

mendous pain and suffering that would result if this measure is passed.

Mr. Chairman, on behalf of our Nation's children, working families, veterans, and seniors, this bill must be defeated. I ask my colleagues to join me in voting no, on House Concurrent Resolution 178.

HONORING THE ALGOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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HEROISM IS ALIVE AND WELL

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 1996

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I've got some good news for you, and for all of America.

Heroism is alive and well and, I'm proud to say, it's alive and well in my own hometown of Queensbury, NY.

Mrs. Cecilia L. Parker of Meadowbrook Road, a few miles north of my own street, is alive today because of the heroism of two neighbors, Jenny Lortz, and high school student Theodore "Ted" Turner III.

Last month, the Parker car burst into flames in her carport. Neighbor Jenny Lortz, alerted by a daughter, dialed 911 and ran to investigate. Across the street, the young Turner saw the flames and ran to the house. He and Lortz determined that Mrs. Parker was inside the house. With the noise from exploding car tires in his ears, Turner kicked in a back door and pulled a stunned Mrs. Parker out of her chair and through the smoke to safety.

Witnesses said that a few minutes later it would have been too late.

Mr. Speaker, it's all too easy to fall into the trap of thinking that all kids these day are ill-mannered brats, but that is obviously far from the truth. A grateful Mrs. Parker later remembered young Turner as the good kid across the street who used to help her with chores. But let us acknowledge, Mr. Speaker, that Ted Turner III is not a "kid" but a young man already assuming his duties as a responsible citizen and neighbor. We find such heroes in neighborhoods in towns and villages and cities all over America, and it's what makes this the great country what it is.

Let us also, Mr. Speaker, acknowledge the quick thinking of Jenny Lortz, who first called 911, and joined Turner both in his rescue and later in staying with Mrs. Parker as Queensbury Central, my old volunteer company, put out the flames.

Mrs. Parker, I might add, used to work for my father's store, M. Solomon's, in Queensbury, and I certainly am glad she survived this ordeal.

We have two heroes to thank for that, Mr. Speaker, so let us rise in tribute to those two fine Americans, Theodore Turner III and Jenny Lortz of Queensbury, NY.

A TRIBUTE TO EVAN HALE

HON. VIC FAZIO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 1996

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my good friend Evan Hale. Evan is retiring after nearly 40 years of professional and civic service in various agricultural related positions.

Growing up on a farm near Pocatello, ID, instilled in Evan an understanding and sincere commitment to agriculture at an early age. In 1959, he became Director of Communications for the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation and then served as Secretary of the Board and Treasurer of the affiliated Farm Bureau Insurance Company.

Evan continued his public service to the agricultural community as executive assistant to U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Earl Butz and served as chief of staff of the U.S. Department of Agriculture [USDA] in the 1970's. While at USDA, Evan also acted as liaison to farm organizations, Congress, the White House and foreign embassies. He worked with a number of foreign trade missions, including six countries behind the iron curtain.

Currently, Evan is President of the Western Water District Farm Credit Council and Vice President of Legislative Affairs for the Western Farm Credit Bank. He will be retiring at the end of this month, and he and his wife Audrey plan to move closer to their children and grandchildren. I commend Evan on his successful career and thank him for his dedicated public service. I wish my friend a rewarding and gratifying retirement.

LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL WINS REDBOOK DISTINCTION

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 1996

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a great school in the heart of Dallas as the recipient of a recent award for unparalleled excellence. The Lincoln Humanities/Communications Magnet High School recently received the distinction of being a "Redbook" school for overall excellence, and it is a well deserved honor for a school which has worked hard to improve and excel in education. Lincoln attracts students from all parts of Dallas and surrounding communities despite being in the center of the city.

Many times I have visited Lincoln High School and each time I see the excitement on the students' faces as they study and participate in the learning process. The teachers and administrators are equally inspired as they instruct and counsel the students. Under the direction of Dr. Napoleon B. Lewis, Sr., the principal, this unique high school has outshone other schools in academics, the arts, music, and sports.

Lincoln Humanities/Communications Magnet High School opened as Lincoln High School in January 1939. The school was built to serve Dallas' black children in the South, East, and Oak Cliff communities of the city. Recently, Lincoln High School has lived up to its commitment to students in the areas of communications and humanities with impressive showings in the National Merit and National Achievement Scholarship Program.

The Redbook award for unparalleled excellence is another feather in Lincoln High School's cap, and it will give them even more incentive to continue to offer the best education in the arts, music, and humanities for students all over the Metroplex. Congratulations Lincoln High School. Keep up the great work.

