

into the U.S. Air Force at age 18, where he served for 9 years.

After graduating from the University of Mississippi, James Meredith went to study abroad in Africa where he wrote his first of numerous books entitled "Three Years in Mississippi." After his stay in Africa, James Meredith returned to Mississippi to start an organization called March Against Fear in order to empower and encourage African-Americans to register to vote. This organization went on to register 300,000 people in Mississippi.

In addition to his efforts to register African-Americans to vote, James Meredith started the James Meredith Library Clubs of America. This organization was created to lure African-American males into the library and encourage them to read.

Mr. Speaker, because of these many accomplishments, I would like to take time out to honor Mr. James Meredith for his vision and courage.

IN RECOGNITION OF SHERIFF
BRAD GATES

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 9, 1997

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of an outstanding member of my community in southern California. On October 30 of this year, 1997, the Boy Scouts of America will honor Orange County, CA, Sheriff Brad Gates with the William H. Spurgeon III Award.

Sheriff Gates has given both his support and service to the Boy Scout's Explorer program and the youth of Orange County for the past twenty-three years. Almost from the day he joined Troop 12 of the Scouts as a boy, Brad Gates has been a positive force in our community.

The list of Sheriff Gates' contributions to the citizens of Orange County is extensive. Since his days as a Scout, Brad has served as a member of the Orange County Council, as a board of directors member for both the Boy Scouts of America and the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program in Orange County and has cofounded Drug Abuse is Life Abuse, a community coalition of drug awareness and prevention programs.

Brad Gates is not just one of Orange County's most active volunteers, Gates has served officially as sheriff-coroner of Orange County since 1974. As one of our communities most important officials, Brad continues to provide outstanding leadership while managing the largest law enforcement agency in Orange County.

And in undoubtedly his most important position, Brad is both a husband and father as well as a good personal friend to many throughout our community. Mr. Speaker, Sheriff Brad Gates truly deserves the honor of being recognized today by our Nation's leaders, as he himself is clearly among them.

STATEMENT ON THE SPILL OF
NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 9, 1997

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I recently had the fortune of attending a seminar entitled "Spill of National Significance," or "SONS." As ranking member on the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Subcommittee, I feel that it is important to alert you to innovative research being conducted in this field.

SONS was a 3-day exercise that brought together notable individuals ranging from Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater and Coast Guard Commandant Robert Kramek, to representatives from FEMA, the EPA, and countless other agencies. They gathered in Philadelphia and Washington, DC, using interactive technology to find solutions for a simulated catastrophe.

The scenario involved three oil spills at two different sites, occurring within 6 hours of each other. SONS' participants were then required to resolve this crisis from various perspectives, ranging from political to environmental to financial.

Rather than wait for disasters to strike, attendees at this Coast Guard-sponsored event developed methods for dealing effectively with future oil spills. This is an example of an agency at its finest. I encourage other organizations to take a lesson from SONS and address future concerns today.

TRIBUTE TO CHLOE CONEY

HON. JIM DAVIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 9, 1997

Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chloe Coney, a constituent of mine from Tampa, FL, who has been selected as one of eight national award winners for the Ameritech Awards of Excellence in Crime Prevention. This recognition is a fitting tribute to her tireless efforts over the past decade in developing a comprehensive and collaborative plan to revitalize low-income areas of east Tampa. I applaud the National Crime Prevention Council and Ameritech for honoring Ms. Coney's dedication.

Ms. Coney grew up in Tampa's North Boulevard Public Housing Project and her personal experiences in this economically disadvantaged area have given her great insight into the needs and opportunities of citizens living in east Tampa. She began her career of service as a parole officer and counselor where she implemented conflict resolution strategies in the Citizen's Dispute Settlement Programs for the Thirteenth Judicial Court.

Currently, Ms. Coney is the executive director of the Corporation to Develop Communities of Tampa [CDCT]. This community-based nonprofit organization plans, promotes, and assists the redevelopment of the east Tampa area through a wide range of programs including community building, youth leadership, family stabilization, and economic development. Her efforts should serve as a model for comprehensive and collaborative approaches to

community-based crime prevention initiatives. Ms. Coney recognized early on that creating a safe and secure environment in east Tampa requires a multifaceted approach focusing not only on community policing but also on strengthening families, developing youth leadership, and creating economic opportunity.

