

of himself to his country, his community, and his family. Gerald will be missed by all whose lives he touched. I am honored to have represented him and proud to call him a constituent.

AGRICULTURAL EXPORT BENEFIT CALIFORNIA

HON. WILLIAM M. THOMAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 1997

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, California is famous as the home of the motion picture industry, Disneyland, beaches, and an overwhelming tourist industry. It may surprise you to learn, however, that agriculture is actually California's No. 1 industry. Since California is also the home of numerous international ports, the combination of agriculture and international trade creates the backbone of California's economy. As such, it is a priority to foster growth in agricultural exports by supporting U.S. efforts to decrease barriers to trade with foreign countries.

For the last 50 years California has held the title as the Nation's No. 1 agricultural State. California's agricultural industry is important to the Nation as well as to the economic well being of our local communities. Agricultural exports account for over half of California's total agricultural products which brings \$22 billion into the California economy every year. Thus, over half of the revenues earned by the sale of California's agricultural products were generated by California growers' ability to enter and compete competitively in foreign markets. For some products, such as the sale of cotton in my district, exports account for 75 percent of the \$1 billion in total sales revenues.

Agriculture provides 1 in every 10 jobs in the State. These jobs serve as the underlying force behind California's economic strength. According to the California Department of Food and Agriculture's 1995 Crop Report, "for every \$1 billion in export sales, 27,000 jobs are created in the state". By this approximation, agricultural exports helped the total California economy by creating 124,000 jobs, and these jobs, on average, pay more than non-export related jobs. In my district, Kern County's \$350 million in exports sales creates almost 10,000 jobs, which does not include indirect economic benefits.

Given the direct relationship between agricultural exports and employment levels, it is important that we work to increase exports by encouraging free trade and maintaining strong working relationships with our trading partners. Although exports already represent a large portion of California's agricultural sales, they remain the area of greatest potential growth for the industry. While overseas markets are growing, our domestic market has reached a stagnant growth rate. The global marketplace is where the action is, due to the fact that there are about 6 billion consumers beyond our Nation's borders. In just the last 6 years, U.S. agricultural exports have increased by 50 percent.

New trade agreements that open and liberalize trade allow California farmers access to those 6 billion consumers in the global market. I mentioned how successful cotton has been

for California and my district. Consider if other agricultural products also succeeded in expanding through free trade. For example, as the leading dairy producing county in the Nation, Tulare County in my district is well positioned to seize a lion's share of the growing world dairy demand if only fair and free trade can be achieved. Other major agricultural products found in California, such as pistachios, almonds, grapes, and stone fruits, stand to gain from the ability to enter foreign markets if given an equal footing with producers from other countries.

We must plan for future growth by working with our trading partners to open market access, allowing California farmers the opportunity to sell even more goods in the global market. Expansion of agricultural exports has always been my priority. As the Representative of an agricultural district I am proud that the success of California's farmers and ranchers helps build America's economy while feeding millions. Since the implementation of NAFTA 3 years ago, agricultural exports to our NAFTA trading partners have increased by 13 percent. Trade liberalization under NAFTA will continue to bolster the economic forces that are promoting trade growth. As we work to further reduce barriers to trade, we can look forward to great increases in our agricultural exports. Creating a free market is in our best interest, and I urge this Congress to do its best to continue to support free trade.

A GROWING TREND

HON. NEWT GINGRICH

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 1997

Mr. GINGRICH. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call attention to a growing trend in America: Democrats who have switched to the Republican Party. These officials were tired of the same old liberal social philosophies which characterize the Democrat Party as the party of higher taxes, bigger government, and moral permissiveness. A classic example of this liberal thinking was the Clinton administration's proposed takeover of the health care industry, a scheme which had Democrats running for cover in the 1994 mid-term elections, when 9 million more people voted Republican than in 1990 and the Republicans took control of Congress for the first time in 40 years.

The Republican National Party has added 18 new elected officials to its ranks within the past week. Since Bill Clinton and ALBERT GORE were elected in 1992, 349 elected Democrat officials have now joined the GOP.

Last Thursday, North Dakota State Representative Michael Brandenburg switched to the Republican Party, saying, "I knew I had to make the change to stay true to myself and my own beliefs."

On Friday of last week, Topeka, Kansas City Councilman Vince Cook renounced his affiliation with the Democrat Party and joined the Republicans. "Nationally, regionally, and locally, it [the Democrat Party] has been associated with fund raising irregularities, political patronage, and professional and personal scandals," said Cook. Clearly, the growing campaign fund raising scandals surrounding the 1996 Clinton/Gore Campaign is fueling the flight from the Democrat Party.

