

but also from Great Britain, Europe, Asia, Australia, and Africa. Today, on his birthday, I too wish to pay my respects to him, thank him for his superlative work and continuing friendship, and trust that he has some sense of all that he has done to bring the religious and cultures of the world together in a manner that is harmonious, constructive, and congruent with a hopeful human future. On this special day, I too wish to sing happy birthday to my esteemed and dear friend.

TRIBUTE TO THE DAUGHTERS OF
ISABELLA 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 6, 1997

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor the Daughters of Isabella who will celebrate their 100th anniversary this month. This group of extraordinary women have dedicated their time, talent, and devotion to God to improve the welfare of people around the world.

In 1897, in New Haven, CT, the Daughters of Isabella were founded upon the principles of unity, friendship, and charity. Like their patroness, Queen Isabella of Spain, the Daughters of Isabella have been known for their philanthropic contributions and their devotion to God and the Catholic Church. Over the years, their membership has grown to 38,000 members in 22 States and 42,400 members in the provinces of Canada.

Together as sisters, the women have combined resources and energy to bring aid and sympathy to those who need it. Over the years the Daughters of Isabella have participated in social, charitable, spiritual, and international programs. Their vision has included support for programs such as St. Elizabeth's Home for unwed mothers, support for refugees in the Holy Land, Make a Wish Foundation, Babies with AIDS, and Hospice of Michigan.

For 100 years, the Daughters of Isabella have been an indispensable member of the Catholic Church and their communities. Their efforts have touched the lives of many individuals and families around the world. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Daughters of Isabella on their historic anniversary and the celebration of their future.

CONGRESSMAN DALE E. KILDEE
HONORS PONTIAC CENTRAL/DELPHI
FIRST TEAM

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 6, 1997

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the continued collaboration of some remarkable students with dedicated members of the private sector. This collaboration has resulted in national recognition and a renewed commitment to high academic success.

One year ago, I had the privilege of standing before you on behalf of a group of students from Central High School, located in Pontiac, MI, and the staff of Delphi Interior

and Lighting of Troy, MI. These people created a team to compete in the Fifth Annual FIRST [For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology] national competition. Their efforts resulted in the award for best new team. This year, they returned to competition and were honored with the competition's highest award, the Chairman's Award for overall excellence. Rewarding their efforts, President Clinton has invited them to the White House to demonstrate their winning entry.

Under the supervision of Central faculty members Birta Allen, Michael Martus, Michael McIntyre, Robert Rich, and Arthur Williams, the student team includes: Glynn Gooch, Travis Hilliard, Myder Ly, Tanea Andrews, Kristy Bell, Brandon Breault, Steven Carpenter, Alfredo Cobos, Armand Collins, Katie Curran-Morris, Modesto De La O, Tabitha Durham, Balam Embarcadero, David Goldsmith, Jessica Golem, Benjamin Graham, Regina Griffin, Janine Harper, Alicia Harris, Danielle Harvey, Hmong Her, Betty Kelley, Chong Lee, Moua Lee, Misty Lewis, Ronnitrea Pilgrim, Bianca Potter, David Potter, Angela Soldan, Paul Taylor, Natalie Walker, Houa Yang, Lisa Yang, Mary Yang, and Pa Yang.

Members of the Delphi engineering team include: Dr. Joseph Johnson, Hassan Anahid, Mike Aubry, Craig Blanchard, Robert Brooks, Michael Ciavaglia, Norm Cooper, Fred Conlon, Joe Cranston, Ken Katterheinrich, Saundra Marion, Mark Nicholas, Randy Poole, William Priest, Lloyd Rogers, Charles Salmonowicz, David Sedlak, Ken Siegfried, Ronald White, Ronald Wilde, Kimberley Will, and Joe Ottenbaker.

Mr. Speaker, at a time when the future of our young adults is a constant concern, I am happy to honor these exemplary individuals. This team is a perfect example of what can be accomplished through a strong partnership between our students and the community, and only by encouragement and reinforcement will they truly succeed.

A TRIBUTE TO ANTHONY H. EVANS

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 6, 1997

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention the fine work and outstanding public service of Dr. Anthony H. Evans of San Bernardino, CA. Dr. Evans is retiring after a long and distinguished career including the last 15 years spent as the president of California State University, San Bernardino.

Dr. Evans became the second president of Cal State University, San Bernardino, in 1982. As president and professor of history, he has led one of California's newest public 4-year institutions located in one of California's fastest growing areas. With an undergraduate and graduate enrollment totaling 12,500 students, the university is comprised of five schools including business; education; social and behavioral sciences; humanities; and natural sciences.

