

promise." And on the Republican side, House Speaker Newt Gingrich said, "We have proven together that the American constitutional system works, that slowly, over time, we listen to the will of the American people." He added that he does not intend to abandon the spirit of cooperation that led to the agreement.

The president is being criticized by liberals within Democratic ranks for having compromised too much; the speaker for having given in too readily. It was a contentious process, as are many decisions in a democracy.

The plan is surely flawed, but it did provide evidence that the message from the voters about having something done about recurring federal deficits and high levels of taxation was heard.

It is important now to realize that this is unfinished business. There is much more to be done to reduce the burden of taxation and the rates of growth in federal spending. Voters themselves are the key to whether this will be produced in the future. If they insist, more progress is possible.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD LESHER

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 1997

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, saying goodbye to colleagues and friends is rarely enjoyable and yet we must do it so often. I rise today to say goodbye to an icon of the business community, Dr. Richard Leshner.

At age 63, Dr. Leshner has decided to retire to his boyhood home in Chambersburg, PA. Since taking the top spot at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, 22 years ago, Dr. Leshner has directed and expanded this group into a powerful voice for American businesses in Washington and around the world. I can state today without reservation that the chamber's positions on issues are well respected in the eyes of Members of Congress and often play a part of the many decisions made in the Nation's Capitol.

Some of the major achievements of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce during the tenure of Dr. Leshner include the implementation of a weekly communication network which includes television and print media. For example, the Voice of Business, a newspaper article, is distributed nationwide to over 600 newspapers. In addition, programs like First Business and It's Your Business reach the Nation's business men and women through cable and network television. With this strong communications network in place it is little wonder that the chamber's membership has swelled to 300,000 and its budget expanded from \$40 million to \$70 million during the tenure of Dr. Leshner.

Another program that Dr. Leshner designed, and one that I believe has profound impacts on policy and politicians in Washington, is How They Voted. This program earmarks votes that are critical to the chamber and rates Members of Congress based on those key votes. While I am a new member of Congress, I have learned quickly to pay special attention to the chamber's key votes because of this program.

Finally, the National Chamber Litigation Center, a public policy legal arm, represents business interests in the Federal court system

and provides services where there would otherwise be a void.

In closing, I commend Dr. Richard Leshner for his long-term commitment to the chamber and for playing a critical part in the policies of this Nation. Saying goodbye is rarely enjoyable, but today we should celebrate the accomplishments of Dr. Leshner.

TRIBUTE TO THE IRS BROOKHAVEN SERVICE CENTER

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 1997

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the many valued employees of the Internal Revenue Service's Brookhaven service center, as it celebrates its 25th year of operation in Brookhaven Town, Long Island. Located in Holtsville, in the heart of this great town, the IRS Brookhaven service center has enriched local residents through its employment opportunities and mentoring programs for the taxpayers of New York.

Most notably, though, the Brookhaven service center has created a selfless, community-focused vision during the past 25 years. It has helped provide a greater degree of community togetherness through its many services, and improved its communication with taxpayers through its employees' dedication and diligence. The taxpayer assistance the center provides are quite exceptional—from answering thousands of taxpayers' calls on a toll free line, to resolving customer complaints cases. Employing nearly 5,000 workers during peak times of year, the Brookhaven service center is crucial to the economic development of the town.

The Brookhaven service center would not thrive if not for the excellent service that its staff provide its customers, the American taxpayer. The continued growth of the center, and the diversity of services it provides, is a fitting tribute to the employees who have helped to forge a strong and lasting relationship with the people of Brookhaven.

The importance of the Brookhaven service center to the Federal Government can not be understated, even as we pay tribute to this 25th anniversary. Last year, the service center processed 16 million individual and business returns from Montauk Point on the East End of Long Island, to Atlantic City on the southern shore of New Jersey. The employees of this center work hard for the people all over America who call with questions and concerns when the April 15 tax season rolls around. They are problem solvers, providing a great service to their fellow Americans. Brookhaven service center employees also donate their time and resources to town food drives, annual Christmas toy drives, and the Salvation Army. Each year, employees also give blood in conjunction with the Greater New York Blood Program.

At the Brookhaven service center, a diverse group of Long Islanders have come together with one common goal—to provide assistance to their neighbors and fellow citizens. As they commence their 25th year of service, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in saluting the Brookhaven service center's work, and to applaud a true community partnership.

