

University, for his tremendous accomplishments and many years of dedicated service, both to Wayne State University and to the larger community. I wish him much good fortune in his future endeavors, and hope that Wayne State University may find a new president who can build upon the legacy that David Adamany leaves behind.

A TRIBUTE TO DENTON WAITE

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 1997

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Denton Waite for his extraordinary bravery and distinguished service to our community. It is a great honor to recognize him as the Fire Fighter of the Year.

Denton comes from a family of firefighters where saving lives is a honor-held tradition passed down from generation to generation. Every day for the last 16 years Denton has gone into our community fighting fires from South Central Los Angeles to the San Fernando Valley, mastering high-rise fires and brush fires alike, at times putting himself at risk. It is for these selfless acts that our community comes together to honor Denton Waite.

In addition to excelling as an apparatus operator, Denton recognizes when it is necessary to go beyond the call of duty to control dangerous situations. During the 1992 Los Angeles riots he earned the Medal of Valor for his quick thinking and selfless actions extinguishing a major fire before it blew out of control.

It is because of Denton's heroic performances that the younger members of the department look up to him as a mentor. Denton utilizes his experience to teach other firefighters to react calmly to emergency situations so that they will not unnecessarily put their lives in danger. His experience combined with his well-crafted sense of teamwork undoubtedly influences younger firefighters and ultimately reflects well upon the Los Angeles Fire Department.

Today I join Denton's friends, family, and the city of Reseda in honoring him as the Fire Fighter of the Year.

TRIBUTE TO THE 1997 GRADUATES RECOGNIZED BY THE CHALDEAN FEDERATION OF AMERICA

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 1997

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate all the students being recognized by the Chaldean Federation of America at their annual commencement and scholarship program. The program will be held June 10 at the Mother of God Chaldean Church in Southfield, MI.

An umbrella organization of Chaldean churches and civic organizations, the Chaldean Federation of America devotes the majority of its efforts to education. The federation encourages Chaldean youth not only to remain in school, but to strive for academic

excellence and achievement. Almost 400 Chaldean students graduating from southeast Michigan high schools or colleges and universities will be recognized.

Individual success and the prosperity of America depend on education. It is truly encouraging to know that so many of these students, who in many case are first generation Americans, are learning this lesson early. Because of their success, the Chaldean community, Michigan and the United States will all benefit.

I commend the graduating class of 1997 and encourage all the individuals involved to remain students for life. I wish all the graduates—our future leaders—continued success.

INTRODUCTION OF THE WELFARE FLEXIBILITY ACT

HON. BILL ARCHER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 1997

Mr. ARCHER. Mr. Speaker, today I along with several of my colleagues are introducing the Welfare Flexibility Act.

During the 104th Congress, we passed and the President signed legislation "ending welfare as we know it." The principle of this legislation is to enable States to offer creative and innovative means for providing aid to citizens in need. Unfortunately, the President has blocked Texas' efforts to move forward with their reform proposal. A proposal that Deputy Secretary-Designate of Health and Human Services Kevin Thurme called innovative.

Therefore, I have introduced legislation that will permit any State to privately contract for the delivery of welfare benefits. In Texas, this legislation will have dramatic implications. Instead of beneficiaries traveling from agency to agency to enroll in various programs, they will now be able to "one-stop-shop" for all benefits.

Additionally, it is my understanding from Governor Bush that the Texas welfare proposal will save the State nearly \$10 million a month by eliminating unneeded and duplicative services. The Governor has committed these funds for providing health care to poor children; a goal I'm certain we all recognize as commendable.

I also believe that this legislation will benefit many other States that are seeking the opportunity to design a welfare system that will best serve their needs. Among them, Florida, Arizona, and Wisconsin are all attempting to move forward with innovative proposals. This legislation will give them the foundation they need to help their citizens in need.

In closing, I am disappointed that statutory change is required to give these States the ability to implement what I thought was the intent of the last Congress' actions. However, I am certain that we will be successful in passing this important bill and I look forward to having my colleagues, on both sides of the aisle, join me in support.

This legislation has been scored by the Congressional Budget Office as revenue neutral, and I submit a letter from CBO Director June E. O'Neill for the RECORD.

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, May 22, 1997.

Hon. BILL ARCHER,
Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means, U.S.
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: At your request, CBO has reviewed a draft bill that would allow any state to use nongovernmental personnel in the determination of eligibility under the Medicaid, Food Stamp, and Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) programs. Although the bill could either increase or decrease spending for these programs, CBO estimates that it would have no net effect on federal spending compared with current law.

