

Don's contributions are not limited to labor causes. He regularly finds time to serve his community as well. He is the past president of the Lake County Planning Commission and was a board member for eight years. He has also spent two years as a board member of the Lake County Association for Retarded of Northwest Indiana. Don Hamilton has dedicated much of his life to efforts that benefit his fellow union members and advance the prosperity and strength of his community of Northwest Indiana and the entire state.

On this special day, I offer my heartfelt congratulations to Don Hamilton. His large circle of family and friends can be proud of the contributions this prominent individual has made. His work in the labor movement provided union workers in Northwest Indiana with opportunities they certainly would not have otherwise enjoyed. Mr. Hamilton's leadership kept the region's labor force strong and helped keep Americans working. Those who have worked with him in the labor movement and in his community will surely miss Mr. Hamilton's dedication and sincerity. I hope my distinguished colleagues will join me in wishing Don Hamilton a long, happy, and productive retirement.

HONORING GRANDMASTER DAE
WOONG CHUNG

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 28, 2000

Mr. GARY MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I honor Grandmaster Dae Woong Chung, who has been teaching the traditions of Taekwondo to the citizens of Pomona and the surrounding area for over 35 years. Grandmaster Chung has a 9th degree black belt.

Eighteen years ago, Grandmaster Chung started a program of teaching high school students at Pomona Unified School District at no cost to them. He also has instructors teaching at many local churches and service organizations, such as Boys' and Girls' Clubs and YMCA's.

Grandmaster Chung is currently the Director of the Saehan Bank, which has four locations in the counties of Los Angeles and Orange. In fact, the newest location opens today, in the my district, in the city of Rowland Heights.

Grandmaster Chung was the first Taekwondo master to teach Taekwondo in California, starting back in 1965, and has since dedicated his life to teaching the martial art of his mother country to the citizens in the Pomona Valley.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that this House please join me in recognizing, honoring and commending Grandmaster Chung for his 35 years of commitment and outstanding service to our community.

HONORING OLYMPIAN GARRETT
LOWNEY

HON. MARK GREEN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 28, 2000

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, today I offer a brief tribute to a young man

from my district, Garrett Lowney, who this week was awarded the Bronze Medal at the Summer Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia.

Garrett, a U.S. Olympian competing in Greco-Roman wrestling, overcame injury and adversity to bring the Bronze Medal home to the United States in a sport typically dominated by other nations. I know all of us back in northeastern Wisconsin are very proud of his achievements, and folks across America should share that pride. For Garrett's medal is as much an achievement for our nation as it is for Garrett himself.

To win his victory, Garrett defeated a two-time champion Silver Medal winner, a five-time world champion, and another two-time world champion, among others. Despite a neck injury and being forced to battle through overtime in four of his matches, Garrett managed to win every match except one—and became the youngest American ever to win a wrestling medal in the Olympic games.

So today, I say thank you, Garrett Lowney. Thank you for making us proud. Thank you for devoting so much of yourself, your time, and your talents to excellence and to our Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. THOMAS W. EWING

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 28, 2000

Mr. EWING. Mr. Speaker, on September 26 and 27, 2000, I was attending to business in my district, and as a result, missed 6 rollcall votes. The votes I missed are rollcalls: Nos. 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, and 499. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on all six rollcall votes.

CONGRATULATING PURDUE
UNIVERSITY CALUMET

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 28, 2000

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise before you to congratulate Purdue University Calumet as it holds its Chancellor's Gala and Hall of Fame Reception tonight, September 28, 2000, at the Center for Visual and Performing Arts in Muncie, Indiana.

Part of the internationally renowned Purdue University system, Purdue University Calumet, located in Hammond, Indiana, is a comprehensive regional university with some 9,300 students and 80 academic programs focused on the educational needs of the people in Northwest Indiana. Tonight's dinner will be in recognition of the people who helped make Purdue Calumet what it is today. As part of the gala event, Purdue Calumet Chancellor James Yackel and new Purdue University President Martin Jischke have the honor and privilege to induct this year's honorees into Purdue Calumet's Hall of Fame. The Purdue University Calumet Hall of Fame was founded in 1996 in honor of Purdue Calumet's 50th Anniversary. It is awarded to alumni and friends of Purdue Calumet who have made significant

accomplishments and have displayed a life-long dedication to the university, the community, and the world. This year's honorees include Steven C. Beering, the recently retired Purdue University President, Adam Benjamin, Jr., the late Northwest Indiana Congressman, and the Northern Indiana Public Service Company.

