

Had he signed this conference report, the current shutdown of Interior Department offices would have been avoided. Unfortunately, despite our concessions, the President chose to reject the bill and close national pParks and recreation areas.

We have done our job. It's time to put people back to work. It's up to the President.

I support the conference report and urge my colleagues to vote "aye".

A TRIBUTE TO AN AMERICAN PATRIOT: BENJAMIN DONALD ROBINSON, JR.

HON. DAVID FUNDERBURK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 5, 1996

Mr. FUNDERBURK. Mr. Speaker, I want to pay special tribute to Mr. Benjamin D. Robinson, Jr., who was one of the greatest Americans I have known. He was a constitutionalist and an Americanist and he believed that we only have a short time to save this country—this Republic—and turn things around before it is too late.

I would not be in Congress today if it were not for Ben Robinson. He helped me get elected in many ways—financial contributions, FFC caps and signs, information, and most importantly, his visits, encouragement, advice, and counsel.

Ben Robinson loved children and young people and understood that the future of this country rested with them. He set up educational scholarships and provided literature for them.

Ben hoped that my election and that of others like me could help turn the tide toward constitutional government. He hoped and dreamed and acted tirelessly to do his part with no compromise on his principles. No one did more than Ben.

Betty and I and our daughter Deana loved Ben Robinson. His kindness, his consideration, his optimism, his love for his wife and his family was truly special.

We are grateful that we got to know Ben Robinson for as long as we did and consider ourselves blessed because we did. I thank God for Ben Robinson and only hope that I can live up to his expectations while I am in Congress. I don't represent St. Augustine's district in Florida, but I will always be Ben Robinson's Congressman.

Ben Robinson, a potato farmer in Florida, was a great American success story. He lived out the American dream, showing that one can accomplish with hard work, discipline, sacrifice, and faith in God. He was conservative and a patriot who knew the importance of history.

Ben Robinson was a gentle man with an unmatched vitality for life and for the truth. The world is a much better place because of this great American. Ben Robinson was my good friend and his spirit will walk with in the halls of Congress. I was honored that he participated in the swearing-in events for me in Washington last January. Today, on this first anniversary of Ben Robinson's death, we thank God for his fine example. I send my love, respect, and gratitude to his wife and lifetime partner, Mrs. Dorothy Robinson, and to his wonderful family. Thank you, Ben. We miss you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

TRIBUTE TO FRANK PRINDLE

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 5, 1996

Mr. KING. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to a great American, a great Army officer, a great Hoosier, and a great soldier. Last month Frank Prindle completed over 21 years of dedicated service to our country. As a soldier, leader, and finally as a trusted member of the Army's Officer of Congressional Liaison, House Division, he has provided dedicated and distinguished service.

Today as we honor his retirement, we reflect on the outstanding career which Frank started in 1970 when he entered the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and where he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in Signal Branch in 1974. Over the course of the past two decades he served in a variety of exceptionally challenging troop and staff assignments in the United States, Canada, Germany, and Korea. His positions of leadership include signal platoon leader, aviation service platoon leader, aviation company commander, and battalion operations officer during an exchange tour with the Canadian Armed Forces.

As a staff officer he saw duty in many tough and challenging positions, validating the confidence the Army placed in his demonstrated abilities. After serving in the field with many aviation units, Frank Prindle demonstrated his superb organizational skills while serving as the senior service college education officer, the aviation branch assignments officer for majors and as the executive officer to the Director of Officer Personnel Management Division, U.S. Army Military Personnel Command. His selection as a Congressional Fellow in 1991 further demonstrated the high regard which Prindle is held by the leadership of the Army. This 1-year tour led to his final assignment as a Congressional Liaison Officer for the Secretary of the Army, House Liaison Division.

During Frank Prindle's tour in Army Legislative Liaison, he guided the Army's relationship with a wide variety of committees and individual Members of Congress. His ability to remain calm and focused during a period of tremendous change was demonstrated continually in his dealings with both Members of Congress, professional staff, and personal staff. Through Frank Prindle's involvement with the Veteran Affairs Committees, he ensured that the programs put in place during the downsizing of the Armed Forces continued to benefit the soldiers.

Frank Prindle's career reflects a commitment to our Nation, characterized by dedicated selfless service, love for the Army and a commitment to excellence. Lt. Col. Frank L. Prindle's performance, over two decades of service, personifies the traits of courage, competency, and integrity that our Nation has come to expect from its Army officers. On behalf of the Congress of the United States and the people of this great Nation, I offer our heartfelt appreciation and best wishes for a soldier who served his country so admirably.

SUPPORT PRESIDENTIAL VETO OF INTERIOR BILL

SPEECH OF

HON. GLENN POSHARD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 4, 1996

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the motion to override the President's veto of the Interior Appropriations bill, H.R. 1977.

