

the national forest or by Alaska Native corporations.

I intend to hold a hearing on this bill early in the next session and begin the process to move the bill through the House to final passage in the Congress.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JOHN AND TRACY ROGERS UPON THE BIRTH OF THEIR DAUGHTER

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 28, 1999

Mr. ROGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to inform the House of a grand occasion, and one which my family will celebrate for many years to come. On October 5th, 1999 at 12:28 p.m., my son John and his wife Tracy experienced the miracle of birth for the first time, becoming the proud parents of a baby girl. Madeleine Claire Rogers weighed in at 7 pounds, 3 ounces and was 21 inches long. I am happy to report that Tracy and Madeleine are doing extremely well, with both mother and daughter in perfect health.

Mr. Speaker, this is my first grandchild, and I couldn't be more proud or exhilarated. God has truly blessed my family, and I am fortunate to have this opportunity today. As this body toils through yet another year, we should all keep in mind the effect our actions will have on our children, and our children's children. I will always keep little Madeleine in my thoughts as we work to make this Nation a better place for our young ones.

CELEBRATING ITALIAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 28, 1999

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate a distinct and important group in this country—Italian-Americans. Earlier this month, the Massachusetts State Legislature passed a law observing the month of October as Italian-American Heritage Month. This law recognizes the countless contributions bestowed on our country's rich national heritage by Italian-Americans. Today, I'm introducing a resolution that supports the goals and ideas of Italian-American Heritage Month nationwide.

Over the past 200 years, 5.4 million Italians have immigrated to the United States. Today more than 26 million Americans are of Italian descent, 72,000 alone reside in the Eighth District of Massachusetts. As this country's fifth largest ethnic group, Italian-Americans have brought to our communities a tireless work ethic, a strong sense of family cohesion, and an artistically rich culture. This unique and profound impact of Italian culture has become an integral part of the American way of life. In fact, many Italian-Americans have gone on to become prominent in our Nation's academic, industrial, entertainment, and political fields.

Nearly every American has experienced the unique contributions of Italian-Americans. Famous Italian-Americans like hall of fame base-

ball player Joe DiMaggio, world-renowned composer Henry Mancini, singer and songwriter Frank Sinatra, and Oscar winner Robert DeNiro have provided all Americans with many forms of entertainment. Millions of Americans have experienced the brilliance of Constantine Brumidi, an Italian immigrant, who was the artistic prodigy behind the elaborate paintings in the United States Capitol. Other Italian-Americans have enriched our political process, including political figures such as Fiorella La Guardia, both mayor and Congressman from New York City, Anthony Celebrezze, who served during John F. Kennedy's administration and was the first Italian-American Cabinet member, and Antonin Scalia, who is the first Italian-American appointed to the Supreme Court.

I invite every Member to join me in celebrating the tremendous impact Italian-Americans have made to our Nation and our national identity.

1999 CLOVIS CHAMBER HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 28, 1999

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Clovis Chamber of Commerce 1999 Hall of Fame Inductees. The Award Winners for the Hall of Fame are: "Founders Awards"—The Blasingame Family and The Sample Family; "Hall of Fame Honorees"—The Clovis Rodeo Association—Everett "Bud" and Evelyn Rank, Wesley and Betty Wipf, and Mr. Shelby Cox; "Clovis Way of Life"—Mr. & Mrs. Tom Stearns, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Ogas; "Spirit of Clovis"—Mr. Dave Bens and Ellie Huston; "Friends of Youth"—Mr. Harold Woods and Mr. James Countois; "Citizen of the Year"—Mr. Tom Stearns; and "The Sam Walton/WALMART Community Leadership Award"—Mr. Bob Daneke. The Hall of Fame Committee carefully selects each award winner according to a special criteria.

The "Clovis Way of Life" award honors citizens who have strengthened the foundation of the City of Clovis. They have endured the economy by having a business in Clovis. The "Clovis Way of Life" winners are Joe & Marilyn Ogas and Tom & Burline Stearns.

Joe and Marilyn Ogas own and operate Ace Trophy Shop. The Shop was operated out of their garage for many years and then was moved to Old Town Clovis where they are an integral part of the business community.

Tom and Burline Stearns have been staunch supporters of Clovis. Tom is a member of the Clovis Rodeo Association; he has served from maintenance to President. Tom has made the Clovis Rodeo a premier event in the State of California. Tom Stearns also served as Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem and now Council member. Burline Stearns has devoted her life to the Clovis Swim Team. She owned and operated the Mode ODay Store with her sister-in-law for several years.

The "Friends of Youth" award winners are James Countois and Harold Lloyd Woods.

James Countois, Mr. "C" as he is affectionately called, is 89 years old and his best friends are the five- to 12-year-old students at Dry Creek Elementary. James has volunteered

at the Library for over 18 years. Recently, Dry Creek opened a new Library Media Center and named it after Mr. C, this was for a man who dedicated his whole life to children and the community.

Harold Lloyd Woods has been a teacher in the Clovis Unified School District for over 41 years, specifically Room 20 at Jefferson Elementary School. Woods says that teaching children to set goals, helping them work toward achieving them, and then watching the joy on their faces when they succeed is one of the most valuable contributions we can make in their lives.

