

IN HONOR OF THE 25TH WEDDING  
ANNIVERSARY OF DON AND  
CATHIE HUNSBERGER

### HON. CHRISTOPHER COX

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 4, 2000*

Mr. COX. Mr. Speaker, there are few occasions more joyous and historic in a family's life than a 25th wedding anniversary. On October 11, 1975, Don and Cathie Hunsberger were married. Today, a quarter-century later, their bonds of matrimony are stronger than ever.

As each of us in Congress knows, leadership in all walks of life means, more than anything else, setting an example. The Hunsbergers' commitment to each other, to their families, and to their communities is just such an example and inspiration to us all.

They began their partnership as college sweethearts at DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana. Cathie was studying to become a teacher. Don was preparing for law school. Even then, Cathie was convinced that the education of our children was the key to our future, and Don was committed to improving the way of our laws and our government serve the people. Their sense of caring and responsibility made a lasting impression on all of their many friends, most particularly Cathie's adopted "sister" and roommate, my wife, Rebecca. Cathie and Don were soon married, and shortly made their way to Orange County, California.

As a renowned educator, Cathie has made a positive difference to hundreds of our children in Orange County. Don's leadership in the law and his community service have improved the lives of families throughout Southern California.

Twenty-five years of marriage have produced four children. As parents, Don and Cathie have passed along their values and their sense of honor, duty, and patriotism to Lauren, Ashley, Alec, and Evan. As a result, Orange County and our Nation will long profit from their example.

Along with the rest of their family and friends, the Hunsbergers will be celebrating this memorable occasion on October 11, 2000 in Yorba Linda, California at the home of Cathie's parents, George and Mary Ries. I know all of my colleagues join me in wishing Don and Cathie Hunsberger a splendid 25th wedding anniversary, and many more to come.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF CONGRESS  
REGARDING TAIWAN'S PARTICI-  
PATION IN THE UNITED NATIONS

SPEECH OF

### HON. TOM BLILEY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 3, 2000*

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, the Republic of China on Taiwan will celebrate its 89th anniversary of its founding on October 10, 2000. On this exciting occasion, I would like to add my support for this thriving democracy and to recognize the good work of Taiwan's President Chen Shui-bain.

Again this year, the Republic of China on Taiwan attempted to return to the United Na-

tions. I agree that the Republic of China on Taiwan should have a place in the United Nations. Taiwan is, and has always been willing to contribute to the many worthwhile causes of the United Nations, but without membership to the United Nations, Taiwan is barred from any substantive involvement.

Time has come for the United Nations to honor its own principle of universal membership and admit the Republic of China on Taiwan as a member.

On the eve of the Republic of China's National Day, I call on the United States to support this thriving democracy in their bid to become a member of the United Nations.

QUALITY, NOT QUANTITY;  
RESULTS NOT PROCESS

SPEECH OF

### HON. MICHAEL BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 3, 2000*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my good friend and colleague, BILL GOODLING.

When I think of BILL GOODLING, the words "quality" and "integrity" come to mind. BILL GOODLING is an example of the very finest this institution has to offer. His practical experience as a high school teacher, principal, and superintendent has given him the ability to legislate with authority on education issues. Many times I have looked to his leadership on education and deferred to his "hands-on" knowledge of preparing children for the best possible future.

BILL's philosophy of education is based on the premise that many of us believe in—ensuring that parents and local education agencies make decisions regarding a child's education, not the federal government. As Chairman of the Education and the Workforce Committee, he has challenged the federal education paradigm by insisting that the education of children is not determined by federal bureaucrats.

For his entire tenure in the House of Representatives, BILL GOODLING has encouraged all of us to keep the federal government's commitment to special education, and funding for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) has more than doubled during his term as Chairman of the Education Committee. IDEA will miss a great ally when he retires from the House.

Under his leadership, the focus on education has shifted from the quantity of programs and services provided by the federal government to the quality of those programs. Head Start, for example, has been enhanced to ensure that children are taught by qualified teachers and held accountable for meeting specific performance measures. Ed-Flex has also been expanded to allow all 50 states flexibility in administering education programs in return for meeting measurable performance standards.

BILL's contributions to Congress are not solely limited to education, however. As a member of the Committee on International Relations, he has impacted the development of U.S. foreign policy by insisting that U.S. national security interests are the utmost priority. His position on that Committee has also allowed him the opportunity to champion human rights and child survival efforts abroad.

Like many of my colleagues, I am saddened to see him leave this body. I will certainly miss his practical, "hands-on" expertise when looking for leadership on education issues. But I congratulate you, BILL, on a job well done. I wish you and Hilda all the best for your life to come.

HISTORICALLY WOMEN'S PUBLIC  
COLLEGES OR UNIVERSITIES  
HISTORIC BUILDING RESTORA-  
TION AND PRESERVATION ACT

SPEECH OF

### HON. SAXBY CHAMBLISS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 3, 2000*

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of this important bill, H.R. 4503, Historically Women's Public Colleges or Universities Historic Building Restoration and Preservation Act, which provides critical funding to assist a group of schools who pioneered improvements in educational opportunities for women throughout the United States.

