

ASSOCIATION OF PACIFIC ISLAND  
LEGISLATURES**HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 9, 1999*

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, on September 21–22, 1999, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL) Board of Directors held its 36th meeting in the State of Kosrae, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM). APIL is an organization for mutual assistance among representatives of the people of the Pacific Islands composed of legislators from American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), the states of Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei and Yap in the FSM, the island of Guam, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau, the state of Hawaii, the Republic of Nauru and the Republic of Kiribati.

As Pacific Island governments continued to advance and develop politically, their leaders recognized the need for unity among those directly involved with the substantive regional and international issues facing the newly formed states. It was deemed necessary for a permanent association of policy makers from the Pacific nations, states, and territories, to meet on a regular basis in order to consider matters of mutual interest in areas where regional cooperation, coordination, exchange and assistance would help individual governments achieve their goals through collective action. Based on a mission statement adopted on July 31, 1991, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures was formed. On November 23, 1981, its charter officers were named during an organizational planning session held on the island of Guam. Senator Edward R. Duenas of Guam served as APIL's first president with Senate President Olympio T. Borja of the CNMI as his vice president. Senator Elias Thomas of the FSM was designated as secretary and Senator Moses Ulodong of the Republic of Palau was named treasurer.

Issues currently at the forefront of APIL's agenda include Resources and Economic Development, Commerce, Legislation, Energy, Regional Security and Defense, Communications, Cultural Appreciation, Health and Social Services, Education, Agriculture, Air and Sea Transportation, Aquaculture, Sports and Recreation, Youth and Senior Citizens, Tourism, Finance, Political Status, External Relations, and Development Banking. For almost two decades, APIL has remained dedicated towards promoting regional concerns. I congratulate the officers of this term, Senator Carlotta A. Leon Guerrero of Guam, President; Senator Renster Andrew of the FSM, Vice President; Senator Herman P. Semes of the FSM, secretary; Representative Ana S. Teregeyo of the CNMI, treasurer; and Senator Haruo Esang of the Republic of Palau, advisor, for their hard work and dedication. Let us continue our united efforts in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING TIMOTHY E.  
HOEKSEMA, RECIPIENT OF THE  
1999 INSTITUTE OF HUMAN RELA-  
TIONS AWARD**HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 9, 1999*

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Timothy E. Hoeksema, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Midwest Express Airlines, Inc., who is the recipient of the 1999 Institute of Human Relations Award from the American Jewish Committee.

Mr. Hoeksema is a leading figure in the community and an example of the values of his hometown, Milwaukee, which esteems hard work, honesty and a genuine love of people. Under his leadership the company has distinguished itself as a dynamic and innovative force in the airline industry.

Mr. Hoeksema's support of community groups and functions seemingly knows no boundaries and includes Betty Brinn Children's Museum, Midwest Athletes Against Childhood Cancer, Next Door Foundation, Milwaukee Art Museum, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee, Eastown and Westown Associations, Habitat for Humanity, Esperanza Unida, Project Equality, American Cancer Society, Florentine Opera, Circus Parade, Skylight Opera Theater, First Stage, Greater Milwaukee Open, Marcus Center for the Performing Arts, Make-A-Wish Foundation, and Riversplash.

Mr. Hoeksema is duly recognized by the American Jewish Committee, which has worked toward intergroup understanding to strengthen a community in which diverse cultures and traditions can flourish. In that regard, he is a fitting recipient of the Institute of Human Relations Award, which is presented to leaders of the business and civic community whose distinguished leadership demonstrates their profound commitment to preserving our democratic heritage.

Each year the American Jewish Committee's Institute of Human Relations honors an outstanding corporate citizen, and it is a fitting tribute, Mr. Speaker, that Timothy A. Hoeksema, who has done so much to support the diverse social fabric of the community, should receive this outstanding recognition.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF GORDON  
JOHNSTON**HON. RALPH M. HALL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 9, 1999*

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of a community leader from Longview, TX, the late Gordon Clayton Johnston, Sr., who gave generously of his time and energies to a variety of worthy community causes prior to his death on March 17 of this year.

Mr. Johnston was born in Norphlet, AR, on July 24, 1925, but grew up and lived a majority of his life in Longview. He served in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific Theater and returned to Longview to marry Mildred McHaney in June 1946. He then attended Kilgore Junior

College, serving as drum major for the Ranger Band, and following graduation entered the School of Business at the University of Texas at Austin.

Upon his return to Longview, he entered the oil business with his father, the late E.C. Johnston, Sr. He was a charter member of the First State Bank of Longview Founding Board (presently Longview Bank & Trust) and retired at the end of 1991 after 33 years of service. He also was a charter member of the Longview Savings and Loan Board, which he served for 19 years.

