

SCHOOL-TO-WORK PARTNERSHIP
WITH JOBLINK

HON. ROBIN HAYES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor and pleasure to rise today and submit for the RECORD the initiative that my own Cabarrus County in North Carolina has taken to promote the School-to-Work partnership with JobLink.

I am thrilled that the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce has developed these innovative strategies to better our community. The benefits that our neighbors, friends, and families will gain from the Workforce Development Week 2000 will be life long.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT WEEK 2000

Whereas, Workforce Development issues impact every facet of our community and are at the forefront of American Society in the new millennium; and

Whereas, the School-to-Work Partnership of Cabarrus County and the Cabarrus County Job Link Center work together, with and through a medley of agencies to provide opportunities for the future and present workforce; and

Whereas, the School-to-Work initiative is a partnership between Cabarrus County Schools, Kannapolis City Schools and the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, the Workforce Development Steering Committee of the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce promotes dialogue between the Chamber and top administrators from the school systems and colleges, as well as implements community wide workforce development initiatives; and

Whereas, businesses, jobseekers, and others will be supported by employment and training services, information in a customer friendly manner, and staff who are caring professionals from various assisting agencies, and

Whereas, on January 29, 2000 the Cabarrus Career Fair 2000 will be held at the Carolina Mall in Concord from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm, and will provide students and citizens of all ages positive interactions with over 50 different careers in the Cabarrus Region; and

Whereas, on February 2, 2000 the Cabarrus Region will team with the National Groundhog Job Shadow Day initiative to place students during the month of February with a mentor in the "World of Work"; therefore, students are able to experience the importance of academics, communication skills and teamwork; and

Whereas, on February 3, 2000, the Cabarrus County JobLink Center, which was presented a charter on October 19, 1999 from the Centralina Workforce Development Board, will host an Open House Celebration from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at 2275 Kannapolis Highway, Concord; and

Whereas, the School-to-Work Partnership and the JobLink Center will provide Cabarrus County with training, information and services vital to a competitive workforce that will be successful in a global economy.

Now therefore, be it resolved, That the Week beginning Saturday January 29, 2000 to Friday February 4, 2000 is hereby proclaimed as "Workforce Development Week 2000" in the Cabarrus Region, and urge our citizens to become familiar with the services and benefits offered by the School-to-Work Partnership and JobLink Systems in our community.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ENDRE A.
BALAZS

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great scientist and entrepreneur on the occasion of his 80th birthday. Dr. Endre A. Balazs, who now lives in Fort Lee, NJ, was born in Hungary on January 10, 1920. He received his medical degree from the University of Budapest in 1943. During his studies in medical school D. Balazs began his life-long research into the medical uses of hyaluronan (HA)—a key molecular building block of the intercellular substances of the body.

As the world's foremost authority in the use of HA, Dr. Balazs started work on its medical application in the 1960's. His work on HA eventually led to the discovery of new therapeutic treatments that have made certain medical procedures safer and have accelerated post-operative healing periods. More recently, Dr. Balazs has introduced new methods to treat arthritis, an ailment that afflicts millions of Americans.

Soon after completing his studies at the University of Budapest in Hungary, Dr. Balazs traveled to Stockholm, Sweden, where he continued his research on the structure and biological function of sulfated polysaccharides and HA at the Karolinska Institute—the medical school of Stockholm. In 1951 he emigrated to the United States where he accepted a position in the Department of Ophthalmology at Harvard University.

In 1970 Dr. Balazs cofounded the Boston Biomedical Research Institute and became its first executive director. In 1975 he became the Malcolm P. Aldrich Research Professor of Ophthalmology at Columbia University in New York. He is the founder and for 25 years has served as editor in chief of Experimental Eye Research, the first international eye research journal ever published. He also is a founder and former president of the International Society for Eye Research.

In 1981 Dr. Balazs and his wife, Janet Denlinger, started Biomatrix, Inc., a firm involved in the development of hyaluronan derivatives for medical applications and skin care. Today, Biomatrix is a publicly owned company that is based in Ridgefield, NJ.

