

In 1976 the Indiana Regional Minority Supplier Development Council was responsible for generating about 6 million dollars' worth of business between the large and small companies. By 1982 that figure had grown to \$38,800,000. All this meant expanding employment opportunities and expanding businesses which have proved their capacity to endure and continue contributing to our economy.

All Hoosiers and, in a larger sense, all Americans are the beneficiaries of this fine organization which under the leadership of Donald Jones is obviously here to stay and one more reason why the American free enterprise system is also here to stay.

CITIZENS FROM FORT WORTH EARN EDUCATIONAL HONORS

HON. MARTIN FROST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 28, 1996

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge two outstanding citizens from the city of Fort Worth who have won national education honors and made themselves shining examples to their community.

When Shirley Knox-Benton, who is the principal of Dunbar High School in Fort Worth, first arrived at the school she encountered a situation where students were unable to learn. Gang violence was rampant, trash was everywhere, and good students were afraid to shine.

Mr. Speaker, along with the invaluable help from some dedicated parents, Mrs. Knox-Benton turned Dunbar High around. That success has not gone unnoticed, as this week Mrs. Knox-Benton was notified that she had won a 1996 Reader's Digest American Hero in Education award along with a \$10,000 check for Dunbar High and \$5,000 for herself.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Knox-Benton is the first Fort Worth winner in this 8-year program. She was chosen from a pool of 650 nominees nationwide. Her commitment to excellence, and her leadership at this critical time in our Nation's education system both deserve the highest honor.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to honor a student at Dunbar High, senior Kim Wood. Mr. Wood is the only student in the Fort Worth school district to win a National Achievement Scholarship for Black Americans.

Mr. Wood won the award by scoring in the 98th percentile among all juniors nationwide and in the top 3 percent among black students on the Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test.

Mr. Speaker, by winning these national honors, Mrs. Knox-Benton and Mr. Wood have held themselves up as shining examples of what can be accomplished through hard work and a dedication to success. I wish them both the best in their future endeavors.

NATIONAL INVASIVE SPECIES ACT OF 1996

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 28, 1996

Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to be an original cosponsor of the National Invasive Species Act of 1996 which is being introduced today by Congressman STEVEN LATOURETTE and Senator JOHN GLENN to establish a national voluntary ballast management program for vessels visiting U.S. ports. In addition to ballast management, this legislation will provide for research, education, and new technology to investigate and prevent species introduction in coastal and inland waters.

Aquatic species invasion is of tremendous concern in the San Francisco Bay/Delta Estuary. According to a recent report, the San Francisco Bay and the entire Delta is now considered "the most invaded aquatic ecosystem in North America."

Current estimates indicate that an average of at least one new species is established every 12 weeks in the Bay, posing serious threats to the Bay ecosystem and economy. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are spent on controlling introduced species, and there are other expenses, such as reduced shipping efficiency due to hull fouling species and damages to piers from wood boring species.

The most disturbing cost of introduced species is the extinction or regional eradication of native species in the Estuary through competition and predation from introduced species. Introduced species have contributed to the extinction of some species of California freshwater fish and are now strongly contributing to the further demise of some endangered marsh birds and mammals. One introduced species, the Chinese mitten crab, can multiply so prolifically that it poses a threat to the Bay-Delta Estuary's ecology, agriculture, and water agencies. The presence of this species and other introduced species have lead to increasing restrictions on channel dredging, levee maintenance, water diversions, and other economic activities in and near the Estuary, with costly implications for the whole of California's economy.

The ballast water of commercial vessels is a leading vector by which nonindigenous species enter U.S. waters. Cargo vessels arrive with thousands of tons of ballast water used to achieve the necessary trim and stability for ocean voyage. The ballast water contains eggs, larvae, and other marine organisms which are released in port depending on a vessel's cargo-loading requirements. One vessel could discharge tens of millions of viable organisms in San Francisco Bay. Hundreds of cargo vessels arrive each year in the Bay, establishing essentially a "biotic corridor" for species invasions in this coastal area. Ballast exchange can reduce the probability of ballast transfers of these non-native species.

There is tremendous support for Mr. LATOURETTE's bill among environmental groups, water agencies, and state and federal agencies in the Bay Area and throughout the country. Understanding the patterns of species invasions and reducing the occurrence of those invasions is imperative in promoting the economic and ecological health of our coastal

resources. I encourage members to join me in supporting this legislation.

CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF BETTY BOYER

HON. GLENN POSHARD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 28, 1996

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Betty Boyer, a legend in Illinois journalism who is retiring this month. In 1966, she started her own newspaper, the Coles County Daily Times, in Charleston, IL, because she was not satisfied with the quality of local news reporting. You can imagine what the reaction was to such an enterprise at that time. Despite her detractors, Betty not only survived, but thrived, and in the process raised the standard for news coverage in the area. I would like to congratulate her on a distinguished career, and also thank her for her contributions to the quality of life in the 19th District.

Betty started her journalism career working for the other paper in town, The Courier-News. After a couple of years with the Times, Betty purchased the competition, and in 1969 formed the Times-Courier. She sold the paper to Howard Publications in 1972, but remained there to run the show, same as before. Perhaps Betty's most extraordinary quality is her diverse character. Regarded by all as sweet-natured, she is a loving wife and mother of three, and also has six grandchildren. She is equally known for her tough stances in dealing with city officials who objected to her straight-ahead style of journalism. Add to that the talented and professional staff who worked for her, many of whom moved on to larger arenas, that still consider her a magnificent boss, if not a surrogate mother. The stories of Betty desperately seeking bank loans or saving the paper supply from a flooded basement have joined a canon that encompasses a career of over 30 years. In addition to her journalistic accomplishments, Betty was named the "Outstanding Citizen" in 1982 by the Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce and has been a patron of the local arts.

Mr. Speaker, conventional wisdom says that you cannot believe everything you read. Regular readers of the Times-Courier beg to differ. Thankfully, the quality Betty has worked so hard to achieve will be with us for a long time. It has been an honor to represent Betty Boyer in the U.S. Congress, I wish her every happiness as she enters this new stage of her life.

TRIBUTE TO LOUIS PATAKI

HON. SUE W. KELLY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 28, 1996

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, the Hudson Valley and the people of my congressional district sustained a tremendous loss this week when Louis Pataki, father of New York Governor George Pataki, passed away.

A life-long resident of the Hudson Valley, Mr. Pataki was born in Peekskill, NY, into a family of Hungarian immigrants. It was in

Peekskill that he raised his own family and continued to operate the family farm for many years. Mr. Pataki was a beloved father and grandfather whose devoted care shaped the lives of his children and grandchildren.

Louis Pataki was also devoted to his community and to his country. He worked as a mailman and retired as assistant postmaster in Peekskill after 30 years of service. For more than 50 years, he also served as a volunteer fireman who protected the lives and property of his neighbors.

Speaking on behalf of the Pataki family, the Governor said " * * no one cared more or did more for his family and community than our father. We owe everything to him, and we will miss him enormously." What better tribute to family values has any of us ever heard?

Mr. Speaker, we have sustained a great loss and we reach out to the Pataki family in their grief. But even so, the spirit and integrity of Louis Pataki continues on in his wonderful family, and in the memory of his many friends whose own lives were enriched by him.

THE MARCH OF THE LIVING PROGRAM

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 28, 1996

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, next month thousands of young people will participate in the March of the Living Program. I would like to take this opportunity to commemorate the participants and organizers of this very special program.

Since 1988, the March of the Living Program has provided over 20,000 young people from around the world with an extraordinary method of Holocaust education. Participants of the program are taken to visit the concentration camps in Poland to view the sites of Nazi atrocities. They are shown the gas chambers, crematoria, and piles of personal articles confiscated from the children who perished in the camps. From there, the participants go to Israel to see the great triumph of those who survived the Holocaust and went on to create a nation.

Although this program will be a unique and wonderful opportunity for the participants, it will not receive the support of the Austrian Government. The Austrian Government has chosen not to participate in the program, and is thereby passing up an opportunity to affirm its commitment to the preservation of Jewish heritage. I am very disappointed in this decision, and have written to the Austrian President and Ambassador asking them to reconsider this decision.

The March of the Living will go forward this year, and it will be a profound experience for all those participating. It will be truly unfortunate, however, if the Austrian Government is not one of those participants.

TRIBUTE TO TRUMAN KOEHLER ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM SANDOZ CORP.

HON. SUE MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 28, 1996

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, in a time when America so desperately needs clear leadership; in a time when America so desperately needs ethical leaders; in a time when America needs to rally all of our best resources to find effective and fair ways to make crucial business, community and government decisions, I am pleased to bring to your attention an excellent role model for all of us.