Throughout his life he was active in community service. He was a charter member of the founding board of the Longview YMCA and served continuously for more than 20 years, including two terms as president. He was an officer of the Longview Chamber of Commerce and Junior Chamber of Commerce. He was a community advisor for the Junior Service League (now Junior League of Longview) and served on the United Way Budget Committee. He was a longtime member of Pinecrest Country Club, charter member of the board of the Summit Club and a member of the Cherokee Club.

Mr. Johnston also was devoted to the First Christian Church, where he had been a member since 1946. He served as a deacon and an elder for a number of years and in 1987, along with his wife, Mildred, he received the honor of being named elder emeritus. He served for many years on the church's board and served as chairman for 2 years.

An outdoorsman by nature, he was an ardent supporter of fish and game conservation in Texas, Colorado, and Alabama. He enjoyed ranching, raised and showed Appaloosa horses, and was a member of several hunt clubs.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred; children, Kathy Jackson, Gordon Clayton Johnston, Jr., Mark Johnston, Elaine Kauffman, Beth Ylitalo, and Kent McHaney Johnston; 16 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and his brother, E.C. Johnston, Jr., of Longview.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Johnston is missed by his many friends and his family, but his memory will live on through the legacy that he leaves to his community, his church, and his family. It is an honor to pay my last respects to Gordon Clayton Johnston, Sr.

## VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 9, 1999*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, Thursday, November 11, 1999, marks the observance of Veterans Day, honoring all veterans who have pledged allegiance to their country and all of its endeavors. This day is set aside to recognize the boldness and bravery of those who have fought to uphold the standards of democracy.

On this Veterans Day, a special ceremony titled, "Salute 1999: An American Patriotic Celebration" will be held at the Radisson Star Plaza Theatre in Merrillville, Indiana. This celebration of patriotism and pride will honor eight local veterans for their dedicated military service. Those veterans that will be honored include: Stanley Bliznik, Eliseo Castaneda,

Alonzo Swann, Jr., Charles Swisher, Zenon Lukosius, Marion Brzezinski, Walter O'Keefe, and Douglas Dettman.

Stanley Bliznik of Highland, Indiana, is a World War II Veteran of the United States Army. He served our country from October 7, 1941 to July 31, 1945 as a member of the Army's 20th Combat Engineer Battalion. Eliseo Castaneda of East Chicago, Indiana, is a United States Marine Corps Veteran. He enlisted in the Marines in July of 1948 and was discharged July, 1952. He arrived in Pusan, Korea the first day of September 1950 and participated in the Pusan Perimeter action, the battle of Kimpo Air Field, and the battle securing Seoul, South Korea. Serving in the Navy during World War II, Alonzo Swann, Jr., of Gary, Indiana is a fine example of one of our American heroes. He received the Victory Medal, American Theater Medal, Purple Heart, Bronze Star Combat V, Asiatic Pacific Medal three stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon two stars, and the Navy Cross for his dedicated military service. Additionally, Charles Swisher of Crown Point, Indiana, served in the United States Army during World War II on the battlefield in France. He served as a member of the 976th Field Artillery Battalion. Zenon Lukosius of South Holland, Illinois, courageously served our country during World War II. As a member of the United States Navy, Lukosius defended against enemy planes, helped bombard enemy shores, and was involved in the capture of enemy submarines. Marion Brzezinski of Highland, Indiana, served in the United States Army until he was discharged in September of 1945. In 1944, during the Invasion of the Rhineland, he was taken prisoner by the Nazis two days before Christmas and was liberated on April 29, 1945 by the American Forces. After twenty-seven years of faithful service, Walter O'Keefe was discharged from the United States Marine Corps with the rank of 1st Sergeant. O'Keefe hails from Dolton, Illinois where he is a father of three, grandfather of six, and has four great-grandchildren. Douglas Dettman resides in Schererville, Indiana, and served in the United States Army during the Vietnam conflict. Dettman received the Good Conduct Medal, Combat Medic Badge, Purple Heart, Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Silver Star, Distinguished Service Cross, and the Silver Cross for his valorous actions as a medical aid man.

The great sacrifice made by these eight men and those who served our country has resulted in the freedom and prosperity of our country and in countries around the world. The responsibility rests within each of us to build upon the valiant efforts that these men and women who fought for this country have displayed, so that the United States and the world will be a more free and prosperous place. To properly honor the heroism of our troops, we must make the most of our freedom secured by their efforts.

In addition to the eight veterans who are to be honored at this patriotic celebration, I would also like to commend all of those who served this country for their bravery, courage, and undying commitment to patriotism and democracy. May God bless them all.

We will forever be indebted to our veterans and their families for the sacrifices they made so that we can enjoy our freedom. Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in saluting these eight men and the other veterans who have fought for our great country.

