

I believe these additions to the monument honoring our 32d President would be a fitting tribute to a great man who tirelessly served this country, and I would encourage full consideration of this important request.

RECOGNITION OF ISTE
SUPPORTERS

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 15, 1997

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, it is with great enthusiasm that I recognize the efforts of a group of dedicated activists from Westchester, Rockland, and Putnam Counties who undertook a 5-day bicycle trip from New York to Washington in support of the Intermodal Surface Transportation and Efficiency Act [ISTEA].

On June 4th this determined group of people, led by Greenburgh Town Supervisor, Paul Feiner, and joined by my constituent Leonard Morgenstern, arrived in Washington to bring the message of ISTEA to their national representatives. The message is clear: We must ensure that transportation alternatives and environmental quality initiatives remain fully funded in ISTEA reauthorization.

The efforts of this group highlight the foundation of ISTEA which is the use of intermodal transportation. ISTEA funding has never been solely intended for highway construction. My own State of New York has been a leader in building a diverse infrastructure which enables our residents to use alternative transportation sources.

In recognition of the efforts of those I have mentioned, as well as Gus DeSilva, David Kraker, Michael Ferrato, Joseph Ippolito, Carl Kulo, Lynn Gorski, Richard Sibley, Jeff Ziffer, David Gordon, I urge my colleagues to resolve that the reauthorization of ISTEA will maintain its dedication to environmental quality and transportation alternatives.

CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF
DR. BETTY SHABAZZ

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 15, 1997

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a true American hero; a lady of unconquerable spirit, a loving mother, educator, and activist for her people and our Nation. I rise to pay tribute to the legacy of Dr. Betty Shabazz. I would like to read to you the letter that was sent by me to Dr. Shabazz's family upon her passing:

DEAR ATTALLAH, QUBILAH, MALAAK, GAMILAH, MALIKAH, AND ILYASSAH SHABAZZ: Please accept my condolences upon the transition of your mother. I know this is a great loss to you. There can be no words to describe what you are feeling. I hope that it is of some comfort to you that I, and millions of other Americans, are also deeply saddened by her passing. I do not believe that I am exaggerating when I associate myself with millions of Americans in this regard. Your mother's self-evident love of her people, her heroic composure in assuming the mantle of

leadership, her purposefulness, her quiet strength, and her professional achievement have shown as beacons of triumph over adversity. Your mother's life has been a testament to the power of integrity and dignity.

When the harsh winds of hatred swept across our country and prematurely ended the life of Malcolm X, they could not overcome the strength of his wife. Dr. Betty Shabazz continued the struggle after his death, keeping his quest for justice for all alive. As a doctor of education administration, she brought the movement into academia, where she immeasurably touched the lives of hundreds of students. Dr. Shabazz served Medgar Evers College as director of Institutional Advancement with ability, passion, and caring, qualities that were reflected in everything she did in life.

A single mother, Dr. Shabazz's challenges as a parent were not unique. However, they were heightened by the fact that she was the single mother of Malcolm X's children. She reared her six daughters alone, constantly preparing them for a life in the forefront of the African-American community, one that is a requirement of their lineage. One of her daughters is a successful public relations executive, another a vocal activist in her late father's movement of human rights. In this way, Betty Shabazz has served as a model of motherhood and a reflection of the family values that every American family aims to emulate.

Malcolm X left us with a commitment to work so that people around the world, regardless of their race, are afforded their basic human rights. A warrior in her own right, Dr. Shabazz has made countless contributions to the cause of oppressed people around the globe, and especially within the African-American community. Her message will be forever with us, an inspiration to all who choose a life of service to their fellow man.

In this time of need for the entire Shabazz family, let us reflect upon the lessons that have been taught us by Dr. Betty Shabazz. Her life has been a testament to the virtues of family, community, and activism, and it is fitting for this House of Representatives, in the name of the American people, to pay her tribute.

HONORING JEFFERY J. DYE

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 15, 1997

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of an extraordinary young man, Jeffery J. Dye, who unexpectedly passed away April 21, 1997, at the age of 27. This remarkable young man will truly be missed.

