

Though the odds were against him succeeding, Bob Adams never gave up. He never chose a life of stealing and drug dealing. That would have been the easy way out. Instead of saying, "I can't make it. It's too hard to succeed," Bob Adams instead decided to work hard in school, keep his faith in Jesus and maintain a positive attitude. Just like that song you hear over the radio, Bob Adams told himself, "I might get knocked down, but I'll get up again. You're never going to keep me down."

Today, Mr. Speaker, I am proud to say that my friend Bob Adams is a successful businessman who owns a printing company and today does his part to give back to his community. He is one of the greatest examples I can think of when it comes to excellent role models in the black community.

Mr. Speaker, my fellow colleagues, when the going got tough, Bob Adams didn't say, "I have gone this far, I can go no farther." Instead he told himself, "I'll never quit and I'll never give up." Friends, that is the essence of the American Spirit. That is the bulldog mentality that built America into the greatest country in the world.

My friends, whenever we despair and feel like quitting, it is time for us to get up, dust ourselves off and remember that great Bible verse—"I can do all things through him who gives me strength." And then we should remember the example of such fine role models as Bob Adams for inspiration. Bob Adams is proof that anyone can succeed in America if they put their mind to it, and their faith in God.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 11, 1998

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, on February 5, 1998, I was unavoidably detained, therefore, missing roll call votes 8-10. Had I been here I would have voted Yea on roll call vote 8 (H. Res. 348) providing for the consideration of H.R. 2846; Yea on roll call vote 9 (H.R. 2846) prohibiting spending Federal education funds on national testing without explicit and specific legislation; and Yea on roll call 10 (H.R. 2631) disapproving the cancellations transmitted by the President on October 6, 1997, regarding Public Law 105-45.

TRIBUTE TO LARRY ROSENTHAL

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 11, 1998

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a member of my staff who has recently left my office to become the Chief of Staff at the National Indian Gaming Commission. Larry Rosenthal, who hails from my hometown of Flint, MI, began working as a legislative assistant in my office in 1987. I recognized immediately that Larry shared my belief that the role of government is to preserve, protect, defend and enhance human dignity.

As Members of Congress, we know how crucial it is to have a good staff. I have always

sought to hire people who have good heads and good hearts. Larry has both attributes in great abundance. Indeed, over the years, Larry has not only become one of my closest advisors, he has also been one of my dearest friends.

During his tenure on my staff, Larry handled a variety of my most important legislative priorities. He was instrumental in the passage of the Michigan Wilderness Heritage Act, the Grand Island National Recreation Area Act, and the Michigan Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Larry's work as the staff coordinator for the Congressional Automotive Caucus was crucial to my efforts to reinvestigate the Caucus and provide effective leadership in Congress on issues affecting the American automotive industry.

Most recently, Larry dedicated his time and efforts to the First Americans, Native Americans. He worked tirelessly to ensure recognition and federal support for tribes across the United States. Larry was committed to the fundamentals of sovereignty and respect that play such a critical role in Native American culture. His work as staff coordinator of the Congressional Native American Caucus has earned him a reputation in Washington, D.C. as one of the most knowledgeable congressional staffers on these issues. He has also earned the respect and gratitude of Native Americans in Indian Country.

There is no doubt that Larry has left an indelible mark on all of those who have come in contact with my congressional office. Whether planning a softball game, a reception for Ernie Harwell, or a conference on Indian Issues, Larry brought excitement and interest to each event. It is this dedication and devotion coupled with an indomitable spirit that makes Larry Rosenthal such a unique person. I am proud to call him my friend.

Larry's departure from my office is very bittersweet. Although I know that Larry will serve the government well at the NIGC, I will certainly miss his expertise. His service to the Ninth Congressional District should serve as an example to us all. Please join me in expressing my gratitude to Larry for his many years of service on Capitol Hill. I wish him the best in all his future endeavors.

1,160-PERCENT INCREASE IN DRUG PRICE

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 11, 1998

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, enclosed is a copy of a letter I've received from a Midwestern doctor.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE STARK: I am not from your district or even from California but I know your interest in problems with the pharmaceutical industry so I wanted to share this outrage I just found out to my dismay.

I called the Darby Drug Company to order a thousand tablets of the generic for Lomotil and found that what had been \$27.95 in 1997 is now \$325.00—honestly—more than a 10% increase. I could not believe it but was told it is true. They don't have the 1998 catalogue yet but they say that is the new price.

