

A SALUTE TO EDWARD J. PARISH:
RETIRING PRESIDENT OF THE
CLERMONT COUNTY CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 1997

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a friend and a prominent southwest Ohioan, Edward J. Parish, who has served as president of the Clermont County Chamber of Commerce for the past 18 years. As he retires this year, we thank him for the extraordinary leadership and service he has given to the Clermont County community.

After earning both a bachelor's and a master's degree in engineering at the University of Michigan, where he was a member of Tau Beta Pi and a Donovan Scholar, Mr. Parish joined the Ingersoll-Rand Co. as a sales engineer; 35 years later, he retired from Ingersoll-Rand as executive vice president and director of the company. Then his second career of community service to Clermont County began.

Under his leadership, Clermont County has achieved remarkable success in attracting and sustaining businesses and promoting economic development.

Mr. Parish has also made tremendous contributions to the overall economic development of southwest Ohio through his involvement in other organizations, including the Cincinnati Consortium of Educational Resources, the Private Industry Council, the Community Chest United Fund, the Clermont/Warren Consortium, the Cincinnati Foundation, the Clermont College Advisory Board and the Greater Cincinnati Chamber Blue Chip Economic Development Committee.

Mr. Parish has given generously of his time and talent and we are grateful for his many years of service and leadership. All of us in southwest Ohio congratulate him on his retirement and recognize him for his many accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. WALTER H. CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 1997

Mr. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday when returning from my district, I was unavoidably detained and missed two votes: Rollcall vote No. 92, a bill to extend expiring Conservation Reserve Program contracts for 1 year (H.R. 1342), and rollcall vote No. 93, a bill to authorize the transfer to States of surplus personal property for donation to nonprofits (H.R. 680).

Had I been here I would have voted "aye" on both measures.

RECOGNITION OF WASHINGTON
EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 1997

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the excellence of a small private school

in my district, Washington Episcopal. As a former English professor and mother of a talented actor I have a great love of the theater. I am a strong supporter of the arts and know how important it is to expose young people to the performing arts as early as possible. Washington Episcopal School has done much to fulfill this vital role by introducing many young people to the arts in my district.

For these efforts Washington Episcopal School was recently awarded the National Blue Ribbon Award for Excellence in Education. Washington Episcopal is an elementary and middle school with classes for children ages 3–13 years old. The school upholds the academic goals I cherish. In particular, they have a strong performing arts curriculum, putting on school plays, musicals and other productions beginning in nursery school and continuing through the eighth grade. In addition, Washington Episcopal offers a drama summer camp program that concludes each summer session with the performance of a musical.

The school is building a new performing arts center that will enable them to further strengthen their performing arts curriculum. Please join with me in acknowledging and praising learning environments that encourage children to explore the world of drama and playwrights. I want to commend Washington Episcopal School for their outstanding accomplishments and leadership in the performing arts arena and wish them the best of luck in the future.

HONORING THE ROYER FAMILY ON
THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THEIR CAFE IN ROUND TOP

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 1997

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Royer family on the 10th anniversary of the establishment of Royers' Round Top Cafe in Round Top, TX, which will be celebrated on May 3, 1997.

On this anniversary, we recognize the commitment, perseverance, imagination, and success of the Royer family—Bud, Karen, Tara, Micah, Todd, and J.B. Their cafe has become a regional landmark and a source of good food and good cheer for locals and travelers in Texas.

Ten years ago, the Royer family took over a small cafe in Round Top, population 81. They faced many challenges, including difficult economic times in Texas in the late 1980's, a market that is isolated and small, and a business that is known for its challenges and difficulty getting established. As a result of incredible perseverance, a total family commitment, and salesmanship without equal, Royers' Cafe and Bud, the head of the family, have become regional celebrities.

I congratulate the Royer family and wish them continued success. They epitomize the American dream and are an inspiration to all of us.

A TRIBUTE TO DAVID MANIACI

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 1997

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention, David Maniaci of Allendale, NJ, who is being honored by the Italian-American Police Officer's Association of New Jersey.

David was born on May 24, 1963, at Saint Joseph's Hospital in Paterson to Anna and the late Nicholas Maniaci and was raised in North Haledon. He is a graduate of Neumann Preparatory High School and Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia. David majored in food marketing and earned a bachelor of science degree in 1985.