IN HONOR OF THE STATE CHAMPION RESTON LITTLE LEAGUE ALL-STAR TEAM

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 1997

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to pay tribute to the 1997 Reston American Little League All-Star Team. On August 26, 1997, there was a parade to celebrate and welcome the All-Stars home from the Little League southern regional tournament in St. Petersburg, FL. The All-Stars have worked hard during their baseball season and through the spirit of teamwork, they have achieved major victories in the district, State, and regional Little League championships. These young players are to be commended for their outstanding efforts and sportsmanship they displayed as they competed in these three tournament championships. The Homecoming Parade in their honor will include all of the team players, and coaches who will march down Market Street at the Reston Town Center in the heart of their community. The All-Stars will be greeted and honored for their many accomplishments by several local dignitaries and community leaders. I would also like to recognize each player individually for their many achievements: Brian Beatty, Ben Bjorlo, Jeff Collins, Matt Foley, Colin Golding, Brandon Guyer, David Harrison, Scott Horton, Jared Kubin, David Miller, Ryan Smithson, John Stipicevic, Nick Tracy, Adam Wright; as well as their team manager Larry Kubin, their coach Paul Foley, and their assistant coach Harold Tracy.

The 1997 Reston All-Stars won the district IV championship for the first time in Reston Little League history. This meant the All-Stars earned the right to represent district IV at the State Little League championship tournament in Virginia. The All-Stars journeyed down to Danville where their perseverance and team work helped them achieve a come-from-behind victory over the Bristol, VA team. After the All-Stars had been defeated in the second game of the double elimination tournament, the Reston team redoubled their efforts and fought their way through the loser's bracket, playing three doubleheaders in 3 days in order to qualify for the State championship game against the Bristol team. The All-Stars were victorious over the Bristol team in a 9 to 7 nailbiter. This was another first in the history of Reston Little League as the All-Stars won the Virginia State championship and earned the right to represent the State in the southeast regional championships.

At the southeast regional championship tournament, the Reston All-Stars faced some of the best Little League teams in the Nation. The winner of the southeast regional qualifies to compete in the Little League World Series in Williamsport, PA. Reston lost their first game of the double-elimination tournament to Texas, but then won three straight games against teams from Tennessee, Alabama, and South Carolina. The All-Stars made it to the section II final where they faced the Texas team they had lost to in the first round. Reston lost to the Texas team and were eliminated from further competition; however, the Reston All-Stars finished the year as one of the best 16 Little League baseball teams in the Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in honoring the State championship Reston Little League All-Stars. The Homecoming Parade of All-Stars celebrates the hard work, dedication, sportsmanship, and competitive spirit of the entire team organization which resulted in their many spectacular achievements.

COMMENDATION FOR THE
HAYMARKET CENTER OF CHICAGO, IL

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 1997

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to commend and congratulate Father Ignatious McDermott and the Haymarket Center which he founded as a result of his work in the area on the near west side of Chicago. This area, formerly known as "Skid Row" earned Father McDermott the nickname of the "Priest of Skid Row."

Haymarket Center was founded in 1975 in response to the needs of the men and women who frequented the streets and flophouses in the area. Haymarket is a full-scale substance abuse treatment center which administers 28 programs that provide a comprehensive approach to substance abuse known as a continuum of care. Haymarket Center serves over 14,000 individuals each year; and since 1975, Father McDermott has inspired hundreds of thousands of individuals to overcome their addictions to alcohol, tobacco, and/or illegal drugs.

A model for other substance abuse treatment centers throughout the country, Haymarket's continuum of care is an integration of drug abuse prevention, treatment, health services, day care, parent training, vocational education, and job placement. This integration of services enables addicted individuals to recover more quickly and completely. Because substance abuse treatment services are largely financed with public funding, helping these individuals benefits the taxpaying public.

In recognition of Haymarket Center's leadership in providing high quality and effective treatment services, Gen. Barry McCaffrey, Director of the Office of National Drug Policy, recently took the opportunity to visit the center. General McCaffrey used his visit to Haymarket Center to direct the attention of the public to the value of our Nation's investment in community-based substance abuse treatment services. During his visit, General McCaffrey acknowledged that providing effective treatment services not only helps individuals to achieve sustained recovery from addiction, but also saves significant dollars which would otherwise be necessary for treating addicted individuals within our criminal justice system.

I am pleased to note that Gen. Barry McCaffrey has brought attention to the need for a better balance between interdiction and treatment in our Nation's efforts to combat drug abuse. I commend Haymarket Center for its continued commitment to improving and expanding substance abuse prevention and treatment services for all individuals in need, including those whom I am privileged to represent.