Help!

I have seen increases in the prices of drugs that seemed too high, but this is absurd. How

can they get away with it? Certainly the cost of making it did not go up more than 10 times in less than a year. The reason given me was that now there is only one company making it—a lame excuse for taking such advantage of patients in need.

Thanks for your efforts to protect the poor consumer.

WESTINGHOUSE SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 11, 1998

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in the People's House to pay tribute to four young scholars from Ward Melville High School, in Setauket, Long Island whose talents and hard work have earned them the coveted distinction as finalists in the 1998 Westinghouse Science Talent Search contest. Continuing a remarkable legacy of scientific achievement at Ward Melville, Christopher Michael Gerson, Grace Ann Lau, Clyde Law and Thomas Peterson have been invited to Washington, DC to compete for the top honor in America's oldest and most prestigious high school scholarship competition.

Inspired by their own ingenuity and thirst for knowledge, and supported by the dedicated teaching staff at Ward Melville, Christopher, Grace, Clyde and Thomas have all created impressive research projects that met the competition's rigorous standards and earned them the recognition of the Westinghouse judges. These hard-working scholars have produced brilliant experiments in scientific research.

Christopher Gerson studied the effects of colliding continental plates by producing a laboratory model that accurately simulates geological movements. Using a sandbox with a movable wall to simulate plate motion, and precise marking and photography techniques, Chris devised a method for studying plate science using innovative quantitative studies. A sports columnist for the school magazine and a member of the school marching band, Chris hopes to study computer science and mathematics at Princeton University.

For her project, Grace An Lau researched the effects that extracts from green tea have on an enzyme involved in inflammatory tissue injuries. Her study demonstrated that green tea can significantly inhibit the enzyme Neutrophil, which is implicated in a variety of diseases, including arthritis and cystic fibrosis. A violinist in the school orchestra and a Science Olympiad participant, Grace will study biology in college and hopes to become a veterinarian or a field scientist.

Clyde Law's physics experiment examined the compressibility of nuclear matter substances by studying the flow of protons, providing important insight into nuclear and astrophysics. Clyde is a participant in Science Olympiad and was a finalist in the ThinkQuest Internet Contest. He is also active in the Asian Culture Club and tutors Chinese. He hopes to attend MIT to study engineering and computer science and plans to become a computer systems analyst.

Thomas Petersen's breakthrough project produced what is believed to be the first experimental verification that thermally induced

capillary waves will cause spontaneous holes in certain polymer thin films. Thomas has been playing the cello since he was four and was a soloist and principal cellist in the Long Island Youth Orchestra. Tom also participates in various math and science clubs, won the gold medal in Science Olympiad and plans on pursuing a career in engineering.

The achievements of Chris, Grace, Clyde and Thomas are due in no small part to the outstanding high school science program at Ward Melville High School that, for the second year in a row, produced the most Westinghouse Science Talent Search finalists in the Nation. In fact, the four were among the 11 contest finalists chosen from Long Island high schools, comprising more than one-quarter of the finalists chosen from all 50 states. The schools in my home area of Eastern Long Island produced fourteen semi-finalists in the Westinghouse Contest, including the four finalists and: Meredith Suzanne Croke of Miller Place, Jonathan Aaron Arbreit, James Joseph Cascione, Adam Brett Gottlieb, Joleen Okun, Alice Takhatajan, and Shellen Wu who are all from Setauket, Christine Anne Champey and Michael Teitelbaum of Smithtown and Robert Nalewajk from Stony Brook. All of these students deserve congratulations for their hard work and achievements.

Mr. Speaker, as America focuses on improving student achievement and preparing them for the high-tech, computer driven future of the 21st Century, the accomplishments of Christopher Michael Gerson, Grace Ann Lau, Clyde Law and Thomas Peterson show us that America's future is in trusted hands. Their classmates can take inspiration from their success and adults have seen what great things our children will achieve when we provide them the skills and support. And so, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in saluting Chris, Grace, Clyde and Thomas and all of the other talented students across the United States who have been named finalists in the 1998 Westinghouse Science Talent Search Contest.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPETITION

HON. ALLEN BOYD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 11, 1998

Mr. BOYD. Mr. Speaker, while I was not a Member of Congress when the 1996 Telecommunications Law was passed, it's easy to see that competitive business strategies from long distance companies and FCC's ever-changing interpretation of this legislation are responsible for telephone competition being stymied.

