

children, ages 8–16, have been given the opportunity to get away from it all by attending Camp Tall Turf. The camp is appropriately named for its location among very large trees in Walkerville, MI. At Camp Tall Turf campers learn that God is present and that there can be no taller turf than that. The camp was established in response to racial strife that was prevalent during the sixties in cities across the Nation. Since that first summer over 15,000 young people have benefited from the positive Christian activities and messages presented by the caring, committed, and dedicated staff of Camp Tall Turf.

When the founders of this camp first came together, little did they know that their ideas and visions would reach this level almost 30 years later. The camp, located on Lake Campbell, provides an environment conducive to growing both mentally and spiritually. Through daily chapel, cabin devotions, drama, and singing, each camper gains a new outlook on his or her life and is able to store away these lessons for the future. These valuable lessons have helped prepare hundreds of children, who might not have received the opportunity otherwise, for roles of service and leadership in their young adult and adult lives.

It is important to point out that Camp Tall Turf is not just a one day, week, or month gathering. Staff members work year round to continue relationships that have been established at the summer camp. These relationships are so very important for the young people who need Christian role models and friends. In addition to encouraging meaningful and positive social relationships, the interaction between the staff and the child helps promote cooperation, companionship, and respect. Camp Tall Turf also helps to provide opportunities and experiences that strengthen self confidence and build character in youths who are involved with the camp.

Mr. Speaker, far too often we read or hear negative stories involving children. Camp Tall Turf and its staff should be praised for their continuous effort to change the negatives that we read and hear about, and make them positive. Their work to enhance the quality of life and relationships of others should not go unnoticed and should serve as an example for others to follow. It is a great pleasure and honor for me to commend the founders, board and staff of Camp Tall Turf for their outstanding work.

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

HON. J.C. WATTS, JR.

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 1996

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, today is Holocaust Remembrance Day. It is a time to pause and pray for the day when mankind will value understanding over hate, respect over contempt, and life over death. Today we must take time to remember this event. We cannot let the day slip by without a solemn moment for remembrance.

I cannot know their names nor see their faces, but in my heart, in my mind, and in my prayers, I pause today to remember the millions of men, women, and children whose lives were taken in one of history's most heinous events—the Holocaust.

I ask my colleagues and the people of the world to do the same. Please pause for a moment today and recall the needless loss of mankind that was the Holocaust. While it must never be repeated, we must never forget its occurrence. Let the people of the world take time to recognize what happened and to recall those who perished. We owe them the time to remember.

IN MEMORY OF RUBY WORTHEN

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 1996

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a longtime civic and political leader from east Texas—Ruby Irene Worthen of Terrell—who died recently at the age of 95. Mrs. Worthen was an outstanding citizen who devoted a lifetime to helping those in her community, and she will be missed by all those who knew her.

Born on Jan. 22, 1901, Mrs. Worthen served her community as a teacher, home demonstration agent for the Texas A&M Extension Service, real estate agent, and as a moving force in community activities in Terrell—especially in the development of services for senior citizens. On her 95th birthday this year, the Kaufman County Commissioners' Court recognized her life of dedication to others by proclaiming the day as Ruby M. Worthen Day in Kaufman County. The proclamation noted her many accomplishments and contributions to the community and stated that "she is perhaps most widely known and highly acclaimed as a loving and selfless caregiver to anyone in need, having provided meals and a place to live for many through the years."

Mrs. Worthen was active in the Democratic Party. She taught the senior adult ladies Sunday school class at the First Baptist Church for several years. She also was active in the AARP.

Mrs. Worthen was preceded in death by her husband, Don; a sister, Idella Coffman; and a brother, T.O. Mashburn. She is survived by a brother, Eugene Mashburn of Dallas, a sister, Thelma Mashburn of Terrell, and other relatives and friends. She was well-loved and well-respected in Terrell, and she will be missed by all those who knew her. Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to pay a final tribute to this outstanding community leader, Ruby Irene Worthen of Terrell, TX.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF APHIS EMPLOYEES

HON. E de la GARZA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 1996

Mr. DE LA GARZA. Mr. Speaker, 1 year ago, on April 19, 1995, 168 people were murdered in the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. The explosion killed scores of innocent children and adults, injured hundreds, and devastated thousands of lives. We remember and honor them all.