I appreciate the efforts of the Chairman, Congressman REGULA, to find common ground on some very difficult issues and pass this bill. As much as I appreciate his work and that of the Ranking Member, my colleague from Illinois Congressman YATES, I must still oppose this motion and support the veto of the President.

The cuts in this bill in energy conservation programs and in clean coal research are too much for people in my district to accept. Our coal mines have been all but shut down by the Clean Air Act of 1990, and without continued support for clean coal research, it will be very difficult to find new markets for that coal.

I support the President's veto and urge opposition to the override.

LAND EXCHANGE

HON. RANDY TATE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 5, 1996

Mr. TATE. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a piece of legislation that would facilitate a land exchange between Fort Lewis Military Reservation and the Weyerhaeuser Real Estate Company [WRECO], located in Pierce County, WA, and in my congressional district. The land exchange allows the Army and WRECO to exchange parcels of land to the benefit of each party. The Army wishes to obtain ownership of a small parcel that provides access to a sewer treatment plant, and WRECO wishes to obtain ownership of an abandoned road right-of-way. Although total acreage of the lands under consideration is less than 2 acres, legislation to facilitate the exchange became necessary because the value of the property now exceeds the requirements of minor land acquisition rules that allow for administrative exchanges.

This provision I am introducing today has passed the Senate, and a similar provision passed the House as an amendment to H.R. 1530, the Defense authorization bill. However, as you know the authorization bill has been vetoed. The land exchange amendment is supported by the Army, and is noncontroversial. I am including a copy of a letter I received from Paul W. Johnson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army in support of the exchange. Swift passage of this legislation would be a fine example of Congress' ability to move unnecessary regulatory barriers—allowing responsible, noncontroversial projects to proceed.

I hope my colleagues will agree, and support this legislation.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY,
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY,
Washington, DC, June 6, 1995.

Hon. RANDY TATE,
*House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.*

DEAR CONGRESSMAN TATE: This letter is to reaffirm the Army's support and approval for the proposed land exchange involving the Weyerhaeuser Real Estate Company (WRECO), Pierce County and the United States.

The Army has been working with and will continue to work with Weyerhaeuser and local Pierce County officials to further this mutually beneficial arrangement.

Sincerely,

PAUL W. JOHNSON,
*Deputy Assistant Secretary
of the Army.*

CIRCLE OF ELDERLY CARE

HON. MARTIN R. HOKE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 5, 1996

Mr. HOKE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to the attention of my colleagues an exciting new program that has been established in northeast Ohio.

The Circle of Elderly care represents an innovative, model program of private and public community-based enterprises working together for our senior citizens. After two years of developing this program, Bertha (Betty) Villanueva, an owner of Indian Hills Senior Community, Inc., one of the largest privately owned, low income, senior community living complexes in the United States, has accomplished a creative and successful working network of programs and services for senior citizens to benefit from available local community resources.

Mrs. Villanueva identified the need for a comprehensive program of services to suit the unique needs of our senior citizens, such as medical, social and transportation services. She then initiated efforts to bring together public and private entities to develop a network of quality services for senior citizens. The result is the Circle of Elderly Care.

At the center of the CIRCLE is Indian Hills Senior Community, located in Euclid, Ohio (a suburb of Cleveland) consisting of 37 acres of land, and an unsubsidized apartment complex which includes 10 residential buildings. Its 1,574 units are designed for senior citizens (55 and over) who can live independently. Not only does Indian Hills provide housing to its residents, but also a broad spectrum of services including health, security, transportation, social and entertainment services. The Indian Hills complex also includes Silverpointe, located in one of the Indian Hills buildings, which is an assisted-living facility, with three levels of assisted care available, thus providing residential alternatives for those senior citizens who cannot live totally independent. Across the street from the Indian Hills residential complex is Indian Hills Plaza which consists of several retail stores, including one of the largest drug store chains, a restaurant, medical center, ambulance service and senior day care, all of which are completely accessible to Indian Hills residents.

Now, due to Mrs. Villanueva efforts, over a dozen different entities participate in the Circle of Elderly Care including:

CITY OF EUCLID

The City of Euclid has sponsored a seniors' program for its residents including a pro-

gram at the Emeritus House, a multi-purpose senior center located in the center of the Indian Hills apartment complex. The program includes daily lunches and meals for the homebound (sponsored through the Western Reserve Area on Aging pursuant to the Older Americans Act), recreational programs, free transportation to stores, doctors, etc., social activities, income tax preparation assistance and a senior employment program (sponsored through AARP), among others. These services are offered at no charge to Indian Hills residents.

