

IN MEMORY OF BILL CLEAVINGER

**HON. LARRY COMBEST**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 8, 1997*

Mr. COMBEST. Mr. Speaker, the family farm lost one of its very own when Bill Cleavinger passed away after a generation of working the soil, tending to his family, and nurturing his community.

Bill remained most at home on the family farm and at his best when he spoke up for farming families. First as Texas Sugar Beet Growers Association president and later executive director, he rose to the position of national spokesman as American Sugarbeet Growers Association president. Because he always lived his life close to farming, folks could readily understand and count on what Bill Cleavinger had to say about production agriculture.

As a boy, he helped his father with farm chores, then after college and service in the military, Bill returned to the family farm to work alongside his father. In the rural Panhandle community of Wildorado, Bill and his wife June raised their family on down-to-earth values while they worked the good earth to raise each year's crop.

In his life, Bill Cleavinger was father, farmer, school board member, director of church music, and director of a local bank. To those of us who knew him, Bill was much more than those titles could possibly suggest.

Even with his passing, there will be a next generation of family farmers who will come to know about men like Bill Cleavinger through an internship established in his name to honor personal leadership, persistence, creativity, patience, and integrity.

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH ROSENBERG

**HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 8, 1997*

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Joseph Rosenberg of Bridgeport, CT, as he celebrates 50 years of living in the United States.

For nearly a half-century Joseph has been an outstanding American citizen and role model for his peers.

As a survivor of several World War II Nazi concentration camps including Auschwitz, he is a living testament of courage, bravery, and the desire for freedom.

Upon Joseph's arrival in the United States, he joined the Army and served his new country proudly. We are deeply grateful for his contributions to the Bridgeport community and our Nation.

We should all be proud to have a fellow American as patriotic as Joseph Rosenberg. As he often says, "There is no place like the United States. People don't know what freedom really is. It's great."

TRIBUTE TO MR. AND MRS.  
EUGENE C. BERCHIN**HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 8, 1997*

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene C. Berchin, who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on July 20, 1997.

The Berchins are an extraordinary couple whose love and support for one another has continued to grow over the past 50 years. Though they have celebrated many happy events and milestones throughout their marriage, they were faced with an overwhelming challenge when Marjorie Helene suffered an unfortunate and disabling stroke a few years ago. Fully facing this challenge, Eugene has devoted himself to caring for Marjorie Helene in every way, seeing that she is comfortable and receiving the best care possible.

Eugene and Marjorie Helene met shortly after Eugene's discharge from the U.S. Army, where he was a captain stationed overseas with the 89th Infantry Division. After their marriage, Marjorie Helene graduated from UCLA and obtained her teaching credential, and taught life sciences at Polytechnic High School. During that time, she was the primary source of income as Eugene attended dental school at USC and later attended law school.

The Berchins have two children, a son, Joel Mitchell, and a daughter, Sondra Ellen. Joel is a physician who practices in the San Diego area and Sondra is a lawyer who attended UCLA School of Law. She was a law clerk for both Justice Thurgood Marshall and Second Federal District Justice Oaks. The Berchins are also the proud grandparents of Kyle Taylor and Caitalin Lee.

Eugene and Marjorie Helene Berchin are a living tribute of the greatest strengths of the institution of marriage and the American family. They having continually loved and supported one another, their children, and their grandchildren in each event of their lives, whether joyous or sorrowful.

Eugene very proudly expresses that Marjorie Helene is a beautiful today as the day he met her and that she still enjoys the music of the Big Band Era.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Berchins as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary and in wishing them and their family every happiness in the years to come.

TRIBUTE TO THE STAFF OF THE  
IRWIN BANK**HON. RON KLINK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 8, 1997*

Mr. KLINK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my warmest congratulations to 170 people celebrating a 75th birthday—the staff of the Irwin Bank & Trust Co. in Pennsylvania.

Its central strength has been to observe a good rule of thumb for politicians: Never forget those you serve. As it has grown, Irwin Bank has stayed loyal to its customers and loyal to the community.

In particular, I heartily commend the bank's commitment to re-invest in the area it serves. Playgrounds, libraries, and concerts have been funded through its grant program; local people affected by natural disasters have been helped by the bank's low-interest community loan scheme. Companies have a responsibility to society just as individuals do, and Irwin Bank deserves recognition for its exceptional work in Pennsylvania.

