

grateful to John and Local 210 for spearheading this effort and for making this issue a priority for everyone.

John Cunningham's lasting legacy, however, is his deeply held belief in the importance of unions and the need for organized labor. He recognizes that it is only by sticking together that labor has been able to achieve all the reforms and benefits that have made the workplace safe and secure for workers and their families. Unions are as relevant and important today as they were when workers first began to organize in this country. It is the work and commitment of leaders like John Cunningham and organizations like Local 210 that keeps us all vigilant and dedicated to the continued improvement of the lives and working conditions of laborers in this country.

Again, it is my great pleasure to rise today to congratulate Local 210 on its 100th anniversary and to thank John Cunningham for 41 years of dedication and leadership.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SHELLY MOORE, MISS TEEN USA

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 1997

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I am proud that a fine young woman from my district, Shelly Moore, has been chosen Miss Teen USA. This is a tremendous accomplishment and I want to congratulate Ms. Moore and wish her the very best as she serves as the main representative for young people all over the Nation.

I would like to call to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD an article and editorial from the Knoxville News Sentinel.

[From the Knoxville News Sentinel, Aug. 22, 1997]

NEW MISS TEEN USA WANTS TO USE TITLE TO BE STRONG ROLE MODEL

(By Nicole Pascoe)

Knox County teenager Shelly Moore said Thursday she is still on cloud nine after winning the 15th annual Miss Teen USA pageant, held at South Padre Island, Texas.

The 1997 South-Doyle graduate, daughter of Garland and Tammy Rhoden, was crowned Wednesday night and is taking home about \$150,000 in cash and prizes.

Moore, interviewed by phone while packing to return to Knoxville, said the experience was both exciting and unforgettable.

"It was a wonderful experience. I still can't believe I'm Miss Teen USA," she said. "I was just an average girl yesterday, and in my mind I still am, but it's very exciting."

Moore, 18, said as part of her title she will do a good deal of public speaking and traveling, mainly back and forth to Los Angeles. "I just want to be a good role model," said Moore.

JoAnna Lochen, Moore's cheerleading coach and a home economics teacher at South-Doyle, thinks Moore will have no trouble upholding her title.

"She's steps above anybody and she's a real strong leader. She has a very strong moral upbringing and belief in God," she said.

Lochen said she wasn't surprised that Moore was crowned Miss Teen USA. "She is who she says she is. She looks as beautiful in sweats with her hair pulled back as she did at the pageant," said Lochen.

Moore entered her first pageant one year ago. She claimed the title of Miss North Tennessee, and that led her to the state pageant, in which she also placed first.

Moore plans to enter the University of Tennessee for the second semester and will major in broadcasting. When asked at the pageant whom she would like to interview, she replied former University of Florida quarterback Danny Wuerffel, last year's Heisman trophy winner and now a backup quarterback with the New Orleans Saints.

[From the Knoxville News Sentinel, Aug. 25, 1997]

STAYING ON CLOUD NINE

KNOXVILLE GIRL CAPTURES A NATIONAL TITLE, MISS TEEN USA CONTEST

Shelly Moore may never descend from cloud nine—and that's OK with us.

Moore, a 1997 graduate of South-Doyle High School and soon-to-be freshman at the University of Tennessee, won the 15th annual Miss Teen USA pageant held at South Padre Island, Texas. She is the daughter of Garland and Tammy Rhoden.

The experience was as exciting as it was unforgettable. "I was just an average girl yesterday," she said in an interview after she was crowned Wednesday, "and in my mind I still am, but it's very exciting."

The 18-year-old said she will be speaking and traveling a great deal as part of her title. She plans to enter UT for the second semester and will major in broadcasting. As Miss Teen USA, she will take home about \$150,000 in cash and prizes.

Moore entered her first pageant a year ago, claiming the title of Miss North Tennessee. That crown led to the state pageant, which she also won.

Her goal is to be a good role model. No problem there, say those who know her.

"She steps above anybody, and she's a real strong leader," says JoAnna Lochen, Moore's cheerleading coach and a home economics teacher at South-Doyle. "She has a very strong moral upbringing and belief in God."

Lochen also said she wasn't surprised that Moore was crowned Miss Teen USA. "She is who she says she is," Lochen said. "She looks as beautiful in sweats with her hair pulled back as she did at the pageant."

We hope the euphoria Shelly Moore is feeling right now never wears off. We offer our congratulations on winning the title and wish her all the best in the exciting year ahead.

TRIBUTE TO TOM KINARD

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 1997

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who has been a strong voice in his community for years. Tom Kinard. It is my pleasure to recognize Mr. Kinard today as he celebrates 10 years of broadcasting his show, Kinard n' Koffee, on WJMX-AM in Florence, SC. I have had the pleasure of being one of his guests on several occasions, and I join with all of his listeners in congratulating him for 10 years of outstanding broadcasts.