The exemplary business leader to whom I refer is Truman L. Koehler. Truman currently serves Sandoz Corp. as the president of Master Builders, Inc., based in Cleveland, OH, and as a member of the executive committee for Sandoz Corp., based in New York. But he plans to retire from these positions on May 1 to return to his home since 1981 in my favorite city, Charlotte, NC.

This is good news for Charlotte, for North Carolina, and for America. For during all of his business life, Truman has used his time, mind, and leadership talents to improve the quality of life on local, State, and national levels. With time away from daily management duties, I fully expect us to benefit from Truman's leadership in many ways on all of these levels.

Truman prepared himself for industry by earning a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Muhlenberg College in Allentown, PA. He continued to prepare himself for business leadership by earning a master's degree in experimental statistics from Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ, while working in quality control for Sylvania Electric Products, Inc., from 1952 to 1957. His keen mind and straight-forward manner were great assets to American Cyanamid Corp. in a wide variety of technical, marketing, and management assignments from 1957 to 1981. While taking on increasing management responsibility, Truman took time to develop and teach a series of evening courses in applied statistics in areas such as biology, agriculture, and ecology.

Truman came to Charlotte in 1981 as president and chief executive officer for the Sodyeco Division of Martin Marietta Corp. When Sandoz Ltd. of Basel, Switzerland, purchased Sodyeco in 1983, and later merged it with Sandoz United States dyes and chemical businesses, Sandoz worldwide executives selected Truman to continue to run the new company, Sandoz Chemicals Corp. As president and chief executive officer of these businesses for 10 years, Truman led State and local initiatives that brought community and business interests together for the benefit of all our citizens.

For example; during his 10 years in Charlotte, Truman chaired the mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee that recommended and then guided the development of an emergency response system for the city; served as a director Executive Committee member and a leader of the nationally acclaimed Environmental School for the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce; encouraged the development of a Manufacturer's Council to assure a steady and effective partnership among manufacturing merchandising and service members within

the Charlotte Chamber; and to represent manufacturing interests in the community; served the community as a trustee of Science Museums of Charlotte; served all of the citizens of the State as chairman of the North Carolina Governor's Commission on Hazardous Waste Disposal; and continued to serve his alma mater as a trustee of Muhlenberg College on Allentown, PA.

During that time, Truman also served our Nation by using his commitment to intelligent and safe management of safety and environmental issues to help set standards and policies for the professions and industries he has served. He is a Fellow of the American Society for Quality Control and has served as director of the National Association of Manufacturers, the Chemical Manufacturers Association, and the National Paint and Coating Association.

Truman is recognized by his professional colleagues as a strong example of the best in American management. They know him to be an able and talented manager with a sincere concern for the financial and safety welfare of his employees; committed to safety and environmental responsibility; and an intelligent business executive who cares about the quality of life for his employees and his communities.

Charlotte enthusiastically welcomes back one of our most progressive and effective business civic leaders.

TRIBUTE TO EDDIEMAE LIVINGSTON, A "CAN DO" WOMAN

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 28, 1996

Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I would like to introduce my colleagues to Ms. Eddiemae Livingston. Ms. Livingston is a true "can do" woman. I have known her for 30+ years and I still marvel at her compassion, passions, and competence.

Eddiemae Livingston was born in Newberry, SC. She was the valedictorian of her high school graduating class and graduated cum laude from Benedict College in 1942. She was employed for nearly 5 years by the Federal Government in Washington, DC, and Newark, NJ. The city of Newark benefited from Ms. Livingston's expertise for more than 40 years. She served in a variety of positions from clerk-typist to assistant chief clerk, and executive secretary.

Ms. Livingston has a passion for perfection. This quality is evident in her professional, civic, social, and religious activities. She is active in many organizations and her skills and leadership have been recognized by all.

She has been active as a girls' counselor at the Newark YMWCA. Her work with the Newark Branch NAACP has been extraordinary. She served as an executive board member for 12 years. She now holds the title of Board Member Emeritus. She holds two NAACP life memberships and two NAACP Golden Heritage memberships. Her membership with the Hopewell Baptist Church began in 1963. She has served as its financial secretary for more than 12 years. Ms. Livingston has been a board member of the Newark Community Health Centers for 7 years and a member of