Cal State, San Bernardino, has thrived under Dr. Evans' leadership. The university's physical space more than doubled between 1986 and 1995 with a \$100 million building

program. The campus population has more than doubled since 1982 with over 12,000 students, 435 faculty, and 627 staff now calling the university home. The academic program has expanded from 47 bachelor's and master's degrees and 14 teaching credentials to 62 total degrees and 18 teaching credentials in 15 years.

Prior to coming to Cal State, Dr. Evans was the provost and vice president for academic affairs at Eastern Michigan University. In addition to serving as the chief academic officer and teaching in the department of history, he also served for 1 year as acting president and executive vice president of the university.

Dr. Evans' diverse background also includes a stint at the Department of State where he was a specialist in Far East affairs. He worked for 2 years in Thailand in the economic development program and for 2 years in South Korea as the Director of Programs for the Peace Corps. He also worked for 3 years in Washington, DC, as the Director of Planning for the Peace Corps, coordinating operations and programs in 69 developing countries. Dr. Evans, who holds a Ph.D. in U.S. history from the University of California at Berkeley, has also been active in numerous professional and civic organizations at the local, State, and Federal level.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Evans has made, and continues to make, a tremendous difference in the lives of countless people throughout southern California. I ask that you join me and our colleagues in recognizing the remarkable achievements of this gifted gentleman and wishing Dr. Evans and wife, Lois, many more years of health and happiness.

HONORING THE WHITLEY COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION'S ANTI-
DRUG CAMPAIGN

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 6, 1997

Mr. ROGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Whitley County Board of Education and the students of Whitley County, KY, on their remarkable campaign to fight illegal drugs.

Last week, I met with school officials and students from Whitley County. They briefed me on their aggressive campaign to discourage drug use and protect their children from drug dealers. I was very impressed with their grassroots effort to bring this issue to the forefront in their county.

The citizens of Whitley County are clearly behind this campaign—and I have the evidence to prove it. I recently received a petition with over 17,000 signatures from concerned citizens in Whitley County who want to protect our families from illegal drugs. This effort is a clear sign that the people of Whitley County are charting the course for a brighter future.

This petition was sent to local, State, and national officials to emphasize their concern on this issue. Their petition states:

We hereby declare that the cultivation, manufacturing, and trafficking of illegal substances in our community is having an extremely negative impact on our youth. We request that you expand the education efforts relative to prevention of substance

abuse and to include teaching criminals, through their arrest, conviction and imprisonment, that we do not want drugs sold to our children.

I am very proud of the people of Whitley County and their effort to protect our children from the destructive forces of illegal drugs. I would also like to thank the superintendent of schools, Lonnie Anderson, for his dedication to this campaign. Furthermore, I would like to thank the drug-free schools coordinator, Cathy Stout, for her hard work on this issue.

Mr. Speaker, America's future is seriously jeopardized by illegal drug use. Winning this battle is essential to make our Nation a better place. The citizens of Whitley County have set a strong example for the rest of us to follow and I commend them for their hard work to protect their community.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF JACKIE ROBINSON

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 6, 1997

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, as a lifelong Dodger fan, it gives me extreme pleasure to pay tribute to one of America's great heroes, Jackie Robinson.

Jackie Robinson demonstrated amazing athletic ability as a young man. We all know of his greatness on the baseball field, but what many forget is that while he was a student at UCLA, Robinson lettered in four sports; football, basketball, track, and, or course, baseball. Ironically, it is widely believed that baseball was actually his weakest sport.

Robinson made significant contributions to America's pastime as a ball player. But more lasting than those are his contributions to our Nation by the man he was both on and off the field. This young ball player challenged America's preconceptions about African-Americans and helped break the stereotypes of inferiority which were pervasive in white America 50 years ago.

In the April 15, 1997, edition of the Washington Post, Michael Wilbon describes a historic bridge between Jackie Robinson and Tiger Woods and goes on to say that, "this isn't just about sports, however, the venue is sports, and, as is often the case, sports is the earliest setting for significant social change."

The most radical thing Robinson may have ever done was simply walk out onto the field. Because the moment he stepped onto Ebbets Field, he was on equal footing with his teammates and his opponents. The rules of segregated America no longer applied and America got just a glimpse of equality—an equality we haven't yet reached. But the athletic field is ultimately one of the few places—like the battlefield—where one's talents and abilities cannot be mitigated. They can keep you from playing—as people afraid of equality will try. But once you get on the field, equality and all its blessings begin to manifest themselves. Once Jackie took the field, there was no turning back. It was not because there weren't those who tried to turn back, it was not because everyone wanted to move forward, but it was because of Jackie's unshakable faith in equality and his incredible athletic ability that moved us all forward.

