

School District covers 150 square miles, with an administration office building, 14 schools, nearly 9,000 students, and with a budget for the 1997–1998 school year of over \$58 million. During Mrs. Dumbaugh's term as a school director, the Butler Area School District implemented a \$4.8 million instructional technology plan; introducing foreign language instruction and computer keyboarding in the junior high school curriculum; introduced Latin and Japanese foreign language instruction in the intermediate high school curriculum; and put together an excellent school supervisory and management team. And at a time when school buildings all over the country are struggling with structural problems, leaking roofs, and faulty plumbing, the Butler Area School District during Peg Dumbaugh's tenure has completed five renovation and expansion projects, is now completing a sixth, and has four more scheduled for spring of 1998. This, Mr. Speaker, is good management.

Perhaps Peg Dumbaugh's most significant contribution to the school district as a school director comes through her 4-year chairmanship of the board's Policy and Legislation Committee. As chair of this committee, Peg Dumbaugh guided the district through a complete and very much needed revision of its policy manual, ensuring that school district policies were consistent, well-documented, and uniformly enforceable. But what is not so obvious in a simple recounting of Peg Dumbaugh's accomplishments as a school director is the quiet and thoroughgoing dedication that she has brought to everything she has done. As an elected school board director in a job that pays absolutely nothing, Peg Dumbaugh has spent literally thousands of hours working for the benefit of the Butler Area School District. She has had the kind of quiet dedication that we really are speaking about when we speak of values—to dedicate yourself to the task, to thoroughly do your homework, to quietly and consistently demonstrate the courage of your convictions in situations where others would cave in to the pressure of special interest groups, and to do all of this without asking, but what's in it for me? As a Butler Area School District director, Peg Dumbaugh has personified what we all wish for in the education system—the unwavering determination to provide a quality education to every student.

IN HONOR OF THE CHIAN
FEDERATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 7, 1997

Mr. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of my colleagues, the Chian Federation, a special organization which has done so much to promote the values, culture, and ideals common to the United States and Greece and to strengthen Greek-American relations.

The Chian Federation is a cultural and philanthropic nonprofit organization that represents 25 societies and over 50,000 individuals with origins from the small island of Hios in the Aegean Sea.

This year, the Chian Federation is honoring several individuals who came to the United States through Ellis Island. From 1892 to 1954, 245,000 Greek immigrants passed through the complex of buildings on Ellis Island.

Today, many Hellenes trace their roots back to their brave parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents who came to the United States to find relief from rural poverty. These immigrants, many who were illiterate, gave the United States the future generations of college-educated, professionally successful Hellenic-Americans of today.

On November 23, 1997, the Chian Federation, under the direction of President George Almiroudis and Chairman Alex Doulis, will be honoring seven individuals who came through Ellis Island.

Those honorees include: Andreas Papadopoulos, Christos Dakides, Pantelis John Marangos, Steve P. Mekedis, Michael N. Konotos, Sophia Kalogeras and Nicholas Christopher.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues rise with me in this tribute to the Chian Federation and their honorees. These honorees, together with their families, represent the true blending of the best of the Hellenic and American cultures. I salute the Chian Federation for recognizing their contributions to our country.

TRIBUTE TO DR. WALTER MOSHER

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 7, 1997

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to pay tribute to Dr. Walter Mosher, who has been nominated for the prestigious Fernando Award for outstanding voluntarism.

President Kennedy once said, "For of those to whom much is given, much is required." The Fernando Award was created to honor individuals who have exemplified leadership, voluntarism and dedication and is recognized as the leading award for civic accomplishment in the San Fernando Valley. Each year, the Chambers of Commerce in the San Fernando Valley and other community organizations and leaders nominate candidates they feel demonstrate these characteristics. Dr. Mosher is a worthy candidate for this award.

Throughout his career, Walter has worked to improve the lives of individuals in our community. Understanding the importance of education, he was a student and faculty member at UCLA from 1956–1971. During his tenure as a professor, he served as a director of the urban ecology and transportation group at the Institute of Transportation and Traffic Engineering. Walter also served on the committee that established the School of Architecture and Urban Planning at UCLA.

During this time, Walter also served as a consultant to the Federal Government in its initial activities associated with setting up the National Highway Safety Bureau in the Department of Transportation. In this capacity, he worked directly with the deputy director of the National Highway Safety Bureau. Improved safety for our community has been a priority

for Walter, and he has published numerous writings in the field of highway safety and traffic flow theory.

