

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the people who give of themselves by participating in the Bucket Brigade. I am proud of them, and am grateful for their kindness, compassion, and concern that they have shown, and will continue to show to those in need.

HONORING REVEREND MAURICE ROBERTS

**HON. ASA HUTCHINSON**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 20, 2000*

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Reverend Maurice Roberts for being honored as the National Veterans Administration's Chaplain of the Month for May 2000.

Reverend Roberts is currently the Chief of Chaplain Service at the VA Medical Center in Fayetteville, Arkansas, and is the first chaplain at that center to be selected for this honor. He has given his life in service to his country, first with over twenty years as a Navy chaplain, and then as a VA chaplain to retired servicemen and women. In addition to his dedicated service, his faith has truly been an example to thousands of sailors and veterans, and his sacrificial nature has comforted and blessed each life he has touched.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the citizens of Arkansas, I wish to congratulate Reverend Roberts on this honor and thank him for his life of faith and service to our great nation.

TRIBUTE TO LYNN McDUGAL

**HON. DUNCAN HUNTER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 20, 2000*

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and thank one of my constituents, Mr. Lynn McDougal, for his many year of dedicated service to the people of San Diego East County. Lynn will shortly be retiring after 32 years as the City Attorney of the City of El Cajon. He has also represented many other government agencies including the cities of Carlsbad, Coronado, Del Mar, El Centro, Imperial Beach, Poway, Alpine Union School District, San Marcos Unified School District and the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency.

Lynn McDougal came from modest beginnings in Atwood, Kansas. His father was a bowling alley owner and his mother a teacher. After attending the University of Kansas on a Naval Scholarship, McDougal spent three years of active duty, followed by 14 years in the Naval Reserve, attaining the rank of Lt. Commander. At his father's suggestion, he enrolled in law school at the University of Colorado, graduating in 1959. A few years later, he moved west and settled in El Cajon.

Lynn is a member of the State Bar of California, the Colorado Bar Association and the San Diego County Bar Association. He is admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court. He is the Founder and Past President of the San Diego and Imperial County City Attorney's Association. He has served as Second Vice President, First Vice President and the President of the City Attorney's Depart-

ment of the League of California Cities. He is Past President and a member of the Foothills Bar Association.

Lynn has had a distinguished career in the area of law, but perhaps more importantly, he has dedicated his life in service to others in various other ways as well. This was recognized when he received the El Cajon Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award in 1974. Lynn has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Club of El Cajon and served as a member of the Board of the Boys and Girls Club Foundation. He exemplified the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self," as the President of the Rotary Club of El Cajon and being a charter member of both the El Cajon Historical Society and the El Cajon Sister City Association. The latter organization works to improve relations between the people and City of El Cajon and several foreign cities.

Through his endeavors, Lynn has had the support of his lovely wife Anne. He has a son, Tim, and a daughter, Kyle, and has five wonderful grandchildren.

It is people like Lynn McDougal, with his commitment to his nation, his family and his community, that makes the United States the great country that it is. I congratulate him and honor him on his retirement as the City Attorney of El Cajon.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 20, 2000*

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, last week I was unavoidably absent from this chamber when the following roll call votes were taken, roll call vote 256 and roll call vote 291. I want the record to show that had I been present in this chamber I would have voted "yea" on roll call vote 256 and "no" on roll call vote 291.

RECOGNIZING RECIPIENTS OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE AWARDS

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 20, 2000*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize five residents of Jefferson County, Illinois who have been named the recipients of the Jefferson County African-American Heritage Awards. The winners are John Kendrick, Rev. James Gordon, Mary Ellen Frutrinsky, Tena Mitchell, and Camille Jones.

These individuals were all selected for their community activism. Their commitment to their community and desire to make a difference make them the very deserving honorees.

It takes people like them to make our communities the best possible. I want to thank them for their dedication to changing, leading, and guiding their community into the future. We are truly indebted to them.

HONORING "WE THE PEOPLE" CONTESTANTS

**HON. ASA HUTCHINSON**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 20, 2000*

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Mountain Home Junior High School and its participants in the "We the People. . .The Citizen and the Constitution" national finals.

