

which threaten the accomplishments of the civil rights movement. I encourage my colleagues and everyone across the Nation to learn more about this attorney who spent his life fighting for equality in America.

STATEMENT FROM THE NEW YORK
STATE CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS

HON. SUE W. KELLY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 1997

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, the following was forwarded to me by Joseph R. Farina of New Windsor, who is the New York State chairman of the American-Catholic War Veterans. I am inserting his statement into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

I wish to compliment the Congressional members of this committee (Congresswoman Kelly, Congressman Gilman, Congressman Hinchey and Congressman Shays) for their sincere concern and probing questions in extracting the truth from those who are testifying at this hearing.

The reduction of the Castle Point VA facility from a hospital to an outpatient clinic has devastated the veterans of the Hudson Valley who depend so much on the health care supplied by this facility.

The statements made by Mr. James Farsetta, Director of Veterans Integrated Service Network 3, were very disturbing to say the least.

Farsetta, who at first denied that his reduction in staffing and services were tied to cuts in spending, later amended his statement confirming that he received an annual bonus based in part on reductions in spending and direct patient care to veterans. This entire incentive procedure designed by the VA and implemented by Farsetta placed greed of the almighty dollar at the expense of veterans who gave the prime years of their lives in selfless devotion and pride to their country.

The bonus induced, costs cutting procedures implemented by the VA has resulted in patient neglect, errors in treatment, staff and service reductions, and failure to respond to veterans concerns.

I compliment Congresswoman Kelly for extracting the truth from James Farsetta and having him admit to his bonus arrangement.

Congressman Christopher Shays had every right to read into the Record a statement recognizing James Farsetta's 29 years of devoted service to the VA. But, I take exception to his statement. I condemn Farsetta's action in accepting a bonus based on reduction in services and medical assistance to veterans. A bonus which was earned at the expense of the health of veterans who have already suffered so much hardship and pain in their lifetime.

All we ask if to stop hurting the veterans, we have been hurt enough. Be a little considerate and let us go out with some compassion and dignity.

TRIBUTE TO THE NIAGARA
SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM

HON. JOHN J. LaFALCE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 1997

Mr. LaFALCE. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, September 11, 1997, the Niagara Senior Com-

panion program in Niagara County, NY, will honor 160 senior companion volunteers for giving 110,000 hours of service to their fellow seniors during the past year. They will also be celebrating their 17th anniversary of volunteer service to the residents of Niagara County. This outstanding program is sponsored by the Health Association of Niagara County, Inc. [HANC] and is a program of the Corporation for National Service with additional funding from the New York State Office for the Aging and the United Way.

Senior Companions deserve our applause, respect, and recognition for the countless hours of love, compassion, and dedicated service to the frail elderly and their families in our community. Whether by kind deed or word, they brighten the lives of so many individuals as they help to ease the burden of illness or loneliness through their outreach.

Therefore, I am proud to have this opportunity to acknowledge this special group of senior citizens in the 29th Congressional District of New York in honor of Senior Companion Day, September 11, 1997, in Niagara County, NY.

TRIBUTE TO ROCKY MOUNT'S
BUCK LEONARD

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 1997

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I cannot be there all in person today for these special events in Rocky Mount wishing Buck Leonard a happy 90th birthday and unveiling a historical marker in his honor.

Everyone in Rocky Mount knows of the many talents of Hall of Famer Buck Leonard. I recently read a description of Buck Leonard. It said that "trying to sneak a fastball by Buck was like trying to sneak a sunrise past a rooster." Buck Leonard began his baseball career as a semipro star right there in Rocky Mount, but was soon forced to leave Rocky Mount during the Depression to chase his dream of playing professionally.

What he accomplished is truly amazing. Buck Leonard led his team to nine consecutive Negro National League championships from 1937 to 1945. Buck led the Cum Posey Grays to back-to-back World Series Championships in 1943 and 1944. In 1947, he batted .410, and in 1948, he led the league in batting and tied for the lead in home runs while leading his team to yet another World Series title. He was always a fan favorite and became a fixture in the annual East-West All-Star classic, setting yet another record by playing in 11 All-Star games.

I only wish that the whole world could have seen the talents of Buck Leonard in the major leagues. Although that national recognition came too late for Buck Leonard, he is enshrined today in the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. There is no player more deserving of that great honor than Rocky Mount's own Buck Leonard.

Though Buck was forced to leave Rocky Mount to pursue his professional career, he never forgot his beloved hometown. It is only fitting that today, the city of Rocky Mount honors Buck Leonard not merely for his many baseball talents and accomplishments, but

also for what he has done for this fine community.

