

Worker of the Year for 1997. It is truly an honor for me to recognize Ray, who has consistently demonstrated generosity and selfless dedication to the children of northern Indiana.

As the school social worker at Harrison Elementary School in South Bend, IN, Ray has dedicated himself to promoting the academic and social advancement of students in a host of important areas including home visits, crisis prevention, and an innovative approach known as early intervention, which Ray designed and is now in the second year of implementing. The objective of this unique method is to apply prevention and early intervention strategies for elementary school children to reduce suspensions and promote parental involvement. For the current school year, Ray also assumed primary responsibility for the design and implementation for the Harrison School's "Enrichment After School Program."

Ray received an undergraduate degree in philosophy from the University of Notre Dame in 1973. He also received a masters degree in elementary education from Indiana University in 1975 and a masters degree in social work from Western Michigan University in 1978. Ray has also completed all coursework and examinations for Western University's Education Leadership Doctoral Program.

Ray's awards and achievements are numerous and illustrate an extensive and distinguished career in assisting children. In addition to being named Indiana's School Social Worker of the Year, Ray has also been named the local Social Worker of the Year for South Bend Schools and Teacher of the Year at Harrison Elementary School in 1996 and 1997. Additionally, Ray was awarded the Martin Luther King Community Service Award in January 1997, the Co-Social Worker of the Year for South Bend Schools in 1995 and 1996, and the UCAADA Community Service Award in August 1994.

Mr. Speaker, I am especially proud to recognize Ray's achievement in establishing a regional site for the Indiana Chapter's Books for Kids Foundation in 1996. This innovative program focuses on early literacy as a critical part of the foundation from which a child learns and improves in mind and spirit, and becomes a contributing member of the family and the community. As a member of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, my efforts to provide greater opportunity for young people are significantly bolstered by the contributions of selfless individuals like Ray Turner, whose ongoing contributions continue to provide an unrivaled source of inspiration and motivation for America's youth.

Mr. Speaker, Ray Turner is a shining example of the importance of our Nation's outstanding teachers and social workers, whose tireless contributions provide an invaluable service to our community. I am confident that Ray will continue to play a constructive and important role in influencing the lives of children and all of those who come into contact with him.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CARMELITOS PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

**HON. STEPHEN HORN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 22, 1997*

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise the Carmelitos public housing develop-

ment, located in North Long Beach. It wasn't long ago that a public housing site in my district of Long Beach epitomized what is wrong with public housing today. Crime-ridden neighborhoods and rundown units plagued families living in this community. Today, the Carmelitos public housing development is a bonafide success story, due in part to one program making a difference in its public housing residents' lives—the Growing Experience. The Growing Experience is a year-long training program open to county public housing residents to prepare them for landscape business development and employment. The project is improving the quality of life for public housing residents by providing strong job training and educational opportunities that lead to self-sufficiency. Since the program's inception in April 1996, one-third of the resident trainees have moved out of public housing and into private residences. Clearly, the Growing Experience is proof that a chronically unemployed community can transform itself into a community that embraces work.

I am proud to announce that the Growing Experience, a program of the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission, was named a semifinalist in the Ford Foundation's 1997 Innovations in American Government Awards competition. One of the Nation's most prestigious public-service prizes, the Innovations Awards recognize governmental initiatives that provide creative solutions to social and economic problems. Being named a semifinalist in this competition underlines what those of us in Los Angeles County have known for the last year—that Carmelitos is a pioneer in helping people to help themselves.

I congratulate the Carmelitos housing development and the Los Angeles Community Development Commission for its recognition in this national competition. Carmelitos is a prime example of defining a program's success by how many people graduate to self-sufficiency and no longer need its assistance.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. SONNY BONO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 22, 1997*

Mr. BONO. Mr. Speaker, I am writing to clarify my position regarding the Employment, Training, and Literacy Enhancement Act of 1997, H.R. 1385. Regrettably, on May 16, 1997, my vote on final passage of this legislation was improperly recorded, rollcall vote No. 138. Let the record show that it was my intent to vote "nay" on final passage in accord with my position opposing this bill. While I appreciate the efforts of my colleagues in this endeavor, I deeply feel this is a wrong direction for us to turn. Thank you for recognizing my position regarding these important matters.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. FRANK A. LoBIONDO**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 22, 1997*

Mr. LoBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, I seek recognition to speak out of order. Mr. Speaker,

last Friday, May 16, my wife fulfilled a lifelong dream. Having stayed at home to raise our two children, my wife had recently returned to school to get her degree in education. Last Friday, she achieved that goal in a commencement ceremony at Rowan University in my district. I could not be more proud of her.