During the 10 years that Kinard n' Koffee has been broadcast, Mr. Kinard has received numerous awards for his unique style and commitment to his community. Among his accomplishments are six-time South Carolina Radio Personality of the Year, five-time Na-

tional Association of Broadcasters Marconi Finalist for Medium Market Radio Personality, and South Carolina Music and Entertainment Commission Personality of the Year. Mr. Kinard has also received the South Carolina Broadcaster's Association's highest honors for public service with The Richard M. Uray Public Service Award for Outstanding Service to the Community and the highest honor an on-air broadcaster can receive as recipient of the 1996 Master's Award. Among his numerous other awards, Mr. Kinard has been awarded the prestigious Order of the Palmetto, the State of South Carolina's highest honor.

Mr. Kinard's service to his community goes far beyond the radio show that so many hear every morning. He worked with numerous civic groups to aid local charities and promote education. Last winter, Mr. Kinard organized the Kinard-n-Koat drive to collect over 2,000 much needed coats for children and adults in the community. He had listeners send in over 100,000 Christmas cards through Kinard-N-Kristmas Kards for children in local hospitals, and he asked the community to help the soldiers of Desert Storm enjoy a small treat when over 5,000 gallons of Kool-Aid were sent to the Middle East. Mr. Kinard has also spread the holiday message to thousands in the southeast each year with his narrative presentation of "The Other Wise Man" He has given 30-40 presentations a year since 1976.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the Members of the House of Representatives join me in saluting Mr. Kinard who is not only a powerful radio voice in South Carolina, but a dedicated citizen in his community. I congratulate him on 10 years of Kinard n' Koffee and wish him Godspeed in his future endeavors.

WELFARE REFORM IS WORKING

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 1997

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, in 1996, more than 1.3 million people left the welfare rolls. And more than 650,000 of those left in just the last 4 months of the year—following the enactment of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act. This is truly a success. Former welfare recipients across the Nation, from San Diego to Atlanta to Boston, have touted our welfare reform bill as the best thing that ever could have happened to them. One former recipient even said, "My life is so much better. I feel better about myself." Another said, "This is the best thing I ever could've done for myself."

We are now witnessing the most dramatic decline in welfare caseloads in the 60-year history of welfare as a result of our efforts to change the mind-set surrounding welfare and to give States more flexibility to design their own programs. But to give credit where credit is due, States and communities across the country are well ahead of Washington. This is where the success stories are being created. And this is where the shift in attitude is taking place on a daily basis.

Mr. Speaker, as our Nation moves away from the failed welfare policies of the past, the role of Washington must be to give States the power and resources to begin moving people into self-sufficiency. We must encourage, promote and empower neighbors, charities,

churches, small businesses, and community organizations to be more active in rebuilding strong communities.

Welfare offices now judge their success not by how many people are on welfare, but by the number of people they have moved off welfare into a life of dignity and independence. The focus is now on helping families out of poverty, not keeping them in it. I'd say it's obvious that welfare reform really is working.

TRIBUTE TO JULIA MCNAMARA

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 1997

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, on September 25, the New Haven Colony Historical Society will present Dr. Julia McNamara with the prestigious Seal of the City Award. Julia McNamara is the president of Albertus Magnus College in New Haven. I am very pleased to rise today to recognize Julia's distinguished work on behalf of the city of New Haven and to congratulate her on this honor.

Since 1992, the Seal of the City is awarded annually, in the words of the historical society, "to the person or institution whose activities or ideas have significantly added to the quality of life, the prosperity, or the general improvement of the region." I cannot think of a more deserving recipient than Julia McNamara. Julia has been president of Albertus Magnus for 15 years and her tenure there has seen some extraordinary changes.

Julia presided over the transition to a co-educational facility, and oversaw the initiation of the popular accelerated degree program. The accelerated degree program has allowed many working individuals to pursue degrees that would otherwise remain inaccessible. This program compliments Julia's deep commitment to education and the liberal arts.

Those who know Julia have an easy time describing both her demeanor and values. Dynamic and energetic, Julia is an engaging presence. Students and co-workers hold her in high esteem and consider her down-to-earth and, at the same time, inspirational. Many students at Albertus Magnus consider her an outstanding role-model. She is constantly encouraging students to embrace all that life has to offer, to question their beliefs and to never stop pursuing knowledge. Julia firmly believes that learning does not end outside the classroom and her deeply held belief that we are all responsible to every member of the community is evident in the community service she undertakes.

Julia's involvement in the community is an inspiration for many. She has served on a number of boards and made history in New Haven by becoming the first woman to serve on the Committee of the Proprietors of the Common and Undivided Lands, which oversees the use of the New Haven Green. She has served on the board of trustees for Yale-New Haven Hospital, on the board of directors for the 1995 Special Olympics World Games and is a member of the fundraising committee for the Greater New Haven Vision Project.

