

BROTHERS OF MERCY CELEBRATE  
75TH ANNIVERSARY**HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 25, 1999*

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 75th Anniversary of the arrival of the Brothers of Mercy in the United States.

From their modest beginnings in June, 1856, when a German merchant named Peter Loetschert began helping the sick and the poor, the Brothers of Mercy grew rapidly. In 1924, two brothers arrived in Buffalo, New York, where they began what would be three-quarters of a century of service to the Western New York community.

Today, the Brothers of Mercy complex in Clarence, New York, has earned a reputation of excellence in compassionate and professional geriatric care. From Independent Housing and Adult Care to Nursing Care and Rehabilitation, the Brothers of Mercy and their more than 500 employees offer some of the most comprehensive long-term health care in our community.

It is my pleasure, Mr. Speaker, to offer my congratulations and best wishes to the Brothers of Mercy on their 75th Anniversary; and to further extend my hope that the Brothers of Mercy may enjoy another 75 years of assistance and compassion for the elderly population of our community.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE HON.  
FLETCHER DANIELS**HON. KAREN MCCARTHY**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 25, 1999*

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise to remember the Hon. Fletcher Daniels, Missouri State Representative, District 41. Representative Daniels passed away in March, and he is sorely missed in my home State of Missouri and in our Greater Kansas City community. This Saturday, June 26, 1999, Missouri Governor Mel Carnahan will sign a resolution to officially rename the Missouri State Office Building in Kansas City the Fletcher Daniels State Office Building.

I served for a decade with State Representative Daniels in the Missouri General Assembly and continued to seek his counsel and join in his advocacy in the United States Congress. Representative Daniels was a champion of the people, and together we elevated awareness about the plight of many disadvantaged people in the Kansas City area, such as Denise Anderson, who was enduring unbearable working conditions because her employer would not make reasonable accommodation for her handicap.

State Representative Daniels retired from a 30-year career with the U.S. Postal Service to serve on the Kansas City School Board until he was elected to the Missouri State House in 1984. He served in the Missouri House of Representatives for 15 years, and was the first African American Speaker Pro Tem in the history of our State. He also served with distinction on the Appropriations, Criminal and State Institutions, and Criminal Law committees.

Fletcher Daniels missed no opportunity to give back to his community and serve the people who live there. He was a member and Trustee of the Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church of Kansas City from 1946 until his passing. He also served as the Chairman of the Board of the Kansas City Community Committee for Social Action, Vice President of the Kansas City Chapter of the NAACP, Board Member of the Advisory and Executive Committee of the Kansas City Chapter of the Urban League, and President and Principal Negotiator for the Citizen Coordinator Committee. He was unfailing in his commitment to improving the lives of those who lived in the Kansas City area, and especially those who suffer from inequity.

The Kansas City area and the State of Missouri mourns the loss of this exceptional community leader, and we join together to honor his memory by renaming the Missouri State Office Building for him. It is an honor that he, his loving wife, Sybil, and his family truly deserve.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSIONAL  
CHIEF OF STAFF TIM HUGO**HON. BUD SHUSTER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 25, 1999*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who has worked for me over the past twelve years. Tim Hugo, who has served as my Congressional Chief of Staff for more than three years will be leaving my office this month. Tim has accepted an excellent opportunity as Executive Director of a new high technology trade association, CapNet in Washington. Tim has done an absolutely outstanding job for me during the past three years.

A 1986 graduate of the College of William and Mary, Tim began working in my Congressional office in 1987. Tim has held various positions on my staff, from Legislative Assistant to Legislative Director to Chief of Staff. During the past twelve years Tim has pursued other endeavors which included serving in the U.S. Army as an Intelligence Specialist, and as a Special Assistant for the Assistant Secretary of Defense in the Pentagon. In addition, Tim served as Legislative Director for Congresswoman Jennifer Dunn and as a Professional Staff Member on the Committee on House Administration.

As a fourteen term member of the House of Representatives, Tim has stood with me as a staff member for nearly half of my career in Congress. I place great value on the hard work of the people on my staff, but in no other position do I demand more than that of the Chief of Staff. Tim has carried a great deal of responsibility and demonstrated the skills it takes to be a caring and vigilant public servant. Tim has been an exemplary Chief of Staff. He is a person I can count on in the heat of the battle to make positive things happen for the citizens of the Ninth Congressional District and his contributions to this office and to the residents of my district will not be forgotten.

I thank Tim for his leadership and devotion and wish him well on his new career. He assumes his new position with my full support

and confidence. I wish Tim, his wife Paula and daughter Katie all the best. I want them to know that Tim will be greatly missed.

TRIBUTE TO THE CALIFORNIA  
ADVOCATE NEWSPAPER**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 25, 1999*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the California Advocate Newspaper for their 32 years of service to the community. The California Advocate is a multi-cultural newspaper and is the voice for the minority community and the social conscious of the San Joaquin Valley.

Former Fresno City Councilman Les Kimber and wife Pauline began publishing the California Advocate Newspaper in 1967. The paper continues to initiate action to promote justice and equality for the minority community with an emphasis on self-esteem and self-determination. The California Advocate Newspaper is also a resource for minorities seeking employment opportunities, especially at Fresno City College and in the city's police and fire departments.

Les Kimber led the committee that hired the first African American on television in Fresno. He also headed the corporation that put together low income housing for West Fresno, and helped to establish the Ethnic Studies Department at California State University, Fresno. As an advocate and publisher, Kimber founded the United Black Men of Fresno, which is comprised of 100 men who promote economic development by stressing opportunities for minorities to become employers as well as employees.

The California Advocate Newspaper is a member of the West Coast Black Publishers Association and the National Newspaper Publishers Association. The Advocate has also received numerous awards: The ACLU Northern California Civil Liberties Award in 1975 for outstanding contributions; the Governors Award in 1985 for fighting crime; the Chicago Media Award in 1986; the West Coast Black Publishers Award in 1990; the NAACP Heritage Award in 1992; and the West Coast Black Publisher's Award in 1993.

Mark Kimber is the second-generation publisher in charge of this family-owned newspaper. He has continued to maintain the quality and integrity of the California Advocate. Recently, there have been special sections added to the newspaper that focus on young people throughout the community and pages that have been devoted to schools and student activities.

Mark Kimber has won numerous awards for his innovative design and promotion of his newspaper. He implemented the "Drum Major for Justice Award," which honors the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The event at which the Award is presented has been referred to as the Central Valley's civil rights event of the year. This year's speaker and honoree is Harry Belafonte.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate and thank The California Advocate for its 32 years of service to the community and I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing The Advocate many more years of continued success.