

which encouraged church members to become adoptive or foster parents for children in need. He was also a member of the Decatur Anti-Violence Task Force and worked to curb the devastating influence of gang activity on the youth of Decatur. He has also worked very closely with the Human Rights Commission, NAACP, and the public schools. He was a dedicated pastor at the Trinity CME church for 14 years, and while leading the church he also was president of the Ministerial Alliance and a member of the Decatur Interfaith Union.

It is clear that the Rev. Dr. Eugene Joseph Bert Green was an exceptional man and leader and he will be missed by all who knew and respected his life and work. His passing was a great loss not only for his family and the City of Decatur, but for all people who strive to make the world a better place for all mankind. He will be sorely missed, but never forgotten.

TRIBUTE TO RAYMOND C. FISHER

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 8, 1999

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a constituent and a truly outstanding member of this Administration, Raymond C. Fisher. Mr. Fisher was selected as the 1999 Distinguished Alumnus at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Public service has been a hallmark of Ray Fisher's distinguished career that was recognized by UCSB. During his 30-year legal career, he has also served as president of the Los Angeles City Civil Service Commission, Deputy General Counsel to the Christopher Commission, and chair of the Los Angeles Police Commission. Mr. Fisher's dedication to practicing law in the public's interest is especially reflected in his service as a special assistant to the Governor of California, and as past president of the Constitutional Rights Foundation.

His lifetime of public service was recognized in a ceremony on February 20th, yet his work continues. Ray Fisher is now serving as an Associate Attorney General, and his office oversees a broad range of divisions, including antitrust, civil rights, legal counsel, and taxation. The Justice Department is well served by both his character and his concern for the public interest.

Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, I ask you to join me and the University of California at Santa Barbara in celebrating Raymond Fisher's distinguished legal and public service career. We look forward to his continued leadership role at Justice for many years to come.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE JOHN MEYER, DEVOTED TO GOD, FAMILY, AND COUNTRY

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 8, 1999

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the late John Meyer of Maryland on the tenth anniversary of his death in March, 1989. Mr. Meyer shared an interest that I hold

close, that of the welfare of America's aging veterans.

As an employee of many years' standing at the Soldiers, Sailors, and Airmen's Home on Harewood Road in Washington, D.C., Mr. Meyer's compassion and quiet, hard work earned him the friendship and respect of the veterans. Their bereavement at Mr. Meyer's tragic death on March 24 at age 26 after an automobile accident was expressed in a touching manner. The veterans arranged to attend Mr. Meyer's funeral by the busloads. The Easter Monday funeral service overflowed with family, friends, and flowers.

John Meyer also worked at the United States Department of Agriculture's Research Farm in Beltsville, Maryland, where he was a valued employee. Mr. Meyer was the proud father of his daughter, Angela Grace; an attentive husband to his wife, Jayne; a beloved son of his parents, Angela and Jacob Meyer; and a devoted brother to James and Donald. He also was survived by his loving grandmothers, Rose Zerega and Eloise Kramer; and by his aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends, who treasure his happy memory.

John Meyer lived the ethos of devotion to God, family, and country. His example of solid American citizenship has left an indelible impression on those who knew him.

A TRIBUTE TO WAWONA FROZEN FOODS

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 8, 1999

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Wawona Frozen Foods, recipient of the 1998 Baker, Peterson & Franklin Ag Business Award.

Wawona Frozen Foods is an organization whose achievements and impacts have significantly contributed to the Ag industry and the Central Valley. The Baker, Peterson & Franklin Ag Business Award honors a service or product-related agribusiness or farming entity, with headquarters in the central San Joaquin Valley. The Award recipient is selected by a committee representing the AgFRESNO Advisory Board, National Ag Marketing Association and the Agriculture department at Baker, Peterson & Franklin.

Wawona Frozen Foods grows and processes California freestone peaches and strawberries into fresh frozen fruit products and baked fruit pastries. From a modest beginning 35 years ago, with 60 part-time employees the company has grown to 150 full-time and 1,200 seasonal processing facility to three state-of-the-art facilities. Annual revenue has grown 40 fold, now exceeding \$40 million annually. Beginning as a supplier to solely food manufacturers, Wawona has grown their sales in other markets including food service distributors, restaurant chains, retail and warehouse stores, school food service and the USDA school lunch program.