Like the other colleges and universities that we are supporting in this bill, Wesleyan was established to ensure that women in the United States receive a quality education. Wesleyan College was founded as a public college in 1836, by citizens of Macon, Georgia, as Georgia Female College and is the oldest women's college in the world that still educates exclusively women. For more than 160 years, Wesleyan, has prepared women for life, work, and service. Today, Dr. Nora Bell, President of Wesleyan, the faculty and staff of Wesleyan continue to promote women's education as a continual, integrated process of growth in mind, spirit, and body.

Located on a 200-acre wooded campus, Wesleyan has multiple historic buildings on its current campus, including Persons Hall, Wortham Hall, and Banks Hall. I have had the distinct honor to visit the Wesleyan campus on many occasions. I have talked to students, toured the splendid historic building, and I firmly believe that providing funding for Wesleyan College as well as Georgia College and the other prestigious historically women's public colleges and universities will help restore some of our most precious historic landmarks and treasures and preserve the foundations of women's education in America.

FOREMOST FOODS ON GUAM

### HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 4, 2000*

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, this year marks the 50th anniversary of Foremost Foods on Guam. For five decades, Foremost has been at the forefront in providing goods and services to the people of Guam. The company's products were first introduced to local households in 1950, when former Governor Carlton Skinner asked International Dairy Supply Company to supply Guam's civilian population with dairy products. Two years earlier, International Dairy was awarded a contract to produce goods exclusively for military personnel. Blue Seal milk products were then

sold at local stores and Guam schools began receiving half-pints of milk for lunch programs.

On February 12, 1951, International Dairy Supply Company was issued a Guam business license and, by 1955, the company was producing a thousand gallons of milk a day for civilian consumption. At the time, the staff consisted of 11 production personnel, 5 maintenance staffers and 3 drivers. In 1961, the Blue Seal milk trademark was replaced with the familiar "F" logo denoting Blue Seal's relationship with the parent company, Foremost Dairies. By 1965, Foremost Dairies had become the company's sole shareholder.

In the 1960's, milk, vanilla ice cream, and Coca-Cola were Foremost's bestsellers on Guam and in the Northern Marianas. As consumer lifestyles became more active and sophisticated, Foremost catered to local tastes. Through the years, low-fat skimmed products, Diet Coke, fat-free milk, yogurt and Crystal Clear Drinking Water have found popularity among island consumers.

From a handful of employees in the 1950's, Foremost Foods and Coca-Cola Beverage Company, Guam, now employs a full time staff which mans two 8-hour shifts at their state-of-the-art plant in Upper Tumon. In addition, a technical staff supervises and maintains equipment 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Under the capable direction of Paul Boon, who became the company's president 7 years ago, Foremost has continued a tradition of dedication and support for its employees. Veteran employees can attest to the company's concerns towards its workers through their training and development programs and their salary and benefits packages.

Over the years, Foremost has also been an active supporter of community programs, activities and events. The company has supplied products to numerous races and tournaments. It sponsors major events, such as the prestigious Asian Professional Golf Association Tournament, and provides corporate encouragement to community endeavors, such as Sanctuary Inc., the American Cancer Society, Goodwill Industries of Guam, Inc., and the Guam Chapter of the American Red Cross. However, the cooperative spirit between Foremost and the community is best demonstrated in times of contingency, such as typhoons. During such times, Foremost employees switch to round-the-clock production preparing basic supplies, such as ice and water, in order to meet the needs of island residents.

For the past 50 years, Guam and the Northern Marianas have enjoyed quality products provided by Foremost Foods. On behalf of the people of Guam, I commend the company for its contribution to our community and our economy. I congratulate Foremost Foods and join them in celebrating their 50-year anniversary on Guam. I hope that the next 50 years would bring continued success to Foremost Foods and its employees.

At this point, I would like to submit, for the RECORD, the names of veteran employees who, through the years, have made great contributions towards the success of the company.

33 Years: Narciso M. Ibit, Production Supervisor; 31 Years: Eduardo G. Merto, Dairy Specialist II; 27 Years: Hermie L. Loria, Production Supervisor; 26 Years: Benjamin M. Peralta, Engineering Technician I; Danilo E. Tucio, Dairy Specialist III; 25 Years: Joseph E. Collado, Chief Engineer; Arturo Hippolito, Dairy Specialist II; Marcelo Carlos, Jr., CSR