I am pleased to recognize the class from Mountain Home Junior High School who represented Arkansas in the national competition. The outstanding young people who participated are: Matthew Brinza, T.C. Burnett, Patrick Carter, Cody Garrison, Meredith Griffin, Kayla Hawthorne, Delia Lee, Megan Matty Zachary Millholland, Stacy Miller, Jennifer Nassimbene, Rebaca Neis, Patty Schwartz, Carrie Toole, and Kris Zibert. The class is coached by Patsy Ramsey.

"We the People. . .The Citizen and the Constitution" is the nation's most extensive program dedicated to educating young people about our Constitution. Over 26 million students participate in the program, administered by the Center for Civic Education. The national finals, which includes representatives from every state, simulates a congressional hearing in which students testify as constitutional experts before a panel of judges.

I had the opportunity to meet with the talented group of students from Mountain Home when they were in Washington, and I came away encouraged by their interest in our Constitution and our government. Each bright student represented the Third District of Arkansas well, and I wish them all the best in their future academic pursuits.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 20, 2000*

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 293 due to airplane delays, I was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DARLENE HOOLEY**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 20, 2000*

Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, June 15, I was unavoidably detained and forced to miss several votes.

If present, I would have voted "no" on agreeing to Rep. STEARN's amendment to H.R. 4578 (Vote 282).

If present, I would have voted "yes" on agreeing to Rep. SLAUGHTER's amendment to H.R. 4578 (Vote 283).

If present, I would have voted "yes" on the motion that the Committee rise on H.R. 4578 (Vote 284).

If present, I would have voted "yes" on the quorum call for H.R. 4578 (Vote 285).

If present, I would have voted "yes" on agreeing to Rep. SANDER's amendment to H.R. 4578 (Vote 286).

If present, I would have voted "yes" on the motion that the Committee rise on H.R. 4578 (Vote 287).

If present, I would have voted "no" on agreeing to Rep. NETHERCUTT's amendment to H.R. 4578 (Vote 288).

If present, I would have voted "no" on agreeing to Rep. WELDON's amendment to H.R. 4578 (Vote 289).

If present, I would have voted "yes" on the motion to recommit H.R. 4578 with instructions to the Committee (Vote 290).

If present, I would have voted "no" on the final passage of H.R. 4578 (Vote 291).

#### HONORING BRIGADIER GENERAL DANIEL G. MONGEON UPON HIS RETIREMENT

##### HON. ROBERT A. BORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 20, 2000*

Mr. BORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Brigadier General Daniel G. Mongeon, in recognition of all of his years and dedication to the U.S. Army.

Army Brigadier General Daniel Mongeon is the second Commander of Defense Supply Center Philadelphia, a position that he assumed on July 31, 1998.

General Mongeon received his commission as a Second Lieutenant upon graduation from the University of Arizona in 1972. He was then assigned to the U.S. Army's Security Agency Communications unit in Japan, serving as the S4/Logistics Officer and later as the Executive Officer.

In 1976 General Mongeon was assigned to the 4th Infantry Division in Fort Carson, Colorado. There he served time as the Division Property Officer, and commanded the HHC Division Support Command.

General Mongeon accepted another challenge; the pursuit of an MBA. He completed his studies and received a master's degree in business administration from the University of Arkansas in January 1981. He was then assigned to the Army Staff at the Pentagon, where he served until June 1984. While there, he served in numerous positions including Military Assistant to the Deputy of Staff for Logistics.

After graduating from the Command General Staff College in 1985, he was assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division in Germany. General Mongeon served as S3 and later as Executive Officer of the 203rd Forward Support Battalion, completing his tour as the Division Deputy G4. In January he was selected as Aide-de-Camp to General John R. Galvin, Commander in Chief, U.S. European Command, and Supreme Allied Commander, Europe at SHAPE Belgium.

In 1990 he assumed command of the Support Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Bliss, Texas. During his command, the Support Squadron deployed to Saudi Arabia for participation in Operations Desert Shield/Storm. After completing his command in May 1992, he attended the Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, graduating in June 1993.

In 1993, he assumed command of the 41st Area Support Group, United States Army South, Panama. After completing his command in 1995, he was assigned to the Joint Staff at the Pentagon where he assumed duties as Deputy Director for Logistics Readiness and Requirements, J-4. Prior to his current assignment at DSCP, he was the Executive Officer to the Director of Logistics J-4, the Joint Staff, Washington, DC.