Walter's expertise also extends to the business community. In 1956, he was a cofounder of Precision Dynamics Corp., which initially manufactured and distributed products in the health care field. He served as president of this company on a part-time basis until 1971, when he took over full time. The company has evolved over the past 40 years, and Dr. Mosher has continued to play an imperative leadership role.

In addition to all of these responsibilities, Dr. Mosher serves on several different boards in our community. He is the director of the Health Industries Manufacturing Association, director of the Valley Family Center, and is the immediate past chair of the Valley Industry Commerce Association, to name a few of his positions.

Dr. Walter Mosher has used his extensive knowledge to serve our community, and he has generously donated his time and expertise to several different organizations. Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, please join me in paying tribute to Dr. Walter Mosher. He is a role model for the citizens of Los Angeles.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION
TO IMPLEMENT REDUCTION IN
PENALTIES FOR SMALL BUSI-
NESSES

HON. CASS BALLENGER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 7, 1997

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation to implement one of President Clinton's promises to small business: a reduction in OSHA penalties for small businesses.

On April 21, 1995, President Clinton issued a directive to Federal agencies, including OSHA, to adopt penalty relief for small businesses. Specifically, the directive instructed agencies to reduce penalties by up to 100 percent if the small business corrected the violation within the specified time, or applied the amount of the penalty against the cost of abatement of the violation.

Since then, OSHA has studied and re-studied how such a directive might be implemented. It has even tried to use the President's directive to reduce penalties as an excuse to increase OSHA penalties on some employers. In the end, however, OSHA has never adopted the President's directive and given small businesses the penalty relief promised.

My legislation follows the President's directive nearly verbatim. Under the bill, penalties would be waived in whole or in part, if the employer corrects the violation within a reasonable time, or to the extent that the employer applies them to the cost of abatement. The waiver of penalties applies where the employer has shown good faith in attempting to comply with health and safety requirements and the violation is not a significant threat to employees' health or safety. I invite my colleagues to support this penalty reduction for small business.

RECOGNIZING ALLISON DICKSON
FOR HER BATTLE AGAINST MUS-
CULAR DYSTROPHY

HON. CHET EDWARDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 7, 1997

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to recognize a brave and bright young lady from my Texas congressional district. Allison Dickson, a Temple High senior, is at the top 3 percent of her class academically and has served as a class officer. Recently, Allison was selected as the 1997 Temple High School Football Sweetheart.

Allison has accomplished this and so much more despite the debilitating effects of muscular dystrophy. The disease has taken her mobility, but she has kept her heart and soul. I want to enter into the RECORD some special thoughts written by this exceptional young lady:

(By Allison Dickson)

He asked me a simple question. I'm sure he has no recollection of this day or of how much it meant to me. I often think back and remind myself of the five words that made me realize something very important about who I am.

Two rows over in my freshmen U.S. history class sat a boy with a quick smile and calm manner. I had only known him for a few weeks, but we often discussed sports and school like friends normally do. One day, with the innocence of a young child, he asked, "Allison, do you play soccer?" Just for a moment I didn't know what to say. I quickly glanced down, smiled at him, and shook my head no. He had given me the greatest compliment I could ever receive. I realized he didn't see me as a person in a wheelchair. To him, I was his friend Allison who could do anything.

I have muscular dystrophy. This disease has taken away my ability to walk but nothing more. Everyone has a weakness, but determination, hard work and a strong faith makes nothing impossible. My achievements, both academically and in leadership roles, have helped me truly believe this.

Of course, I have heard the random rude comments people say. I have felt the effects of prejudice first hand. All of this has made me a stronger and more compassionate person.

I am different from others, but different is not always bad. This boy's trivial question helped me understand that I am not so unlike most people. He had looked past my disability and saw the real me.

Jim Valvano, a former basketball coach and sports announcer, had been diagnosed with cancer. In a speech, he told people cancer could not touch his mind, it could not touch his heart, and it could not touch his soul. He then said that those three things would carry on forever.

Look into my eyes and you will see a mind yearning for knowledge and truth. Look into my heart and you will see a burning passion for life and love for others. Look into my soul and you will see an enduring spirit that touches the lives of others and will carry on forever.

TRIBUTE TO JIM LAMOTTE

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 7, 1997

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Jim LaMotte who is retiring from the Momence Fire Department after 39 years of service including 21 years as fire chief. The Momence Fire District is staffed by volunteers. Mr. LaMotte is the fourth chief to serve Momence since the district was formed in 1949.

