

Florence Trimble, known as the Mother Teresa of Gilroy, has dedicated her time and love to recruiting volunteers to address the needs of the homeless.

Forrest W. Williams provides valuable service to programs for young people. He has been a mentor for many years and serves on the San Jose Planning Commission and the United Negro College Fund Executive Advisory Board.

In addition, I would like to congratulate the six community groups who received the Human Relations Award. The groups are: AAUW Committee on Homeless Women and Children—Los Gatos/Saratoga Branch; Adelante Mujer Hispana of Santa Clara County; Almaden Council Pacific Bell Pioneers; Dispute Resolution Program Services Volunteers, Office of Human Relations; Filipino Youth Coalition; and Mountain View Diversity Forum.

SUPPORT AMERICAN STEEL

HON. MICHAEL R. McNULTY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 1999

Mr. McNULTY Mr. Speaker, I want to express my deep concern about the crisis facing our American steel industry. The continued dumping of steel is causing tremendous harm to the industry and forcing huge lay-offs of hard-working U.S. steel workers. Over 10,000 steel workers have been laid off in the past year as a result of the flood of under-priced steel coming into the United States.

As we all know, America was built on the backs of laborers. We cannot turn our backs on them now.

Although the actions taken by the steel industry and the Administration have caused the amount of dumped steel to drop, more needs to be done. We need to be firm and make it very clear to our competitors that we will not tolerate illegal dumping of any kind.

American Steel companies and organized labor have worked very hard over the last decade to restructure and to restore the integrity of this important industry. We cannot allow these sacrifices to be in vain.

I am a co-sponsor of Rep. VISCOSKY's bill to reduce steel imports to 25% of the U.S. market. That is the level that prevailed in July 1997—before the illegal dumping began. I hope the House will adopt this measure in the near future.

Given the nation's strong economy, now is the time to deepen our commitment to ensuring that working families keep the well-paying jobs they deserve.

RECOGNITION OF THE COMMITMENT OF MR. WILLIAM C. "BILLY" SULLIVAN TO YOUTH ATHLETICS

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 1999

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the lifelong commitment to youth athletics in Western Massachusetts of Mr. William C. "Billy" Sullivan. For the

past fifty years, Billy Sullivan has been a fixture on the sidelines of playing fields throughout the Greater Springfield area. As a football, basketball, and baseball player, Billy displayed an unmatched drive to succeed. His dedication to fair play and high quality athletics has been evident since he was a young man, and has continued to this day.

Billy Sullivan's dedication to athletics as a coach, manager, and organizer is unparalleled. He has coached local youth teams for well over thirty years, including a stint as manager of the Sacred Heart Semi-pro baseball team. He has been a sitting member on the Catholic Basketball League Board of Directors, the Springfield Pee Wee Baseball Leagues Board of Directors, the Basketball Hall of Fame Tip-Off Committee, and the Basketball Hall of Fame Board of Trustees. He has been Chairman of John L. Sullivan Day at Pynchon Park, the NCAA Division II Elite 8 Basketball Championships, the Springfield Civic Basketball Committee, and the Springfield Peach Basket Festival Committee. His public service resume includes time as a Member of the Massachusetts General Court, City Clerk of the City of Springfield, and Mayor of the City of Springfield.

Billy Sullivan's commitment to youth athletics will be on display on the weekend of March 26–28, 1999. Over 1,500 children, ages 7–17, will descend upon Western Massachusetts to participate in the 40th annual New England Catholic Youth Organization Basketball Tournament. Proceeds generated by the tournament will be donated to Brightside for Families and Children in care of the Vinny Del Negro Endowment Fund. Billy Sullivan and Vinny Del Negro are the co-chairman for this popular event.

Mr. Speaker, allow me to pay tribute to the service, commitment, and character of Mr. William C. Sullivan. He has proved himself to be an indispensable member of his community, as a leader, an organizer, and an advocate of youth athletics in Western Massachusetts.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 1999

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, due to President Clinton's visit to the 2nd District of Arizona on February 25, 1999, I was unable to cast a vote on rollcall votes No. 27 and No. 28. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 27 and "yea" on rollcall vote No. 28.

TRIBUTE TO RICARDO ICAZA

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 1999

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, my colleagues, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. SHERMAN and I rise today to

pay tribute to our very good friend, Ricardo Icaza, President of United Food and Commercial Workers Local 770. This year Ricardo is receiving the International Humanitarian Award from the Israel Humanitarian Foundation. Having traveled outside the United States many times as a representative of the AFL-CIO, advocating on behalf of working people, it is no exaggeration to say that he is a perfect choice for this prestigious honor.

Ricardo joined Local 770 in 1956, when Dwight Eisenhower was President of the United States and Elvis Presley had his first hit records. In the ensuing 43 years, the fortunes of organized labor have ebbed and flowed, along with those of the American economy as a whole. Through it all Ricardo's commitment to the Union, its policies and its goals, has never wavered. He is too busy fighting for the rights of workers to worry about whether the role of unions is diminishing, or to fret over the standing of the labor movement in public opinion polls.

Ricardo has held many important positions with Local 770, including Research Assistant, Organizer, Business Representative and Secretary-Treasurer. He has been President of Local 770 since 1981.

Many of his duties have involved helping his brothers and sisters in foreign countries. In 1979, for example, he represented the Retail Clerks International Union as an advisory committee member in a delegation that went to Portugal, Spain and Brussels. He has also traveled to China, Geneva and Germany as a representative of the AFL-CIO. In 1998, Ricardo represented labor in Mayor Riordan's delegation that visited Japan for the purpose of encouraging business with the City of Los Angeles.

Ricardo's involvement with labor does not stop with Local 770. He is also President of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, Treasurer of the Food and Drug Council and Vice President of the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement and trustee of the Southern California United Food and Commercial Workers Unions.

We ask our colleagues to join us in saluting Ricardo Icaza, a man of integrity, compassion and justice. His unshakable commitment to improving the lives of working men and women inspires us all.

HONORING THE STUDENTS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOUNDING OF THE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION "CLOTHES, FOOD, AND EDUCATION FOR THE POOR AND NEEDY"

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 1999

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of some distinguished South Florida students: Abhishek Gupta, Adam & Diana Deitsch, Connie & Hakeem Campbell, Shaun Krueger, Edward & Monique McDuffie, Laurel Stephenson, and Samantha Voehringer. Every one of these students is between the ages of 7–17 years old, and their outstanding community service has truly benefited both the South Florida community as well as the world at large.

During this past Thanksgiving break, my constituent, Abhishek Gupta, read several articles in local newspapers describing the unfortunate situation of many poor and needy families in his local community and around the world. The eleventh grade student set himself the lofty goal of raising \$50,000 in order to promote and combat this cause. With encouragement from his parents and help from several local students, Abhishek created a non-profit organization called "Clothes, Food & Education for the Poor & Needy" to help less fortunate families.

Finding corporate sponsors to pay for operational expenses, Abhishek appealed to an received contributions from the local community members who responded with both enthusiasm and compassion. In the end, their goal was exceeded by raising \$60,000 in just a few weeks. The money was donated to the Sun-Sentinel Children's Fund, the Miami Herald Wishbook in Southeast Florida, and to victims in Central America affected by Hurricane Mitch. In a very short time, the once bold idea developed not only a reality, but into an overwhelming success.

In December 1998, Lynn Stephenson, R.N., and Abhishek Gupta were invited to accompany a medical team on a mission of mercy to Honduras and Nicaragua from 12/26/98 through 12/31/98. In their possession were 120 boxes of food, clothing and medical supplies for distribution. In the three days the team of doctors was in Central America, they were met by an overwhelming number of patients to whom they provided badly needed medical treatment. By the end of the three days, they had seen a total of 594 patients.

Mr. Speaker, "Clothes, Food and Education for the Poor and Needy" is committed to supporting needy families and education in South Florida and around the world. The organization will continue to seek contributions for this worthy cause. Their vision is to make this an effort that continues throughout the year, thus creating the possibility of having a positive effect on the lives of people who are less fortunate.

H.R. 436, THE GOVERNMENT WASTE, FRAUD & ERROR REDUCTION ACT

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 1999

Ms. DEGETTE. Mr. Speaker, Congress acted responsibly to reduce government waste last week, voting 419-1 to pass H.R. 436, the Government Waste, Fraud & Error Reduction Act.

This common-sense measure empowers federal agencies to collect delinquent debt and it bars individuals from receiving aid or participating in federal programs if they have refused to pay back money borrowed from the government. This tough-on-debt approach is justified for individuals who knowingly seek the assistance of the Federal Government, but choose to defraud taxpayers by not paying back their debts. On a yearly basis, Congress will receive reports from federal agencies detailing debt collection procedures and outstanding debts of \$1 million or more. With reinvigorated, streamlined debt collection mechanisms

in place, the Federal Government will be able to use hard-earned taxpayer money more efficiently.

One important provision of H.R. 436 will allow social security benefits to be scaled back for individuals who owe large amounts of child support. For many working and single-parent families, child support payments are essential ingredients for success in raising children. I believe this bill will ease the burden on working families.

I was pleased to support this legislation and make good on my pledge to reduce government waste whenever possible.

IN SUPPORT OF THE WIRELESS PRIVACY ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 1999

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 1999

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to submit for the RECORD that I would have voted "yes" if I'd been present for the vote on the Wireless Privacy Enhancement Act of 1999.

This important legislation strengthens and clarifies prohibitions on electronic eavesdropping.

Mr. Speaker, specifically, this legislation makes it illegal to intentionally intercept calls or to intentionally divulge the content of private calls. Additionally, it increases the penalties for violators and requires the FCC to investigate violations.

This legislation is essentially the same wireless scanner legislation that the House of Representatives overwhelmingly approved last session.

As an original co-sponsor of the Wireless Privacy Enhancement Act of 1999, I'm pleased my colleagues saw fit to pass the legislation by a 403 to 3 vote margin. As I stated before, had I been present for this vote, I would have joined my colleagues in their near unanimous support for this legislation.

TRIBUTE TO CHIEF RANDALL W. GASTON

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 1999

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the career of Chief Randall W. Gaston of the Anaheim Police Department. On February 25, 1999, at age 54, Chief Gaston passed away at the Anaheim Memorial Medical Center. Chief Gaston is survived by his wife Linda and has four grown children, Allison, Bryan, Aaron and Debbie and two grandchildren.

The Anaheim Police Department is said to have been run as a family under the leadership of Chief Gaston. As a 9-year old, I remember becoming a part of this family when I was named Anaheim Police Chief for the day. I toured the station, met the officers and saw firsthand the inner workings of the department. I remember I felt very welcome.

Chief Gaston began working for the Anaheim Police Department in 1965. Randy rose

quickly through the Department and was promoted to Lieutenant in 1973. In 1982, Randy graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia and was later promoted to Captain in 1983. On January 11, 1994, Randy was appointed Chief of Police.

During his tenure, crime rates fell 12% over the span of 2 years in Orange County. This tremendous achievement has been made possible only through the hard work, dedication to duty and personal sacrifice inspired by Chief Gaston.

Randy is remembered as an honest man who often laughed at himself and who enjoyed staying out of the limelight. Yet his community policing program is recognized as a model for American police forces and for safer communities around the world. He will take with him a remarkable ability to integrate local community volunteers into the police force structure to help combat crime.

I submit for the record an article from February 26, 1999, of the Los Angeles Times which further describes Chief Gaston's outstanding achievements.

While Chief Gaston's leadership will be missed at our Police Department, all citizens of Orange County should take comfort that the Anaheim Police Department will evoke his spirit and legacy through their continued efforts to better our community.

I want to thank Chief Gaston for his service to our fine city, and for his bravery and selfless dedication to his career and his community. This man was a genuine community leader. He not only did his job well, he loved it, and the community he served. We are safe because of his sacrifice.

[From the latimes.com, Neighborhood News, Feb. 26, 1999]

ANAHEIM POLICE CHIEF GASTON DIES

(By Jason Kandel, Nancy Wride)

OBITUARY: A 30-YEAR VETERAN OF THE DEPARTMENT, HE COLLAPSES WHILE JOGGING WITH HIS FELLOW OFFICERS

Anaheim Police Chief Randall Gaston, a 30-year veteran of the department he led for more than five years, died Thursday of an apparent heart attack as he was jogging on his lunch hour. He was 54.

Gaston was on a group run in Pearson Park with members of the Anaheim Police Department's special weapons and tactics team when he became ill and dropped out, then collapsed. He was given cardiopulmonary resuscitation by colleagues but could not be revived. An emergency rescue team transported him to Anaheim Memorial Medical Center, where he died at 12:55 p.m. Gaston had filled a vacancy created by the death of Chief Joseph T. Molloy, who also died of a heart attack while exercising. He too was 54.

Shocked and grieving associates remembered Gaston as a highly respected law-enforcement officer and community leader. "As a leader and professional, Chief Gaston was a model public servant," Anaheim Mayor Tom Daly said. "His dedication to the community has been remarkable, and he will be difficult to replace." Scores of uniformed officers and staff workers gathered Thursday afternoon at the Police Department for a flag-lowering ceremony in Gaston's memory. A photo of the chief was displayed in the lobby, surrounded by red, white and blue flowers.

Police Capt. Roger Baker, appointed interim chief by City Manager James D. Ruth, said of Gaston: "He was highly respected by the Anaheim Police Department and the community and will be greatly missed."

Former La Habra Police Chief Steve Staveley was a friend of Gaston for more than 30 years.