Over the years, as both an educator and a businessman, Dr. Balazs has supported the research endeavors of many young scientists and physicians. In recognition of his efforts, the international ophthalmic research community has established the Endre A. Balazs Prize, an international award for outstanding research efforts by scientists.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud that Dr. Endre A. Balazs is my constituent. I wish him and his family the very best as he continues to bring to his work the energy, devotion, and innovation that has made him such a successful individual.

HONORING BILL A. (B.A.) JONES

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask that we all pause for a moment to remember a man we have lost. B.A. Jones was a man that many knew and loved. Mr. Jones passed away in Carrollton on November 6, 1999.

B.A. Jones was born on April 9, 1913, the second of ten children born to H.J. and Dixie Campbell-Jones. B.A. spent his school years in Monte Vista. During World War II, the Government called upon him to travel the country recruiting, supervising and building numerous war-related projects. After the war, B.A. began construction work and subsequently formed his own remodeling and construction firm. In the late 1960's, B.A. began the family owned and operated Paradise Swimming Pool Corporation, using his self-taught architectural abilities to design and create many pools that are still operational to this day.

Mr. Jones is survived by his loved wife of 60 years, (Annie) Frances Cone Jones and their three children.

B.A. Jones is someone who will be missed by all of us. Those who knew him will miss spending time with him. He was truly a great American.

IN HONOR OF THIS YEAR'S "IRELAND'S 32" MILLENNIUM HONOREE, MRS. DOROTHY HARRINGTON

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Dorothy Harrington of Bayonne, NJ, on being named one of this year's "Ireland 32" Millennium honorees.

Mrs. Harrington has had an exceptional career in the public arena. A longtime advocate for the education system in Bayonne, Mrs. Harrington was appointed to the Bayonne Board of Education from 1981 to 1986. Because of her vision and enthusiasm in this role, Mrs. Harrington became the first woman president of the Board.

Her success with the Board of Education and her desire to do more for the community led Mrs. Harrington to seek elected public office. In 1986, she was elected first ward council member and in 1990, she was elected council member-at-large. This election made Mrs. Harrington the first woman to be elected to the city council.

During her time with the council, Mrs. Harrington acted as liaison on the Kill Van Kull dredging project and was instrumental in the circulating of information regarding many transportation projects in the city. Most significantly, Mrs. Harrington led the efforts in Bayonne to improve cable television service, to obtain the local television channel for residents, and to create a modern production studio in Bayonne High School.

A dedicated volunteer, Mrs. Harrington served as president of the Hudson County

School Board Association, president of both St. Andrew's Parish and its Sports Organization, vice president and treasurer of the Evening Division of the Bayonne Women's Club, and member of the Holocaust Committee. Mrs. Harrington continues to be involved in a variety of local volunteer and service organizations and is the current chair of the Bayonne Municipal Utilities Authority.

Mrs. Harrington's accomplishments in public service have not gone unrecognized. Recently, she received the Mary T. Norton Congressional Award for her outstanding community service record.

A Bayonne native, Mrs. Harrington lives in Bayonne with her husband, Mr. Dan Harrington. The couple has four children and five grandchildren.

Mrs. Harrington's tireless efforts on behalf of the citizens of Bayonne are truly remarkable. For her dedicated service and unparalleled volunteerism in the Bayonne community, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mrs. Dorothy Harrington on receiving this honor.

HONORING SENATOR GWEN
MARGOLIS

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Honorable Senator Gwen Margolis from Aventura, FL, who will be honored on March 4, 2000, by her synagogue, Both Torah Adath Yeshurun and by the North-east Dade community at-large.

Senator Margolis began her public service career in the Florida Legislature when elected to the House in 1974. She was subsequently re-elected to the House for three consecutive terms. Her career in the Florida Senate began in 1980 where she was appointed Chair of the Finance, Tax and Claims Committee and subsequently the Appropriations Committee where she assisted in leading the state out of recessions and budgetary crises.

On November 20, 1990, she was sworn in as President of the Florida State Senate, making her the first woman in the United States to serve as President of any Senate. She spearheaded the passage of landmark legislation touted as the toughest ethics legislation in the nation, as well as a constitutional amendment that opened all government records and meetings to the public.