During his role as fire chief, Mr. LaMotte achieved many goals. One was to relocate the department to a new facility which was done at a low cost to the taxpayers. Another of Mr. LaMotte's priorities was to maintain and upgrade the equipment such as the breathing apparatus which was recently purchased.

Mr. LaMotte and his wife of 35 years live in Momence, IL. They have three daughters and six grandchildren with one more grandchild on the way. He is the cofounder and vice president of Custom Farm Seed. Mr. LaMotte is also chairman of the board for Good Shepherd Manor, chairman of the 9-1-1 emergency telephone system board, and a member of the Kankakee county board.

Mr. LaMotte is a credit to his community. I am sure his knowledge, professionalism, and skill will be missed by the Momence Fire Department. I urge this body to identify and recognize other citizens in their communities whose actions have clearly made a difference to their community's well being and safety.

BUCHEIT INTERNATIONAL
LIMITED

HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 7, 1997

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, Bucheit International Ltd., a family-owned company in my 17th Congressional District of Ohio, has experienced difficulties in its business dealings with Burgan Bank, S.A.K. of Kuwait.

Bucheit is a shareholder of the Gulf Global Petroleum Establishment, which has maintained a \$3 million fixed deposit account with Burgan Bank since August 17, 1980. Over the following decade, the \$3 million account was used as a guarantee on Gulf Global's oil trade agreements.

Prior to Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait in 1990, Gulf Global continued to maintain this fixed deposit account, plus accrued interest, in order to continue its oil trading business. During the Iraqi occupation of Kuwait in 1990 and the gulf war in 1991, Gulf Global's account at Burgan Bank was frozen.

Following the gulf war, Burgan Bank was taken over by the Kuwaiti Government. When Gulf Global tried to resume its operations following the war, Burgan Bank first denied that Gulf Global's account ever existed, even though company has bank receipts to prove it. Then Burgan officials said that they had found Gulf Global's account, but there was no money in it.

It should also be noted that all legal and statutory rights of the company have been

held by Mr. Said Al Sabawi, a Canadian citizen. Mr. Sabawi can certify that the account did indeed exist in 1990 and that he has never authorized the removal of the funds from the account, as Burgan Bank must have his signature for any withdrawal from the account.

Burgan Bank's official story is that the \$3 million on deposit was withdrawn in 1980. Who's kidding whom? If the money was withdrawn in 1980, how did Burgan guarantee, in writing, Gulf Global's oil purchases? If the money was withdrawn in 1980, how could Burgan issue bank statements showing the \$3 million was in the account?

The fact is, the \$3 million didn't vanish into thin air. I guarantee it's lining the pockets of the Kuwaiti royal family, who seized control of Burgan Bank in 1991. It's time the United States State Department gets tough with Kuwait, and demands the prompt return of Gulf Global's \$3 million, in full.

COLLINS AND AIKMAN
FLOORCOVERINGS: A COMPANY
MAKING STRIDES IN ENVIRON-
MENT, EDUCATION

HON. NATHAN DEAL

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 7, 1997

Mr. DEAL of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, as a member of both the Commerce Subcommittee on Health and Environment well as the House Education and the Workforce Committee, I am particularly interested in programs and achievements in education and the environment. Preserving our environment and educating our work force are challenges our Government cannot meet alone. It is important for those of us concerned about these issues to develop partnerships to help meet our responsibilities to society. This past summer, I had the opportunity to tour Collins and Aikman Floorcoverings in my ninth district of Georgia. Located in Dalton, the company manufactures commercial carpets and tiles.

Collins and Aikman is an example of a company that has discovered solutions to preserve the environment by being the first to recycle carpeting. Using 100 percent of the used carpet that it reclaims, Collins and Aikman produces the only high-performance carpet that contains a significant amount of recycled content. The product has the same performance characteristics and warranties as new carpet and sells for the same price. Further, the recycled content carpet is itself 100 percent recyclable, creating the opportunity for an infinite cycle of use.

These achievements signify that manufacturers can produce successful recycled products without compromising design, quality, or price as well as preserve the environment. Companies that go beyond compliance to achieve new benchmarks in resource and energy conservation should be commended. This holistic approach to environmental responsibility and accountability protect our resources for future generations.

This technological breakthrough involved the ingenuity and dedication of all Collins and Aikman employees. Through trial and error testing and development, this product became a reality. Special training and education programs are the key. The innovative Collins and