While a young high school student working part time at the local Foodtown, David met his wife, Nancy, who was also a student and part-time worker. They have been married for more than 8 years and have two children: Alexa, age 7 and Nicholas, age 5.

David is president and CEO of Nicholas Markets, Inc., a family-owned business that was started in North Haledon by his father, Nicholas, in 1943. Nicholas Markets owns and operates 10 Super Foodtowns and 2 Grand Opening Liquor Stores in Passaic, Essex, Sussex, Middlesex, and Union Counties.

David is a member of the Foodtown Board of Directors, and the New Jersey Food Council Board of Directors. He also is a member of the Passaic County Police Chief Association and the Passaic County 200 Club.

David also serves many civic organizations as well, including the Boy Scouts of America, where he is a member of the board of directors, the Fidelians of America, and the Hawthorne Lions Club, where he serves as treasurer. He also helped establish the Nicholas Maniaci Scholarship Fund for St. Paul's Roman Catholic School in Prospect Park and has worked on various projects which assist handicapped members of the community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, David's family and friends, the Italian-American Police Officer's Association, and the citizens of North Jersey in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable service to the community of David Maniaci.

TRIBUTE TO MAGNOLIA VIRGINIA
WRIGHT BYNUM

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 1997

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I am immensely pleased to acknowledge the retirement of Virginia Bynum and to introduce her to my House colleagues. Like me, Ms. Bynum graduated from North Carolina A&T State University and received her M.S. in Education from New York University.

Ms. Bynum's career was a reflection of her commitment to her community and to providing educational opportunities to those who desired it. Her first job was with the Macedonia High School in Blackville, SC, where she taught courses in business education. For more than 30 years, Ms. Bynum has taught

business education for the Jersey City, NJ school system and has been the Dean of Students for 21 years.

Building upon her career successes, Ms. Bynum is a member of numerous professional organizations and the recipient of a wide array of community service awards. Always yearning to assist others, Ms. Bynum has served as a special assistant for the 10th Congressional District and is New York liaison for North Carolina A&T. This month, she will retire as cochairperson of the Cornerstone Day Care Center. I am honored to recognize her numerous and noteworthy achievements.

TRIBUTE TO GILBERT GRAY

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 1997

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Gilbert Gray. The death of Mr. Gray on April 9, 1997, was a sad day for all of us who knew him. He will be greatly missed, both as a dedicated civil rights activist and, as a generous and caring individual.

Born to a Texas farming family, he moved to California with his wife, Alice, in 1945. When the shipyard where he was employed was closed, he worked as a janitor at night, and attended barber school and played semi-pro baseball during the day. For the next 27 years, he worked as a military barber at Bay Area bases.

When the Grays moved to Santa Rosa, CA in 1952 to raise their nine children, it was a segregated town. Mr. Gray devoted tremendous time and energy to making the community, and the country, a better place for all Americans by fighting for equal rights. After attending his first NAACP convention, where he met Martin Luther King, Jr., he cofounded the Sonoma County NAACP chapter. He coordinated numerous events to protest injustices occurring to African-Americans across the Nation. When a local saloon refused to serve African-Americans, he organized a successful sit-in to protest.

Gilbert Gray continually extended himself for the good of the community. He was instrumental in establishing the Community Baptist Church in Santa Rosa. He also was a member of the Marin City Council and very active in the northern California Democratic Party. Along with his wife, Alice, he established the Gilbert and Alice Gray Foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides funds for students who excel academically or at a vocational skill. Despite the many awards and honors he received, his proudest moments were spent telling stories about his children earning college degrees.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I acknowledge the loss of Gilbert Gray. He was a tremendous asset to his community. The commitment Mr. Gray exhibited toward civil rights was admired by all who knew him. I extend my deepest sympathies to his wife, Alice, and their family. I, personally, will miss this wonderful man.

PERMANENT CROP LOSS EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1997

HON. GARY A. CONDIT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 1997

Mr. CONDIT. Mr. Speaker, one of the greatest impacts to the California agricultural community was the loss to permanent crops as the result of damage from this winter's flooding. Approximately, 5,600 acres of orchards and vineyards in Stanislaus, Sacramento, Sutter, and Yuba Counties of California were completely destroyed or severely damaged. In these areas, in addition to suffering losses in this crop year, farmers will be faced with the high cost of replanting orchards and vineyards, and will have to wait years before a crop can be harvested.