I ask my colleagues to join with me in commending Haymarket Center; and I urge my colleagues to take as much time as they can to visit a comprehensive substance abuse treatment center located in their respective districts.

Again, I commend and congratulate Father Ignatious McDermott and the Haymarket Center.

TRIBUTE TO PETALUMA CHIEF OF
POLICE DENNIS DeWITT

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 1997

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding public servant, Police Chief Dennis DeWitt. Chief DeWitt is retiring after 30 years with the Petaluma Police Department. I wish I could join his family, friends, and colleagues in celebrating his distinguished career.

Dennis DeWitt attended Golden Gate University where he earned a B.A. in administration of justice and a masters in public administration. For the past 10 years, he served as chief of the Petaluma Police Department.

Dennis DeWitt's devotion to the community is admirable. He serves as a board member on the Committee on the Shelterless, is a past president of the Boys and Girls Club, a former board member of the Family Education Center, and was a member of the Host Lions Club. As the chief of police he proved over and over that Petaluma and the citizens of Petaluma were his No. 1 priority. He was proud of the city, and, in turn, we were proud of him.

Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay tribute to Dennis DeWitt. His service to the residents of Petaluma will be greatly missed. I wish he, his wife Tricia, and their family, the best.

A TRIBUTE TO LAKE ARROWHEAD
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 1997

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to bring to your attention the fine work and outstanding performance of Lake Arrowhead Elementary School in Lake Arrowhead, CA. Earlier this year, Lake Arrowhead Elementary was named a California Distinguished School by State superintendent of public instruction, Delaine Easton. This recognition, one of the highest educational awards presented in California, puts this fine school in the top tier of educational institutions in the entire state.

Lake Arrowhead Elementary School, located in the mountains of San Bernardino County, has achieved an excellent level of success in maintaining high-academic standards for its students. Under the fine and capable leadership of Principal John Fenn, this school has excelled largely because of its outstanding faculty, devoted student body, and the active and involved support of the entire mountain community. As the largest elementary school

in the rim of the World Unified School District with an enrollment of 840 students, Lake Arrowhead Elementary is especially well known for its dedication to its students.

In February, Lake Arrowhead Elementary was selected as a 1997 regional nominee for the California School Recognition Program. The competition for this recognition alone was exceptionally stiff with nearly 700 schools submitting applications to the State superintendent of public instruction. Several months later, John Fenn was notified of his school's crowning achievement—selection as a California Distinguished School—a success that was shared by the entire Lake Arrowhead Elementary School community in May.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me, our colleagues, and the many admirers of Lake Arrowhead Elementary in recognizing the outstanding achievements of the staff, students, and others who continue to bring success to this fine school. This achievement provides a model of success to be emulated not only by other schools in California but across the country as well. I join the House in applauding the efforts of this fine program and congratulate Lake Arrowhead Elementary for a job well done.

TRIBUTE TO POLICE SGT. TERRY
D. GUSTIN

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 1997

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I take to the floor of the House today to acknowledge the outstanding career of Corona Police Sgt. Terry D. Gustin. Sergeant Gustin, who spent 32 years in law enforcement, will retire on September 13, 1997. My hometown of Corona, CA has been extremely fortunate to have had Sergeant Gustin protecting our community and making it a safer place in which to live and work.

Sergeant Gustin is a native of southern California and attended California Baptist College in Riverside. After serving 4 years in the U.S. Navy and serving in Vietnam, Sergeant Gustin returned to southern California and in 1965 was hired as a reserve police officer in Corona. This was the beginning of a long and distinguished career in law enforcement. In 1968, he was hired full time by the Corona Police Department, where he has served as a police officer, a detective, traffic sergeant, acting lieutenant, and relief watch commander. He will finish his career as a sergeant with the patrol division.

During his early years in law enforcement, Sergeant Gustin started the first YDT team in Riverside County with one RSO deputy and one probation officer. Sergeant Gustin has also been involved in a wide range of activities during his career, including being a former member of the Police National Rodeo Association for 10 years in steer wrestling, the Riverside County Peace Officers Association, the California Combat Association, the Peace Officers Research Association, the FOP Lodge in Riverside, among many others.

Sergeant Gustin has been a great credit to the Corona Police Department, and his service has been appreciated by citizens throughout the city, who will remember him as someone