Steven C. Beering, Purdue University President Emeritus, will receive the Chancellor's Award for Dedication to Higher Education and Extraordinary Public Service, and will be inducted into the Purdue University Calumet Hall of Fame for his long-time support of the Purdue Calumet campus. He served as president of Purdue University for 17 years before his retirement last month. During his tenure, the Purdue system experienced significant growth in both enrollment and facilities. Clear examples of his commitment to expanding facilities and services at Purdue Calumet can be seen in the development of the Donald S. Powers Computer Education Building, the Classroom Office Building, the Charlotte R. Riley Child Center, the Challenger Learning Center of Northwest Indiana, and Purdue Calumet's newest facility, the Center at Purdue University Calumet, a conference and special events facility. His colleagues at Purdue Calumet will sincerely miss President Beering and his commitment to educational and administrative excellence.

The Chancellor's Award for Extraordinary Public Service will be presented posthumously to Congressman Adam Benjamin, Jr. Congressman Benjamin represented Indiana's First Congressional District from 1976 until his death in 1982. Prior to his election to Congress, Benjamin served as the zoning administrator and the executive secretary to the mayor in Gary, Indiana. He was elected to the Indiana State House in 1966 and to the Indiana State Senate in 1970. The late Congressman Benjamin tirelessly devoted himself to advancing the interests of his constituents in Northwest Indiana. He was characterized by many as a dedicated and effective public servant, sharing the hopes and dreams of the people he served and the community he represented.

Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) will receive the Carl H. Elliott Award for exceptional Philanthropy for its extensive support of non-profit organizations in Northwest Indiana. Notably, NIPSCO has established an endowed scholarship at Purdue Calumet, and has provided start-up funding for the University's Resource Center and Entrepreneurship Center. The company's investment in the educational opportunities of those in its community has earned it the acclaim of students, educators, and administrators at Purdue Calumet.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Purdue University Calumet and this year's Hall of Fame inductees for their lifetime dedication not only to the university, but to all of Northwest Indiana.

A TRIBUTE TO COMMANDER
TEMPLE L. ALLEN

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 28, 2000

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the outstanding service and dedication of my friend from San Diego, Lieutenant Commander Temple L. Allen. His career in the United States Navy spans three decades and has earned many awards and recognitions, including Navy Commendation Medal presented to him by the Secretary of the Navy. I would like to take a moment to commend Temple's exceptional service to our country.

Temple began half a century ago in Ontario, California where he enlisted, and upon finishing submarine school was assigned to the U.S.S. *Catfish*. Since then, Temple went on to provide expert organizational guidance and leadership that was required to effectively repair many submarines at the NEREUS facility. He was recognized by his peers for his outstanding responsiveness in the NEREUS repair department and the high quality of work that was directly attributed to him. Throughout his tenure in the Navy, Temple inspired leadership, professionalism, and devotion to duty to those he served with and has continually conducted himself with the highest traditions of the United States Navy.

Mr. Speaker, in an era when the U.S. military is often not given sufficient recognition, outstanding leaders, such as Temple, exemplify the commitment our armed forces has to superior performance. As a veteran and Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Military Procurement, I would like to commend Commander Temple L. Allen for all of his efforts and years of service and to the United States Navy and our country.

TRIBUTE TO "ANGELS IN ADOPTION"
KEVIN AND EILEEN
GILLIGAN

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 28, 2000

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, each year in an effort to improve adoption policy and practice, the Congressional Coalition on Adoption holds a national award ceremony honoring "Angels in Adoption." The purpose of the "Angels in Adoption" campaign is to help raise public awareness of the many different ways committed individuals in our country can help children and families through adoption. This crusade is an opportunity to recognize these unsung heroes who make a difference for needy children all across the world.

Today, I would like to recognize two of this year's "Angels in Adoption" from my congressional district, Kevin and Eileen Gilligan of LaFayette, New York. As a couple, the Gilligans epitomize the loving, caring commitment found in all adoptive parents. In June of 1999, Kevin Gilligan wrote a journal for his new and youngest son, Louis, chronicling their trip to the Russia Republic to adopt him, which became front-page stories in the Syracuse Newspapers. Previously, the Gilligans adopted their

daughter, Addie, who is now 13 years old, and their son, Min, who is 11 years old, from Korea.

