

aware of the hazards," Earhart said. "I want to do it because I want to do it. Women must try to do things as men have tried. When they fail their failure must be but a challenge to others."

Today, Pamela Brown's memory lives on at the Actor's Theater of Louisville, whose main stage was named the Pamela Brown Auditorium to honor her. Her memory and her spirit also lives on in the hearts and minds of many of us—friends, family, and fellow Kentuckians, for whom Pamela Brown still is an inspiration.

RECOGNIZING "BRAVO SAN DIEGO"

HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 1999

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to bring to the attention of the Congress an event that symbolizes the synergy between the very best of human nature and the very best of human ability.

Too often, Members come to the floor to speak of tragedy, mishap, or malady; so much so, that when future generations look back upon us, it will appear as if our moment in history was consumed solely by the various tempests of our time. It is with this in mind that I bring news of an event to be held in my district of San Diego, California which celebrates the merger between the business community and the arts community, and highlights the philanthropic and community oriented nature of my constituency.

On November 20th, 1999 "Bravo San Diego" will bring together over 800 arts, business and civic leaders for an evening of arts, food and entertainment. The goal of this event is to raise awareness and funds for the Business Volunteers for the Arts (BVA), a not-for-profit program administered by the Performing Arts League. The BVA provides volunteers from the business community to act as private, voluntary consultants to arts organizations so they may better abide by business protocol and practices, and exact the most efficient use of their resources.

"Bravo San Diego" will be hosted by Mr. Earl Holding, the owner of the Westgate Hotel, and supported by major sponsorships from Qualcomm, Gateway, Sempra and many other philanthropic-minded San Diego businesses. Additionally, the program will be coordinated by Mr. Georg Hochfilzer of the Westgate and Mr. Rod Appel, producer for the Performing Arts League. Representing the largest gathering of arts and culture ever in San Diego, "Bravo San Diego" will showcase the accomplishments and programs of over fifty performing arts organizations and seven museums.

Mr. Speaker, as we pay tribute this month to the impact that arts and culture have on each of our lives, it is important that we also recognize those persons and organizations who will ensure that these vital community needs survive the changing times. Therefore, I extend my most sincere congratulations to the BVA, for their good work, and my most sincere thank you to the men and women who will make "Bravo San Diego" a success and example from which the rest of America may learn to support their arts and culture.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MILITARY EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION ACT

HON. SAXBY CHAMBLISS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 1999

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, currently, there are instances where American civilians have committed crimes outside the United States but have not been prosecuted because foreign governments decline to take any action and U.S. military or civilian law enforcement agencies lack the appropriate authority to prosecute these criminals. Consequently, only minor administrative sanctions are available to punish serious crimes.

Today, my colleague, Congressman BILL McCOLLUM, and I are introducing legislation that will close a legal loophole that currently allows civilians accompanying the military outside the United States to avoid prosecution from crimes.

For example, a Department of Defense teacher raped a minor and videotaped the event. The host country chose not to prosecute, and the United States did not have the jurisdiction to prosecute the teacher.

The son of a contractor employee in Italy committed various crimes including rape, arson, assault, and drug trafficking. Because of a lack of jurisdiction to prosecute, the son was simply barred from the base.

A civilian spouse living overseas attacked her active duty husband with a kitchen knife and stabbed him in the shoulder. Although the spouse confessed to aggravated assault, the local national law enforcement agencies declined to prosecute.

A 13-year-old living on an Army base in Germany, sexually molested and raped several other children under the age of ten. German authorities decided not to prosecute. The only punishment for the offender was to be expelled from Germany.

An Air Force employee molested 24 children, ages 9 to 14. Because the host country refused to prosecute, the only recourse was to bar him from the base.

An Overseas Jurisdiction Advisory Committee has recommended to the Secretary of Defense and the Attorney General that this kind of "legislation is needed to address misconduct by civilians accompanying the force overseas in peacetime settings." Both the Department of Justice and the Department of Defense support legislation that will help to maintain order and discipline among our armed forces.

It is time that we close the loophole that allows civilian criminals to escape prosecution of their crimes. The Military Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Act we are introducing today, similar to S. 768 introduced by Senator JEFF SESSIONS and Senator MICHAEL DEWINE, will provide the federal government much greater ability to hold criminals responsible for crimes which they commit and will finally tighten our laws so that criminals do not go unpunished.

TRIBUTE TO SHARON BECK

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 1999

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a woman who is nearing the end of her tenure as president of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association. Sharon Beck is a remarkable woman who deserves the appreciation of all of those whose livelihoods depend on their ability to till the soil and raise cattle. She is a woman who has devoted a significant portion of her life to defending the farmers and ranchers of both Oregon and the United States and preserving their rural way of life.

