

Pancyprian Association of America Dance Division on the occasion of its 23rd Anniversary on February 6, 1999.

The Dance Division, known as the Pancyprian Dance Group, was established in 1976 with the purpose of promoting and teaching traditional Cypriot and Greek dances to the young people of the Hellenic community and others interested in dance and culture. Through dance we are able to enjoy other cultures and learn their history. Only through understanding can we establish positive linkages with our friends abroad.

The Pancyprian Association of America Dance Group has performed in many multicultural events around the United States and abroad.

They have performed before President Jimmy Carter, Senator PAUL SARBANES, Senator EDWARD KENNEDY, Senator BILL BRADLEY, Congressman BENJAMIN GILMAN, Congressman MICHAEL BILIRAKIS, Congresswoman ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN, President Glafcos Clerides, President George Vasilou, Senator Alfonse D'Amato, Dr. John Brademas, myself, and others.

The Pancyprian Dance Group has performed at Hofstra University; the Odyssey Cultural Festival; the Olympic Cultural Center, Washington, DC; the Maliotis Cultural Center, Boston, MA; and in Cyprus, Chicago, New Jersey, Tampa and New York.

This evening of celebration will also honor Andreas Christodoulou. Mr. Christodoulou was one of the founders of the organization that established the phenomenal model that President Costas Hadjicharalambous and members of the Dance Division now follow.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues rise with me in this tribute to the Pancyprian Association of America Dance Division, a group dedicated to bringing understanding, forming bonds and educating with dance and music.

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#### GOVERNMENTS ARE FOR PEOPLE

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#### **HON. MAJOR R. OWENS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 13, 1999*

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, in Yugoslavia, the popular belief strong cold-blooded leaders are best for the social order has again brought many innocent citizens to the hell of war. The question is why do civilized, educated people allow sovereign predators like Slobodan Milosevic to lead them into catastrophe and destruction? There are no easy answers to this question—and Serbia is far away and mysterious to most of us. But closer to home, in too many governors and mayors in America we see the glorification of the strong, cold-blooded leader. Elected executives who recklessly cut families from the welfare rolls, deny food stamps and obscure the right to medicaid exhibit the same temperament as national dictators. Across the nation elected officials are refusing to utilize the special health care program for children (Child Plus); they are also refusing to spend available funds for day care and job training programs. No one in American public life would use the phrase "ethnic cleansing", but a member of the New York Times editorial board once proudly sanctioned the concept of "planted shrinkage". Governments are for people. Cities exist to make life

more enjoyable for the residents. Police are hired to protect the populace, not to serve as occupying armies. These should be self-evident truths, however there are governors and mayors who have forgotten the reason for state governments and the purpose of cities.

#### ANTHEM OF THE STRONG MAYOR

O say can you see  
Perfection beckons me  
Power Mayors show no pity  
Traffic is the purpose of a City  
Parks are not for dogs  
Kids are worst than hogs  
Playgrounds breed infant crime  
Welfare mothers are a menace  
Keep seniors off the street  
Incontinence is never neat  
Short skirts are a sin  
Cops bring holy violence in  
O say can you see  
Order is sweet rhapsody  
Great revenues we bring  
With the parking ticket sting  
We fill your days  
With quota tow-aways  
Auto babs big and trains on time  
Progress with efficiency rhymes  
Traffic is the purpose of a City  
Power Mayors show no pity  
O say can you see  
Perfection beckons me.

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HONORING DR. HENRY FOSTER ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, AS A LEADER IN THE HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY

#### **HON. BOB CLEMENT**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 13, 1999*

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Dr. Henry W. Foster, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement, for forty-one years of service to the United States of America and the state of Tennessee, as a leading healthcare advocate and practitioner. Dr. Foster's entire professional life has been dedicated to ensuring healthy women and babies across the globe.

Dr. Henry Foster has contributed tremendously to the quality of our national healthcare. In 1995, President William Jefferson Clinton nominated him for United States Surgeon General. As a fellow Tennessean and Member of Congress, I fully supported Dr. Foster's nomination.

One year later, in 1996, President Clinton named him Senior Advisor on Teen Pregnancy Reduction and Youth Issues. That same year he was named an Expert Consultant to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services and to the Director of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Dr. Foster's input on the national level has been highly valuable to our nation's healthcare as we prepare to enter the 21st Century.

He graduated from the University of Arkansas School of Medicine in 1958. During his career he has served in the U.S. Air Force, as Chief OB/GYN at Tuskegee University, and as Dean and acting President of Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee.

Henry Foster has published over one hundred scientific articles and has served on nu-

merous professional and community boards, committees and councils.