I took part in a ceremony in South Texas in which the Kika de la Garza Elementary School

in the La Joya school district planted a tree in memory of the children who died in the Oklahoma bombing to link themselves to the loss. I was particularly moved by this ceremony because although they did not know any of the children personally, they had a common bond in that they were children also.

I, too, have a common bond with some of the victims. In this case the bond is the agricultural community.

Among the victims were seven employees of the Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service—dedicated workers who left a legacy of service and believed that protecting American agriculture was a goal worth achieving.

These were people who were loved by their families and friends and respected by their colleagues. Today, we especially remember and honor these APHIS employees.

We honor as well the survivors and the many people who gave of themselves to aid in rescue efforts and reach out with helping hands and loving hearts. In their hope, we found hope; in their strength, we found strength; in their actions, we found the power to act. In adversity, America came together.

Robert Green Ingersoll said "in the night of death hope sees a star and listening love can hear the rustle of a wing." We remember those who lost their lives in Oklahoma. We embrace those who were left behind, and we hope our caring helps soothe their grief.

Together, we all listen for the rustle of a wing that whispers of hope.

PROBLEMS WITH TRUTH IN BUDGETING

HON. BILL ORTON

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 1996

Mr. ORTON. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, the House considered and passed H.R. 842, the so-called Truth in Budgeting Act. During my statements in opposition to this unwise bill, I made reference to a letter sent last year by the Council for Citizens Against Government Waste, in opposition to this bill.

I would now like to enter this letter into the RECORD. I believe it makes a compelling case against enacting this bill into law.

COUNCIL FOR CITIZENS AGAINST
GOVERNMENT WASTE,

Washington, DC, March 16, 1995.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE: We were intrigued when we learned of proposals to move the various transportation trust funds off-budget and out of the hands of the usual budgeting and appropriations process. Despite proponents' arguments for "truth in budgeting," we discovered that advocates of off-budget transportation trust funds seek not to increase fiscal accountability but to increase the ease of pork-barrel spending.

While the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure does not have a corner on congressional pork-barrel spending, the committee's record is seriously tarnished. The 1991 Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA), replete with such dubious pork as studying the use of zebra mussels as an infrastructure building material or building bicycle paths with highway funds, is as much evidence as we need to conclude that the off-budget trust funds proposal lacks credibility.

There is also alarming and vicious counter-attack from pork-barrelers to Rep. Bill

Orton's suggestion that line-item veto authority extend to "contract authority" for which transportation authorizations are famous. Since the Council for Citizens Against Government Waste (CCAGW) testified at joint line-item veto hearings in favor of presidential authority over contract authority as proposed by Rep. Orton, you can understand that we are suspicious that the off-budget transportation trust funds gambit is yet another end-run for the pork-barrel goal line.

The past pattern of pork-barrel abuse in funding highway, airport and waterway projects compels us to recommend in the strongest possible manner that you defeat any attempt to move the transportation trust funds off-budget. Indeed, a message needs to be sent to the entire Transportation and Infrastructure Committee—majority and minority—that we had an election last November. The old days are gone.

A final note: Not gone, apparently, are threats to cancel projects in the districts of legislative opponents, an all-too-frequent bullying tactic of the folks who used to run Congress that showed up again in the debate on the Orton amendment to the line-item veto bill. CCAGW deplores such threats and, knowing that the public would not take kindly to such intimidation and threats, hopes Members will make them known when they occur.

Sincerely,

TOM SCHATZ,

President.

JOE WINKELMANN,

Chief Lobbyist.

THE FUTURE IS OURS TO CREATE

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 1996

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to welcome the Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society [WOCN] to my congressional district, Seattle, WA, on June 15–19, for their 28th annual conference. The theme of the conference, "The Future is Ours to Create," will focus on future opportunities and challenges relating to the changing and expanding role of enterostomal therapist [ET] nurses and other nurses specializing in wound, ostomy, and continence care.

Founded in 1968, the WOCN is the only national organization for nurses who specialize in the prevention of pressure ulcers and the management and rehabilitation of persons with ostomies, wounds, and incontinence. WOCN, an organization of ET nurses, is a professional nursing society which supports its members by promoting educational, clinical, and research opportunities, to advance the practice and guide the delivery of expert health care to individuals with wounds, ostomies, and incontinence.

