

Miller, along with Wisconsin cheeses and sausage, so Wisconsin troops could throw a party for Illinois soldiers. Peter Ponti of Madison wrote to his Aunt Agnes from a USO show that "Raquel Welch is just as beautiful in person as she is in the movies."

And Larry Bueter of Antigo and Sheboygan who served as a draftsman near Da Nang wrote to his family to describe a Christmas celebration thousands of miles away from home:

We then observed a 5 minute silent prayer to usher in Christmas Day after which we all took communion then returned to our seats and sang "Silent Night," to finish the service. It was really an experience, and one I won't ever forget.

I want to acknowledge the outstanding work of the Wisconsin State Historical Society for realizing this tremendous project to its greatest potential. My good friend and former Wisconsin State Senate colleague Bob Jauch of Poplar, WI, who served in Vietnam, was instrumental in recognizing the need to publish this book, and secured the necessary funding through the State to make "Voices from Vietnam" a reality. I would also like to acknowledge Michael Stevens who did a remarkable job of editing the book. I especially want to thank John Koeppen, a Milwaukee native now residing in Racine whose story appears in "Voices from Vietnam," for presenting me with a personal copy of this outstanding work. I urge all of my colleagues to contact me to learn more about "Voices from Vietnam."

Of Wisconsin's heroic patriots, 1,239 never returned to the Dairy State and it is in their memory that "Voices from Vietnam" is dedicated. Indeed, the book is a fitting tribute to their deeds, their actions, and their unfailing courage.

#### A TRIBUTE TO DONALD VINCENT

### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 30, 1997*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, Donald Vincent is a native American Indian. He is a member of the Pima Tribe located in the Phoenix, AZ, area.

He was born on July 25, 1931, in Phoenix, AZ. He attended the local schools and graduated from high school in 1949.

He entered the U.S. Army in 1950 and was stationed in Korea. After being awarded the Korean Presidential Medal, he was discharged January 13, 1953.

Don and his lively wife Bernice have been married for 43 years. They moved their family to the Cleveland, OH, area in 1960. They are the proud parents of five children, three sons and two daughters. They also have three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Don joined the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Fred A. Bloetscher Post No. 868, located at 2054 Fulton Road, Cleveland, OH, in 1969 where he is an active member. He served his post as commander from 1990 until 1992 and again from 1994 until 1996. Don also served as membership chairman in district and inspector in Cuyahoga County Council.

Don started through the chairs in Cuyahoga County Council in 1995 as junior vice-commander and advanced through the chairs to

become Cuyahoga County commander for the 1996-1997 term.

Don retired January 31, 1997 after being employed at Loc-Tite Corporation in Warrensville Heights for 27 years. He currently resides in Cleveland, OH.

#### SALUTE TO MS. MARGARET McGLOWN

### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 30, 1997*

Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of my constituents, Ms. Margaret McGlown. Ms. McGlown has contributed greatly to insuring her community's place in the future.

Ms. McGlown, along with 32 of her sorority sisters from Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., have adopted 35 students from J.W. Stampley Elementary School in Clarksdale, MS. She has implemented an intensive mentoring program called HOPE [Helping Other People Emerge]. Under this program, Ms. McGlown has been able to provide a better world for these less fortunate students who otherwise would not have this opportunity. She is an outstanding individual who is helping to shape the minds of our youth so that they may be prepared for the future.

Today, Ms. McGlown will be honored for her accomplishments by USA Weekend, the third largest magazine in the country. Her project is one of only 11 chosen from 1,042,467 entrants nationwide on USA Weekend's Make A Difference Day.

Ms. McGlown has thoroughly demonstrated her commitment to strengthening the minds of our youth. Her enthusiasm and service are special qualities that make her an individual from whom we can all learn a valuable lesson. Mr. Speaker, I urge you to join me in congratulating Ms. Margaret McGlown and the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority for their outstanding service to the Clarksdale, MS community.