Jeff had only begun to fulfill his limitless potential when he was struck down by an epileptic seizure. His loss is a tragedy to his family, his friends, and to anyone who believes in the honor of public service.

Jeff's passing is a personal loss to me, Mr. Speaker, because he served as a research assistant on my first campaign for Congress. In addition, his parents, Dennis and Janell Dye, live in my district in West University Place.

Though only 27 years old, Jeff Dye had already made his mark in the rough and tumble world of politics. His boundless energy and

enthusiasm for political battle served him well on the campaign trail and in the halls of power. He was a trusted aide in the offices of Texas Lieutenant Governor Bob Bullock, and Senator DANIEL AKAKA of Hawaii, but it was the thrill of political campaigning that truly stirred Jeff's passion.

In an age of cynicism and resentment toward government, Jeff held the firm belief that the government has a responsibility, indeed an obligation, to help those less fortunate in our society. He hoped to use the Internet as a tool to expand participation and open the doors of government to more people. He believed that making it easier to find information on candidates would give the electorate the tools they need to make better decisions.

Like many bitten by the campaign bug, Jeff bounced around from position to position across the country. Wherever he landed, Jeff's intelligence, enthusiasm, and integrity left everyone who met him with the impression that he was a young man with a very bright future. He served exceptionally at each of his many stops, wearing many hats along the way. He was a crack researcher, a spectacular fundraiser, and a cunning political strategist, and at the time of his death he had just begun a new challenge as executive director of the Tennessee Democratic Party.

But Jeff Dye will not be remembered only for his political resumé. He will be remembered for his passion, his commitment, and his dedication to making the world a better place. His parents are establishing a foundation in his name, dedicated to helping other motivated young men and women make their mark through public service. The foundation's goal is to fund travel and living costs for students who serve their junior year as congressional interns in Washington, DC.

Mr. Speaker, Jeff's years among us were far too few, but thanks to the efforts of his parents his idealism and dedication will live on. I look forward to the day when students from the Jeffery J. Dye Leadership Foundation serve as interns in my office and I urge my colleagues to also participate in this internship program. In this way we can all honor Jeff Dye and the ideals in which he so strongly believed.

ON THE OCCASION OF THE 50TH
ANNIVERSARY OF WHLI AM GAR-
DEN CITY

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 15, 1997

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to WHLI AM, a radio station in Garden City, LI, which will celebrate its 50th anniversary of broadcasting on July 22. WHLI can be found at 1100 on the AM dial with a format of adult sophisticated music, including oldies by the original artists. Long Islanders enjoy music spanning the spectrum from Benny Goodman to Celine Dion; Frank Sinatra to Barbra Streisand, every day.

Program Director and legendary radio personality Dean Anthony heads up this radio station, which for 50 years has also been a strong voice for the Long Island community. Informative news programming adds to the appeal of WHLI, which broadcasts at 10,000

watts, making it easily heard by all in the Nassau County area.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage all of my colleagues who may find themselves on Long Island to tune their radio dials into WHLI 1100 AM and listen to this terrific radio station, a true Long Island tradition. A hearty congratulation to the wonderful staff of WHLI on the occasion of their 50th anniversary. Here's to 50 more.

TRIBUTE TO JANE SMITH
STEWART

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 15, 1997

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of the most thoughtful, caring, and courageous women I ever knew, Jane Smith Stewart, who lived in my hometown of Lillington, NC.

Tragically, Jane Stewart passed away June 7, the very same day that here in Washington and in North Carolina's capital city of Raleigh, thousands participated in the "Race for the Cure" to raise money for cancer patients.

Jane was a registered nurse by training, educated at East Carolina University, and she was active in the Spring Hill United Methodist Church where she extensively worked with the youth program. Jane always cared about young people.

Jane Stewart was an amazing person, and for those who had the joy of knowing her, would have been hard pressed to point to a single characteristic or quality that defined her character.

Maybe it was her rare courage. Despite her painful illness, she remained active in the community and most of all with her three children. Though doctors told her she was too sick, she would go and watch her children participate in baseball and basketball and other activities. Her actions were and still are an inspiration to other cancer patients who knew her.