She currently serves as Chairperson of the Miami-Dade County Commission, appointed by Mayor Alexander Penelas, and is the first woman to serve in this position. Senator Margolis also serves on the Board of Directors of the Holocaust Documentation Center at Florida International University. Her name appears in Who's Who of Women in the World, Who's Who in Business and Industry, and Megatrend for Women. In addition to her outstanding career in public service, which she devotes a full time schedule, Senator Margolis was also a successful Real Estate Developer and Business Executive in her private, professional business career.

She has received numerous awards for her leadership and dedication to the community in which she serves. She was named "Woman

of the Year" by the North Dade Regional Chamber and Gold Coast Chamber of Commerce. She has also received the Florida Chamber of Commerce "Legislator of the Year" award, and the Dade League of Cities "Good Government" award to name a few.

Although Senator Margolis and I were once opposing candidates, I am glad to call her my friend and colleague, and am equally delighted to share in this celebration in her honor.

COLUMBINE FOOTBALL
CONGRATULATIONS

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, seldom in America do we see a more joyous display of hope and heart than we saw on December 5, 1999 by the Columbine High School Football team as they played for their first state football championship. Less than a year after the community of Littleton, Colorado was thrust into the national spotlight by a tragedy unimaginable to any American, this suburban town was united behind a group of young men who battled football history, and the vivid memories of fallen teammates and classmates.

The headline in the local paper read, "This time, the tears of Columbine are tears of joy," (The Denver Rocky Mountain News, December 5, 1999) and how special those tears are for the parents, teachers, and students of this courageous high school.

The football team nobly dedicated their season to a fallen comrade, Matt Ketcher, who lost his life last April. Matt's younger brother, Adam, stood on the sideline as a sign of inspiration, wearing a Columbine letterman's jacket that was presented to him by the team, as they played for the state's top football prize.

What a way to end a special season.

Columbine won the game that Saturday by a score of 21-14, giving the school the state football championship, but more importantly, the team helped heal the souls of the school community.

I would like to congratulate the entire football team and their coaching staff for a season that meant more than they could ever have imagined. I hope that the entire nation can use them as motivation as we all do our part to ensure the healing of America continues.

HONORING NANCY HOFFMASTER,
POWER OF ONE HONOREE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pride to now honor Nancy Hoffmaster who has been awarded the Colorado Woman 2000 Power of One Honor in recognition of her service to her community and the State of Colorado. Nancy is a true heroine in her community and she deserves our highest thanks and praise.

Nancy, who is currently battling breast cancer, has been volunteering in the Jefferson County Public School District for twenty-five

years. She is the past president of the Jefferson County School's Parent Teacher Association and has served on the Jefferson Foundation.

Nancy founded the program "Serving Kids from the Inside Out." The program provides clothing for needy children in the district. She also coordinates the Jefferson County School's "Support for Homeless and At Risk People" (S.H.A.R.P.) program.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I would like to honor Nancy Hoffmaster and thank her for all the outstanding efforts she has put into making her community a better place to live. She is a most deserving recipient of the Power of One Honor.

IN HONOR OF THE RIGHT REVEREND JOHN SHELBY SPONG, D.D., BISHOP OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, ON HIS RETIREMENT AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CHRIST HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

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Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Right Reverend John Shelby Spong, D.D., Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark, NJ, on his retirement as chairman of the Christ Hospital Board of Trustees.

Born in Charlotte, NC, Bishop Spong began his religious and spiritual education in North Carolina and Virginia. After years of devoted study, he was consecrated as Bishop in 1976.

A noted author and scholar, as well as being hailed the most published member of the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church in the United States, Bishop Spong fought for the integrity of Christ Hospital for more than 22 years. Under his direction, the hospital has grown and matured into the remarkable institution it is today.

In addition to his remarkable work for the hospital, Bishop Spong has served as president of the New Jersey Council of Churches and as theological consultant on a variety of diocesan committees and commissions. For all of his efforts, Bishop Spong was named "1999 Humanist of the Year."

Bishop Spong, married to Christine Spong, is the father of three and the grandfather of four.

For more than two decades of dedicated service to Christ Hospital and more than three decades of religious guidance, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Bishop Spong a happy and healthy retirement. His remarkable leadership and inspiring work ethic will be missed.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF WILLIAM
J. BRESNAN

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 27, 2000

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a good friend, Mr. Bill Bresnan, who has been, over the past 40 years, a primary leader in the growth of the cable television industry, not only in my home town of