Sharon's election by her peers as president of the OCA is merely one reflection of the respect and admiration she has garnered throughout her years of tireless devotion on behalf of the agricultural community. In 1984 the Beck family was named producers of the year by the Beef Improvement Federation. Sharon and her husband appeared on the cover of Beef Today in 1995. This year her family's farm received the high honor of being named the Oregon Wheat Growers League "State Conservation Farm of the Year." Sharon Beck has received awards from the Oregon Cattlemen, has twice received the President's award from the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, and was named Union County's "Agricultural Woman of the Year." These awards represent not only Sharon's dedication to agriculture, but also that of her family and especially her husband Bob, who deserves a recognition of his own.

Sharon's son Rob summed up her life of achievement perfectly by noting that her commitment and dedication have allowed her to excel at any endeavor she undertakes, and that no matter what the odds, she is never overwhelmed. That's why farmers and ranchers turn to Sharon in times of trouble. And Mr. Speaker, that's why I rise today to recognize Sharon Beck—a true American rancher and a true friend of mine.

IN PRAISE OF UNCONVENTIONAL GIVING

HON. BILL McCOLLUM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 1999

Mr. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to draw attention to the excellent and unconventional work accomplished at America's Community Bankers' Annual Convention in Orlando. I say "unconventional" because not many of the nation's millions of convention-goers do what America's Community Bankers do.

Each year, ACB and its spouses' organization, Housing Partners, select a charity in their convention city, raise funds for it, and present the group with a check during the convention. On November 2 in Orlando, Housing Partners presented their 1999 charity, Orlando's Edgewood Children's Ranch, with a record donation of \$170,000. Over the past 8 years, ACB's Housing Partners has donated more than \$700,000 to charities around the country. The money is raised in a variety of ways, including

a craft sale, a golf tournament, a benefit concert, and donations from member banks.

The Edgewood Children's Ranch, a residential child care and development facility that has been helping troubled youngsters and families in the Orlando area for more than 30 years, is one of my favorites in an area blessed with many fine helping organizations. The ranch has been called a "boot camp with love," because of its emphasis on structure, school, and parental involvement.

Although the ranch accepts children from all denominations and races, it expects them to attend chapel, pledge allegiance to the American flag, and respect their elders—activities, to quote Gaby Acks, the ranch's development director, "that disqualify us for public funds."

That's why America's Community Bankers' unrestricted gift of \$170,000, which represents about one-tenth of the ranch's annual budget, is so important. "We are ecstatic," said Joan Consolver, executive director of the ranch. "It is unheard of for a convention group to leave a gift like this for the community."

I recognized America's Community Bankers' unique commitment to community in my remarks at the convention and I was glad that Orlando did as well. Mayor Glenda Hood and Orange County Chairman Mel Martinez both took time from their busy schedules to come to the check presentation ceremony and express the collective thanks of our community. Chairman Martinez said the philanthropic model developed by ACB's Housing Partners "serves as an example of leadership and community service for other trade associations and conventions." He commended them "for the extraordinary gesture of goodwill and the legacy they have left to our community." Mayor Hood proclaimed October 31–November 3, 1999 as America's Community Bankers and Housing Partners Day in Orlando "in recognition of their philanthropic excellence."

The Orlando Sentinel ran the following editorial.

**BANKERS GIVE BACK TO LOCAL CHILDREN—
THEY RAISED \$170,000 FOR EDGEWOOD CHILDREN'S RANCH DURING THEIR CONVENTION**

People who live near the Edgewood Children's Ranch can drive past it for years without ever knowing it's there. Tucked next to a lake and down the hill from a quiet street off Old Winter Garden Road, the sprawling campus affords a splendid view that few see.

Last week, a Washington, D.C.-based banker's group got the chance to set eyes on the ranch. And its members liked what they saw so much, they raised \$170,000 for the 30-year-old home for troubled kids, a record for the trade group.

America's Community Bankers picks a city for its convention each year, and every year, its organization of spouses and housing partners hold fund-raisers during the convention. In 1994, the group raised \$50,000 for House of Hope, an Orlando-based teen program. Last year, it gave \$150,000 to a battered women's shelter in Chicago.

From a popular craft sale to a big, convention-capping concert—this year's featured Frankie Avalon—the fund raising gives spouses a chance to do more than just tag along for golf outings or fancy dinners, said Joan Pinkerton, a spokeswoman for America's Community Bankers.