Dr. Foster implemented Meharry's "I Have a Future" Adolescent Health Promotion Program in 1987. It is a year-round, comprehensive, community based health initiative designed to reduce the incidence of early sexual activity, teenage pregnancy, alcohol, tobacco and other substance use among adolescents, ages 10-17. The program has been recognized for excellence by the Tennessee House of Representatives, the American Medical Association, the American College of Nurse Midwives-Tennessee Chapter, and former President George Bush, as the 404th Point of Light.

Dr. Foster has been honored numerous times by peers. These awards include: 1982 Man of the Year Award, Music City March of Dimes Chapter; 1992 Boss of the Year Award, Meharry Association of Office Personnel; 1995 Nashvillian of the Year Award, The Tennessee Scene Magazine; 1996 Drum Major for Justice, Martin Luther King Award, Southern Christian Leadership Council, Atlanta; 1996 Meritorious Service Award, National Medical Association, Obstetrics and Gynecology Section, Chicago; and The President's Award, from both Meharry Medical College Alumni Association, and Morehouse College Alumni Association, 1995.

Dr. Henry Foster's work has not been limited to the United States. He has been recognized world-wide for advancement in the field of Obstetrics and Gynecology and has participated in healthcare events in Spain, Mexico, Africa, Turkey, Israel, Egypt, Canada, Southeast Asia, England, Australia, Austria, Italy, China, Vietnam, West Indies, and France.

Dr. Henry Foster has unselfishly served the citizens of the United States of America for over forty years and has worked tirelessly to improve the quality of healthcare for every woman and child. Every time Dr. Foster has been called on to serve his nation, he has done so without hesitation or reservation. His sense of duty and courage are exemplary. For these reasons I honor Dr. Henry Foster today. I wish him the best in his retirement. God bless.

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REPORT FROM MADISON COUNTY, INDIANA—HOOSIER HEROES

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#### **HON. DAVID M. MCINTOSH**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 13, 1999*

Mr. MCINTOSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give my "Report from Indiana" where I honor distinguished Hoosiers who are actively engaged in their communities helping others.

Mr. Speaker, it has always been my strong belief that individuals and communities can do a better job of caring for those who need help in our society than the federal government. The wonderfully kind and committed Hoosiers who I have met traveling around Indiana have not changed my view.

Ruthie and I have met hundreds of individuals who are committed to making our communities a better place in which to live and raise our children—we call them "Hoosier Heroes".

I recognized this genuine Hoosier Hero in Madison County, Indiana recently in front of the Anderson Rotary Club. He is Jim Ault, who

is currently retired from General Motors but hasn't been spending his time sitting around. Jim by working tirelessly on behalf of the less fortunate epitomizes a Hoosier Hero.

Jim has made Madison County a better community through his voluntary efforts. He serves on the Board of the Wilson's Girl's and Boy's Club, and raised a large amount of money so that the club may direct the energies of Anderson's youth in a positive direction. Jim is also the President of Madison County Community Foundation and he played an essential role in restoring the Paramount Theatre to its former glory and beauty.

Jim's work has given so many people, the most precious gift possible, hope. He doesn't do it for the pay, which is zilch; he does it for the smiles and laughter. Jim, you are a true hero in my book doing good works for others with no other motive than Christian charity.

Jim Ault deserves the gratitude of his country, state, and nation and I thank him here today on the floor of the House of Representatives.

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#### HONORING LEE ECKERT

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#### HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 1999

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Lee Eckert, a dedicated community leader from Millstadt, Illinois, in my congressional district.

Mr. Eckert has served the Village of Millstadt for 40 years as their Trustee. He and his wife, Lucille, live in Millstadt, where they raised their four children, Trudy, Lana, Kelly, and Toby.

Lee Eckert is retiring this month after a distinguished career of public service. During his tenure as chair of the Public Works Committee and Village Board, his tireless efforts can be recognized in many projects completed under his direction. Mr. Eckert skillfully guided the development of the Industrial Park and new sewer treatment plan for the Village of Millstadt. He also was instrumental in coordinating the building plans for the new government facility, which houses the Village Hall, Library, Mayor's Office, and until recently, the Millstadt Police Department.

What is most notable about Lee Eckert is his willingness to meet any challenge presented to him. I commend Mr. Eckert for his integrity, compassion, and commitment to the Village of Millstadt, so evident to anyone who has had the opportunity to know him. I want to join the community in thanking Mr. Eckert for his dedication and invaluable service for the past 40 years. I am confident that his future years of retirement will be as productive and fulfilling as his past.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Lee Eckert for the example he has set for us all.

