

TRIBUTE TO ARCHIE D. BARRETT

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 1997

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I wish to congratulate and pay tribute to Archie D. Barrett, who recently retired from his position as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army, Manpower and Reserve Affairs. Mr. Barrett served our Nation for 44 years, as an Air Force fighter pilot, a member of the professional staff of the Armed Services Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives, and finally in his most recent position where he was the principal advisor to the Assistant Secretary of the Army on all Department of the Army policy and activities pertaining to manpower and force structure.

Archie D. Barrett was born in Paris, TX, on August 13, 1935. Following graduation from high school, he accepted an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He graduated from West Point in 1957, and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. During his distinguished 24 year career in the Air Force, Mr. Barrett served in a variety of assignments, including an assignment as an F-4 fighter pilot in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam conflict. Along the way, he earned both a masters and a doctorate from Harvard University. He retired as a colonel in 1981.

After retiring from the Air Force, Arch began 13 years of service as a professional staff member of the then House Armed Services Committee. He served on both the Subcommittee on Investigations and the Subcommittee on Military Forces and Personnel, where his responsibilities included participation in the investigation of the terrorist bombing of the Marine headquarters in Lebanon. I worked very closely with him when I chaired the panel on military education of the House Armed Services Committee. His thorough knowledge of the defense education system helped the panel formulate needed reforms in this area.

Arch Barrett will be best remembered in Congress for his work on the hearings and legislative proposals on defense reorganization, culminating in the Goldwater-Nichols Department of Defense Reorganization Act of 1986. It was my privilege to work with Arch on this issue, and his expertise on Department of Defense organization proved invaluable to Congress and the Nation. Indeed, his book on this subject, "Reappraising Defense Organization," was published in 1983. It is not overstating it to say that this legislation, which helped win the gulf war, would not have become law without the tireless and devoted efforts of Arch Barrett.

Mr. Speaker, Archie D. Barrett is a national treasure. Although he is retiring from the Government, I am sure that he has many more productive years of service ahead of him, and that we will be able to call upon his wise counsel when needed. I know the Members of the House will join me in extending our heartfelt gratitude and best wishes in the years ahead to Arch and his family—his wife Miriam, who joins him in retirement from her position in the office of our colleague MARTIN OLAV SABO, and his three children, Julie Ann Heady, Cynthia Dawn Barrett, and Archie Don, Jr.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE WAYNE R. BRYANT, THE HONORABLE RICHARD H. BAGGER, THOMAS P. GIBLIN, AND T. JOSEPH SEMROD

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the Honorable Wayne R. Bryant, senator of the 5th district, the Honorable Richard H. Bagger, assemblyman of the 22d district, Thomas P. Giblin, president of the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 58, and T. Joseph Semrod, chairman and CEO of Summit Bancorp. These individuals were all honored on Tuesday, October 14, 1997, by the New Jersey Society for Environmental and Economic Development [NJ SEED] and each is tremendously deserving of this recognition.

Senator Wayne Bryant and Assemblyman Richard Bagger are receiving the organization's legislative award.

While in the legislature, Wayne sponsored a series of welfare reform initiatives, signed into law in 1992, designed to foster family formation and require personal responsibility through education and employment. He was also sponsor of legislation which created the Thomas H. Kean New Jersey State Aquarium in Camden and the transportation trust fund. He is a graduate of Haddon Heights High School and Howard University and received his bachelor of arts degree in political science in 1969. Wayne studied law at Rutgers University in Camden, receiving his juris doctorate in 1972, the year of his admission to the New Jersey bar.

Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger was born March 27, 1960, in Plainfield. Richard is a 1982 graduate of Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. He received his juris doctorate degree from Rutgers Law School in 1986. He was admitted to the bar in 1986 and is a corporate manager with Pfizer, Inc.

Richard served as mayor of Westfield in 1991 and 1992. He also served on the Westfield Town Council from 1984 to 1990 and on the Westfield Planning Board from 1987 to 1992, serving as chairman in 1990. He is serving his third term in the assembly and is the sponsor of more than 50 laws, including measures concerning economic development, energy policy, civil justice reform, education, state budgeting, and local government.

Thomas P. Giblin, of Montclair, NJ, was elected New Jersey State Democratic Chairman in June 1997. His party service also includes serving as chairman of the Essex County Democratic Committee since June 1993, performing as a delegate at the 1996 Democratic National Convention in Chicago, IL, and being an alternate delegate to the 1984 and 1988 conventions. He was also a member of the New Jersey electoral college.