Crystal Clear; Luis Gonzales, Production Manager; Carlos Nucum, Engineering Technician II; Bartolome Andres Dairy Specialist II; Efren Silva, Engineering Tech I; Tommy Sangalang, Dairy Specialist II; Teodor Agsalud, Warehouse Specialist II; 24 Years: Natalio I. Esperosa, Dairy Specialist I; Mateo D. Ulanday, Dairy Route Sales Representative; Cerilio Danila, Dairy Specialist III; Jose Ferrer, Dairy Route Sales Representative; 23 Years: Rodolfo De Guzman, Dairy Specialist II; Leo Bustillo, Warehouse Specialist II; Augusto Perez, Engineering Technician III; Luther Umayam, Auto Mechanic I; Alberto Valencia, Engineering Technician I; 22 Years: Manuel Alvarez, Crystal Clear Supervisor; Jose Agahan, Warehouse Specialist II; 20 Years: Romualdo Dela Cruz, Engineering Leadman IV; 19 Years: Federico Ventura, Preseller (Dairy); Erlo Torres, Dairy Specialist II; 15 Years: Reynaldo Dimla, Engineering Clerk; Samuel Agsalud, Dairy Specialist III; 14 Years: Rogelio Almeria, Auto Mechanic II; 13 Years: Zaldy Ponce, Warehouse Specialist II; Benson Ayson, Dairy Route Sales Representative; Rodolfo Paulino, QA Manager; Luzviminda Fellone, Lab Technician II; Elmer Escalera, Dairy Specialist II; Eddie Salonga, Dairy Route Sales Representative; 12 Years: John Panaguiton, Dairy Route Sales Representative; Eloison Galang, Coke Vending Sales Representative; Antonio Pehipol, Dairy Specialist IV; Amante Velasco, Dairy Specialist III; Roger Tiong, Dairy Route Sales Representative; Salvador Tarape, Dairy Route Sales Representative; 11 Years: Gil David, Warehouse Specialist II; Jose Canovas, Preseller (Dairy); Edgar Llarenas, Coke Technician III; Joveneil Eugenio, Lab Technician I.

#### EX-OFFENDER VOTING RIGHTS ACT

#### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 4, 2000*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, in Post-Civil War America, Congress passed the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution to give African Americans the right to vote and to participate meaningfully in the governance of this country. While 22 African-Americans were elected to Congress in the following years, the promise of these amendments was destroyed by Jim Crow laws. After decades of struggle, the sacrifices of nonviolent civil rights protesters spurred Congress to approve the Voting Rights Act in 1965. The passage of the Voting Rights Act was perhaps the most important victory won by the Civil Rights Movement led by the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. All of these efforts were made with the recognition that the franchise is critical to the ultimate emancipation of the African American people.

Unfortunately, as we approach the first national election of the new millennium, we are confronted with another challenge to the enfranchisement of millions of African-Americans. Mr. Speaker, there is simply no justification for the disenfranchisement of almost 3 million Americans who served their sentences for the commission of a felony crime. Let me repeat that point: over 3 million Americans have lost their right to vote even after they have paid their debt to society. Mr. Speaker, this issue is of great concern to my commu-

nity, which already suffered so much from the so-called "war on drugs."

The war on drugs is perhaps the single most "effective" tool in disenfranchising millions of African Americans since Jim Crow. Between 1985 and 1995, there was a 707% increase in the number of African Americans in state prison for a drug offense, compared to a 306 percent increase for whites over the same period. In addition, since the advent in 1986 of mandatory minimum sentences for drug related offenses, the number of African Americans in prison on drug-related offenses has exploded. In fact, despite evidence that African Americans and Caucasians use drugs at roughly the same rate, African Americans have been especially hard hit by mandatory minimum sentences: African Americans comprise about 13 percent of the United States' population, 15 percent of drug users, and 17 percent of cocaine users. However, thanks to the war on drugs being targeted against our communities, African Americans account for 33 percent of all federal drug convictions, 57 percent of Federal cocaine convictions and a staggering 84 percent of all federal crack cocaine convictions. Once convicted, these individuals often lose their right to vote for life.

The result? The combined effect of the war on drugs and mandatory minimum sentences being targeted at African Americans and other minorities is that these groups are losing their right to vote at staggering rates. That's why I come here today, to join my colleagues in demanding passage on vital legislation to make all persons released from prison automatically eligible to vote in federal elections. This, Mr. Speaker, is a necessary step in restoring the franchise to those Americans who have already suffered so much.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF MANUEL D. MAYERSON

#### HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 4, 2000*

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Manuel D. Mayerson, who will be honored at the Second Annual Circle of Life Awards Dinner in Cincinnati on October 5, 2000.

The Circle of Life Awards Dinner raises awareness about the severity of brain injury and honors leaders like Manuel for their work in helping young people with disabilities. Brain injury is the most frequent cause of disability and death among children and adolescents in the United States. Each year, over 1 million children sustain injuries with more than 30,000 suffering a serious permanent disability.

Manuel's interest in helping children and others with disabilities began about 10 years ago when he was approached by several organizations about the problems of infant brain injuries caused by shaking. Manuel then decided to form the Family Violence Coalition, which focuses on programs to prevent child abuse.

Most recently and through Manuel's support, the Mayerson Center for Safe and Healthy Children at Children's Hospital Medical Center of Cincinnati was founded to help prevent, identify and treat child abuse and neglect.