle ranch in Clayton, CA, to the small school where she attended class.

That was in 1907, and 7 years later, Lucy left school to work on her family's ranch, without receiving her diploma. Since then, Lucy has lived a full and remarkable life. A successful rancher, a devoted community leader, and a beloved "Aunt Lucy" to her many friends, Lucy recently received something she should have gotten long ago: her grammar school diploma. Upon learning she had never received it, Dennis McCormac, a trustee of the Mt. Diablo School District, initiated the movement to help Lucy obtain her diploma. He deserves our thanks for his thoughtful efforts.

Lucy worked as a clerk for and served as a trustee of what was then known as the Clayton School District. She used her education for the betterment of her hometown and its young people. I am extremely pleased to recognize Lucy Correa Viera for her lifetime of giving, and to add my name to the list of her many friends who join in recognizing this wonderful woman.

TRIBUTE TO MERLE BAGLEY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 29, 1996

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Mrs. Merle Bagley for her contribution to the Brooklyn community. Mrs. Bagley migrated to New York from North Carolina in the 1960's. Her life's work has revolved around her dedication to children, not only her own, but society's children. She has successfully raised 10 children, a major accomplishment in itself. But equally important is the community work she has done on behalf of the Bedford-Stuyvesant Youth and Action Board, where she serves as the vice president of the Pacific Street Block Association, and is a member of the Earnestine Grena Senior Citizen Center.

Mrs. Bagley has been involved in community work since her retirement, and has lived in the East New York section of Brooklyn since 1973. She is active in the Linden Houses Tenant Association, and is an appointed member of Planning Board 5 and Area Policy Board 5. Merle Bagley's efforts have enriched the community she lives in and loves, and I am pleased to bring her to the attention of my colleagues.

TRIBUTE TO LT. COL. TIMUR J. EADS

HON. ROBERT K. DORNAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 29, 1996

Mr. DORNAN. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Lt. Col. Timur J. Eads for his distinguished and exemplary service to the U.S. Army and this great Nation on the occasion of his retirement from active military service. The Army and the military have been a better place for having known Timur Eads. Timur's retirement from the U.S. Army and service to his country will truly be felt. His over-20-years of inspired service has not only made the Army a better place, it has insurmountably enhanced the soldiers, sailors, and airmen who have benefited from his leadership and encouragement. His common sense and concern for the day-to-day welfare of his charges represent the epitome of what military leadership is all about. An officer of the highest ethical and moral standards he took the toughest jobs and succeeded where most fail. As an elite U.S. Army Ranger he truly led the way. Whether shepherding an infantry platoon or directing the operations of a ranger battalion, Timur Eads had what it takes. His service as the deputy director for the Nation's counterdrug effort from U.S. SOUTHCOM in Panama provided such an invaluable service to this Nation, I cannot begin to quantify it.

On a personal note, from all of us in the Congress who have been inspired by his resolute service and dedication, Timur's retirement will truly leave a void on the Hill. During his present tenure with us as the deputy director of Legislative Affairs for the U.S. Special Operations Command, Timur quickly established a solid reputation with members and staff alike for his extensive knowledge of the intricate

world of special operations, as well as an insightful perspective into national defense strategy. His unparalleled expertise in the counterdrug environment has been of immeasurable importance to those of us in the Congress who have been dedicated to eliminating the courage of illicit drugs from the streets and neighbors of this fair land. His wit and charisma have made an indelible impact on us. Timur has aided us immeasurably in our day-to-day operations. His credibility and candor made him an invaluable resource.

I have had the pleasure of traveling with Timur on numerous occasions and like the old adage "I won't go anywhere without him" he has always, proved invaluable. When I had a sensitive and time critical trip to Bosnia, during the crux of the escalation of the United States led air effort, it was Timur Eads whom I called upon to make it happen. In the challenging arena of international travel, he has a way of making the difficult look effortless and the impossible a reality. He has earned our trust, our respect, and our gratitude. Because of Timur's credibility and goodwill, the Special Operations Command, its CINC—Gen. Wayne Downing and the Department of Defense have reaped enormous benefits from his tenure on the Hill.

The colleagues and I bid Lt. Col. Timur Eads, his lovely wife Cathy, and his exceptional daughters Nicole, Jessica, and Amanda, a fond farewell—they are truly a remarkable American family. Well done, Tim, but certainly expected from the son of an Army Air Force P-38 "Lightning" fighter pilot.

IN TRIBUTE AND MEMORY OF ADOLPH WEIL, JR.

HON. TERRY EVERETT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 29, 1996

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of Montgomery's finest citizens and premiere member of the business community.

Mr. Adolph Weil, Jr., passed away on December 12, 1995, and is survived by his wife, Jean, his three children, Jan Katherine Weil, Dr. Lauri Weil, and Adolph Weil III, and his five grandchildren.

Mr. Weil was a veteran of World War II where he attained the rank of captain, before returning home to the family business. Mr. Weil, one of the principals of Weil Brothers Cotton, Inc., became known in Montgomery for his generous support for local endeavors. His philanthropic efforts were not well known, because he gave for the sake of giving, not accolades. He and his brother, Bobby, shared the Montgomery Advertiser Citizen of the Year Award in 1994.

Mr. Weil was heavily involved in many forms of public service, including the Montgomery Area United Way, Jewish Federation of Montgomery, Temple Beth-Or, American Cotton Shipper Association, Atlantic Cotton Association, YMCA, and the Children's Center.

Mr. Speaker, we will greatly miss Mr. Weil and his charitable efforts; I ask that the eulogy for Mr. Weil delivered by Rabbi David Baylinson be included in the RECORD following my remarks.

EULOGY FOR ADOLPH WEIL, JR.

(DELIVERED BY RABBI DAVID A. BAYLINSON)

We are gathered this noon, shocked and sadden by the sudden loss of one beloved to