His awards and decorations include: the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster, the Bronze Star, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters; the Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Army Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, the Southwest Asia Service Medal; the Humanitarian Service Medal, and the Kuwait Liberation Medal. He was also awarded the Army Staff and Joint Staff Identification Badges.

Mr. Speaker, Brigadier General Daniel G. Mongeon should be commended for his complete dedication for so many years to the U.S. Army. I congratulate and highly revere General Mongeon upon his retirement, and offer him my very best wishes for the coming years.

#### IN HONOR OF J.E. DUNLAP

##### HON. ASA HUTCHINSON

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 20, 2000*

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate J.E. Dunlap, publisher of the Harrison Daily Times of Harrison, Arkansas, who has recently been honored with the Ernie Deane Award.

For 57 years, J.E. has been a fixture in the Harrison community, first as a writer, then as publisher and owner of the Harrison Daily Times. He built a small paper into one that is now a voice for the entire region. Even after selling the newspaper, his regular column appears in print four times weekly.

Ernie Deane, for whom the award was named, was a longtime columnist for the Arkansas Gazette, as well as a journalism teacher at the University of Arkansas. Like Deane, J.E. Dunlap has devoted his life to the people and communities of Arkansas.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the state of Arkansas, I would like to congratulate J.E. on this honor. He has represented his profession and the state of Arkansas well, and I look forward to the day when aspiring journalists vie for the "J.E. Dunlap Award" in journalism.

#### RECOGNIZING DEBBIE SNELLGROVE OF WARNER ROBINS, GA. FOR RECEIVING THE 2000 LIBERTY BELL AWARD

##### HON. SAXBY CHAMBLISS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 20, 2000*

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor an exceptional citizen from Georgia's 8th Congressional District, Debbie Snellgrove of Warner Robins, recipient of the 2000 Liberty Bell Award.

Each year, the Houston County Bar presents the Liberty Bell Award to one non-lawyer who makes a significant contribution to the legal profession. As a long time court employee, Debbie is highly deserving of this award. Debbie has been working as a state court administrator in Warner Robins for four years. Her previous professional experience includes serving as secretary to Judge Buster McConnell and secretary to Steve Pace in the Houston County District Attorney's office. As a loyal member of her community, Debbie has been involved with the Houston County domestic violence program, the victims assistance program, and the American Heart Association.

In addition, Debbie took time out of her busy schedule to assist my office with arrangements for my Town Hall Meeting in Warner Robins this past April. I am pleased to say that this town hall meeting was a success, but would not have been without Debbie's assistance.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Debbie Snellgrove for her dedicated and service to Houston County and to the legal system of Warner Robins. She is an extraordinary citizen, and I am proud to serve as her Representative in the People's house.

#### CHRISTIANS IN INDIA SEEK INTERNATIONAL HELP

##### HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 20, 2000*

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, Newsroom.org, a website devoted to religious news from around the world, reported on June 15 that Christian leaders in India have appealed for help from abroad.

The Christian leaders of India, including the United Forum of Catholics and Protestants of West Bengal, wrote to the Secretary General of the United Nations complaining that the Indian government and police have ignored the wave of terror against Christians since Christmas 1998. They have also requested help from Amnesty International in stopping these atrocities.

"We are scared," said Herod Malik, the leader of the United Forum. "We have to go to international organizations because we have no faith in the Indian government." Just a few days ago Hindu nationalist militants murdered a priest and placed five bombs in four churches. Some Christians who were peacefully distributing Bibles and Christian religious literature were savagely beaten, one so badly that he may lose his arms and legs. These are just the most recent incidents.

Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, it is not just Christians who are suffering atrocities and persecution. Sikhs, Muslims, Dalits, and others are oppressed in a similar fashion, although Christians seem to be the primary targets at the moment.

We can help these people to live in freedom and in the assurance that their rights will finally be respected. If India promotes terror against its religious and ethnic minorities, it is not a country that the United States should be supporting. Cutting off its aid is one message it would understand loudly and clearly. We should also declare our support for self-determination through an internationally-supervised