

CONGRATULATIONS TO TRACK  
COACH DELBERT BEST

**HON. IKE SKELTON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 9, 1999*

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that Delbert Best, track coach for the last 24 years at Wellington-Napoleon High School, and athletic director for the past 18 years, was inducted into the Missouri Track and Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

During his career at Wellington-Napoleon High School, Best's track teams won nine boys and one girls 1-70 Conference championships and six boys District championships. His boys teams placed first at the Missouri state finals in 1985, 1987, and 1991; second at state in 1986 and 1983 and third at state in 1992, and 1996. The girls team were second at the state championships in 1993 and third 1992.

Best was selected 1A boys Coach of the Year once by his coaching peers. In 1994 he was selected as Region 5 National Coach of the Year.

I wish to extend my congratulations to Coach Best for his most deserved induction into the Missouri Track and Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

**THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
ELECTRIC BOAT**

**HON. SAM GEJDENSON**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 9, 1999*

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer congratulations to Electric Boat of Groton, Connecticut, on the occasion of its 100th anniversary. On February 7, 1899, the Electric Boat Company was incorporated, heralding the beginning of an enterprise that has performed an invaluable service to our nation. As Electric Boat celebrates its centennial, I would like to pay tribute to this national treasure and thank the men and women who have done so much to ensure our national security.

Beginning with the development of the Holland (S-1), the world's first practical submarine, Electric Boat has led the way in submarine innovation. The working men and women of Electric Boat have created an impressive historical record. They delivered the USS Cuttlefish—the first all-welded submarine—to the Navy in 1933. They produced submarines at an incredible pace paving the way to America's victory in the Pacific in World War II. The company's craftsmen and designers ushered in a new era of Naval technology in the mid-1950s with the USS Nautilus (SSN571)—the world's first nuclear-powered submarine. The list of accomplishments goes on and on: development of the first fleet ballistic missile submarine in 1959; design and modular construction of the Trident ballistic missile submarines that provide the undetectable leg of America's strategic nuclear triad; delivery of Seawolf class of submarines, the most capable attack submarine ever built; and continuing innovation with the New Attack

Submarine. Simply put, Electric Boat has played the defining role in every innovation in submarine design and construction over the past century.

More impressive than the company's list of accomplishments, however, are the people who work there. I have an incredible sense of pride in these patriots. I wish more of my colleagues had the opportunity to visit them, to talk to them, and to get to know what great Americans they are. That's truly why I rise today. To make sure that the entire House, the collective representatives of his nation, know about the unique contributions of the men and women of Electric Boat. Our submarine force is often referred to as the "Silent Service." Nevertheless, if ever there was a time to set silence and modesty aside, it's to pay tribute to this great group of people on the occasion of the centennial of the company they have built.

Happy 100th Anniversary, Electric Boat!

**IN HONOR OF CHARLENE STARR  
(CUYAHOGA COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE)**

**HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 9, 1999*

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, Charlene Starr has, for over 30 years, been an employee of the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office where she now supervises 12 staff personnel in the Tax Foreclosure Department who process between 3,000 and 4,000 tax foreclosure cases each year to ensure either that the appropriate taxes are paid or that the properties proceed to foreclosure sale, an often complex process.

From an early age, Charlene listened to her parents' teachings to develop a good work ethic and to appreciate her good fortune in what she had and to care for those who were less fortunate. She has sought to combine those in performing her job, while retaining a compassionate attitude towards others.

Charlene is also proud of her role in her office's receiving grants from the Ford Foundation and the John F. Kennedy School of Government of Harvard University and in a national award as one of 4 models for "Re-inventing Government".

A Brooklyn resident, Charlene was active for many years with members of the Cleveland Police Department in the "Cops, Kids & Christmas" program providing toys for unfortunate children in orphanages, hospitals and other locations and in gathering toys and contributions throughout the year at public events. She enjoys camping and fishing, cooking, reading and computers, among other activities and is an active member of St. Colman's Church.

**RE: AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE,  
MARCH 11, 1997**

**HON. PATSY T. MINK**

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 9, 1999*

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, I am introducing a bill to require notice to automobile

insurance policy holders before a paid up policy can be either canceled or renewal refused.

Many of my constituents without warning or for insignificant reasons are being cut off of automobile insurance coverage and with little time allowed to find another company.

My bill will require at least 180 days notice before a cancellation or decision not to renew can take effect provided the premiums are fully paid up and there is no court order cancelling the holder's driver's license.

In many places in my district the only means of transportation is one's automobile. To have to drive without insurance coverage is a public hazard. People need to be told well in advance if a company is refusing to renew or plans to discontinue coverage.

This is not interference with the company's right to decide who to cover or not cover. It is only a requirement of due notice. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

H.R.—

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SALES OF AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICIES.**

No State shall authorize the sale of automobile insurance policies unless such policies are subject to cancellation in accordance with section 2.

**SEC. 2. CANCELLATION OF AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICIES.**

A paid-up policy of automobile insurance may be canceled only if—

(1) a written notice of cancellation is mailed or delivered to the last known mailing address of the named insured as shown in the records of the insurer at least 180 days before the effective date of the cancellation;

(2) the insurer shows that the named insured had the insured's driver's license suspended or revoked; or

(3) the insurer shows that the name insured has been convicted of, or forfeited bail for, any action arising out of or in connection with the operation of a motor vehicle that is grounds for suspension or revocation of a driver's license.

**SEC. 3. RENEWAL OF AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICIES.**

An insurer shall mail or deliver to an insured a written notice of non-renewal of an automobile insurance policy at the last known mailing address of the named insured as shown in the records of the insurer at least 180 days before the expiration of the policy.

**SEC. 4. ENFORCEMENT.**

(a) INSURER.—An insurer which violates section 1, 2, or 3 shall with respect to the insured involved in such violation—

(1) accept an application or written request for automobile insurance coverage at a rate and on the same terms and conditions as are available to its insureds under the insurer's automobile insurance coverage;

(2) reinstate the automobile insurance coverage for such insured to the end of the applicable policy period.

(b) OTHERS.—Any person who violates section 1, 2, or 3 shall be subject to—

(1) a cease and desist order issued in accordance with section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 45); or

(2) a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000.