Over the past 20 years, I have grown accustomed to the bank's friendly neighborhood service. The staff do indeed treat their customers as the friends they are. I invite all Members of this House to join with me in congratulating Irwin Bank on 75 years of community service, and wishing all the staff the best of luck for the future.

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
LAW INSTITUTE**HON. JON D. FOX**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 8, 1997*

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to bring to the attention of my colleagues a fascinating program that I recently learned about since I joined the International Affairs Committee. The International Development Law Institute was founded in Rome in 1983 and has operated as a public international organization since 1991.

The Institute's mission is an intriguing one. Its founders, Michael Hager, William Loris, and Gilles Blanchi, all recognized that one of the impediments to development for many countries was the lack of trained lawyers and legal advisors who could provide the essential services required to foster private sector development, governance, and economic law reform.

To overcome these barriers, the Institute offers, both in Rome and onsite in individual countries, practical training in lawyering—how to negotiate and draft an agreement; how to resolve disputes—international commercial law—how to set up a joint venture, how to foster technology transfer—and economic law reform—how to deal with issues of corporate governance and bankruptcy—as well as courses addressing public law issues like environmental laws. The Institute has trained more than 4,600 lawyers from 153 countries preparing them to meet the evermore challenging demands of modern international trade.

I am proud, Mr. Speaker, that one of the member states of IDLI is the United States. I have met Mr. Hager and was impressed with IDLI's commitment to its mission. It is my hope that our country will continue its support of this valuable Institute to provide critical resources to those countries which so very much need them.

ELECTIONS IN MEXICO

**HON. ELTON GALLEGLY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 8, 1997*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, 2 days ago, the United States and all the nations of the Americas witnessed one of the most dramatic

expressions of democracy ever held in this hemisphere in modern times.

The recent national elections in Mexico represented the clearest sign yet that the principles of democracy, freedom of expression, and the turn to true multiparty representation has taken a strong hold in the hemisphere and promises to serve as a model for the rest of the Americas.

The people of Mexico should be very proud of themselves for effecting what was apparently the fairest and freest election in Mexican history. The people of Mexico should also be proud of the government of President Ernesto Zedillo, who despite the fact that the voters threw his party into serious election defeat, was bold enough to initiate and to enact the significant election law reforms which resulted in these elections being so transparent.

The people of Mexico should be congratulated for overcoming what surely was a healthy amount of skepticism of the reforms and for going to the polls to express their will in support of change for truly representative government. Without their faith, their cooperation, and their participation, the changes proposed by President Zedillo would not have mattered.

The political parties of Mexico and their successful candidates should also be commended for their participation and for conducting such clean and apparently corruption-free campaigns. Through these elections, Mexico has truly turned the corner and has seriously committed itself to real democracy.

Now, however, comes the hard part. Can the PRI accept the will of the people and relinquish some of the decisionmaking authority it has so long held. Can the Chamber of Deputies work together to forge coalitions to fashion policies which will benefit all of the people of Mexico. Can the Zedillo government work with the Chamber to provide economic growth and social justice. Can the PAN governors of some of Mexico's wealthiest states work with the Federal Government for a greater Mexico. Can the PDR mayor-elect of Mexico City work cooperatively with the Federal Government to govern an unruly city which needs help in so many facets of everyday life.

Whatever the outcomes of these questions, there can be no doubt that what happened on July 6 was a tremendous boost to democracy not only in Mexico but throughout all of the Americas.

As chairman of the Western Hemisphere Subcommittee, I want to offer my congratulations to the government of President Zedillo, to all of the successful candidates, and most especially to the people of Mexico for making this election a benchmark in Mexican history and a shining example of how democracy should work for the rest of the hemisphere.

HONORING MR. TONY CURTIS  
TOTEN

**HON. RICHARD BURR**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 8, 1997*

Mr. BURR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a man who has overcome several obstacles to lead a fulfilling life. Tony Curtis Totten is a talented artist, a hard worker, and a well-respected citizen. He also has

Usher's Syndrome, an inherited condition that causes both hearing loss and loss of peripheral vision.

Despite this disability, Mr. Totten was recently named Employee of the Year by Winston-Salem Industries for the Blind. He has also been nominated for the Peter J. Salmon National Blind Employee of the Year award. I applaud Mr. Totten for his determination to succeed and his dedication to his work. I believe he is an excellent candidate for this honor.