I don't believe Congress anticipated major long distance companies concentrating on the more lucrative business customers while totally ignoring the local residential market. Congress also didn't foresee the FCC taking this law and changing it to the point where no Regional Bell Company has a chance of offering long distance service to their customers in the near future.

On multiple occasions state utility commissions have submitted favorable recommendations to the FCC, stating the 14 point checklist has been met and that Regional Bell Holding

Companies should be allowed into the long distance market. Each time the FCC has rejected the recommendation.

It's time for the issue to get off the regulatory treadmill. We're long overdue for full scale telecommunications competition to begin.

IN MEMORIAM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 11, 1998

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, on February 23, in Annapolis, Maryland, men, women, and children will come together to remember and mourn family, friends, and neighbors who died because of domestic violence during the past year. The memorial service reminds all in attendance of the terrible price Maryland pays when homes become places of fear and terror instead of havens of love and safety.

The Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence, which organizes the service each year, has worked diligently for more than 15 years for better and tougher laws against domestic violence, for increased funding for shelters for battered women and their children, for training judges and law enforcement personnel, and for educating the public about domestic violence and its consequences on our society.

In the last decade, we have made enormous strides on the state, local, and federal levels against domestic violence. Our state and local laws have been improved and strengthened. The Violence Against Women Act, which I sponsored, has not only changed the way we enforce domestic violence laws but also has provided needed funding to help states and local communities make a real difference in the struggle against domestic violence.

Early next month, I will introduce the second Violence Against Women Act. VAWA II, as it has been called, will continue the federal commitment to fund the National Domestic Violence Hotline, shelters and counseling programs, judicial training programs, and other services so important to our local communities. VAWA II will also address child custody, housing, legal assistance, medical training, insurance discrimination, protection for disabled women, and issues critically important to the health and well being of our families.

Mr. Speaker, let us join with the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence to recommit ourselves to ending domestic violence in our homes and in our communities in whatever way we can: as legislators, as advocates, as volunteers, as parents, and as friends. And let us remember that as legislators, the bills we write and the votes we cast will determine to a great extent whether our children and their children will live in a world where domestic violence is no more.

TRIBUTE TO JACK BIRNBERG

HON. BILL PASCARELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 11, 1998

Mr. PASCARELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to introduce you to Mr. Jack Birnberg. Jack is a remarkable individual who has done much to improve the quality of life for the people of the Eighth Congressional District of New Jersey.

Deeply concerned with the well-being of our senior citizens, Mr. Birnberg has been actively involved with the Daughters of Miriam Center for a number of years. Most recently, he served two terms as President of the Board of Trustees of that organization. Prior to that he was the Vice-President and a member of the finance committee for six years.

Jack is also an active member of the community at large. He is a former trustee of the Barnert Hospital and serves as a trustee at the Barnert Temple. Jack has also served as the Commissioner and President of the Board of the Children's Shelter of Passaic County and as a President of the Northeast Regional Association of Small Business Investment Corporation. He is also a former member of the Executive Council and the Board of Governors of the National Association of Small Businesses Investment Corporation.

Currently, Jack is a corporate banker. He is the Chairman of the Waldorf Group, Incorporated, of Little Falls and the Tappan Zee Capital Corporation. In addition, Jack is the Chairman of the Board of Olo Deerfield Fabrics, Inc. of Cedar Grove.

Although active in the community and the corporate world, Jack is also a dedicated family man. A resident of Wyckoff, Jack is married to the former Louise Rothstein. They are the proud parents of four sons, Michael, Steven, Jeffrey, and John. They have two grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, Jack Birnberg's family and friends, and the grateful residents of New Jersey as we commend Jack for his years of service to the community.

AUGLAIZE COUNTY SESQUICENTENNIAL

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 11, 1998

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my most sincere congratulations to the people of Auglaize County as they celebrate their county's Sesquicentennial Anniversary.

In reviewing the history of the county, it came to my attention that Dr. George Washington Holbrook was principally responsible for the county's existence. Indeed, when Dr. Holbrook arrived in Wapakoneta, Ohio, from New York in 1834, what we now know as Auglaize County was then located in Allen and Mercer counties. With the belief that the people of Wapakoneta and its neighboring communities deserved further recognition and representation, Dr. Holbrook convinced both local and state leaders of the need for a new county. Dr. Holbrook's efforts and dreams were realized on February 14, 1848, when the Ohio General