"People will say to me, 'That's the reason I come to the convention,'" Pinkerton said. "It's a neat way to tie into the community." For the children's ranch, which ekes out an existence on a \$1.2 million annual budget and a lot of prayers, the gift is the largest ever that will go to its general fund. We were

blown away by the amount," said Gaby Acks, children's development director for the ranch. Faith is a huge component at the ranch, which accepts struggling children and teens for a year or two. While the residents are not ordered by the courts to be there, many have chosen the ranch as an alternative to juvenile detention or other probationary conditions.

The rules are strict—hospital corners on the beds, neatly folded clothes and taking only what you can eat at meals—but the kids who live there find they don't mind after a few weeks.

Richard Amado, 16, found himself at the ranch after some minor scrapes with the law. Although he says he initially chafed at the carefully regimented days there, he has made up two grade levels in his schoolwork and has become a quiet, well-mannered young man.

During their convention, the bankers held a golf tournament in addition to the craft sale and the concert.

Some of them also toured the ranch, meeting the kids and seeing where their money will go. They were so impressed, they may donate some of next year's fund-raising haul to the ranch, Pinkerton said.

Acks, who said each day can bring small miracles for the often-strapped ranch, wasn't surprised at their reaction. Anyone who visits, she said, can't help but be touched.

"It's really just an amazing place," she said.

I commend America's Community Bankers for leaving its most recent hand-print in Orlando at the Edgewood Children's Ranch, and encourage other groups to follow this unique example of community involvement.

A CLARIFICATION FOR THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK PROVISIONS IN H.R. 1554, AS PASSED IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON NOVEMBER 9, 1999

HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 1999

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1554, the Satellite Home Viewer Act, includes most of the legislation that would impact the U.S. Patent system. I worked closely with the authors of the bill in the House of Representatives. I appreciate the time they took to listen to my strong concerns about the original bill, H.R. 1907, which passed in the House overwhelmingly this past August. I offer these remarks, however, to create a legislative history and to clarify language in one of the sections I believed needed reworking—the title concerning Third Party Re-Examination.

Under Subtitle F—Optional Inter Partes Re-examination Procedure, Section 4605 Conforming Amendments, paragraph (b) contains what I believe to be a technical error. Section 134 of title 35 of the United States Code is amended in two sub-paragraphs (a) and (b). H.R. 1554 uses the term "administrative patent judge" where it should read "primary examiner," in both paragraphs. Therefore, this section should read,

Section 134 of title 35, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"Section 134. Appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences

"(a) Patent Applicant.—An applicant for a patent, any of whose claims has been twice

rejected, may appeal from the decision of the primary examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, having once paid the fee for such appeal.

"(b) Patent Owner.—A patent owner in any reexamination proceeding may appeal from the final rejection of any claim by the primary examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, having once paid the fee for such appeal."

I thank the Speaker for his indulgence in allowing me this opportunity to clarify the language of this section of H.R. 1554.

CELEBRATING THE 134TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF CROCKETT, TX

HON. JIM TURNER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 1999

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate an important milestone in the history of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, of Crockett, Texas. On October 10, 1999, Bethel Missionary Baptist Church celebrated 134 years of service to this East Texas community. As the church members celebrate this important anniversary, I ask all of my colleagues to join with me today in recognizing this milestone. I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Reverend Delvin Atchison for his continued leadership of the Bethel congregation.

Organized in 1965 by newly-freed slaves, Bethel Missionary Baptist Church today is a vibrant and growing ministry. As a resident of Crockett, I can truly attest to the tremendous impact the church and its members continue to have on the lives of Houston County residents. Bethel Missionary Baptist Church has become known throughout Crockett and surrounding communities as "A Community of Caring Christians."

Through the years Bethel Missionary Baptist Church as profoundly influenced the life of our community because it has been blessed with lay leaders who have also been leaders in the civic, cultural and political affairs of Crockett, Houston County and the State of Texas. In addition, Bethel has benefited from the leadership of many gifted and talented ministers exemplified by its current pastor, Delvin Atchison. My personal relationship with Reverend Atchison and with the late Reverend J.T. Groves has been a blessing to me and my family. Their leadership has expanded the boundaries of influence of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church.

Bethel's ministry has contributed not only to meeting the spiritual needs of the congregation but to the healing, reconciliation and racial harmony of the larger community. During the past 134 years, the members of the Bethel Missionary Baptist Church congregation have been at the forefront in advancing civil rights and civic participation and have fostered unity, justice and social progress for all citizens.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating the congregation of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, under the guidance of Reverend Atchison, as it celebrates its 134th anniversary. All past and present church members