By day, Mr. Totten works to produce mattresses. He has been with Winston-Salem Industries for the Blind for 6 years. According to his coworkers, he has a good attitude about work, does whatever jobs he is asked to do, and is quick to help others when they need assistance. Tony is usually "the first person in the department to go to work, and the last one to stop."

By night, however, Mr. Totten is a gifted and devoted artist. Drawing is his passion, and he is able to create remarkable portraits from photographs. Art has been an important part of his life for many years. Tony has won art awards in the area, and one day hopes to operate his own graphic arts business.

It is people like Tony Totten who exemplify the idea of the American dream. His initiative and display of personal responsibility inspires the people around him. Tony has already opened many doors that were previously closed to him and others with similar disabilities. For myself, for my colleagues in this House, and for our Nation, I say thank you Mr. Totten for showing us that nothing is impossible.

A SESQUICENTENNIAL TRIBUTE  
TO MILWAUKEE'S ST. JOHN'S CA-  
THEDRAL

**HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 8, 1997*

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, it is with pride today that I celebrate an important event in the city of Milwaukee's history. The summer of 1997 marks the sesquicentennial of Milwaukee's St. John's Cathedral. I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting this parish's remarkable achievements and invaluable contributions to a great community.

In May 1844 Milwaukee's first bishop, John Martin Henni, arrived in Wisconsin. As Ordinary of the Milwaukee See, Bishop Henni devoted 37 years to the betterment of the Milwaukee area. In an era of expansion, Bishop Henni looked to the future. Perhaps his most impressive accomplishment was overseeing the construction of St. John's Cathedral.

Bishop Henni's purchase of nearly an acre of ground on which to erect his new cathedral proved to be an ambitious endeavor. While many people felt the Bishop was too zealous, his energy and vision resulted in the successful construction of one of the most majestic structures in Milwaukee. In addition to its physical beauty, St. John's Cathedral contributed to the community's rich culture enjoyed by its first settlers. It is in the spirit of Milwaukee's first immigrants that St. John's Cathedral continues to add to Milwaukee's community.

The dedication of the men and women of St. John's parish makes our community a bet-

ter place to live. Throughout its 150 years of existence, the people of St. John's have persevered. In January 1935, St. John's Cathedral suffered a devastating fire. It was the unselfish work of the entire Archdiocese that allowed St. John's to be reconstructed. Today, St. John's Cathedral remains one of the most prominent structures in the city.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to St. John's Cathedral. I join with the city of Milwaukee in wishing this outstanding parish a happy sesquicentennial and continued success in our community.

TRIBUTE TO THE MICHIGAN  
APPAREL CLUB

**HON. SANDER M. LEVIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 8, 1997*

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Michigan Apparel Club [MAC] on the occasion of their 80th anniversary.

Eighty years ago, this club began as just a social gathering between manufacturers' representatives of men's apparel and the Michigan retailers they serviced. In the 1920's, their informal relationship took on a closer association with the introduction of "The Sprinkler," and trade shows. "The Sprinkler" was, and still is today, the publication that informs retailers of the trade shows and provides advertising opportunities for the manufacturers' representatives and their merchandise.

With the advent of the Depression, apparel clubs in other States suffered, and only the Michigan club remained.

MAC's most successful years came as a result of World War II. Shortages of merchandise resulted in strict allocation of supplies to retailers, and with the return of servicemen the club took on a new spirit and camaraderie that is unmatched even today. Indeed, those were their glory days.

The Detroit trade shows were first held in the Statler and Book Cadillac Hotels, and shortly expanded from the two hotels, to three with the addition of the Tuller. Their next move was to Cobo Hall, and later to the Southfield Civic Center. Today the Michigan Apparel Club holds their trade shows at the Burton Manor in Livonia, and serves as the regional show for all the Midwest.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Michigan Apparel Club for its 80 years of dedicated service, and I wish the current members continued success in promoting the goodwill and prosperity in our business community.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE JAMES  
MAITLAND STEWART

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 8, 1997*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of one of America's most cherished heroes, James Maitland Stewart, known to beloved fans worldwide as Jimmy Stewart. He was not only a World War II hero, but he was the quintessential American—honest, moral, and decent.