

around the world. The first Earth Day in 1970 rallied over 20 million Americans from around the country to learn about our environment. Conceived by Senator Gaylord Nelson and organized by Dennis Hayes, Earth Day events have featured some of the largest grassroots mobilizations in U.S. history. These early events helped create the modern environmental movement and led directly to the first environmental legislation—the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts.

In the late 1980's, Dennis Hayes decided it was time to expand Earth Day internationally and to renew environmental concern in the United States. Earth Day is now a highly anticipated annual event held in April that draws upon the resources, concern, and energy of countless individuals throughout our planet for the critical purpose of preserving it.

Earth Day is a gentle reminder to all of us that the environment is everyone's issue. Earth Day observance rekindles public commitment, broadens the base of support for environmental programs, and encourages participation from every group, including the business community. Earth Day is a successful catalyst for ongoing environmental education, action and change. Earth Day activities offer important points of entry to address worldwide environmental concerns as well as opportunities for individuals and communities to focus on their local environmental problems.

Residents of my congressional district are planning a variety of events under the direction of the Bay Area Action group. Some community gardens will host volunteer work parties on Earth Day weekend while some restaurants will offer "Earth Day Meals." These events and efforts characterize a national will to improve and protect our environment for ourselves, our children, and our grandchildren.

There is clearly a hunger in our Nation today, not only for more security or for more economic opportunity, but also for something which we can all be involved in that is larger than ourselves and that will have a lasting and positive impact. Reclaiming our rivers, our forests, improving the quality of our air, and limiting the volume of waste we generate, are the causes of a committed generation of human beings doing their part for the betterment of our planet as a whole.

We are fighting a serious uphill battle, however. The new majority in Congress, this past year, has turned its back repeatedly on our environment. There is no question that this has been the most antienvironmental Congress in recent history and the blame, undoubtedly, falls squarely upon the shoulders of the majority of this House. Let us not belittle the meaning of Earth Day with phony rhetoric; let us match the commitment from our citizens with actions that safeguard our future.

Three decades ago, President Kennedy said, "It is our task and our time in our generation to hand down, undiminished to those who come after us, as was handed down to us by those who came before, the natural wealth and beauty which is ours." It is time to recommit ourselves to these same values that originally made America unique.

The preservation of our environment is not synonymous with erosion of the economy. It does mean, however, that Congress has tough choices to make. We cannot deny the fact that Government has an important role in helping to preserve the natural beauty of our rivers, our forests, our mountains, our beaches, and our parks.

Earth Day reminds us that we share the air, the water, the planet and our destiny with all the people of the world. Our efforts must extend beyond our borders to help people in poorer countries understand the effects of their actions. Every country is interconnected; a potential environmental catastrophe can affect us all. That certainly is the message as we come upon the 10th anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster in Russia, at the same time that we mark Earth Day. The United States should lead the world by being a shining example.

Mr. Speaker, that is why I stand here today, requesting the support of my colleagues. We must never turn our back on our Nation's environment. I hope that the antienvironment trend of this Congress can be overcome with tangible legislation that recommit our Government to protecting our environment.

Mr. Speaker, we can all learn from the millions of individuals who will participate in Earth Day this year and years to follow. Ultimately, it is through them that we must come to understand that part of our common responsibility to the future is preserving our environment today. Let us not acquiesce to the defilement of our environment; we must not let our inaction serve as a precedent for emerging nations throughout the world to ignore their role in preserving it. There can be no greater legacy that we leave behind for our children and grandchildren than a world secure in its commitment to a healthy and environmentally sound future.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM C. CASSELL
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM HEIDELBERG COLLEGE

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 1996

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding citizen from Tiffin, OH. Dr. William C. Cassell, president of Heidelberg College has announced he will retire at the end of this school year.

Dr. Cassell's retirement marks the end of a 16 year era in Heidelberg's development. In 1980, William Cassell became the 11th President of Heidelberg College, one of Ohio's oldest colleges. Under his leadership, the college has made a significant turnaround, enjoying a large increase in enrollment, the elimination of huge deficits, and widespread recognition as a leaders in innovation liberal arts and international education.

Heidelberg College is a selective, independent, liberal arts college situated atop College Hill in Tiffin, OH. For 8 consecutive years, it has been ranked as "One of America's Best Colleges" by U.S. News and World Report.

There is a saying about education that brings President Cassell to mind. "When you teach the people, you reap hundred harvests." William Cassell, after a career of distinguished service, should feel the deep satisfaction that comes from creating the harvests of our future. He has been a creative, innovative, and reliable education leader. Over the years, he has worked tirelessly to make the best possible use of Heidelberg's resources for the sake of the education of each student. In the

process, he has led a staff and an education community that has mirrored his special sense of dedication and service.