Again, it gives me great pleasure to recognize the extraordinary contributions of Julia McNamara to the people and the city of New Haven. Congratulations to her.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY NORMA AND MAURICE TREXLER

HON. GLENN POSHARD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 1997

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Maurice and Norma Jane Trexler, who celebrated their golden anniversary on August 17. Married in Mayfield, KY, the couple moved to Vandalia, IL more than 42 years ago and have resided there ever since. They have given that community a great deal in return, including a loving family and their involvement in numerous civic endeavors. I am proud to call the Trexlers my friends, and congratulate them on achieving this glorious milestone.

The Trexlers are both retired, Maurice having been with the Illinois secretary of state's office as the manager of a driver's license facility, and Norma June serving with Fidelity Federal Savings and Loan for 28 years. Now they concentrate on their large family. Their children, Charles, Robert, Kent, and Kathy, have blessed them with seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. They also have more time for golf, which they play as often as possible.

The Trexlers also continue to devote their extensive talents to their community. Maurice has been a Democratic precinct committeeman for more than 30 years, serving as Fayette County Democratic chairman the past 14 years. He also belongs to the Moose Lodge, Lions Club, Masonic Lodge, and the Shriners, where he has been an inspiring leader of his peers and family. Norma also contributes to the Moose Club as a leader of its women's group and has worked side by side with Maurice on many community endeavors.

Through their strong desire to serve their community, Maurice and Norma June have set an example for all the lives they have touched together. Their family has been a witness to their respect for each other and their devotion to the institution of marriage. Mr. Speaker, I believe the Trexlers are an inspiration to the entire Nation, and it is an honor to represent them in the U.S. Congress.

INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 2429, THE SMALL BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1997

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 1997

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce H.R. 2429, a bill to reauthorize the Small Business Technology Transfer [STTR] Program through the fiscal year 2000. I am joined on the bill by Chairman TALENT and Ranking Member LaFALCE of the Small Business Committee, Science Committee ranking member GEORGE BROWN, Chairwoman MORELLA and Ranking Member GORDON of the Technology Subcommittee, Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight Chairman BARTLETT and Ranking Member POSHARD, and Science Committee member TOM DAVIS.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to begin by thanking Chairman TALENT of the Small Business Committee for his efforts to ensure a smooth reauthorization process for STTR, a program over which our two Committees share jurisdiction. It has been a pleasure working with him and his committee staff.

STTR was created as a pilot program during the 1992 reauthorization of the Small Business Innovation Research [SBIR] Program. The program requires Federal agencies with extramural R&D budgets in excess of \$1 billion to set aside 0.15 percent of that budget for technology transfer from Government to small business. This set-aside provides funding for ideas, that are cooperatively researched and developed by small businesses and nonprofit research institutions, such as universities.

Five agencies currently participate in the STTR Program. They are the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Department of Defense, National Institutes of Health, Department of Energy, and the National Science Foundation. In fiscal year 1995, the STTR Program issued a total of 260 awards, totaling over \$33 million.

STTR's authorization will expire on September 30, 1997. H.R. 2429 will extend the program's life through fiscal year 2000, the same year the authorization for SBIR expires.

STTR and SBIR have similar structures. The programs are divided into three phases. Phase I is the development stage of the idea. Awards for this phase may total up to \$100,000 in both programs. Phase II allows for further development of the most promising ideas from phase I. These awards can be as much as \$500,000 in the STTR Program, and \$750,000 in the SBIR Program. The final phase, phase III, is the commercialization of the product, or the use of that product by the Federal Government. The STTR and SBIR set-asides are not used for phase III grants.

Unlike SBIR, STTR requires the participation of a research institution in all its awards. STTR was designed to take ideas that originated in universities and laboratories, and develop them through a cooperative agreement with a small business entity. Under SBIR, universities can play a limited role in the program, but their participation is not required.

While STTR and SBIR are similar programs, they differ vastly in scale. In fiscal year 1995, SBIR made over 4,000 awards totaling over \$800 million. In fiscal year 1997, SBIR grants will total over \$1 billion. SBIR was created in 1982 to increase the participation of small, high-technology companies in Federal R&D. This was done by requiring Federal agencies with large R&D budgets to set aside 2.5 percent of their extramural research funding.

In the first 3 years of the program, STTR has awarded 784 grants totaling just over \$115 million. These relatively low totals make it impossible to accurately measure the success of the program. However, there appears to be enough anecdotal evidence that the program is working to warrant its extension for an additional 3 fiscal years. At that time, it is my hope that the Science Committee, working with the Small Business Committee, can do a thorough review of not only STTR, but also the \$1 billion SBIR Program.