Tom served for 10 years as a member of the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders and served as president during 1987 to 1988. He as elected Essex County surrogate in November 1989 and served until his election as Essex County Democratic chairman. Tom is president of the 5,000 member Local 68-68A-68B of the International

Union of Operating Engineers, AFL-CIO, headquartered in West Caldwell, NJ. As president of Local 68, Tom also serves as chairman of the board of trustees for the union's pensions, welfare, education, and annuity funds. He is the president of the Essex-West Hudson Labor Council, AFL-CIO, and a trustee of the United Labor Agency of Essex and West Hudson.

T. Joseph Semrod is chairman and CEO of Summit Bancorp. He is a respected individual throughout the banking and financial community. He is the recipient of a multitude of civic awards and has led Summit Bank through tumultuous and rapid expansion.

Summit is a New Jersey bank and under Joe's leadership they have definitely prioritized New Jersey. Joe has exemplified the importance of being a good corporate neighbor and is indeed worthy of accolades.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, the families and friends of Wayne, Richard, Tom, and Joe, New Jersey SEED, and the State of New Jersey in recognizing Wayne R. Bryant, Richard H. Bagger, Thomas P. Giblin, and T. Joseph Semrod's many outstanding and invaluable contributions to the community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 1997

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on Thursday, October 9, and unable to cast several votes on the District of Columbia appropriations bill. Had I been here I would have voted "no" on final passage of the bill, "yes" on the Moran substitute, and "no" on the motion to table the motion to reconsider.

LOWER TAXES ON INCOME AND
HELP THE ENVIRONMENT**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 1997

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I will be introducing legislation to gradually lower and even eliminate the payroll tax on wages.

The tax revenue lost by reducing the payroll tax rates will be replaced by an equal and gradually rising tax on energy and pollutants, thus helping the environment and reducing the disruption that may be caused by global warming.

This tax will fall heavily on imported energy and will help gradually reduce our dependence on unstable sources of foreign oil, as America becomes more energy efficient in response to higher energy prices.

By lowering the tax on labor, we will encourage full employment and the movement of people off welfare. By raising the price of energy and nonrenewable resources, we will encourage innovation and new products that will help make America the leader in the types of production needed in the 21st century.

By phasing in these tax shifts gradually over 20 years, the proposal avoids disruption and

gives time for adjustment. Some of the money raised by taxes on energy and pollutants will be returned to the regions of the country that are primary producers or users of energy and nonrenewables, so that those communities will have extra money to transition to new forms of cleaner production or more energy efficient homes and workplaces. Those on fixed retirement income will be kept whole by special attention to ensuring that price increases in energy related items are fully compensated through cost-of-living adjustments.

To repeat, under this proposal, there will be no net increase in taxes. There will be a shift in taxes off of things we value—labor—and onto things we want to discourage—wasteful use of energy and nonrenewable resources. People will see the price of gasoline increase—at the same time they see the tax on their income decline.

This proposal is a 3-fer: it lowers the payroll tax; it discourages pollution and helps the United States in its international negotiations on global warming; it increases our national security by reducing our dependence on the Middle East and other unstable regions.

I hope that my Republican colleagues who support sales taxes and/or value added type taxes will take a look at this proposal. Their proposals would increase the taxes on energy and nonrenewables along with all the other things sold or manufactured in our society. But rather than set up elaborate new sales tax or VAT collection systems on millions of businesses and production centers, with all the potentials for evasion and abuse, this proposal would concentrate tax collection on just a few thousand sources of production, freeing millions of others from paperwork and IRS hassels.

Republican leaders from Texas, who have been proposing various tax reforms, may at first object to concentrating the new system of taxation on energy, because Texas is such a major producer of energy. But I urge them to work with me to return extra amounts of the revenue raised by this proposal to their region to help it transition to a cleaner and higher-paying form of production.

I hope to introduce this bill before the recess, and I invite comments and ideas on how to make it a smooth transition for America.

To repeat: this is a chance to ensure a cleaner environment for future generations, increase America's security, reduce taxes on employment, and encourage the production of a new generation of products.

This is not a tax increase. It is a tax shift from things we don't want to tax onto things we should want to discourage.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 1997

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, during earlier debate on the floor of the House on October 9, 1997, I stated that my oldest son, Kwame Kilpatrick, was an attorney. While he will soon be an attorney, he is a third year law student. I would like to use this opportunity to correct that fact in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, and I thank the House for this opportunity.