Sincerely,

JUNE E. O'NEILL.

CONGRATULATING KENNETH BURROUGH ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE SOUTHWESTERN ATH- LETIC CONFERENCE HALL OF FAME

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 1997

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Mr. Kenneth Burrough, who will be inducted tomorrow into the Southwestern Athletic Conference [SWAC] Hall of Fame.

A native of Jacksonville, FL, Kenny graduated from William Raines High School in 1966. In every sport he participated, he excelled. In his senior year alone, Kenny received All-State honors in every sport and received 85 4-year college scholarships in football, basketball, and track. His teachers also remember him as a successful and hard working student. Kenny was a true student-athlete.

In the Fall of 1966, Kenny travelled to Houston, TX, to attend Texas Southern University [TSU] on scholarships for football and track and field. Playing for the Tiger football team, Kenny—also known as double zero ["00"]—won the team's most valuable freshman award.

His skill and talent as a wide receiver earned him the all-SWAC outstanding back and all-SWAC football awards as a sophomore as he led the conference in receptions and receiving yards. Later that same year, Kenny won all-conference honors in track and field as a member of the 440-meter relay team and the 100-meter dash.

In 1968, Kenny was honored as Texas Southern University's most valuable player by leading the football conference again in receptions and receiving yards and winning all-SWAC honors in the 440-meter relay and 100-meter dash. For his outstanding track and field efforts, Kenny received an invitation to the 1968 U.S. Track and Field Olympic Trials.

By Kenny's senior year, he was voted TSU's most valuable player, had earned All-SWAC honors, and received the All-American Award by the Sporting News and the Pittsburgh Courier. To finish off his incredible college career, Kenny played in the senior bowl and in the all-stars game against the Super Bowl Champion Kansas City Chiefs.

By 1970, Kenny had become one of the most coveted football players in America. Later that year, Kenny was selected by the

New Orleans Saints as one of National Football League's first round drafts picks. After 1 year with the Saints and being selected to the all rookie team, Kenny was traded to the Houston Oilers in exchange for 5 players.

While in Houston, he left the league in receptions for 7 years and yards gained for 5. As he concluded his 13-year NFL career, Kenny's success with Houston had earned him four trips to the Pro Bowl.

Currently, Mr. Burroughs lives in the Houston, TX area where he works as a motivational speaker with an emphasis on public relations and sales. In his spare time, Mr. Burroughs speaks at local schools and recruits major corporations to sponsor community development programs.

It is a true honor for Mr. Burroughs to be one of nine former collegiate and professional stars inducted. Mr. Burroughs' accomplishments, present and past, clearly demonstrate why he is so special and deserves to be a member of the Southwestern Athletic Conference Hall of Fame. Congratulations to Mr. Burroughs and to his family on this most special of occasions.

HONORING THE TRUE VINE
BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 1997

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the True Vine Baptist Church of Houston, as they celebrate their 58th anniversary. This church has dedicated itself not only to the enlightenment of its parishioners, but to providing guidance and leadership to the young people of our community.

The True Vine Baptist Church has for years drawn parishioners from across the State with inspired sermons, but is now recognized also for its dedication to providing discipline and support for our young people. Pastors Jesse Johnson, Jr. and Harry Jackson well know how simple instruction and guidance from the church can make a huge difference in young people's lives. Mr. Johnson likes to tell the story of a young boy who told him of his dream to become a doctor. When pastor Johnson asked what field he wanted to study, the boy was unsure. Johnson told the young boy that vagueness and lack of direction would not get him far in the field of medicine. Only with focus and sense of purpose can you achieve success in life.

Pastors Johnson, Jackson, and the people of the True Vine Baptist Church are building a better future for Houston because they are instilling in these young people a sense of purpose and duty to their community. The church works with those who fear they cannot make anything of their lives and gives them a better sense of self and a stake in the future of their community. Pastors Johnson and Jackson use their hands-on approach to build a congregation of good citizens, one parishioner at a time.