IN HONOR OF THE PAN GREGORIAN FUND OF METROPOLITAN NEW YORK AND LONG ISLAND, INC. ON THE OCCASION OF THE ACADEMIC AWARDS BANQUET

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#### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 1999

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay a special tribute to the Pan Gregorian Fund of Metropolitan New York and Long Island on the occasion of their Academic Awards Banquet on Sunday, March 7, 1999.

The Pan Gregorian Fund, spearheaded by Tassos Manesis, is a non-for-profit corporation established in 1995 by the Food Industry Cooperative of New York, Inc. The Fund's main purpose is to advance, support, and promote the Hellenic-American education system, the Greek language, and academic excellence. Its activities are directed and carried out primarily by Greek-American restaurants and others involved in the food industry.

Since its creation in 1995, the Fund has awarded over \$100,000 in grants and scholarships to the top graduates of the Hellenic-American day schools, as well as teachers and principals in the New York City metropolitan area in recognition of their dedication to the education of youth.

In addition to the grant recipients, the Pan Gregorian will be honoring Dennis Mehiel, Stanley Matthews and Thomas Calamaras at the awards banquet.

Mr. Mehiel, a New York City native of Hellenic heritage, is the chairman, CEO and principal shareholder of the Four M Corporation, Sweetheart Cup Company, and The Fonda Group, Inc. Since 1978, he has been a leader in the field of education as a board member of the New Jersey independent high school for girls, a New York school for learning disabled children, Yeshiva University's Wuzweiler School of Social Work and the American Board of Overseers of Bar-Ilan University.

In 1966, he returned to his birthplace, Washington Heights, and founded the "All The Way" program, a kindergarten through college education support program. "All The Way" provides educational enrichment and supplemental health and social services for children and their families, culminating in a four-year, pre-paid college education.

Mr. Matthews, born in Varvitsa, Lakonia, Greece, grew up during the German Occupation and the Civil War. He emigrated to the United States in 1951. He founded the Greek Children's Fund at Memorial-Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. As a result of a personal experience, he became acquainted with the financial and emotional stress cancer imposes on its victims and their families. His fund has raised approximately \$2 million to help Greek-American families who have to deal with a life-threatening illness in addition to the added burden of adapting to a new culture.

Mr. Thomas Calamaras came to the United States as an immigrant and proceeded to establish a family food service business. Today, he and his family are an example of successful businesspeople and community-minded individuals.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues rise with me in this tribute to the Pan Gregorian Fund and its honorees, a group dedicated to extending a helping hand to others.

HONORING THE GOOD PEOPLE AT TROUT AND RALEY

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#### HON. BOB SCHAFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 1999

Mr. SCHAFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to all the good people at Trout and Raley, a natural-resource oriented law firm in Denver, Colorado. Their work demonstrates an unparalleled commitment to sound practices, common sense and reason with regard to environmental policy. The tireless efforts, particularly of Mr. Bennett Raley, Mr. Jim Witwer and Mrs. Julie McKenna have gone to protect many diverse interests, to level the playing field with the federal government, to protect our heritage and to better our environment. This team is indeed a great asset to the people of the State of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I commend the people of Trout and Raley for all their efforts, and I look forward to working with them in the future.

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#### TRIBUTE TO CLAUDE C. LAVAL III AND FAMILY

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#### HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 1999

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Claude Laval III and his family for their continual support of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation (JDF). This year, the JDF chapter in Fresno is honoring Claude Laval and family as the first recipients of the "Living & Giving Award." The Laval family played an instrumental part in the Pediatric Diabetes Center in Fresno, at Valley Children's Hospital. The mission statement of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation is to "Find a cure for Diabetes and its complications through the support of research." Mr. Laval is an active participant in promoting the JDF mission statement.

The Laval family became involved with the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation 20 years ago when their daughter was diagnosed with Diabetes. Along with their support for JDF, the Laval family supported numerous Diabetes camps, making it possible for many children to attend the camps. They are also dedicated supporters of the JDF walks to cure Diabetes.

Claude Laval was born and raised in Fresno, he graduated from Stanford University in 1957. He is the sole owner and president of the Claude Laval Corporation. The Claude Laval Corporation is an International manufacturing company of filtration devices and down hole cameras. The Corporation is in its 27th year.

In addition to his Corporation, Claude is deeply committed to our community and actively serves on several state and local organizations. He has been on the Executive Committee of the Fresno Business Council since 1993, Chairman of the Jobs and Economic Development Committee and a member of the Fresno Business Council since 1996. Mr. Laval has served as Chairman of the Central Valley Business Incubator since 1997. His service is not only limited to the Central Valley, he serves as Director of International Forest Products in Vancouver, BC, Canada since