HONORING THE ALMAVILLE VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT

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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET, FISCAL YEAR 1997

SPEECH OF

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 1996

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 178) establishing the congressional budget for the U.S. Government for fiscal year 1997 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002:

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in strong support of the Congressional Black Caucus and Progressive Caucus substitute budget for fiscal year 1997. This alternative reflects the vision of a caring majority. Unlike the Republican majority budget which dramatically threatens the health of millions of Americans, the CBC and Progressive Caucus' substitute protects the health of those in the dawn of life, our children, and those in the twilight of life, our seniors.

The Republican measure continues their assault on the health of the weakest among us by gutting \$158 billion from Medicare, gutting \$72 billion from Medicaid, forcing seniors to pay more for less health care, denying health care services to children aged 13 to 18, and eliminating the guarantee of coverage for all low-income seniors who cannot afford Medicare. The list of pain and suffering goes on and on.

Mr. Chairman, the Congressional Black Caucus and Progressive Caucus alternative budget overturns the assault on the health of the American people, while also balancing the budget. The CBC budget increases funding for the program authorized under the Disadvantaged Minority Health Improvement Act in an effort to ensure an adequate supply of health care professionals in medically underserved areas; provides the resources necessary to adequately address the toxic waste disposal problem as outlined in the Environmental Justice Act and provides funding for historically black colleges' hospitals which have traditionally provided health care services for disadvantaged populations. To further progress in addressing the Nation's substance abuse problem, the measure increases funding to provide for a more comprehensive substance abuse treatment and prevention initiative.

With respect to Medicare and Medicaid the Congressional Black Caucus and Progressive Caucus substitute ensures that current coverage of Medicaid and Medicare is preserved and strengthened. All savings generated from

these programs are reinvested into strengthening these critical health care programs, not destroying them.

To ensure continued improvements in the health of the American people, the measure also retains strong support for funding initiatives to further advances in the early detection, diagnosis, and prevention of disorders and diseases, from cancer, to diabetes, to aids, by enhancing funding for the Centers for Disease Control and the National Institutes of Health.

Mr. Chairman, I strongly urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on the Congressional Black Caucus and Progressive Caucus caring budget. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this substitute budget which strengthens the Nation's fiscal policy and priorities in a responsible and compassionate manner.

A TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE JOHN F. INGRO

HON. GEORGE E. BROWN, JR.

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 1996

Mr. BROWN of California. Mr. Speaker, after 20 years of distinguished service for the State of California, the Honorable John F. Ingro is retiring. His dedication and tireless commitment to the pursuit of justice as a San Bernardino Superior Court Judge has been well regarded and appreciated. Not only has the Honorable John F. Ingro served admirably as a judge, but also as an outstanding member of his community. With his involvement on the board of directors of various community organizations, Judge Ingro has become a valued asset to the San Bernardino area.

Judge Ingro first began his career in law after receiving his doctor of jurisprudence degree from the University of California at Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law, in 1959. Upon receiving his degree, Mr. Ingro was subsequently admitted to the California State Bar in 1960. From 1960 to 1964, he served as deputy district attorney for the County of San Bernardino, and then as a deputy public defender for the county from 1964 to 1965.

After his brief tenure for the county, Judge Ingro maintained a private law practice for 9 years. On May 6, 1976, he was appointed to the San Bernardino Superior Court by Governor Edmund G. Brown. Following his appointment, Mr. Ingro was reelected for three consecutive terms, in 1978, 1984, and 1990.

His service to the county of San Bernardino will be missed, and I wish the Honorable John F. Ingro a prosperous and happy retirement.

WELFARE REFORM

HON. TIM JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 1996

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, President Clinton delivered a speech which I believe significantly advances the national debate over reforming our welfare system.

The President applauded and endorsed the general idea behind the welfare reform plans

in the States of Wisconsin and Maryland. In doing so, the President has, in his own words, given "us hope that we can break the vicious cycle of welfare dependency."

I'm heartened by this move and the clear evidence that the White House, Congress, and the States are finally coming together on the best possible way to take people off the national dole and put them to work at the same time strengthening families and protecting innocent children.

Most of us agree that the Federal Government still has an indispensable role to play in the welfare system by setting guidelines that ensure able-bodied citizens work for their checks and that children are fed, clothed, and cared for while their parents are on the job.

But most of us also agree that it makes good fiscal and common sense to give the States and their Governors greater flexibility and incentives to find the most effective and efficient local solutions to problems in the welfare system.

I've long supported reforming our welfare system in a way that promotes work, protects children, and empowers States. That's why I'm so encouraged by the initiative of States like Maryland and Wisconsin and the President's approval of welfare system waivers for 38 States—including one for my home State of South Dakota.

States are demonstrating that we can move forward in reforming our welfare system without too heavy a hand from the Federal Government. Their ingenuity should be praised and their plan should be used as an example for all of us to finally come together and find a sensible, effective approach to taking care of our kids, putting people to work, and moving Americans out of poverty.

If we put our children first and partisan politics aside, I believe we can do this.

HONORING THE CORNERSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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