And all of us moved forward 50 years ago when Jackie put on his cleats—all of us, white and black, those of us who are neither, and most especially those of us who weren't even born yet.

It is for this reason that I am concerned that today's America, despite some social progress and despite the great interest in sports as a venue for social advancement as well as entertainment, does not fully appreciate his efforts. It is striking that so many young people do not fully appreciate the legacy of Jackie Robinson, not for the generation that endured that time in America's history, but for today's generation and for generations yet to come.

His unique combination of courage, grace, intelligence, athletic ability and tenacity marks Jackie Robinson as a great human being. He turned his cleats into weapons for social change as well as stealing bases. He used his bat for justice as well as base hits. He used his glove not just to catch baseballs—or even catch hell, which he certainly did—but as a way to turn the hard heads of bigotry into respectful, even admiring minds. It reminds one of the smoothness of turning a hard grounder into a quick but graceful double play.

I thank you Jackie Robinson for making baseball the great game that it is. But I thank you more for helping America challenge itself to be a greater nation and to be true to its promise for democracy and opportunity for all.

We are all part of the great American project to perfect democracy for each and every generation. It is clear that Jackie Robinson did more than his share. In fact, he carried the load of an entire generation.

TRIBUTE TO ABEL SCHRADER

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 6, 1997

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend a young man who exemplifies the hard work and dedication of the people of the 20th District of Illinois. This individual has worked extremely hard for the past 3 years in order to earn himself a spot among the best Class A basketball players in the best basketball State in America.

This young man is Abel Schrader, of Okawville, IL. Mr. Speaker, Abel has demonstrated the all-around ability, leadership, and attitude it takes to lead the Okawville Rockets to 20 wins and only 5 losses this past season.

As a 3-year starter on the varsity squad, Abel has led the team in 3-point shots, rebounds, assists, steals, blocked shots, and free throws. He scored almost 50 percent of the team's total points in the past season, he ranks among the top three scorers ever in Okawville history, and he holds the record for the highest scoring average in a season.

He also averaged over 27 points per game this past season earning second team All-State honors and the honor of being named the Belleville News-Democrat's Class A Player of the Year.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Abel Schrader and all of the Okawville Rocket basketball team on a job well done

CONGRATULATING LISA-ANNE FURGAL OF LARGO, FLORIDA FOR RECEIVING THE "PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD"

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 6, 1997

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding high school student from Largo, FL. Lisa-Anne Furgal has been awarded the Prudential Spirit of Community Award for her outstanding volunteer service to her community. She will represent the State of Florida here in Washington, DC at a national event honoring those high school and middle school students who have shown a deep commitment to their communities and to helping others.

Lisa, a student at Largo High School, founded an organization called YOUTH which stands for Youth Out To Help, and informs people in her community about volunteer opportunities. Twenty-five to forty hours of her busy week are dedicated to meeting with board members, planning a newsletter, and collecting donations. YOUTH also publishes a booklet of nonprofit organizations where other students can volunteer their time or direct their donations. In Lisa's own words, "Volunteering enables you to make a positive impact on the world."

The sacrifice Lisa has made to serving others should be an example to us all. Many times it seems our responsibilities make free time more scarce than we would like. But taking a minute away from our business, and looking for ways we can volunteer, can make a significant difference in another person's life at a time when they need help. I hope that young and old alike take notice of the needs that many have in our country. And if we can pull together, one community at a time, with the exceptional leadership of individuals like Lisa-Anne Furgal, we will see positive changes in the lives of the people who are in need.

TRIBUTE TO THOMAS DENEWITH

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 6, 1997

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Thomas Denewith, principal at L'Anse Creuse High School North. The Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals has recognized Mr. Denewith as Macomb County Principal of the Year.

Mr. Denewith's career began as a teacher and coach in the 1960's. He taught high school at his alma mater, St. Mary's in Mt. Clemens. The many triumphs and obstacles of teaching taught him how to work with students, parents, and the community. In 1974, Mr. Denewith brought his knowledge and experience to L'Anse Creuse Public Schools.

He began his tenure at L'Anse Creuse Schools as an assistant principal of L'Anse Creuse High School. In 1980, Mr. Denewith became principal of L'Anse Creuse High