In this age of changing health care services and skyrocketing costs, the WOCN nurse plays an integral role in providing cost-effective care for their patients. This year's Seattle conference will provide a unique opportunity for WOCN participants to learn about the most current issues and trends related to their practice. I am honored that WOCN has chosen Seattle to host its conference and wish them every success.

TRUTH IN BUDGETING ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. PETER G. TORKILDSEN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 1996

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 842) to provide off-budget treatment for the Highway Trust Fund, the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, the Inland Waterways Trust Fund, and the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund:

Mr. TORKILDSEN. Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to H.R. 842, a bill to move transportation trust funds off budget. This change would increase the deficit and stymie future efforts to balance the budget.

This bill is the equivalent of telling someone to learn how to swim while they're drowning. Moving the trust funds off budget will make sense when Congress has its fiscal house in order, but it should not be implemented when the Federal Government is drowning in a sea of red ink.

Furthermore, the Congressional Budget Office estimates that exempting the transportation trust funds from spending cuts could increase the deficit by over \$20 billion over 5 years.

Our goal of balancing the budget must come before attempts to restructure the budget. I am not opposed to moving trust funds off budget, in principle, but we must balance the budget first.

Mr. Chairman, I urge my colleagues to defeat this bill and ensure that our efforts to balance the budget stay on course.

TRUTH IN BUDGETING ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN N. HOSTETTLER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 1996

The House in Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 842) to provide off-budget treatment for the Highway Trust Fund, the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, the Inland Waterways Trust Fund, and the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund:

Mr. HOSTETTLER. Mr. Chairman, today we are having a very controversial debate about where the truth in budgeting transportation funds really lies. I rise today in support of H.R. 842, The Truth in Budgeting Act.

Every time you or I pull into a gas station and fill up our cars or pay a tax on an airline ticket, we are sending money to Washington to build new highways and maintain our current transportation systems. Decades ago, these transportation trust funds were established to collect taxes from transportation users and invest in transportation capital. Today, we find the transportation trust fund balance at \$30 billion. The existence of this on-budget trust fund surplus only reinforces the public's belief that they are not getting an honest return for the taxes they pay to Washington. This issue is about tax fairness.

Spending and investment in necessary transportation improvements has been held

down to keep the balance of the trust fund artificially high in order to mask the true size of the deficit, this is just not honest. Those who pay into the trust fund should be able to count on those dollars going toward the purpose for which they were intended.

H.R. 842 does not add to the deficit. According to a March 20, 1996 estimate from the Congressional Budget Office, taking programs off budget does not change total spending of the Federal Government and does not affect spending or revenue estimates for congressional scorekeeping purposes.

H.R. 842 does not alter the transportation spending process. Congress will still have to approve every new dollar of trust fund spending.

H.R. 842, however, does assure this: When a taxpayer back home pays gasoline or airline ticket tax to the Federal Government, he knows it is going towards building or improving our national transportation system.

AMERICA DESERVES A RAISE

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 1996

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, while the President offers a politically appealing, yet ineffective plan to give Americans a raise, my Republican colleagues and I have a very sound plan to give millions of working American families more money in their paychecks and greater power to decide how and where the Federal Government spends their hard earned pay.

Under the President Clinton's plan to raise the minimum wage, countless employers will have to rob Peter to pay Paul. Millions of working men and women will lose job opportunities, employment security, and pay raises. The Republican plan gives Americans the raise they deserve. It provides tax relief for families with children. Over 6 million new and more secure high-wage jobs will result from a balanced budget and less Washington red-tape.

Mr. Speaker, the President's plan to raise the minimum wage is a bad policy. It is simply a political ploy designed to divide America along class, ethnic, and gender lines. Even some of the President's own advisers, agree that his proposal hurts the people most in need: low-skilled workers, women and inter-city residents. It does not help working families.

American families deserve more. They deserve to keep more of their hard earned money, they deserve lower interest rates and they deserve better, higher wage jobs. My Republican colleagues and I provide working families a true raise—the President's policies do not.

THANK YOU, VIRGINIA CARTER

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 1996

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, dedicated individuals who are willing to put the interests of those in their community ahead of their own comforts are people we should admire. The