

RECOGNIZING DOCTORS FRANK
AND ANITA RICHELIEU UPON
THEIR RETIREMENT

HON. STEVEN T. KUYKENDALL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 6, 2000

Mr. KUYKENDALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two remarkable individuals from my district. For nearly 40 years, Dr. Frank Richelieu and his wife Dr. Anita Richelieu have served the people of Redondo Beach.

In 1962, the Richelieus moved to Redondo Beach to work at the Church of Religious Science. It was under their leadership and guidance that the parish grew from just over 150 members to a congregation of well over a thousand worshippers.

Under the Richelieus' leadership, the Church of Religious Science has been actively involved in many charitable organizations and outreach programs. The Richelieus also sit on numerous community boards. Their commitment to improving our community is unparalleled.

Dr. Frank Richelieu and his wife Dr. Anita Richelieu are beloved members of the community and will be dearly missed. They have touched the lives of many during their years at the Church of Religious Science. I congratulate them on their retirement. Thank you for your valuable contributions to the South Bay.

HONORING THE LATE LENA HOFFMAN
OF COLLINSVILLE, ILLINOIS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Ms. Lena Hoffman of my hometown of Collinsville, Illinois. Ms. Hoffman passed away on October 1, 2000, three days before her 104th birthday.

Several weeks before her passing, her family asked me to share my thoughts and congratulations with Lena for her birthday milestone. I was excited to be a part of the celebration of one of the town's oldest citizens. Everyone was looking forward to the big day. As her family was coming together to celebrate her birthday, they found out that they would be gathering to mourn her death and celebrate her rich life.

Lena was not rich in material wealth, but rather, rich in spirit. That rich spirit lived in the beautiful garden she cultivated, in the quilting society she belonged to, and in the molasses cookies and breads she bake. Her rich spirit lives in her four daughters, her 31 grandchildren, in 50 great-grandchildren, in 38 great-great grandchildren and 10 great-great-great grandchildren.

Many people in Washington speak of legacies, I am not sure of too many people who can hold a candle to Lena Hoffman's legacy—a close, loving family—five generations strong.

We should all be so lucky to have such a rich and full life.

Hermann Broch once wrote that, "No one's death comes to pass without making some impression, and those close to the deceased inherit part of the liberated soul and become richer in their humanness." In her 103 years, Lena touched many lives. She will be truly missed, but her legacy will live on.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE DUSABLE
MUSEUM CURATOR RAMON PRICE

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, Ramon Price spent his entire life pursuing goodness, helping others and being involved with art and artistic endeavors.

Mr. Price was the half brother of Chicago's first African American mayor, the Honorable Harold Washington and while Ramon was not overly drawn to electoral politics, he did organize artists for Washington and kept the artistic community actively engaged in fundraising and other support activity for the Washington political apparatus. Mr. Price was inspired by his high school art teacher, Dr. Margaret Burroughs who founded the DuSable Museum and the two of them became friends and worked together in developing the museum until his death.

In addition to his work with the DuSable Museum, Mr. Price who earned both bachelor and masters degrees taught at DuSable High School, was department chair and taught at Indiana University. He was also a painter and sculptor whose work is on display at DuSable, other museums and galleries.

A gentle soul who loved his community and his people. May his soul rest in peace.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF TIF-
FANY DRAIN ON WINNING THE
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE NA-
TIONAL ESSAY CONTEST

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 6, 2000

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, today I pay special tribute to an outstanding young lady from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Tiffany Drain, a seventh grader at Liberty Center High School in Liberty Center, Ohio, is the winner of the "What the Pledge of Allegiance Means to Me," national essay contest.

Tiffany first submitted her essay at the district level to Local Elks Lodge #929 in Napoleon, Ohio. The lodge was the primary local sponsor of the essay contest open to all sixth graders across America. She would later go on to win at the state and national levels. Since then Tiffany has presented her essay at a number of local events, including the

McClure Radish Festival in McClure, Ohio, and the Annual Tomato Parade at the Huron County Fair in Napoleon, Ohio. Tiffany most recently recited her national winning essay before the Ohio General Assembly, receiving a standing ovation from Ohio State Representatives and Senators alike.

The following are Tiffany's few but powerful words: "From Alabama to Michigan, California to Maine we are all taught the same thirty two words of the Pledge of Allegiance. As I hold my hand over my heart to recite these words as done so many times before, I think of peace and freedom. In these fifteen seconds we, as a nation, can stand next to each other without regard to the color of each others skin, without hatred towards each other, and become joined as one in unison. For fifteen seconds we are free from hatred, free from racism, and free from violence. From a Harvard College Professor to a St. Augustine first grader we can stand next to each other and know the same thirty-two words. As we face our flag with our hands over our hearts a hush overcomes all the noise and for fifteen seconds we have absolute peace in our nation."

As we turn the nation over to our youth, my confidence and optimism has been reinforced for the preservation and future of our great nation through the accomplishments of students like Tiffany. She serves as an example to us all.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Tiffany Drain. We should all be grateful to her. Tiffany has reminded us that when we stand and pledge allegiance to the United States of America, that we not only stand for our flag, our freedom, and our allegiance to our great country, but that we stand as a nation, together.

RECOGNIZING THE REPUBLIC OF
CHINA'S NATIONAL DAY

HON. JOE SCARBOROUGH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 6, 2000

Mr. SCARBOROUGH. Mr. Speaker, in honor of the Republic of China's 89th National Day next Tuesday, October 10, 2000, I wish to salute Taiwan President Chen Shui-bian and the Taiwanese people for their many economic and political accomplishments.

Even though Taiwan is a small island nation with few natural resources, it has prospered. With one of the world's largest foreign exchange reserves, its 23 million people enjoy one of the highest standards of living in the world. Politically, Taiwan is a full democracy, with a multi-party system, free elections, and a free press. Taiwan fully embraces the values of economic liberalization, democracy, rule of law, and respect for human rights.

For these reasons, I commend Taiwan, our friend and partner in Asia. Congratulations and best wishes as you celebrate your National Day.