Last Saturday in New Jersey, Evesham Mayor Gus Tamburro joined the Republican Party and endorsed Governor Christie Whitman, saying, "Under Christie Whitman's leadership we have reaped the benefits of jobs, tax cuts, and economic growth. That's why I switched parties."

On Monday of this week, 13 elected Democrats in Texas switched to the Republican Party at a ceremony hosted by Governor George Bush. Among those Texans who abandoned the Democratic Party was Presiding Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals, Michael J. McCormick. To date, 90 elected Democrats have joined the GOP in Texas alone since 1992.

In New York this week, Liberty Town Supervisor Richard Martinkovic changed his party affiliation and stated, "I join the Republican Party today and look forward to working with all elected officials . . . to serve the people, not be served."

And finally, in my home State of Georgia, State Representative Scott Tolbert announced his decision to join the GOP. Tolbert gives Republicans 79 seats in the 180-seat State House of Representatives, the highest number since Reconstruction. At a ceremony in Jefferson, GA, Tolbert commented, "After watching the Democrat Party in action, I knew I had to make a change."

I welcome each of these 18 new members to the Republican Party. The door to our party remains open to all who are committed to the ideals of smaller, smarter government with lower taxes and more freedom for the American people.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 1997

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall vote No. 512, I was unavoidably detained on official business. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye," and I ask unanimous consent that this statement be placed in the appropriate portion of the RECORD.

RECOGNITION OF THE WEBB SCHOOL'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GEORGE E. BROWN, JR.

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 1997

Mr. BROWN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 75th anniversary of the Webb School.

Founded in 1922 by Thompson and Vivian Webb in Claremont, CA, the school has maintained a tradition of academic excellence throughout its history.

Though initially an all male school, the Vivian Webb School for girls was opened in the fall of 1984. The school now also includes the Raymond Alf Museum. Founded after a student's discovery of a fossil of a previously unknown prehistoric pig, it is the only museum of paleontology located on a high school campus. The museum houses over 80,000 specimens, 90 percent of which were collected by

Webb students, and draws over 10,000 visitors annually.

Currently, there are 158 girls and 167 boys enrolled in the school from 12 States and 11 countries. One hundred percent of Webb graduates go on to attend 4-year colleges and universities including Harvard, Stanford, Yale, Princeton, Dartmouth, Columbia, Duke, the Claremont Colleges, UCLA, USC, and UC Berkeley.

Students of the Webb School also have an outstanding awards record. For designing a multimedia exhibit explaining the physics of dinosaur motion, Webb students received the 1994 Tapestry Award from Toyota Motor Corp. Webb also placed second in the 1996 Toshiba/NSTA ExploraVision Awards, with a design for a self-powered artificial heart. The chair of the science department, John Ball, was recognized as one of the top 100 math and science teachers in the country in the 1996 Tandy Technology Scholar competition. In the 1996 National Physics Bowl, Webb placed first in California and third in the Nation.

I would like to offer my congratulations to this outstanding institution on its 75th anniversary. May it continue to provide an excellent education for its students.

IN RECOGNITION OF JAMESETTA
J. HARRIS

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 1997

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize an outstanding woman from the city of Chicago and my district, and First Congressional District of Illinois. Her name is Jamesetta J. Harris, and she has been chosen to receive the Ameritech Award of Excellence in Crime Prevention on behalf of the National Crime Prevention Council. Ms. Harris is 1 of 8 winners selected from a group of 140, who has worked diligently to turn her community around.

Jamesetta J. Harris held high expectations, as any new homeowner would, for her soon-to-be home. She looked forward to a neat, clean neighborhood, a yard; a few trees. But Ms. Harris was not expecting the reality of life in Englewood. She was not looking forward to the rampant crime that plagued the neighborhood, nor the violent gangs that ruled the streets. She was not aware that neighbors were afraid to go outdoors and cowered in their kitchens at night in fear of stray gunfire.

Rather than abandon her new home, or succumb to the pressure of fear that engulfed her community, Ms. Harris decided to fight. Her first step was to organize the Concerned Citizens of 5500 South Marshfield Block Club, to organize fellow residents and send a message that the community would no longer be victimized. She next created the 5500 South Marshfield Newsletter to improve neighborhood communication and reach those neighbors who were afraid to attend meetings.

Not long after the formation of the block club, the police department organized Chicago's Alternative Policing Strategy [CAPS].