#### MCINTOSH FAMILY BECOMES AMERICAN CITIZENS

### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 30, 1997*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak on a matter of great personal importance—yesterday was a very bittersweet day in the lives of some of my constituents. Sadly, Mr. Speaker, 3 years ago a bright, young man who had interned in my office died a tragic and most untimely death. Robert McIntosh, a rising sophomore at the University of Florida, was on a camping trip with friends in the summer of 1994 when he was swept over a waterfall near Seattle. Robert was one of the most thoughtful and hardworking young men I have ever had the pleasure of working with. He, like his parents and siblings, was born in Jamaica and came to the United States to pursue the American dream.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to report that yesterday Tomas and Marilyn McIntosh—Robert's father and mother—became American citi-

zens. Robert's brother and sister, Thomas and Natalie, also became citizens yesterday. The McIntoshes' wish was to have their children become Americans and live out the American dream. Tragically, there was one member of the McIntosh family who will never get that opportunity. Robert has been missed and thought about by me and all of those of us who cared for him since the day of his death. I come to the House floor today because yesterday should have been one of the happiest days in the lives of the McIntoshes. Yet, it was bittersweet and that is unfortunate.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate four of the newest citizens of our country and also to let them know that their son's spirit continues to inspire all of us who knew him.

#### THE CHILD HEALTH INSURANCE PROVIDES SECURITY ACT

### HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 30, 1997*

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, children are the future of our Nation. It is important that we give them a healthy start to their lives. Unfortunately, many children are not given the opportunity to grow up healthy because they cannot get access to a doctor because their parents cannot afford insurance.

The bill that I am introducing in the House today on behalf of my 14 cosponsors—the Child Health Insurance Provides Security [CHIPS] Act—provides a strong inducement for States to provide health coverage for more children. Medicaid already covers one-third of our Nation's children. It therefore makes great sense to build on this existing program that has been so successful in providing access to health care services for children for 30 years.

This legislation gives States the option to expand coverage for children in families with incomes up to 150 percent of the Federal poverty level—or \$24,000 per year for a family of four—and provides incentives for them to do so by increasing their Federal Medicaid assistance percentage by 30 percent. For the working poor this means that the variations in eligibility within existing families will be leveled out. This will reduce the number of families who have children of different ages, some eligible for Medicaid and some not. Children also can be made eligible for 1 full year at a time, thus protecting them from losing their health care coverage because of changes in family income.

Outreach is another important aspect of children's health care coverage. An estimated 3 million children today are eligible to receive services through the Medicaid Program but are not enrolled. In order to encourage States to step up their efforts to identify and enroll children in health insurance programs, we have included \$25 million per year in grant money to improve and increase outreach efforts by the States.

This bill is not a mandate. States are not required to take advantage of any of these options. We are providing a number of vehicles that States can use to help improve access to health insurance for their children. The CHIPS Act also does not penalize States that already cover children up to 150 percent FPL. States which have moved beyond the 150 percent

FPL are eligible for the 30 percent enhanced match if they implement the 12 month continuous eligibility provision.

Also, the Child Health Insurance Provides Security Act does not preclude other approaches to expanding health insurance coverage for children. This bill complements approaches like the Hatch-Kennedy or the Daschle bills. CHIPS sets a floor below which no child should fall, and other approaches could fit nicely on top of CHIPS.

I invite my colleagues in the House to join me and the other cosponsors in this bipartisan effort to provide health insurance security for our Nation's most vulnerable population: Children. A strong bi-partisan group of Senators supports CHIPS. I hope that my colleagues on both sides of the aisle in the House will come together behind this sensible proposal that will expand access for children to health insurance.

#### THE PRESENTATION OF THE NAVY CROSS TO ROBERT JONES

#### HON. ROBERT C. SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 30, 1997*

Mr. SCOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to help celebrate today's presentation of the Navy Cross to Mr. Robert Jones. Earlier today, the Secretary of the Navy presented this medal, the highest honor the Navy bestows, to Mr. Jones for the heroism he demonstrated while under fire during combat in the Pacific in October 1944.

Yes, Mr. Speaker, the heroism of Petty Officer Jones remained unrecognized by his Nation for over 50 years, simply because of the color of his skin. But in a moving ceremony in the Capitol this afternoon, the record was at long last set straight. Secretary Dalton spoke of Mr. Jones' "uncommon valor and selfless sacrifice." He added that Robert Jones "stood firm, took a stand, and stared death in the face. He is truly a Navy hero." I could not agree more.

On that fateful day in 1944, a Japanese dive bomber attacked the U.S.S. *Intrepid*. Petty Officer Jones manned one of the ship's guns and began firing on the incoming plane. Even when it became obvious that the bomber was headed straight for a crash into his gun position, Jones remained at his post, firing his weapon until the plane actually hit. Although Mr. Jones was severely burned, many other sailors aboard his ship can probably be thankful that their lives were spared entirely, thanks only to this one sailor's heroism.