One of Ms. Coney's successful programs is the CDCT's Men II Boys Mentoring Program which pairs 100 at-risk African-American youth, ages 11-14, with responsible adult men. These adults are willing to share their experiences and serve as role models, nurturing the healthy development of these youth into men. Ms. Coney has also created constructive programs such as the Inner-City Boys Choir, a medical apprenticeship program, a substance abuse prevention program entitled Striving To Achieve Rewarding Tomorrows [START], and Saturday Academy which improves the academic and social skills of at-risk seventh graders.

These programs can be successful only if strong family support exists to back them up. Ms. Coney recognizes this and established an annual Parent Enhancement Conference to educate parents on ways to better support their children's development. In addition, she offers workshops twice a month for parents and launched the East Tampa School-Community Partnership which is a network of social service agencies, school representatives, and parents.

Finally, recognizing that these efforts to build up our youth must be coupled with opportunities for the future, Ms. Coney has dedicated much of the CDCT's efforts toward economic development. This year, the Nehemiah Project has focused on "community building brick by brick," with the goal of stimulating commercial development and transforming abandoned buildings. These efforts represent a commitment to matching increased educational opportunities with increased job opportunities.

This short tribute cannot begin to describe Ms. Coney's outstanding efforts in redeveloping and revitalizing east Tampa and providing a safer community for citizens of all ages. Her impact on individuals, families, and communities is immeasurable. Therefore, I would ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Ms. Coney for her hard work and dedication in developing strategies for successful crime prevention and to thank all those individuals like her throughout America who have dedicated their lives to service in their communities.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 9, 1997

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, today I stood on the steps of the Capitol with my fellow Democratic colleagues urging the leadership in the House and the Senate to allow a fair vote on campaign finance reform. A majority of the U.S. Senate, all the Democrats and a small number of courageous Republicans, have voted in favor of the McCain-Feingold campaign finance legislation. In the House we have not been given the opportunity to vote on any reform bill.

After we leave today for the Columbus Day recess, with the leadership's stated desire to

adjourn on November 7, we have only 3 weeks remaining in the 1997 legislative session. We must move quickly to take action before we run out of time. I encourage the leadership to give the public what it desperately wants, campaign finance reform.

Mr. Speaker, during the next week I will be traveling throughout my district in western Wisconsin. I will have to tell the people I represent that we have failed to even consider any of the campaign finance bills we currently have pending before Congress. I know that the people of western Wisconsin will not accept this answer. The people are tired of Congress unwilling to clean up our own house. Please give us a vote on this issue.

TRIBUTE TO NORFOLK COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE SAM T. BARFIELD

HON. OWEN B. PICKETT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 9, 1997

Mr. PICKETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Honorable Sam T. Barfield, who is retiring this year after serving as commissioner of the revenue of the city of Norfolk for the past 28 years.

Sam was born in Charleston, SC in 1917. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1941 and was discharged 5 years later with honors and the rank of major. He entered private business in Norfolk, VA following his service in the Marine Corps and has continued to live there until the present.

He began his public service work early in his business career by serving on the board of directors for the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce from 1949 until 1968. He also sought public office and was elected to the Norfolk City Council, where he served from 1959 to 1969. During the difficult period following the Supreme Court decision in 1954 abolishing segregation in public schools, Sam took a public stand in favor of integrating the Norfolk city schools in order to keep them open.

He has been instrumental in the planning and construction of many downtown Norfolk landmarks, including Scope, Chrysler Hall, and the City Hall Complex.

He was elected to the office of commissioner of the revenue in 1969. One of his first innovations was the introduction and use of paper decals on windshields in place of metal city plates which resulted in a considerable cost savings to the taxpayers.

As commissioner, Sam worked cooperatively with the State's Governors, general assembly, and congressional delegation to effect tax reform, obtain payments in-lie of taxes for federally-owned property, and protect the role of the commissioners of revenue under the Virginia Constitution. He also served as president of the commissioners of the Revenue Association and the Virginia Association of Locally Elected Constitutional Officers.

Sam was outspoken and colorful politician who enjoyed people and took great pride in his community and his work. I know that his many friends and admirers join me in saluting him for his long, dedicated, and loyal public service.