Buck, I wish you a happy birthday. Though I missed this celebration, reserve me a seat for your 100th birthday celebration.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES
ON H.R. 1119, NATIONAL DEFENSE
AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FIS-
CAL YEAR 1998

SPEECH OF

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 1997

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this motion to recommit. It is crucial that the conference report retain the Traficant language authorizing the use of our military forces to protect our Nation's borders from illegal immigration and drug trafficking.

It's time to face the fact that we are losing the war against drug infiltration into this country and that our Border Patrol is too few in numbers to guard our borders. We have 6,600 Border Patrol personnel to do the work of 20,000. Congress has mandated hiring 1,000 Border Patrol agents a year, but the Immigration and Naturalization Service is having a tough time hiring that number—and it will take another 10 years to reach the level of border support that we need.

If we can send our troops to Europe, Haiti, and to Bosnia, we can certainly send them to help protect our own country against criminal encroachment. Our troops would provide the support and assistance that we need—a visible presence that would have tangible results.

Critics of this language argue that it would raise all sorts of questions about jurisdiction and personal liability. These are issues that can be resolved by the Department of Defense, Justice, and INS. They are small problems compared to the seemingly insurmountable flow of illegal drugs into this country—a problem that costs lives and money and livelihoods and threatens the safety and security of our families.

We also should not be misled by the issue of funding. We are already paying our military for food and shelter and salaries. We might as well use this valuable resource here at home and focus as much effort on protecting our borders against criminal activity as we do in protecting other countries.

I urge my colleagues to support this motion to recommit with instructions.

A TRIBUTE TO RALPH W. MCBANE

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 1997

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I commend the following article to my colleagues.

Ralph W. McBane, of Bergholz, OH, has been a pillar of the community for over 50 years. Born and raised in Bergholz, Mr. McBane returned to his hometown after attending Mount Union College to work in his family's insurance business, McBane Insurance Agency. He has led this company for

more than 50 years, and has been integral to the agency's substantial growth and success. Mr. McBane's efforts in the insurance industry have been rewarded with commendations from Buckeye Union Insurance Company, Cincinnati Insurance Company, Westfield Companies, and Mennonite Mutual.

Ralph McBane's leadership in the insurance and banking industries is matched by his leadership and dedication to the Bergholz community. He has been active in the Bergholz Civic Club and is also a founding member of the Bergholz Ruritan Club, Bergholz Community Improvement Corp., and the Bergholz Community Foundation. In addition, he has served his church, Trinity United Presbyterian, as an elder, trustee, and Sunday school teacher. McBane has proven his commitment to improving the Bergholz community by serving as president of each organization. Whether it be through his insurance company or his civic duties, Ralph McBane has worked consistently to make Bergholz a better place to live.

Mr. McBane has taught Bergholz and Carroll County about the importance of volunteering and dedication to one's community. He leads by example.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking Ralph McBane for his service to Bergholz, OH, and to congratulate him as he is honored by the Bergholz Community Foundation with a "Hats Off To Ralph" evening. I wish Ralph McBane continued success, health, and prosperity.

OCEAN RESEARCHER LINKS GLOBAL WARMING WITH DEGRADATION OF VITAL ANTARCTIC ECOSYSTEM

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 1997

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to applaud the research efforts of the many marine researchers in the Monterey Bay area and around the world, who are dedicating themselves to the task of exploring and understanding the ocean environment, and the critical links between marine ecosystem health and human activities. In particular, I would like to recognize the work of a scientist from my district, Dr. Valerie Loeb.

This summer, Dr. Loeb, an adjunct professor at Moss Landing Marine Laboratories, had her research featured on the front cover of the British scientific journal, *Nature*. For the past 10 years Dr. Loeb, her students and colleagues, have been studying the link between environmental variations and the dynamics of the Antarctic food chain, particularly changes in abundance of krill and other zooplankton. Krill, which are small, herbivorous, shrimp-like crustaceans, provide the basis for the animal food web in the southern ocean, and are a vital food source for many whale, fish, penguin, and other vertebrate species in the seasonal sea-ice zone. Another abundant planktonic herbivore, salps, are jelly-fish-like organisms which, in contrast, have few known predators, and are associated with open water habitats. Dr. Loeb and her coworkers have identified patterns of abundance of krill and salps as they relate to environmental changes in the area.

Salps are associated with open water habitat, unobstructed with ice, while krill's reproductive success is linked to increased ice coverage. In the past 50 years, atmospheric warming over the Antarctic Peninsula region has resulted in a decrease in sea-ice formation during winter months. Because of this, krill abundance since the mid-1980's has been greatly reduced compared to earlier years, while the springs and summers following these warmer winters have seen massive salp swarms. Since these salps compete with krill for phytoplankton, there is a further negative feedback from warmer winters affecting krill populations. This regional warming may be significantly altering the Antarctic food chain from one dominated by krill, supporting a variety of vertebrate predators, to one dominated by salps, effectively breaking the food chain.