Heroism is rarely something that we plan in advance, and many of us probably wonder if we even have the right stuff necessary to become a hero in the first place. Robert Jones indeed had the stuff that heroes are made of. And while some may be saddened that it has us so long to recognize formally his acts of courage, we can nevertheless take complete pride today in seeing the record set straight, and in seeing a patriot and native son of the Commonwealth of Virginia receive the admiration and thanks of a grateful Nation. Today we salute Robert Jones and share in his pride.

#### TRIBUTE TO DAVID BROWN

#### HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 30, 1997*

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor David Brown who was recently named "Citizen of the Year" by the Las Virgenes Homeowners Association. Mr. Brown has been an outspoken advocate in our community for 25 years, and recognition of his good work is long overdue.

Mr. Brown has used his multitude of talents to work in areas as diverse as teaching, writing, publishing, and as a planning commissioner and citizen activist. Fortunately, he has seen fit to use his talents for the greater good of our local community. Dave brings to his work a rare blend of expertise and a tireless spirit of voluntarism. Although he has given freely of his time and resources to many worthy causes, his top priority has always been protection of the Santa Monica Mountains.

His dedication to protect the Santa Monica Mountains is unparalleled. He has played various roles in his effort to protect the mountains, by serving on the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Planning Commission Advisory Committee, the Sierra Club's Santa Monica Mountains Task Force and the Santa Monica Mountains Trails Council Board. Dave has done extensive work on monthly newsletters which served to defend the mountains from over development.

Mr. Brown has indeed been a lifelong steward of the Santa Monica Mountains, ensuring that this natural sanctuary will be available for generations to come.

#### MEMPHIS TEACHER MAKES NA- TIONAL HONOR ROLL OF SCIENCE TEACHERS

#### HON. HAROLD E. FORD, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 30, 1997*

Mr. FORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Carl Leon Lamon, a teacher at Douglas Elementary School in Memphis, TN. Mr. Lamon has been named to the 1997 Honor Roll of Teachers by the Association of Science-Technology Centers [ASTC]. ASTC is a nonprofit organization with over 400 science museums in 40 countries.

This is a prestigious award that is given to only 51 teachers picked from teachers in the United States and 10 other countries. Winning teachers have demonstrated an exceptional degree of creativity and dedication. They go above and beyond the call of duty to inspire, motivate, and stimulate their students to achieve in science and technology.

Mr. Speaker, there is a tremendous need to educate more of our young people in science and math. The United States has held a position of world leadership in scientific research and development since World War II. It has made us the economic, political, and military leader of the 20th century. But if we expect to maintain this leadership role, we must continue our commitment to science and math.

According to the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statis-

tics, high school graduates in 1992 were more likely to take science courses at the level of biology or higher than their counterparts in 1982. Part of the reason for this improvement is the dedication of teachers such as Mr. Lamon. He is making science an interesting, fun and fulfilling learning experience for hundreds of elementary school students in Memphis. Many of these students will take advanced science and math courses in high school and will be prepared for a successful post-secondary academic experience. Again, I salute Carl Leon Lamon and ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring this impressive achievement.

#### THE GIFT OF LIFE CONGRES- SIONAL MEDAL ACT OF 1997

#### HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 30, 1997*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, today our colleagues Mr. SERRANO, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. FRANK, Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. EHRLICH, Ms. CLAYTON, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. MOAKLEY, Mr. FROST, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. SPENCE, and I take great pride in reintroducing the Gift of Life Congressional Medal Act of 1997. The enactment of this legislation, which doesn't cost taxpayers a penny, will not only honor the individual organ donor and their loved ones, but will also heighten the awareness of the organ shortage, ultimately resulting in more organ donation.

There is a major undersupply of available and suitable organ donors.

Currently, there are 50,000 individuals waiting for an organ transplant in the United States. The number of people on the list has more than doubled since 1990 and a new name is added to the national patient waiting list approximately every 18 minutes. Despite the numerous problems that organ donation programs have faced and conquered over the years, a major problem still exists.

The demand for organs will continue to grow with the improvement of medical technologies. Without expanded efforts to increase the supply of organ donation, the supply of suitable organs will continue to lag behind the need.

For the many would-be organ recipients, the consequence of shortage is death. It is clear that expanded efforts are necessary in order to increase the number of organ donors.

According to some researchers, it may be possible to increase by 80 percent the number of organ donations in the United States through incentive programs and public education. A congressional medal recognizing donors and their families can play a very important and effective role in our efforts to encourage such donation.

Our proposed Gift of Life Medal Program will be administered by the regional organ procurement organizations [OPO's] and managed by the entity administering the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network. Once the decision to donate an organ has been made, the donor or the family member of the donor