HONORING PROJECT INFO COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC. ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY, AND MOCTESUMA ESPARZA AND DR. NELBA CHAVEZ

HON. ESTEBAN EDWARD TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 9, 1997

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding and invaluable community service organization, Project INFO, located in my congressional district. On Thursday, October 9, 1997, Project INFO will celebrate 25 years of dedicated community service.

Established in 1972 as a private nonprofit organization, Project INFO responded to the call for help from the Whittier Union High School District to assist in the prevention of student drug abuse. Since its inception, its purpose has been to strengthen the family unit by promoting mental health and well-being through proactive programs of education, prevention, and early intervention, and to strengthen the individual through personal development. Project INFO programs are particularly sensitive to the multicultural communities it serves.

Since 1972, Project INFO has expanded its services in a variety of areas to meet the needs challenging today's families. Most services are delivered by bilingual/bicultural staff. Project INFO offers eight different programs.

Windows/Ventanas is a program which works with families on developing communication skills. This program has been honored by State and national organizations for its effectiveness in the prevention of substance abuse through the strengthening of families.

Through drop-in centers located in the cities of El Monte, La Puente, and Glendora, Community Prevention and Recovery Programs [CPRP] offers a full range of alcohol prevention and recovery services. Each site has tailored a program to address its community's needs. At the El Monte site a domestic violence program for "batterers" called Domestic & Other Violence Education [DOVE] has been created to address the needs expressed by the judicial system and the community. The La Puente site initiated a Youth Federation to develop student leadership and Glendora has created a support group for middle school children.

Serving People In Recovery & In Transition [SPIRIT] is an outpatient drug free counseling program for recovering addicts and their families. This program is offered for both juveniles and adults. Counseling services are offered in all six schools of the Whittier Union High School District.

Building Employment Skills Training [BEST] is a program funded by the Job Training Partnership Act to provide job training and placement for economically disadvantaged individuals through partnerships with private employers.

Assistance with Alcohol and Sobriety Uniting Latinas [AASUL] is a media campaign designed to educate Latinas in California about alcohol abuse and related problems and offers a network of support services.

Child Abuse Risk Intervention and Neighborhood Outreach [CARINO], Spanish for "tender

affection", is a program that works with families to prevent and break the cycle of child abuse.

Challenging Latinos to Access Resource Opportunities [CLARO] uses positive role models and culturally appropriate support groups to challenge high-risk male youth to explore alternatives and prevent involvement in gang, alcohol and drug abuse, premature and/or irresponsible sexual activity and teen pregnancy. A pilot program, Self Empowerment Resources to Educate, Nurture and Advocate [SERENA], was developed to address, in a gender appropriate manner, the prevention strategies of CLARO for high-risk female youth.

Community Organizations Linking Optimum Resource Services [COLORS] is a family preservation program designed to provide a strong base of support for families dealing with abuse and neglect.

To celebrate the 25th anniversary of Project INFO, a special dinner will be held tonight. The theme of this year's celebration is "Twenty-Five Years of Touching Lives." Through its outstanding programs, Project INFO has provided exemplary service, addressing the vast and difficult barriers that our young people and families confront each day. Fortunately for those youth and families in need of assistance and guidance, for 25 years Project INFO has remained solidly committed to reaching out and touching those lives.

Also, tonight, Project INFO will honor Moctesuma Esparza and Dr. Nelba Chavez for their contributions to Project INFO and its mission. Moctesuma Esparza, a well known talented movie producer, has dedicated his time as a guest speaker at the Project INFO youth conferences, leaving a lasting impression on the youth participants. Dr. Nelba Chavez, Administrator for Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, has been a strong supporter of Project INFO and has spoken at several conferences for women sponsored by Project INFO.

Mr. Speaker, it is with pride that I rise to recognize Project INFO for its 25 years of unwavering dedication to the needs of our youth and families and tonight's honorees, Moctesuma Esparza and Dr. Nelba Chavez. I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting this fine organization and sending our gratitude and congratulations to the honorees and Project INFO on its 25th anniversary.

THE SENIOR CITIZEN
RESPIRATORY CARE ACT OF 1997

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 9, 1997

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation to restore Medicare coverage for ultrasonic nebulizers—medical devices used to treat patients with severe asthma, cystic fibrosis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease [COPD], and other respiratory diseases.

In April 1997, the Durable Medical Equipment Carriers [DMERC's], under the authority of the Health Care Financing Administration [HCFA], made a significant change in Medicare reimbursement policy that will put senior