The Englewood district was chosen as one of the prototypes for the CAPS program and Ms. Harris gladly partnered with the police to collaborate efforts to reduce crime in Englewood. Ms. Harris continued her fight to save the community by organizing neighborhood improvement projects, such as repairing sidewalks, replacing stop signs, and collecting abandoned cars and garbage.

Ms. Harris was able to accomplish so much and inspire so many because she was wise enough to realize one thing: when people have something that they are proud of, they will do anything to protect it. Her work has been so successful that she and the Englewood community have been featured in a number of programs dealing with community policing, including a television special by the Arts and Entertainment network that highlighted some of the best policing projects in the United States.

Ms. Harris is an inspiration for all communities, black and white, across this Nation. She has truly shown the value of one caring person, and how their willingness to work hard can positively affect an entire community of people and their quality of life. I commend Ms. Harris for her work, and I commend Ameritech and the National Crime Prevention Council for recognizing such an extraordinary individual with this award.

TRIBUTE TO THE CALI FAMILY

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 1997

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the Cali Family who were honored on Friday, October 17, 1977, by the Center for Italian and Italian-American Culture.

Vincenzo Cali, the family patriarch, arrived in the United States from Aidone, Sicily in 1901 at Ellis Island. An immigrant farmer arriving in America, Vincenzo continued westward until he reached a part of the United States with hills and vistas like those of the Aidone he loved—the Rocky Mountains of Colorado. He then brought his wife, Maria Grazia, to America.

Though a farmer, Vincenzo soon became a contractor in the lucrative coal mines of Bear Canyon, located in the Sangre De Cristo mountains of Colorado. It was in the hills of Bear Canyon where his sons, Angelo and John, experienced an idyllic early childhood. They were 13 and 10 years old respectively when, in 1928, due to an economic downturn, the Cali family moved east for the prospect of earning a better living.

Angelo attended high school in Passaic, NJ. He received a B.A. degree from Montclair State University and did graduate work in anthropology at Columbia University. He was director of adult education in Clifton from 1938 to 1942. During World War II, Angelo was an officer in Military Intelligence in the European Theater of Operations [ETO] attached to the 3d Armored Division. After the war, Angelo was a training facilities and contract officer, charged with rehabilitating veterans.

John attended Clifton High School and received a B.A. degree in psychology from Indi-

ana University. During the war, John worked as an industrial psychologist for the Industrial Relations Methods in New York City, a company specializing in the supervision of wartime workers. Soon after the war, John and Angelo developed proprietary schools for training veterans and in particular, opened the first School for Modern Music in New Jersey.

In 1949, Angelo and John saw an opportunity presented by the post World War II housing shortage and embarked with their much-loved childhood friend, Edward Leshowitz, on careers in real estate construction and investment. They formed Cali Associates and began developing one-family communities throughout northern New Jersey. In the early 1960's, they began to include apartments and condominiums in their construction activities and over the years have built more than 5,500 residential units.

In the last 1960's Cali Associates expanded its operations to include developing and managing office properties. Cali Associates earned praise for their original and pleasing designs and many have received architectural awards. Seven buildings have been awarded the "New Good Neighbor Award" for their unique architecture and contributions to the local economy. In addition, Cali has twice received the "Developers of the Year" awards from the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties [NAIOP].

In 1977, Angelo's son, John R. Cali, decided to join Cali Associates along with Brant Cali, John's son. Both sons learned the construction and management business from the bottom up and were well prepared to assume the responsibilities of managing Cali Realty Corp. when it made its initial public offering on the New York Stock Exchange in August 1994.

When Cali Realty went public, its assets consisted primarily of a portfolio of 12 office buildings adding up to 2.5 million square feet. Going public gave the founding fathers, Angelo and John, the opportunity to pass the torch over to the second generation of Calis. This continuity is clearly a source of pride for the Cali family.

As chief administrative officer, John R. Cali took on the responsibilities for directing acquisition functions for Cali Realty. Brant Cali, the chief operating officer, is responsible for directing the property management, leasing and marketing activities for Calif Realty. In just 3 years since going public, the second generation has expanded the company across the tri-state area, completing more than 9.7 million square feet of acquisitions, accumulating more than 117 properties and increasing the total market cap of the company from \$300 million to nearly \$2 billion.

In 1996, John J. Cali retained the title of chairman and passed on the title of CEO to Tom Rizk, a close friend brought into the business to serve as general counsel. All partners and their heirs are still with Cali Realty.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, the Center for Italian and Italian-American Culture, friends of the Cali family and the State of New Jersey in applauding this family's realization of the American dream and recognizing their many outstanding and invaluable contributions to the community.