In order to address this problem, I am introducing legislation today titled, "The Permanent Crop Loss Emergency Assistance Act of 1997," which would authorize USDA's Farm Service's Agency to provide assistance to affected farmers. This program will provide assistance to farmers whose orchards and vineyards have suffered mortality as a result of the 1997 floods, including removing and disposing trees, preparing the land for replanting, the cost of planting stock, and actual planting of the orchard or vineyard. The program is similar to the Tree Replacement Program contained in the 1990 farm bill. This bill contains an appropriation of \$9 million, based upon estimates by the California department of food and agriculture.

The purpose of introducing this legislation is to provide support for the inclusion of this program in the emergency supplemental appropriations bill which will provide the requisite authority and funding for this program.

INCREASING SAVINGS FOR WOMEN

HON. BILL MCCOLLUM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 1997

Mr. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I take great pride in introducing the Women's Investment and Savings Equity Act of 1997, the Wise bill. Joining me in this effort is my colleague from Washington, Ms. JENNIFER DUNN.

The old proverb "a penny saved is a penny earned" has more truth today than people realize. Savings is not only a critical part of Americans' retirement security, but our long-term economic growth depends largely on what we save today. After all, the economy cannot grow unless there's an adequate supply of capital to invest. Money saved for retirement, whether it is through savings accounts, IRA's or employer-sponsored pensions, is a primary source of private investment capital.

Unfortunately, today's punitive, complex Tax Code encourages consumption while savings and investment are generally discouraged. Low savings rates means reduced growth potential. It also means a lower quality of life when the retirement years arrive.

In an effort to stimulate savings, the Wise bill would make some much needed changes to our Tax Code as it pertains to savings for parents, especially women. Right now, many

middle-class homemakers have difficulty establishing a tax-preferred individual retirement account [IRA] if their spouse has access to an employer-sponsored pension. Furthermore, parents who take unpaid maternity or paternity leave have no way of making up pension contributions once they return to the work force. Finally, many parents realize that it may not be possible for both parents to work while raising a child. Even if both do, there may not be enough money to make pension contributions.

The lack of savings opportunities I have just described would be removed if we enacted the Wise bill. First, the bill would allow any non-working spouse to establish a tax-preferred IRA, regardless of whether the working spouse has access to an employer-sponsored pension. This would allow many middle-class people, especially women, to establish secure retirement savings accounts.

Second, the Wise bill would allow those coming off of unpaid maternity or paternity leave to make up contributions to their employer-sponsored pension, for example, 401(k), that they would have been able to make had they not been on leave. The legislation would allow the person 3 years to make up the missed contributions.

Third, the Wise bill would allow parents who do not make contributions to their pension while raising a child, regardless of whether the parent has left the work force or if they simply cannot make a contribution due to other expenses, to make up those contributions at a later date. After all, piano lessons will sometimes come before retirement savings. For example, if a parent does not make contributions for 13 years while raising a child, he or she will have 13 years to make up the contributions. The make-up contributions will be equal to the lesser of what the parent could have otherwise contributed, of 120 percent of the contribution limit minus what is being contributed that year. For example, a \$50,000 earner with a 401(k) allowing for a 5-percent deferral, \$2,500, as defined by the employer could contribute his or her normal \$2,500 plus another \$2,500 if it is a make-up year. The added \$2,500 is the lesser of the plan limit, \$2,500, or 120 percent of the legal limit, \$11,400, minus \$2,500, the contribution already being made. The legal limit of a 401(k) is \$9,500.

These reforms are needed to remove the inequities that parents, especially women, face when it comes to savings for retirement. This would clearly spur additional personal savings. More savings equals an increase in retirement income, a reduction in dependence on entitlements and much needed economic growth. For all these reasons, it is imperative that we make retirement savings more attractive and easier for parents who face unique financial strains. The Wise bill does just that. I urge my colleagues to support this needed reform.

THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROVIDES SECURITY ACT OF 1997

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 1997

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my strong support for legislation introduced today by Representative DINGELL, myself, Representative ROUKEMA and others. Our