INDIAN HILLS NURSING CENTER

The Indian Hills Nursing Center is a nursing home managed by Integrated Health Services, Inc. and is located across the street from the Indian Hills complex. It provides short and long-term care for senior citizens, and works with Indian Hills to assist Indian Hills' residents requiring a stay at the Center to return to independent living at Indian Hills, or assisted-living at Silverpointe. For example, Indian Hills will hold an apartment open if a resident needs a short stay in the Center.

AETNA SENIOR CHOICE, AN AETNA HEALTH PLAN

Aetna Senior Choice, a health maintenance organization, offers an alternative to Medicare and has a specific representative designated to Medicare and has a specific representative designated to work with Indian Hills residents. This plan offers seniors no monthly premiums, 100 percent hospitalization coverage, no deductibles or co-insurance, and 100 percent payment for well services, and a \$5.00 physician in-office co-payment.

HEALTHWAYS, FAMILY MEDICAL CENTERS

HealthWays is a for-profit medical center affiliated with Aetna, located in the Indian Hills Plaza which provides 24-hour emergency care, outpatient surgery, and comprehensive medical care services offering a team approach to health care. Not only does it accept the Aetna Senior Choice Plan, but all other insurance as well including Medicare, and is conveniently accessed by the Indian Hills residents.

UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS OF CLEVELAND

This world-renowned medical facility has designated geriatric social workers to assist Indian Hills residents requiring medical treatment at University Hospitals. If an Indian Hills resident is treated at the University Hospitals emergency room, a University Hospitals social worker will contact the Indian Hills nurse to coordinate the resident's return from the hospital to his or her residence at Indian Hills along with follow-up services. Additionally, University Hospitals provides on-site seminars to Indian Hills residents on seniors issues and provides various testing such as blood pressure screenings, etc.

BENJAMIN ROSE INSTITUTE

The Benjamin Rose Institute is a nationally recognized non-profit, Medicare/Medicaid certified agency providing services to senior citizens on a sliding fee scale. BRI works with Indian Hills to provide home health care for its residents and also provides social services, counselling and mental health services to enable senior citizens to maintain their self-sufficiency and independence. BRI has an office located at Indian Hills staffed by social workers.

MT. SINAI HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

This nationally recognized medical facility (named the number one hospital by Cleveland Health Quality Choice) works with Indian Hills to provide on-site lectures by physicians on geriatric related issues, and various medical screenings. A specific emergency room physician has been designated at Mt. Sinai to treat all Indian Hills residents

to foster close contact between Mt. Sinai as the medical provider, and Indian Hills as the residence of the patient.

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION OF CLEVELAND

The Visiting Nurse Association of Cleveland is a non-profit agency providing home health care to residents of Indian Hills. The VNA has a social worker at Indian Hills two days a week to assist in coordinating home health care, mental health, social services and rehabilitation therapies. This social worker serves as the primary coordinator for Indian Hills residents with all of the other programs described here.

TRI-CITY AMBULANCE, INC.

This for-profit entity is located at Indian Hills Plaza and provides 24-hour emergency medical transportation staffed by licensed Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics. In addition, it has a wheelchair van service which offers transportation to Indian Hills residents for dialysis and other medical needs, and it offers Indian Hills residents a reduced price for its transportation services.

LAURELWOOD HOSPITAL

This non-profit psychiatric hospital provides in-patient care and outpatient counseling to senior citizens. Laurelwood Hospital has opened an office on Indian Hills' premises which is staffed by two geriatric psychiatrists. The psychiatrists provide psychiatric treatment for Indian Hills residents whether at the resident's apartment, or in the office, thereby providing complete accessibility to the senior citizens of Indian Hills.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR AND ADULT SERVICES

This Medicare/Medicaid certified program sponsored by Cuyahoga County, Ohio, provides adult protective services, and skilled home health care services including nursing, physical and speech therapy and nutrition counselling. The County has designated a specific person to coordinate its available services with Indian Hills residents.

OTHER MEDICAL SERVICES

Indian Hills also has a dental office on the premises staffed by a dentist offering free dental exams, apartment calls and a discount to Indian Hills' residents. Additionally, it has a podiatrist with an office onsite offering discounted podiatry services to Indian Hills residents at their apartment or the office.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

The American Red Cross provides CPR and first aid training, disaster planning and blood pressure screenings on-site for Indian Hills' residents.

This comprehensive model of care reflects the innovative networking of community agencies/services working towards a common goal—to give our senior citizens a choice of affordable, quality services and the ability to retain their dignity and independence. The Circle of Elderly Care, with Indian Hills as its focal point is a novel and workable concept utilizing available community resources to serve our senior citizens.

I urge all my colleagues to give this information wide dissemination in their own districts.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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HON. BILL RICHARDSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 5, 1996

Mr. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, the unsung hero in the Bosnia success of the Clinton