Or maybe it was her inner strength or faith that enabled her to carry on her activities in life despite being sick. She was always worried and concerned about the needs of others even as she faced her own battle with cancer.

She never stopped caring for her church, her community, or her family.

Mr. Speaker, I count myself as lucky because I knew Jane Stewart. She is survived by her husband Frank, and their three sons, Greg, Doug, and Brad Stewart, and her parents Bill and Donna Smith of Rocky Mount.

Their loss is also our loss. Her memory will continue to inspire us. Indeed, our community will surely miss Jane Smith Stewart.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998

SPEECH OF

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 11, 1997

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill, H.R. 2107, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes:

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong support of the National Endowment for the Humanities and in opposition to the Chabot amendment that would eliminate the NEH.

It is imperative that the government play an integral role in the preservation of the events and historical documents that shaped our Nation for this and future generations. The NEH fulfills that role.

NEH projects preserve books, newspapers, and official documents in an effort to retain America's heritage. NEH grants stimulate local economies by increasing attendance at humanities exhibitions and attractions.

I urge all of my colleagues to read the following letter to Members of Congress from Sheldon Hackney, the chairman of the NEH. This letter is an excellent explanation of the benefits our Nation receives from the work of the important National Endowment for the Humanities.

Without a strong link to the past, we cannot build a strong bridge into the future.

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR

THE HUMANITIES,

Washington, DC, March 14, 1997.

DEAR MEMBER OF CONGRESS: America is a nation founded on an idea. That idea—democracy—lives on generation after generation through a celebration of the formation of this union, an examination of the principles of the past, and a teaching of the events and people who have gone before us to make us the country we are today. A great nation as ours must know its history if it is to be strong in facing the challenges of the future.

The National Endowment for the Humanities helps Americans to know more about who we were, who we are, and who we will be. We do this in part by devoting a large portion of our resources to help historians preserve and interpret our past and to share knowledge and evidence of our history with the American people.

For almost ten years, the NEH has helped museums and historical organizations undertake projects to ensure the preservation and security of millions of archaeological, ethnographic, and historical objects. The NEH also supports projects to train the staffs who maintain these historical collections. The training paid off in the wake of Hurricanes Hugo, Andrew, Iniki and the Midwest floods of 1993, because it helped minimize damage to collections in the areas affected by these disasters.

Through supporting the compilation of U.S. Presidential Papers, preserving photo-

graphs and saving brittle books, the National Endowment for the Humanities works to insure our nation's heritage is preserved and accessible to its citizens. If you have any questions about the work we do, please contact me or my staff in the Office of Congressional Liaison at (202) 606-8328.

Sincerely,

SHELDON HACKNEY,
Chairman.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998

SPEECH OF

HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 11, 1997

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill, H.R. 2107, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes:

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to express my concern over the recent cuts that we have allowed to be made to the National Endowments for the Arts. This program has a certain undeniable value that few other federally funded programs do. Art and artistically gifted people are often the cornerstones of communities, from campside storytelling to local movie theaters to large metropolitan galleries housing treasured symbols of our national and world culture. The cuts that have been made to the NEA will have a longlasting effect on us all, even if we don't take advantage of their direct benefits. I have been and will continue to be a strong supporter of the arts and other cultural resources.

The pictures that hang along the tunnel wall leading from House Office Buildings to the Capitol is something that most of us pass on a regular basis. Some of these efforts might have been submitted by young people from your own constituencies. It is my belief that most of us would have trouble denying these bright and eager minds the opportunity to express themselves and stymie their developments as mature and confident individuals which comes about through their self expression. It might also be difficult to travel back to your districts and see vacant theaters and the galleries where once entire communities found common ground and were exposed to the artistic genius that their region has helped produce.

The cost of this program equates to less than two hundredths of 1 percent of the Federal budget, costing American taxpayers just 69 cents per year. There is room in our balanced budget for these programs.

I personally voted against the block grant amendment submitted by my colleague VERNON ELHERS because I thought that it did not fully deal with the issue as soundly as I would have liked. The bottom line Mr. Chairman is that we must foster artistic expression with our youth.