Wawona Frozen Foods is America's largest processor of California freestone peaches, shipping over 65 million pounds of the 110 million pound industry-wide crop of 80% of the entire national frozen production. The growth in sales of frozen peaches has a vital and positive impact on the entire freestone peach

industry and makes the total peach marketing program more stable while contributing to the potential of higher prices for fresh market peaches.

Wawona Frozen Foods is an exceptional corporate citizen. Its officers and employees participate in and financially support many community activities. Wawona is involved with the Clovis Unified School Foundation, Valley Children's Hospital, St. Agnes Hospital, Valley Teen Ranch and the National Hispanics Scholarship Fund, just to name a few. All of the Wawona principals are graduates of California State University, Fresno, and major grants have been given to the CSUF Ag and Food Science Departments as a commitment of their support. The company has also been a leader in state and national organizations such as the California Tree Fruit Association, National Restaurant Association and the American Frozen Foods Institute, of which Wawona's CEO is president emeritus on the board of directors.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Wawona Frozen Foods as the recipient of the Baker, Peterson & Franklin Ag Business Award. The Central Valley can be proud of the fine work done by this outstanding local company. I invite all of my colleagues to join me in wishing Wawona Frozen Foods many years of continued success.

TRIBUTE TO MR. AND MRS. JOE E. PALMER ON THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. DAVID D. PHELPS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 8, 1999

Mr. PHELPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Palmer of Herrin, IL, on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary. The Palmers were married on Feb. 26, 1949 in Herrin, where they lived, worked and raised a large family with 10 children, 23 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. Joe and Dora were exceptional role models and they worked hard to provide their children with a Christian home. All ten of their children received college degrees, and some went on to graduate school. Joe worked for and retired from the Maytag Corporation and Dora was a homemaker. Since retirement both have enjoyed gardening and spending time with their family. Once again, I am pleased to have this opportunity to congratulate the Palmers, and I would like to wish them and their family many more happy years.

TRIBUTE TO AMY PAGE OF GIRL SCOUT TROOP 395

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 8, 1999

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to salute an outstanding young woman who has been honored with the Girl Scout Gold Award by the Cahaba Girl Scout Council in Birmingham, Alabama. She is Amy Page of Girl Scout Troop 395. She has been honored for earning the highest achievement award in

U.S. Girl Scouting. The Girl Scout Gold Award symbolizes outstanding accomplishments in the areas of leadership, community service, career planning and personal development. The award can be earned by a girl aged fourteen through seventeen, or in grades ninth through twelfth.

Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., an organization serving over 2.5 million girls, has awarded more than twenty thousand Girl Scout Awards to Senior Girl Scouts since the inception of the program in 1980. To receive the award, a Girl Scout must earn four interest project patches, the Career Exploration Pin, the Senior Girl Scout Challenge, as well as design and implement a Girl Scout Gold Award project. A plan for fulfilling these requirements is created by the Senior Girl Scout and carried out through close cooperation between the girl and an adult Girl Scout Volunteer.

As a member of the Cahaba Girl Scout Council, Amy Page began working toward the Girl Scout Gold Award on August 13, 1998. She completed her project, Dora's first Intertribal Pow-Wow and Education Day, and I believe she should receive the public recognition due her for this significant service to her community and her country.

A TRIBUTE TO A PRUDENTIAL
SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD
RECIPIENT

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 8, 1999

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to congratulate and honor two outstanding Alaskan students who have achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service in their community. Frank Cyra-Korsgaard and Esther Perman, both of Anchorage, have just been named one of my state's top honorees in The 1999 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, an annual honor conferred on the most impressive student volunteers in each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Mr. Cyra-Korsgaard is being recognized for his organization of "Run for the Books" which provided reading materials for homeless teens at Covenant House Alaska. Frank worked with Covenant House, identified adult mentors, solicited sponsors such as Barnes and Noble bookstore, promoted the event and organized the logistics. Eighty-two people ran in the event, including the Mayor of Anchorage and another 40 contributed, resulting in donations of more than 200 books and \$3,600. Frank has been invited to speak about community service at a national education conference and wants to host another run next year.