The "Spirit of Clovis" award is present in recognition of people who in the line of their daily work succeed beyond their own expectations. The award goes to Dave Bens and Ellie Huston.

In March of 1999, Dave Bens, Clovis High School's Athletic Director, was named California State Athletic Director's Association "Athletic Director of the Year 1993-1999." This award recognizes the California Athletic Director who displays excellence in leadership on and off the field. Dave has brought recognition to himself, Clovis High, Clovis Unified School District and the Community of Clovis.

Ellie Huston has worked hard raising money for the permanent Hall of Fame display for several years. She has done 95 percent of the work. Ellie has planned the Hall of Fame Raffles, solicited the prizes and sold over 200 tickets each year, she has raised close to \$8,000 for the Clovis Hall of Fame Permanent Display. Ellie is an Executive Ambassador and a Past Director of the Clovis Chamber of Commerce. She is a very caring, community minded citizen of Clovis.

The "Founders Awards" go to the Blasingame Family and the Sample Family.

The Blasingame Family started with Jesse Augustus Blasingame, known as "Jesse A". He was a native of Talladega County, Alabama, and completed his time in the Mexican War. Jesse A. was then given "scrip" to buy land out west. Jesse A. married Mary Jane Sample, a native of Fresno County. They had a son, Jesse Knox Blasingame. Jesse Knox spent his entire life in the cattle business in Fresno County. He was very active in the California Cattlemen's Association, the Grange and the California Farm Bureau. Knox and his wife Thelma had two sons, Morgan and Knox Jr., and a daughter, Barbara. Morgan and Knox are still raising cattle in the Clovis foothills; Barbara lives in Fresno and still owns the land in the Clovis foothills. Both Knox Jr. and Barbara were extremely supportive and worked with the City of Clovis to secure the University of California Education Site near Academy, several years ago. The Blasingame Family has exhibited The Clovis Way of Life attributes; family, responsibility, work, honesty, independence, appropriate space, education, community service and loyalty. They are one of Clovis' most treasured legacies.

The Sample Family departed from Mississippi with a large group and settled in the central San Joaquin Valley after the Civil War. David Cowan (D.C.) Sample married Sally Cole, who became the parents of 11 children whose descendants, still live in the Clovis-foothill area. Dr. Thomas Sample, one of D.C.'s sons, was an old-fashioned doctor in the best sense. He treated all that came for help, regardless of their ability to pay. He built the Sample Sanitarium in the 300 block of North

Fulton Street; the building still stands today. DC Sample, affectionately known as "Bud" and Harry Sample stayed in the immediate area. Bud's children, Sally Sharer and Pug Perkins still live in Clovis. Harry's children, Bonner, Jane Craiger and Tommy live close by. One of Bonner's children is Captain Scotty who flies around the valley every morning giving us the traffic report.

"The Hall of Fame Honorees" are The Clovis Rodeo Association, Sgt. Shelby Cox, Everett George "Bud" and Evelyn Rank, Wesley and Betty Wipf.

The Clovis Independent Newspaper stated, "Perhaps more than any other group or organization, The Clovis Rodeo Association exemplifies life in Clovis. For more than 80 years, the association has organized and operated the Clovis Rodeo, which has grown from a small gathering of working cowboys to a world-renowned event that was televised nationally for the first time this year. The Clovis Rodeo Association has served as Clovis' Ambassadors to the world, and has become an integral part of the history, stability and growth of the community of Clovis."

Sgt. Shelby Cox—his dedication to the citizens of Clovis was always in the forefront during his nearly 35 years with the Clovis Police Department. He was active in community groups as well as department activities, and founded several of the Clovis Police Department's more popular programs. The goal of the Hall of Fame is to honor citizens that have made a difference; that have contributed to the growth and development of Clovis. Shelby has made a difference, he has contributed to "the Clovis way of life."

Everett George "Bud" and Evelyn Rank—Bud and Evelyn were raised on Clovis farms and graduated from Clovis High School. They were married and raised their family in Clovis. Bud, a member of the Clovis Rodeo Association since 1940, was active in the Clovis Young Farmers, California Young Farmers, Clovis Masonic Lodge, Clovis Grange, Clovis Farm Bureau and the Fresno County Farm Bureau. He served as Board President of the Fort Washington School, President, Vice President and Clerk of the Clovis Unified School Board—a charter Director of the Clovis Schools Foundation and was on the Board of Directors of the Clovis-Sanger Cotton Gin. They raised their daughters Ginny Hovsepian, Judy Rank and Pat Rank who remain in the area. Evelyn supported all of her husband's activities as well as serving as a Northwest Sunday school Kindergarten Teacher and a Deaconess for the Northwest Church. Evelyn worked for Congressman Pashayan's office and at the White House Greeting Office while they were in Washington, DC. She also participated with the Reagan Reelection Committee and served on the Reagan Inaugural Committee. Upon returning home, she served on Clovis School Bond Committees. The Ranks are avid football fans and have rarely missed a Clovis Unified School District home game.