I want to commend the Gilligans for the warmth and compassion they have extended to children in need. When Kevin and Eileen met Louis for the first time, he did not even know how to express the most simple of affections, a kiss. As a family, they welcomed him and their two other children into their home and showed them how to love and be loved.

I use this opportunity to recognize Central New York's "Angels in Adoption," Kevin and Eileen Gilligan, and salute all adopted families in our nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF STATE SENATOR
M. ADELA "DELL" EADS'
OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE
PEOPLE OF CONNECTICUT

HON. NANCY L. JOHNSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 28, 2000

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the end of an era in the government of my home state of Connecticut. With the retirement of State Senator M. Adela "Dell" Eads, the Connecticut Legislature is losing more than just a valued and respected member, it is losing a woman who represents the best that Connecticut has to offer, the epitome of the finest tradition of public service.

With over 24 years of service in the Connecticut State Legislature, Dell has left her mark on countless pieces of landmark legislation. From her work to establish the Connecticut Office of the Child Advocate to her leadership on welfare reform, Dell always championed the cause of Connecticut's children and families and acted to protect their interests.

But while Dell's legislative accomplishments are too numerous to mention, the one quality she will be remembered for is clear: leadership. Whether it was as leader of the Republican caucus or as President Pro Tem of the Senate, Dell commanded the respect of adversaries and allies alike. Her career in the legislature is a testament to the fact that civility, intelligence, integrity and strength are qualities that can be found in one individual. Such a public servant is a gift to be treasured in a democracy.

Connecticut and our country are the beneficiaries of the outstanding service provided by M. Adela Eads. I have been privileged to serve with her and to enjoy her friendship as well. I wish her all the best for a happy, healthy and productive retirement.

TRIBUTE TO THE HISPANIC
PARADE COMMITTEE, INC.

HON. JOSE E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 28, 2000

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great joy that I today pay tribute to the Hispanic Parade Committee, Inc. on its 36th Grand Parade. The parade will be held on October 8, 2000, in New York City.

In 1965 the Hispanic Societies met in New York for the purpose of celebrating the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus on October 12, 1492. This was to be accomplished through a parade, which would celebrate the heritage and spirit of the children of the Hispanic American union with a message from Spain and the Latin American nations, representing each country's culture, traditions and folklore.

Mr. Speaker, this project came to fruition in August of 1965 when the Hispanic Societies agreed to celebrate with a true Fiesta in the Latin American spirit that every year in the city of New York on the Sunday closest to the 12th of October. From that year on, the Hispanic Parade Committee has organized the memorable annual event now known as "Desfile de la Hispanidad" with the participation of Spain and all Hispanic American nations, to commemorate and celebrate Hispanic culture, races, language, religion, and traditions through colorful presentations of each country's costumes, folklore, and music, marching up Fifth Avenue from 44th Street to 72nd Street.

The Hispanic Parade Committee is made up of 50 organizations and a board of 27 representatives who spend a whole year preparing and organizing this complex multinational public event, with numerous cultural and entertainment activities. Among the many activities are the Spring Dance in honor of the reigning Queen of the Parade and her Court of Honor; the Salute to the Americas, which are series of conferences and lectures given by important authorities of the Hispanic world; the Art Exhibits where Latin American artists are invited to exhibit their art; the Sports Championships, which include soccer and softball competitions; the election of the Queen of the Hispanic Parade; a Catholic Mass of the Hispanic Parade, which is celebrated in St. Patrick's Cathedral and dedicated to a Patron Saint of a participating country; and the Great Gala Banquet to celebrate and recognize outstanding individuals of the Hispanic world.

The Hispanic Parade Committee has been growing every year. Fifty organizations belonging to the twenty-one Hispanic-American countries are now affiliated in the Parade, there will be a band, 40 allegorical carriages, and 30 folkloric groups representing these organizations.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Hispanic Parade Committee, Inc. and in wishing them continued success on October 8 and in the future.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE RAVENNA CHURCH
OF THE NAZARENE

HON. ERNIE FLETCHER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 28, 2000

Mr. FLETCHER. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the Ravenna Church of the Nazarene during its 50th Anniversary celebration. This quaint church, nestled in Central Kentucky, has served the community and its members in many different ways over the past 50 years—now they come together to reflect on the many memories and years of fellowship.