Ms. Perman is being recognized for her organization of replacing the "Rocket", a much

loved piece of equipment that had been removed from a local playground because it failed to meet safety regulations. Esther learned that the city was going to update the playground, but spend most of the allocated funds on a new parking lot. She was appalled and began to rally the support of other kids and adults. Esther conducted a survey of the city's young people and presented the results, along with the request for a new Rocket, at a city council meeting. Over the course of many meetings, Esther convinced the council to overturn its original plan and spend more money updating the playground and less on the parking lot. The council also agreed to work with the kids in town to design a new Rocket.

In light of numerous statistics that indicate Americans today are less involved in their communities than they once were, it's vital that we encourage and support the kind of selfless contributions these young citizens made. People of all ages need to think more about how we, as individual citizens, can work together at the local level to ensure the health and vitality of our towns and neighborhoods. Young volunteers like Mr. Cyra-Korsgaard and Ms. Perman are inspiring examples to all of us, and are among our brightest hopes for a better tomorrow.

IN HONOR OF JOSE AND LEONOR
RODRIGUEZ ON THEIR 69TH WED-
DING ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 8, 1999

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jose and Leonor Rodriguez on the 69th anniversary of their marriage.

Jose Domingo Rodriguez and Leonor Rojas Perez were born in Remedios, Las Villas, Cuba. After marrying as teenagers, they were anxious to establish themselves as business owners in their hometown. Through their hard work and entrepreneurial spirit the couple opened "La Fe" bar/cafe, which quickly became the most popular establishment in the area. Through his success, Mr. Rodriguez became a respected community leader.

In December, 1968, the couple left Cuba to live in New Jersey. Once here, they worked hard and made many sacrifices to ensure that their sons, Roberto and Rene, flourished in their new country. Despite having limited formal education, Jose and Leonor Rodriguez taught their children the importance of learning and achievement at school. Today, Roberto is a successful banker in Union City and Rene is an accomplished physician in Washington, D.C.

I am sure my colleagues join me in giving Jose and Leonor hearty congratulations on

their 69th wedding anniversary. I commend them and wish them many more happy years together.

REINTRODUCTION OF THE FIFTY
STATE COMMEMORATIVE COIN
PROGRAM AMENDMENTS ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 8, 1999

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I reintroduce a bill to give the District of Columbia and the four insular areas a privilege the 50 states achieved last year: to choose a design for the reverse side of the quarter coin in order to commemorate our history as part of the United States. This program was authorized in the 50 States Commemorative Coin Program Act, which passed overwhelmingly in the 105th Congress. However, the bill unintentionally excluded the District of Columbia and the four territories. My bill would correct that oversight by extending the 10-year commemorative coin program for an additional year to include the District of Columbia and the four insular areas—American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

I objected to the exclusion of D.C. and the four territories when the original bill came to the House floor. In order not to impede passage of an otherwise worthy bill, however, I deferred my protest. In turn, Congressman MIKE CASTLE, the former Chair of the Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, agreed to cosponsor my bill to allow the District and the four insular areas to participate. Although Mr. CASTLE no longer chairs the subcommittee, I want to thank him for his continued support. The new Chair, SPENCER BACHUS, has promised his full support and cooperation in helping with this effort, and he is an original cosponsor of the bill I reintroduce today. I also want to thank the Delegates from the four insular areas who have worked on this bill from the beginning.

Although the residents of the District and the insular areas are American citizens, there are some differences between us and the states. However, qualification to be part of a program to redesign quarters to commemorate Members' home districts is surely not one of them. There is no legal or constitutional reason to exclude D.C. and the territories from this bill. Congress should be at great pains to avoid any appearance of treating the District and the insular areas as colonies. The Commemorative Coin Program may seem like a minor activity, but the ability to participate in this program is an important recognition to my constituents.