Needless to say, because I attended my wife's commencement I was unable to attend Friday's session and was therefore forced to miss votes that day. However, I wish to submit for the record that had I been present, I would have voted "no" on the Owens amendment, and "yes" on final passage of the bill H.R. 1385.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO RON MOLENDYK

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 22, 1997*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I am here today to acknowledge the outstanding career of Ron Molendyk. Mr. Molendyk, who has announced his retirement, serves as the city manager for the city of Lake Elsinore, CA. Having worked with Mr. Molendyk for many years, I am truly sorry to hear this pillar of the community say goodbye. However, I am extremely pleased to see a long life of hard work be rewarded with the celebration of retirement.

Mr. Molendyk has served in municipal government for 35 years and he has been dedicated to the city of Lake Elsinore for 13 years. He began his career as the recreation leader for the city of Buena Park. He then moved on to become area supervisor for the recreations and parks department for the city of Long Beach, director of recreation and parks for the city of Bell, director of community services for the city of Brea and the traffic commissioner for the city of Placentia. Drive, determination, and many years of experience paid off for Mr. Molendyk when he was hired as the city manager/city clerk for the city of Rolling Hills and then, later, as the city manager for the city of Lake Elsinore.

The position of city manager incorporates all of the requirements of a corporate administrator, as well as the responsibility of providing leadership and representation to the community on behalf of the city council and staff. As city manager, Mr. Molendyk has served as the negotiator to bring commercial and residential development to the city of Lake Elsinore. To emphasize the priceless asset of the city, the lake, Mr. Molendyk has been a leader in the development of recreation and tourism.

He has also been the key contact for relations between the city and other levels of government. On many occasions, Mr. Molendyk has been the liaison for my office when addressing city issues affected by the Federal Government, such as flood control, transportation, and the environment. His knowledge of and passion for the city of Lake Elsinore has been a vital asset to me during my first two terms as the congressional representative for the Elsinore Valley.

Mr. Molendyk received his bachelor of arts in recreation and master of science in administration from California State University, Long Beach. He is a member of the International City Managers' Association, Inland Empire

City Managers' Association, California Parks and Recreation Society, Rotary International, Lambda Alpha and Community Redevelopment Association.

I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you to Mr. Molendyk for his dedication, influence and involvement in our community. He has served as a fine representative of municipal government. It is a great pleasure for me to congratulate Mr. Ron Molendyk on his outstanding career and offer my best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors.

HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY TO  
WNAM-AM

**HON. JAY W. JOHNSON**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 22, 1997*

Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor broadcasting excellence and the 50th anniversary of WNAM-AM in Neenah, WI.

Friday, May 23, 1997, will mark 50 years that WNAM has provided information and entertainment to residents of the Fox Valley, an invaluable public service. WNAM Radio, whose call letters reflect Neenah and Menasha, is one of the oldest radio voices in northeast Wisconsin. As such, it has provided a continuous record of the history of radio as it emerged across the Nation. From the old days of network radio soap operas to the veteran broadcasting personality Ron Ross, who holds forth every morning on the air, WNAM has been a constant radio companion to thousands of listeners at 1280 on their AM radio dial.

Every day, listeners tune in to WNAM to hear hourly local, regional, State, and national news. And, of course, it is the place to hear Frank Sinatra, Nat King Cole, the McGuire and Andrews Sisters, and many other popular entertainers.

As a former broadcaster myself and as someone who knows the hard work and dedication it takes to operate, maintain, and continue great programming on a radio station, I want to thank WNAM for their service to Wisconsin and I wish them many more years of excellence on the radio.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to help me honor WNAM and wish them a hearty happy 50th anniversary.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. NATHANIEL MORRELL AND THE STUDENTS OF E.W. CLARK HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. JOHN E. ENSIGN**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 22, 1997*

Mr. ENSIGN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring my colleagues' attention to the tremendous accomplishments of an outstanding teacher, Mr. Nathaniel Morrell, and group of young students from E.W. Clark High School in Las Vegas, NV.

Recently, Mr. Morrell's class won the Nevada State competition sponsored by the Center for Civic Education. The competition tested

students on their knowledge of the Constitution. For their efforts, Mr. Morrell's class represented the State of Nevada at the national finals which were held in Washington, DC. At the national finals, Mr. Morrell's class was further distinguished when they were recognized as the best nonfinalist team from the Western States region.