William Cassell's commitment to education has stretched far beyond Heidelberg's campus. He was chosen by the former President of the United States as one of 10 appointees to the Advisory Council on the White House Conference on Library and Information Services. In 1988, the former Governor of Ohio appointed Cassell as one of nine members of the Ohio Higher Education Facilities Commission. Internationally, Cassell is the Honorary Royal Consul General of Nepal. He was a member of missions for American Management Techniques to Indonesia and Jamaica, and chief of a mission to Thailand. He is on the executive committee of the International Education of the American Council of Education. Along the way, he has always earned the respect and admiration of his peers in the field.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Dr. William Cassell on the occasion of his retirement, and wish him, his wife Jeanne, and their three children, Paul, Susan, and David, all the best in the years ahead.

EARTH DAY 1996

HON. THOMAS J. MANTON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 1996

Mr. MANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Earth Day 1996. During this Congress it is especially crucial to emphasize the significance and purpose of this nationally recognized day. Since 1970, this country has set aside 1 day a year to highlight the importance of environmental conservation and preservation. But protecting the environment and our national resources is not a once a year project, it is about the way we choose to live our lives.

Mr. Speaker, the nationwide recognition of this day illustrates the overwhelming public concern over how the natural and man-made world should interact. While I support efforts to relieve businesses of undue redtape, I believe it is possible to do so without also reducing protection of our air, water and other natural resources. Although striking a balance is often difficult, it is necessary for the long-term health of both the environment and the economy.

As a Member of this esteemed body, I am pleased with the role Congress has played over the past 26 years. Passage of legislation such as the Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, the Endangered Species Act, among others, has been instrumental in cleaning our environment and protecting our valuable natural resources. It is our responsibility as legislators to continue to respond to the public and its priorities through enactment and renewal of these most important environmental laws.

Mr. Speaker, I am hopeful that this day will be a reminder to Congress that the management of our resources is of vital importance. The decisions we make today will impact not only our future, but all future generations.

TRIBUTE TO OUR LADY OF THE
RIDGE'S FIFTH GRADE GIRLS'
BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 1996

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding group of young ladies from my district, the fifth grade girls' basketball team of Our Lady of the Ridge School in Chicago Ridge.

This squad of eight determined players won the South Suburban Catholic Basketball League title this season, the school's first ever championship. The girls combined strong rebounding, spirited defense, and relentless hustle into a 14 win season.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate coaches Brad Grove and Mike Liston, as well as their players: Katie Pratl, Kellie Pratl, Jackie Grove, Colleen Madej, Kelly Liston, Megan Liston, Laura Dirschl, Katie Roe, and the ever so accurate score keeper, Ron Pratl. I wish them continued success on and off the court for a job well done.

HONORING THE BEST OF RESTON
AWARD WINNERS FOR 1996

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 1996

Mr. DAVIS. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to pay tribute to the individuals and businesses who are this year's winners of the Best of Reston Awards. The Best of Reston Community Service Award was created to recognize companies, organizations and individuals who have made outstanding contributions to community service, and/or who have improved the lives of people in need in Reston, VA.

Tom Bartelt for his 25 years of service to the Greater Reston community through his role as the television eyes and ears of the community. As community program manager for Warner Cable, Tom Bartelt was there at the beginning, first as a volunteer, and then as staff, covering events big and small. He also helps local charities, giving selflessly of his time and talents to encourage young people in the broadcasting field and keeping community television alive and directed in the right spirit.

James Cleveland for his unique and direct impact on the quality of life in Reston and for serving as a role model for others in his approach to community service. As a driving force behind Mobile Land, Jim Cleveland has created the atmosphere for corporate pride and participation in support of civic causes as demonstrated in Reston's status as an internationally recognized example of excellence in community planning. He has also demonstrated a true sense of community and civic affairs, including Greater Reston Arts Center, YMCA of Metropolitan Washington, Washington Airports Task Force, Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance and the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce. By both his positioning of Reston Land as a good corporate citizen and through his own leadership role in the community, Jim Cleveland has served the

social, artistic, and business fabric of the Reston community.

Judy Duncan for her selfless dedication and willingness to go above and beyond to serve the needs for those in crisis through her Duncan Answering Service and the Herndon-Reston F.I.S.H. (Friendly, Instant, Sympathetic Help). Judy Duncan has been a key part of F.I.S.H. for many years and has touched and assisted hundreds of people during those years. From her initial role as one needing help during a medical crisis to being a volunteer to becoming the person who initiated a way for others to receive help through an answering service, Judy Duncan is one of the quiet people who make things happen. When a void developed, Judy created the Duncan Answering Service to field the many calls F.I.S.H. receives from those in need. On average, 75 to 100 calls are received daily and are referred to appropriate agencies or individuals to assist. For her role in volunteering and creating this selfless service, we honor Judy Duncan.