ROGER DESROSIER'S AIDS DEMOCRACY AND FREE ELECTIONS IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 1997

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding teacher in Massachusetts' Second Congressional District, Roger Desrosiers.

As a teacher at Millbury Jr./Sr. High School, Mr. Desrosiers challenges young minds in his classroom. This past summer, Mr. Desrosiers challenged teachers in Bosnia and Herzegovina to prepare their students for life in a democratic system. Mr. Desrosiers was part of a team of 20 American educators who traveled to Bosnia and Herzegovina as part of the CIVITAS Program, developed by the center for civic education.

During the intensive 17 day program, Mr. Desrosiers provided teachers in Bosnia and Herzegovina with the tools to prepare their students and communities for competent and responsible citizenship in a democracy. He showed his Bosnian counterparts how to engage their students in elections and the political life of their communities. Mr. Desrosiers' effort and energy with teachers this summer will inaugurate a sense of community, co-operation, tolerance, and support for democracy and human rights in this war torn area.

In this age when American children will grow up to lead on a global level, their education is of paramount importance. Quality teachers and schools ensure they will be prepared. Mr. Desrosiers meets this responsibility thoroughly. For him, teaching does not end at the last bell of the day. Teaching continues after school, on class trips to Washington, and even with other teachers in foreign countries. I am proud to introduce him to this House today, and ask you to join me in recognizing his accomplishment.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO DECLARE A NATIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES MEMORIAL SERVICE

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 1997

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation, along with my colleague from Virginia, Congressman GOODE, declaring that the memorial service held each year in Roanoke, VA to honor emergency medical services personnel be designated as the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Service.

In 1928, an aptly named gentleman from Roanoke, VA, Julian Stanley Wise, founded the first volunteer rescue squad, the Roanoke Life Saving and First Aid Crew. This organization was the forerunner of today's emergency medical services, or EMS, programs. Today, thousands of dedicated citizens give their time and energy to community rescue squads across the country as EMS personnel, and many have made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives for the safety and welfare of their fellow citizens.

To further recognize the contributions of both Julian Wise and countless EMS personnel nationwide, a museum was established in Roanoke to pay tribute to both volunteer and career EMS personnel. This museum, called "To the Rescue," includes a memorial "Tree of Life," which includes a bronze oak leaf that has inscribed on it the names of all those who have been recognized. A National EMS Memorial Book, located beside the "Tree of Life", contains a picture and brief biography of each person recognized.

In 1993, to honor EMS personnel from across the country who have died in the line of duty, the Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads, Inc., and the Julian Stanley Wise Foundation, in conjunction with To The Rescue, organized the first annual National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Service in Roanoke. Since then, the National EMS Memorial Service has captured national attention by honoring 119 providers of emergency medical services from 35 States.

The life of every American will be affected, directly or indirectly, by the uniquely skilled and dedicated efforts of the EMS personnel who work bravely and tirelessly to preserve America's greatest resource—her people. Because the memorial service held in Roanoke is a fitting reminder of that bravery and sacrifice, it is only appropriate that Congress recognize it as the National Emergency Medical Service Memorial Service. Similar legislation is being introduced in the Senate by Senator GREGG of New Hampshire, as well as Senators WARNER and ROBB of Virginia. I join Congressman GOODE in urging that the House act swiftly to pass this important resolution and recognize the important role that EMS personnel play in the life of every American citizen.

RECOMMENDED READING ON THE CHANGING NATO AND THE EFFECT OF GLOBALIZATION ON THE TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONSHIP

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 1997

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, as chairman of the House delegation to the North Atlantic Assembly [NAA], it is my distinct pleasure to call to the attention of the House and the American people the outstanding paper delivered by the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. BLILEY] as chairman of the NAA Economic Committee at the fall meeting of the NAA in Bucharest, Romania, on October 9–13, 1997. Members of the House should find this truly exceptional, incisive, and very timely presentation by our colleague to be of great value and worth their reading time. This is particularly the case because it focuses on two very important subjects: First, the reasons for the continuing importance of the alliance we know as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO] as it expands to incorporate three additional member countries and reexamines its mission, and second, the diverse set of changes affecting our planet which we term globalization and specifically their impact on the transatlantic relationship. The paper by our distinguished colleague, the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. BLILEY] follows: