

duties as mayor, Dennis served as vice president of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments. He has also served as the chairman of the City Recycling Committee and as a member of the City Planning Commission.

I know Dennis Osmer to be a generous man with his time and his attention to the needs of the community. I am sure he will continue to make his contribution. I look forward to working with him in the future.

RECOGNITION OF ARTIST JOSÉ CISNEROS INDUCTED INTO THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE VISUAL ARTS EL PASO ARTISTS' HALL OF FAME

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 1999

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize my fellow El Pasoan, Mr. José Cisneros, as a recent inductee to the El Paso Artists' Hall of Fame. Mr. Cisneros was honored this past November in El Paso, Texas.

José has lived in El Paso since the 1930's and has led an amazing life. He was born in Villa Ocampo, Durango, Mexico, on April 18, 1910. He grew up during the Mexican revolution, and his family moved often in search of work. With his great will and determination, José taught himself how to read and write. In addition, he also taught himself to paint, draw, and do calligraphy. In 1925, he moved to Ciudad Juarez where he enrolled in the Lydia Patterson Institute in El Paso and began learning English. In 1927, José emigrated to the United States, although he maintained a dual residence while caring for his declining parents. Unfortunately, his family did not encourage his budding artistic talent, calling them monitos, or worthless doodles. However, José persevered and began entering his art into Mexican journals during the 1930's. In 1939, he met Vicenta Madero, who later became his wife. Together, they raised a family or five daughters and one niece. José became a naturalized citizen of the United States in 1948. Amazingly enough, José Cisneros is color-blind and for many years depended on his wife, who passed away in 1994, to mix colors for him. Today, José's daughters mix his colors.

José prides himself in the preservation of the history of the Southwest through his work. The University of Texas System Board of Regents selected him as the 1969 laureate for the Dobie Paisano Fellowship, the first artist to ever receive the award. The Western Writers of America presented him with the Owen Wister Award, named in tribute of the author of the "Virginian", in 1997. In April 1998, he was declared a living legend by Westerners International, the highest honor given by this worldwide organization of people enamored of the American West. During the Spring of 1998, the State of Texas held a reception and dinner in José's honor. He is also a December 1998 recipient of the University of Alcalá's medal for his lifetime contribution to the history of Spain in the New World. Among his honors, José cherishes his election to the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center and the El Paso Historical Society's Hall of

Honor. Other accolades include being knighted by King Juan Carlos I of Spain and induction as a Knight of the Holy Sepulcher. José has also received the Wrangler Award for Best Book Art and the Westerners International Best Book Award for artistic research and detail.

His paintings are in collections all around the world including the Palace of the Governors Museum in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and the Institute of Texan Cultures in San Antonio, Texas. His talents can be seen year round in his "hundred horsemen" which line the walls of the University of Texas-El Paso (UTEP) Library. Former U.S. President George Bush and Texas Governor George W. Bush also have collections of Cisneros's paintings.

José's artwork has been in several juried art competitions including Hidalgo County Historical Museum in Edinburg, Texas, and the University of the Pacific. His artwork has also appeared in competitions of the Centennial Museum at UTEP and the El Paso Museum of Art.

José's artwork has also appeared in several exhibitions beginning with the El Paso Public Library and the Centro Escolar Benito Juárez in Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, Mexico, in 1938. His artwork received widespread recognition from his exhibit at a Western Heritage Association annual meeting in 1968. José also designed the Seal for Texas Western College and modified it when the college changed its name to UTEP. He also designed the logo for the Western Heritage Association.

José has been featured in books and periodicals such as his own "Risers Across the Centuries: Horsemen of the Spanish Borderlands" (Texas Western Press, 1984) and "José Cisneros: An Artist's Journey" by John O. West (Texas Western Press, 1993). His artwork was recently collected in "Borderlands—The Heritage of the Lower Rio Grande through the Art of José Cisneros" by Felix D. Almaraz Jr., Hubert J. Miller, Tom Fort, and Rachel Freyman (Hidalgo County [Texas] Historical Society, 1998).

José is a true El Pasoan and has dedicated his life and talents to preserving the Southwest. In return for the generosity of the El Pasoans who consider his work priceless, he donates many of his works to El Paso schools, churches, and charities.

José Cisneros, believes that history is alive and beautiful, he says that he will continue to do the same thing he has done all his life—paint horses until the day he dies.

For his incredible talents and contributions to El Paso, I recognize and congratulate José Cisneros as a recent inductee of the El Paso Artists' Hall of Fame.

KRUSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 1999

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay humble tribute to the students, teachers and parents of Kruse Elementary School in Colorado for their efforts to help the needy during the holidays. I commend the faculty of the school as well as all the students, parents and individuals who contributed to their special canned food drive. Their selfless dedication

has provided warmth, comfort, and happiness to 19 needy families in Colorado. That the Kruse Parent Teacher Organization produced so much from their food drive for the benefit of local families through the Salvation Army is testament to the true meaning of the spirit of Christmas and Hanukkah. Let us remember, as these good people have, that the holiday season is one of giving, one of joy, and one of hope. Let this example during the holidays be a beacon to us all throughout the year.

AIR QUALITY STANDARDS COALITION LOBBYING FOR POOR AIR QUALITY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 1999

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention the following excerpts from an article written by Bill McAllister that appeared in the Washington Post on March 4, 1999. The article, "How Clean Air Bit The Dust," exposes yet another environmental injustice. With more and more sound scientific evidence showing correlations between poor air quality and increased incidence of diseases and environmental degradation it is sad to see that some misguided interests asserts that "it's standard stuff" to fight for the right to pollute our Nation's air. Is it "standard stuff" to increase the incidence of childhood asthma and lung cancer? The article states that some "fretted that their opposition might rile EPA Administrator Carol M. Browner." Now they can worry about riling Congress. Read on.

[From the Washington Post, Mar. 4, 1999]

HOW CLEAN AIR BIT THE DUST

(By Bill McAllister)

What happens when a big business coalition closes the door and plots strategy? Some enviros recently got a copy of notes of a Jan. 21 meeting of the Air Quality Standards Coalition and were appalled by what they saw through a rare window into the world of business lobbyists.

The lobbyists' bravado and scheming had Philip E. Clapp, president of the National Environmental Trust, and John Passacantando, executive director of Ozone Action, so angry they demanded that Thomas R. Kuhn, president of the Edison Electric Institute, which hosted the meeting, repudiate the group.

In the meeting, the lobbyists chortled over their successful strategy of rounding up governors, local officials and congressional Democrats to oppose a "haze rule" that the Environmental Protection Agency was promoting to cut pollution in national parks.

"We're delighted we're in place with this coalition," said a representative of the Chemical Manufacturers Association, who was also unnamed. "Maybe we need to rename it. How about just drop the word 'standards' and call it 'the Air Quality Coalition.'"

Others fretted that their opposition might rile EPA Administrator Carol M. Browner. "We don't want Browner to own this thing," said one. "The key is keeping it out of Carol Browner's bailiwick," said another.

The meeting's big decision: to plan a retreat to discuss strategy. "We're going to help our friends on the Hill, Bring in key Hill staff to work with us," one remarked.

The lobbyists plotted tapping into corporate foundation that could fund pollution

research and complained of their dwindling bank account ("only \$60,000") and the work that the Alpine Group, a lobby shop, was doing—at \$7,500 a month—finding Democrats to oppose the EPA rules.

Attendees, according to the notes, also included representatives of the American Petroleum Institute, the National Mining Association, General Motors, American Trucking Associations and Daimler Chrysler, among others.

"It's standard stuff" said Paul Bailey, Edison's vice president for environmental affairs, when asked about the notes. "We're surprised it has become a big deal."

An EPA official, speaking on condition he not be named, agreed. "They've been our nemesis for more than a year," the official said, adding the group had used similar tactics to fight a smog rule in 1997. "We wouldn't be surprised at anything the Air Quality Standards Coalition does. It's déjà vu all over again."

A SPECIAL THANKS TO RAY BELGARD

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 1999

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to convey the appreciation of Santa Cruz County, CA, for the 46 years of public service contributed by Ray Belgard, who retired from the county board of supervisors at the end of 1998.

Ray began his career with the Salinas Police Department where he began to acquire both his investigative skills and his abilities as a staff supervisor. In 1964, Ray was recruited by the Monterey County Office of the District Attorney where he worked with Peter Chang. In 1966, when Peter Chang was elected to the office of District Attorney of Santa Cruz County he persuaded Ray to join him as the county's chief inspector. In their joint effort to scrutinize the budget, Peter and Ray deleted an obscure item that appeared to be continued from the previous administration. The budget subsequently passed without a line for Peter's salary.

In 1982, in response to pleadings for his leadership in the Police Department from his home town Watsonville, Ray took control of the department and brought it to its current status as one of the most efficient and best-run police departments in the county.