Lee A. Rau for years of consistent volunteer and community involvement. Motivated by a strong desire to give back, Lee has made a lifetime commitment to making Reston a better place. He is a longtime supporter of Reston Interfaith and the Greater Reston Arts Center and has served as President of the Board of both organizations. He supported early efforts to establish both Laurel Learning Center and the Embry Rucker Community Shelter. Early on, Lee recognized a need for more affordable housing and he has worked tirelessly for over 20 years to see that it would be built. Currently and concurrently, he is taking a lead to develop a permanent home for GRACE. Lee Rau is a dedicated member of the community and is honored for his work in many areas.

Patriot National Bank is honored for its role as a good corporate citizen and for going beyond the purpose of a business to help, care and contribute to the quality of life of all citizens of the community, not just its customers. Patriot National Bank has demonstrated its commitment through many avenues: number one provider of SBA loans in Reston area; providing funding for the Market in the Woods; providing below market funding for homeowner's associations and South Lakes High School student bank; and encouraging service on community boards and committees by its officers and employees. The activities and outreach of Patriot National Bank, a "homegrown bank," have made Reston a better place to live and work.

Reston Hospital Center for its role as a corporate leader in community service and for its commitment to improve the health of our entire community by an extensive outreach program of health and wellness. Since its inception, Reston Hospital Center has demonstrated its concern for the welfare of others in the community through active participation in the United Way Campaign, American Heart Association, area religious organizations, Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce, Reston Interfaith, Meals on Wheels, Reston Triathlon, Red Cross blood drives. In 1995, Reston Hospital Center provided millions of dollars in taxes, charity and uncompensated care to the community. The hospital employs more than 800 area residents, have over 200 weekly volunteers and has a dedicated staff which contributes to local high school health care scholarship programs. More than 5,000

people benefited from screening and health programs sponsored by the hospital in 1995. As an integral part of the community, Reston Hospital Center provides unsurpassed care and reaches out to all citizens as an exemplary health care resource.

Reston Town Center Associates for further developing Reston's sense of community by providing a vibrant place for people to come together and for their support of worthy causes. Reston Town Center Associates have always been willing to offer a gathering place and to support many groups who do volunteer and non-profit work. They have improved the quality of life of all members of the community, especially the elderly and children through free events such as Take-a-Break Concerts, the Holiday Parade, Meet Me at the Movies, and Mother's and Father's Day events. They have supported many worthy causes such as GRACE, Cystic Fibrosis, American Diabetes, Reston Interfaith, Children's Hospital and the Multiple Sclerosis Society. More than \$309,385 has been raised for non-profit groups. In addition, another \$17,900 has been donated to local non-profit groups by the Mobil Foundation and the Mercury Foundation. In 1995 more than 5 million people visited Reston Town Center.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in honoring the "Best of Reston" Award winners for all of their hard work in making their community a better place to live.

HAIL TO THE "CHIEF"

HON. RONALD V. DELLUMS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 1996

Mr. DELLUMS. Mr. Speaker, it brings me sadness and honor to pay final tribute to Charles Alfred "Chief" Anderson, the "father of black aviation." He died on Saturday, April 12, 1996, at his home in Tuskegee, AL, at the age of 89. A premier aviator, the apex of his career came in 1941 when Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, the wife of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, asked him to take her for a flight over Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, against the tremendous opposition of her entourage. Mrs. Roosevelt risked her life with a Negro aviator because she saw no reason why Negro men could not fly. Shortly thereafter, Tuskegee was selected to participate in a program with the U.S. Army Air Corps to find out if Negro men could measure up as military pilots. Their records speak for themselves.

Anderson's love for flying began at an early age when he lived in Virginia. When he heard there was an airplane in the vicinity, he would run to see it. People said about him, "That boy's crazy. He'd have to be crazy to be thinking about flying." To that, Chief replied: "I thought they were the crazy ones."

For Anderson, getting a pilot's license was not easy. Anderson continuously ran into clouds of racial prejudice. He was denied entry to Drexel Institute Aviation School in 1920 because of his race. He was also told "no" by the Army which did not allow black pilots before World War II. He finally found a friend in Mr. Ernest Buehl, a German World War I pilot, known as the Flying Dutchman, who started an airport in Philadelphia, PA. Under Buehl's guidance and instruction, Anderson finally received a transport license in