## WELCOMING THE 1999 AEA CLASSIC TO SAN DIEGO

### HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 9, 1999*

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the industry, finance and media participants in the 1999 American Electronics Association (AEA) "Classic," an annual meeting linking high-tech industry leaders, entrepreneurs and financial partners that is being held this week in San Diego, California.

It is my great honor to represent one of the nation's most "wired" congressional districts. Within an hour's drive of the AEA Classic gathering lies the entire 51st Congressional District that I represent. It is also home to the global capital of wireless telecommunications, exemplified by firms such as Qualcomm, Ericsson, Motorola and, very soon, Nokia. We are also home to leading participants in the PC and electronics industries, including Gateway, Hewlett-Packard, Sony and others. Major software firms like Peregrine Systems, Intuit and Stac, integrated solutions providers like SAIC, and technologically advanced national security industry employers like TRW, Titan, Cubic, Orincon, CSC, Jaycor, General Atomics and many others, all have either headquarters or major presences in San Diego County.

I have seen the future, and it is made in San Diego in more ways than one.

Our leading technology employers have two things in common: leading-edge ideas, backed with sufficient financing to get them to market and to prepare them for the markets of the future. This principle, bringing great ideas together with the business know-how and the financing necessary to make them succeed, is the motivating purpose for the annual AEA Classic.

The jobs and economic opportunities of the future are being made today at meetings like the AEA Classic, in San Diego today. They are not being created by the government or by regulators or by bureaucrats, but by entrepreneurs with dreams, and by people with resources to make these dreams real. To ensure that these innovations keep coming, I believe that we need to work together to improve education in every community for every person. And we need to keep the long, taxing arm of the federal government out of the way.

The AEA Classic meeting in San Diego deserves Members' attention, because their next purchase, their constituents' next job, or the technology for their next phone call may well depend on its success. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for permitting me to take note of a major force in the development of America's dynamic high-tech industry.

## IN OBSERVANCE OF DUTCH AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY

### HON. PETER HOEKSTRA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 9, 1999*

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, on November 17, 1776, a small American warship, the *Andrew Doria*, sailed into the harbor of the island of Saint Eustatius in the West Indies,

which is a colony of the Netherlands. Only four months before, the United States had declared its independence from Great Britain. The American crew was delighted when the island's governor, Johannes DeGraaf, ordered that his fort's cannons be fired in a friendly salute. As this was first-ever military salute given by a foreign power to the flag of the United States, it was a risky and courageous act. The British seized the island a few years later. DeGraaf's welcoming salute was a sign of respect, and today it continues to symbolize the deep ties of friendship that exist between the United States and the Netherlands.

After more than 200 years, the bonds between the United States and the Netherlands remain strong. Our diplomatic ties, in fact, constitute one of our longest unbroken diplomatic relationships with any foreign country. Fifty years ago, during the Second World War, American and Dutch men and women fought side by side to defend the cause of freedom and democracy. As NATO allies, we have continued to stand together to keep the transatlantic partnership strong and to maintain the peace and security of Europe. In the Persian Gulf we joined as coalition partners to repel aggression and to uphold the rule of law.

While the ties between the United States and the Netherlands have been tested by time and by the crucible of armed conflict, Dutch-American heritage is even older than our official relationship. It dates back to the early 17th century, when the Dutch West Indies Company founded New Netherland and its main settlements, New Amsterdam and Fort Orange—today known as New York City and Albany. From the earliest days of our Republic, men and women of Dutch ancestry have made important contributions to American history and culture. The influence of our Dutch ancestors can still be seen not only in New York's Hudson River Valley but also in communities like Holland, Michigan; Pella, Iowa; Lyden, Washington; and Bellflower, California—where many people trace their roots to settlers from the Netherlands.

Generations of Dutch immigrants have enriched the United States with the unique customs and traditions of their ancestral homeland—a country that has given the world great artists and celebrated philosophers.

On this occasion, we also remember many celebrated American leaders of Dutch descent. At least three presidents, Martin VanBuren, Theodore Roosevelt and Franklin D. Roosevelt, came from Dutch stock. Our Dutch heritage is seen not only in our people but also in our experience as a nation. Our traditions of religious freedom and tolerance, for example, have spiritual and legal roots among such early settlers as the English Pilgrims and the French Huguenots, who first found refuge from persecution in Holland. The Dutch Republic was among those systems of government that inspired our nation's Founders as they shaped our Constitution.

In celebrating of the long-standing friendship that exists between the United States and the Netherlands, and in recognition of the many contributions that Dutch Americans have made to our country, we observe Dutch American Heritage day on November 16. I salute the more than 8 million Americans of Dutch descent and the 16 million people of the Netherlands in celebration of this joyous occasion