Wesley and Betty Wipf got married at 5 AM and have stayed married for over 51 years. Wes lived at Shaver Lake and moved to Clovis in 1940. While attending Clovis High School, he received the Sassano All American Blanket for Track. Wes went on to manage the Newberry's variety store in Clovis. He later opened the first donut shop in Clovis and then when Wiffee's Trophy Shop outgrew the bed-

room in his home, he opened a shop on Fourth Street. Betty is the former Betty Pendergrass of the Clovis famed family. She became a teacher and taught at Weldon Elementary School for over 28 years. Betty still substitutes and is a "Home Hospital Instructor." The Wipf's are members of the Clovis United Methodist Church, where Betty has been a member for over 50 years. Now in retirement the Wipf's have donated over 1,000 hours of work to the Clovis Hospital Guild; hours and hours of time to the Clovis Chamber of Commerce, and participate every morning with the Mall Walkers Group at the Sierra Vista Mall.

"Citizen of the Year"—Tom Stearns—Tom was born in West Fresno, went to local schools and relocated to Clovis in 1956. Tom and his wife, Burline, have three daughters and five grandchildren. Tom was raised on a small farm in West Fresno; he worked as a farm laborer through High School. Tom worked for PG&E from 1945–1993, he is now retired. Tom has been dedicated to the Clovis Community, having served on the Clovis City Council since 1983. Tom was Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and is currently serving out the remainder of a two-year term as a Council member. Tom has been a member of the Rodeo Association since 1981 and has served on most of the Rodeo Committees. Tom has been on the Board of Directors for the past seven years and is serving his first term as President. Tom was elected Citizen of the Year for his extensive participation with the Rodeo Association to enlarge the event to a three-day show and to help secure exposure on television through E.S.P.N. With his guidance as President and with the full support of the Rodeo Association Board, the Clovis Rodeo and the community of Clovis was brought to international attention.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate all of the Clovis Chamber of Commerce 1999 Hall of Fame Inductees. Each of the winners is an outstanding citizen and deserves special recognition. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing each award winner many more years of continued success.

TRIBUTE TO PAUL B. SOUDER

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 28, 1999

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, the island of Guam bids farewell to an esteemed resident and long-time servant of the community. Paul B. Souder, a former military officer and colleague in the field of education and public administration, was called to his eternal rest on October 15, 1999.

Paul Souder was born on July 20, 1915, in Des Moines, Iowa. Having graduated from Roosevelt High School in Des Moines, he went on to attend Drake University from 1933 through 1935. He later received an undergraduate and a master's degree from Iowa State University and worked towards a doctorate degree at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Through his college career, he worked as a teaching assistant, research assistant and research fellow at Iowa State, at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, and at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In

1943, he was called to serve in the United States Navy. Between 1944 and 1945, he attended the Naval School of Military Government at Princeton University.

Mr. Souder first arrived on Guam in 1945 while still serving in the military as a naval officer. He worked for the pre-Organic Act Naval Government as the head of the Department of Records and Accounts. This department handled tasks now assigned to the Departments of Revenue and Taxation, Administration, Commerce, and Land Management, the Commercial Port, and the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service.

When Guam was granted civil government by the Organic Act of 1950, Mr. Souder worked for the local government where, at different times, he served as director for several of the island's newly created agencies. During his service of nearly half a century with all three branches of the government of Guam, he headed the Department of Public Works, the Department of Land Management and Commerce, the Bureau of Planning, the Guam Energy Office, and the Public Utility Commission. He also served as Executive Assistant to the Governor of Guam and as Director of the Guam Legislative Research Bureau. His retirement in 1988 as Program Coordinator for the Superior Court of Guam concluded his long and distinguished service with the local government.

Over the years, Mr. Souder also worked in managerial capacities for a number of businesses. He held memberships in the Land Transfer Board, the Board of Equalization, the Rotary Club, the Guam Historical Society, the Board of Education, the Territorial Planning Commission, and the Guam Chamber of Commerce. He was a long-standing member of the Vicariate Council, the Agana Cathedral Financial Council and also active with the Parents-Teachers Associations of Bishop Baumgartner, the Cathedral School, the Academy of Our Lady, and Saint Francis School. In recognition of his community and public service, Mr. Souder received awards and honors from institutions such as the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Public Works Center of Guam. He is also the recipient of a papal decoration from His Holiness Pope John XXIII.

We have been truly blessed in having Mr. Souder become a part of our island community. The legacy he leaves behind includes several decades of government and community service as well as extensive literary works on Guam history, culture, flora and fauna. He will greatly be missed by all of us on Guam. On behalf of the people of Guam, I join his widow, the former Mariquita Calvo Torres, and his children Laura, Deborah, and Paul Bernhardt in celebrating his life and mourning the loss of a husband, father, and fellow public servant. Adios, Mr. Souder.

ON THE DEATH OF ARMENIAN PRIME MINISTER SARKISIAN

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 28, 1999

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my profound sorrow at the tragedy that has unfolded today in Armenia.