Through this competition, each student demonstrated his or her knowledge of the Constitution before simulated congressional committees made of constitutional scholars, lawyers, journalists, and government leaders. Unfortunately, for too many Americans understanding the Constitution and appreciating the protection of liberty it affords us is a duty left unrealized. However, with the example of young students devoting their free time to participate in a scholarly competition, I am confident that our Nation will have the leadership to take us into the 21st century and increase our collective knowledge of one of the most revolutionary documents in human history.

I would like to offer my congratulations to Mr. Morrell, Scott Bernth, William Britton, Dana Buck, Scott Collins, Marci Conant, Jill Conk, Gina Eusano, Desiree Evans, Brenna Flood, Neeloufar Gharavi, Michael Grizzaffi, April Jones, Parminder Kang, Sih Lee, Cassie Martin, Jessica Master, Andreas Mauer, Chairat Meevsin, Nicholas North, Jennifer Patterson, Charles Posnecker, Scott Pringle, Yoan Rodriguez, Jeffrey Sherman, David Simpson, Michael Sweker, Jack Tomassian, Benjamin Tripoli, Brianna Winters, Michael Wucinich, and Kate Raby. Nevadans are very proud of their achievement.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud these young Americans and the Center for Civic Education for their months of hard work. Mr. Morrell and his class will undoubtedly treasure this experience for a lifetime.

H.R. 1702, THE COMMERCIAL SPACE  
ACT OF 1997

**HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 22, 1997*

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, the United States is a country built by the sweat, ingenuity, successes, and failure of its people, not its Government. Our history was written well outside of Washington, before the beltway was ever constructed. The American model of progress is one that draws on the skills, energy, and honest work of our citizens. It is a model in which Government ultimately plays a subordinate role.

Sometimes we forget that when it comes to outer space. Because the Government put a man on the Moon, some supporters of space development have thought that only Government was capable of developing this newest frontier. But this is the wrong mindset to have in a country that does not revolve around Washington and whose energies must not be trapped by the gravity well of Federal deficits. If we expect, or accept, that Government will do for us in space what the American people did for themselves in developing this country, then we will have lost the vision of our Founding Fathers. We will have ceased to be American.

Fortunately, the can-do attitude that built this country still exists beyond the beltway,

and even in many corners of Washington. There are legions of citizens who don't work for the Government or a government contractor, but who are opening our next frontier in outer space. They're using their own sweat, their own creativity, their own insight, and their own money to create one of the fastest growing areas of commercial activity in this country: commercial space. In 1995, the commercial space industry generated \$7.5 billion in revenue. For the last decade, it has been one of our fastest growing industries and has proven relatively recession-proof.

Today, commercial space businesses are employing thousands of people in various commercial activities, including communications, space launch, remote sensing applications, and navigation. The services are growing by leaps and bounds, as is U.S. employment in the industry. We use communication satellites launched on commercial rockets to make international calls for a fraction of the cost we paid decades ago. We have a commercial sector investing in new rockets to lower the costs of getting to space. We have companies investing in new space instruments to do the kind of research that pays immeasurable returns in the outyears. We have remote sensing applications companies using space imagery to better understand flooding and more realistically estimate damage.

Tomorrow, we can look forward to an explosion in remote sensing after the first privately financed satellites are launched this year. We can look forward to an explosion in communication services, as companies fill low- and medium-Earth orbits with constellations of communication satellites. We can look forward to cheap access to space that is an order of magnitude less costly and more reliable than today's ballistic vehicles. We may even look forward to space tourism, which NASA is already studying in a joint venture with industry.

The American people have spoken on this issue. We value commercial space. We want it to succeed. We want to participate in opening the space frontier. Over the past decade, the Science Committee had led the way under Republican and Democratic management to pass the legislation necessary to enable these industries to succeed, with bills ranging from the original Commercial Space Launch Act of 1984 to the Land Remote Sensing Policy Act of 1992. Over the past decade, the office of the President—whether it was held by Republicans or Democrats—has developed and imposed policies intended to expand the ability of the commercial sector to lead this country in space. None of these initiatives required a new government program. Instead of spending money, we've saved it by expanding the technical and industrial base for space. We've saved money by reducing the amount of overhead that Government has to pay on its own. We've saved money by creating new jobs, new technologies, new expertise, and new capabilities that tax dollars didn't have to pay for. These benefits are so simple, and so direct, that America's elected officials have supported them regardless of party, whether they are in the White House or in the Congress. We've done, in legislation, the things that the American people have asked for, we're moving Government out of the way.

But the job is not done. We've heard it from constituents and we've experienced it ourselves: The Federal bureaucracy does not always apply law or policy in the manner that