This research is extremely valuable, not only in providing information important to the management of krill harvesting, which is currently conducted by Japanese, Polish, and Ukraine trawlers, but also as insight into the possible devastating effects of global warming on the oceans that may occur in addition to decreased ice development and sea level rise. The fact is that krill populations are already affected by ocean warming, making them, and the species that rely on them, further susceptible to human perturbations.

This research, and the hundreds of other marine research projects conducted in my district and around the world, are of great importance for us to understand and properly conserve the health of our planet, 71 percent of which is covered by oceans. We can no longer live in ignorance of the important links between ourselves and the oceans. I urge my colleagues to support America's leading role in ocean research and conservation, and to recognize and give credit to researchers such as Dr. Loeb for their great efforts in improving our understanding of the magnificent oceans, and clarifying how humans impact vital ocean resources.

HONORING THE CARLOW COLLEGE WOMEN OF SPIRIT

HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 1997

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor women that surpass all with their splendor and grace. They are the Carlow College Women of Spirit.

Founded in 1929, Carlow College has dedicated itself to the spirit of involvement and making a difference. The Women of Spirit Award highlights the achievements of Pittsburgh area women who exemplify competence and compassion in their communities, professions, and personal lives. The Women of Spirit Award recipients can be found in almost every profession in the region. Both the Women of Spirit Award recipients and Carlow College embody the values that we wish to foster in our children, and they provide admirable role models for young women in Allegheny County and around the world. The year culminates in an annual gala to honor the award recipients of the previous year. This year's gala will be held on Saturday, September 27, 1997. I wish to speak about each of these remarkable women today.

The October 1996 recipient of the Women of Spirit Award is Beth Berkebile. After graduating from Carlow College, Ms. Berkebile went on to become coowner of Randall's Restaurant in Perryopolis. Graced with one beautiful daughter of their own, Ms. Berkebile and her husband adopted two children from the former Soviet Union. Ms. Berkebile ensured that her new children would learn English by teaching them herself. Her son Sergey, just 1 year out of Russia, is making A's in reading.

Tradition dictates that there be one Women of Spirit for each month of the year. Joan Brest Friedberg and Elizabeth Segel are an exception because of their innovative program *Beginning with Books*. *Beginning with Books* is an early intervention program that works hand in hand with the Carnegie Library and is targeted at low-income families with young children. Ms. Friedberg has worked with other authors on the subject of quality books, has written "Super Storytimes: A Guide for Care Givers," has served on many boards, and has presented at the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Ms. Segel has coauthored a book, published several articles, served on various committees—including the Hans Christian Andersen Award Committee and the Altruistic Projects Committee of the International Reading Association—and taught children's literature at the University of Pittsburgh.

The Leukemia Society of America is extremely fortunate to have Jeanne Caliguiri, winner of the December 1996 spirit award, serve as the director of Major Gifts. Her direction and service on various Pittsburgh boards, including the Pittsburgh Opera and the Salvation Army, shows her interest in the region and its community. Ms. Caliguiri is also interested in promoting the safety and well-being of children throughout southwestern Pennsylvania as a founding member of Girl's Hope and a board member of the George Junior Republic for boys. Her most impressive achievement to date is the foundation of the Richard S. Caliguiri Amyloidosis Research Fund, for which she has raised \$600,000.

American Law is the centerpiece of the Honorable Kate Food Elliott's life. A member of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania and the January 1997 Woman of Spirit winner, Ms. Elliott serves as cochair of the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Women in the Profession Conference. She is on the board of advisors for Successful Women, Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers of Pennsylvania, and Step-by-Step, a community-based mental health organization.

Shampoo and psychotherapy go hand in hand for February, 1997 Women of Spirit winner, Dr. Lois Dabney-Smith. In 1975, Dr. Smith had just given birth to twins and decided that she needed to return to work. Her husband fashioned a small room in the rear of their home as a minisalon and Lois began to style hair. She explains her successful transition from beauty shop owner to psychotherapist as a natural. Women would walk into her salon and talk about the horrific behavior of their husbands who drank too much or couldn't keep a job. She enrolled full time at the University of Pittsburgh and received her doctorate in 1980. Today, Dr. Dabney-Smith is a nationally recognized expert on intervention.

Sister Michelle O'Leary embodies Carlow College's spirit and is the March 1997, winner of the Women of Spirit Award. As a Sister of