In 1989, Ray retired from public life, or so he thought. After a year, Ray successfully ran for county supervisor for the 4th District, the area which included Watsonville. As became well-known to the public works director for the county, Ray was especially sensitive to the need for road repairs, an issue important in his rural district. Ray could also be relied upon to champion the causes of public employees, law enforcement, seniors, children and agriculture.

Ray Belgard's name will always evoke the image of a plain-spoken and direct man, concerned with the efficient delivery of public services. The tributes paid to him by his colleagues and constituents upon his retirement testify to the atmosphere of good feelings that surrounded Ray throughout his long and distinguished career.

TERRY SANFORD COMMEMORATION ACT OF 1999

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 1999

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, eleven months ago, North Carolina, and the country, lost a truly great American when former United States Senator and North Carolina Governor Terry Sanford died of complications associated with cancer. Terry Sanford lived a life that has served as a shining example of excellence to an entire generation.

Known as North Carolina's "Education Governor," Terry Sanford inspired teachers and students to excel with his unrelenting commitment to public education. It was his many contributions to education that led Harvard University to name him one of the top ten governors of the twentieth century.

As President of Duke University, Terry Sanford challenged a small regional university to dream big and to reach those dreams. And reach them it did. When Terry Sanford left Duke University it had become a world leader in research and higher education in law, medicine, business and the arts. It was his many contributions to creating what is generally regarded as the Harvard of the South that led Duke University to name its Institute for Public Policy after this great American.

Called to serve the public once again, Terry Sanford was elected to the United States Senate in 1986. In his years in the Senate, Terry Sanford distinguished himself as a passionate advocate for public education and the poor.

In addition to his most visible roles as a statesman, politician and University President, Terry Sanford served the people of North Carolina and this country in many ways. He served as a paratrooper in World War II, as an agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and as a state senator. Terry Sanford also participated in numerous charities and was one of North Carolina's leading arts patrons. His passion for the arts endured until his death as he spearheaded efforts to bring a world class performing arts facilities to North Carolina. Terry Sanford was also a committed husband to Margaret Rose and father to Terry, Jr., and Betsy.

Terry Sanford inspired me personally. In fact, when I was trying to decide if I should run for Congress, I met with Terry. His words of encouragement helped make up my mind, and they continue to inspire me today.

Last year I, along with every other member of the North Carolina delegation, introduced legislation to honor Terry Sanford by naming the Federal Building in Raleigh, North Carolina after this great man. While this legislation unanimously passed the House was sent to the floor in the Senate, time ran out before it could be considered and passed into law. Yesterday, I reintroduced this important legislation, again with the support of the entire delegation. Naming the Federal Building in Raleigh in honor of Terry Sanford will allow his influence to be felt by a new generation of leaders. This gesture is the least that this Congress should do to honor the contributions of this great American.

LAUREL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 1999

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay humble tribute to the students, teachers and parents of Laurel Elementary School in Colorado for their efforts to help the needy during the holidays. I commend the faculty of the school as well as all the students, parents and individuals who contributed to their special penny drive. Their selfless dedication has provided warmth, comfort and happiness to needy families in Colorado. That the school produced \$219 in pennies for the Open Door Mission is testament to the true meaning of the spirit of Christmas and Hanukkah. Let us remember, as these good people have, that the holiday season is one of giving, one of joy, and one of hope. Let the children's example during the holidays be a beacon to us all throughout the year.

IN HONOR OF SARA MCCLELLAND

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 1999

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sara McClelland, a National Young Leaders Conference participant and a student at Berea High School in Berea, OH.

Sara has been selected to attend the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, DC, this week. She is among 350 outstanding national scholars from across the country who are participating in a unique leadership development program. Since the theme of the conference is The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today, Sara is taking advantage of the opportunity to interact with key leaders and news makers from the three branches of government, the media and the diplomatic corps.

This week, she is also participating in a number of leadership skill-building activities such as a Model Congress and role-playing the President, Members of the Cabinet, and Members of Congress. The conference activities get young people on the right track to achieving their full leadership potential. I am certain that Sara will not only gain knowledge and experience here, but that she will also leave with a sense of accomplishment and an increased ability to face the challenges of the future.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in congratulating Sara for all her accomplishments.

CONGRATULATING MR. MARC FREED-FINNEGAN, STATE HONOREE IN THE 1999 PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF THE COMMUNITY AWARDS

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 1999

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate and honor a young New Jersey