Pastors Johnson and Jackson know it is not enough just to talk to young people and tell them to feel better about themselves. To build a sense of self-worth and duty, they know that opportunities and activities must be available to our young people, to keep them off the

streets. To this end, they hope to purchase property adjoining their church to build a gymnasium so that they can sponsor more activities for the neighborhood and provide more kids with a place to enjoy themselves in safety. They hope to establish a true vine scholarship program to give more youth the opportunity to get the education they need to succeed in life. By working so hard to build a brighter future of young people, the True Vine Baptist Church is showing us all what it takes to build better communities.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the True Vine Baptist Church as they celebrate their 58th anniversary. I wish them further success in providing the young people of Houston the leadership and spiritual guidance they need to build a better future.

SISTER VIANNEY RETIRING

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 1997

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a beloved educator and religious leader from my district in Pennsylvania, Sister M. Vianney, O.S.F. Sister Vianney is retiring from her position as principal of Holy Rosary School in Duryea, PA. Sister Vianney has served in this position for almost half of her religious life.

A native of Altoona, PA, Sister Vianney began her career as a first-grade teacher. Before coming to Holy Rosary she worked in several other schools in the Northeast. Of all the schools, she considers the staff and children of the Holy Rosary School her family. Beloved by all, Sister Vianney can frequently be found tossing a ball in the playground or engaging in a game of jump rope with the students.

Along with being a friend and role model to the students Sister Vianney has led the school through two major expansion projects in 1989 and 1991 to accommodate preschoolers and a kindergarten.

Mr. Speaker, Sister Vianney has made caring a concern and quality education a tradition at Holy Rosary. We all know how important the role of a good teacher is in providing a strong education to our children. Sister Vianney personifies these important core values. When area residents offer praise to a well-mannered child, they often say "Oh you are so good, you must go to Holy Rosary."

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased and proud to join with her many friends, colleagues and the children and parents of Holy Rosary in thanking Sister Vianney for her years of service and congratulating her on a job well done. I wish her continued success in her retirement.

BEST WISHES TO TAIWAN
PRESIDENT LEE TENG-HUI

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 1997

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, on May 20, 1997, the people of Taiwan celebrated President Lee Teng-hui's first anniversary in office.

Lee Teng-hui, the ninth President of the Republic of China on Taiwan, is a Cornell-educated statesman, who strongly believes in economic and political growth. During his years in office, first as the appointed President and later as the first elected President in the history of the Republic of China, he has given the people of Taiwan confidence in themselves and the hope of an even better tomorrow.

President Lee is a leader with vision. Thanks to him, the people of Taiwan are able to enjoy high standards of living and personal freedoms, privileges unknown to their brethren on the Chinese mainland.

Congratulations to the people of Taiwan.

IN HONOR OF FATHER LEO L.
MARCIL

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 1997

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to a great man and a great community leader, Father Leo L. Marcil, who will have served in the priesthood for an incredible 50 years this May 31, 1997. Father Marcil will be celebrating his years of service at a public ceremony on Sunday, June 1, 1997, in Hudson Falls, NY, of my congressional district.

Mr. Speaker, Rev. Leo Marcil is a product of beautiful upstate New York where he has resided virtually his entire life. From his birth in Cohoes, to his being ordained by the revered Bishop Edmund Gibbons in Albany, to his first assignment in June 1947 at St. Alphonsus Church in my hometown of Glens Falls, NY, where he served until 1963, to his amazing 28 years of service at St. Paul's in Hudson Falls, Father Marcil has been a mainstay in each and every community. Currently, Father Marcil makes his home at the now joint St. Mary's/St. Paul's rectory in Hudson Falls where he continues his activities on behalf of that community and nearby Glens Falls even after his retirement in 1992. And I use the word retirement loosely, Mr. Speaker. That's because the good Father can't help but keep a busy schedule, celebrating daily mass, twice on Tuesday, visiting the Glens Falls Hospital twice a week, and delivering communion to the home bound.

Mr. Speaker, that's what makes Father Marcil so special to those whose lives he has touched over his 50 years in the cloth. And believe me, he has impacted countless people in those times and does to this very day. People who go out of their way to share a kind word, flash a loving smile, and help those without expecting anything in return always do make a lasting impression. That's why I have always admired people like Father Leo Marcil who offer their services to neighbors in the community, especially to those who may not have the privilege of hearing his words of wisdom regularly.

Actions like these are what makes Father Marcil a pillar of the Hudson Falls and Glens Falls communities. We would all do well to emulate his brand of respect for one another and public service. On that note, Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and all Members of the House rise and join me in tribute to Father Marcil's living legacy and in wishing him many more years of happiness and success.