

on the field of play and his service to the community.

IN MEMORY OF THE LATE GOVERNOR OF MISSOURI GOVERNOR MEL CARNAHAN

HON. RICHARD A. GEPHARDT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 2000

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, fate seems especially cruel when wonderful people are taken away in the prime of life, and the death of Governor Carnahan is just such a tragedy. Words alone do not fully describe the sorrow Jane and I and all Missourians feel at the loss of our Governor.

Mel Carnahan was a good man. He was a decent, caring man. He loved his state, and he fought hard for every person in it. A man who considered public service a high calling, Mel had a quiet, humble demeanor and his commitment to families in Missouri made a difference in the lives of millions of people.

A beloved governor, the son of two teachers in the Ozark mountains, Mel worked hard day after day to give every child a chance in life. He was committed to education with a sincere passion.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mel's wife Jean and their three surviving children; our thoughts and prayers are with them at this difficult moment. Missouri has lost a giant, and, humbly, we will work to ensure that Mel's wonderful, positive, humane spirit lives on in all our lives.

MCDONALD'S CORPORATION—EPA WASTE WISE PARTNER OF THE YEAR, OCTOBER 17, 2000

HON. JUDY BIGGERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 2000

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the McDonald's Corporation for its exemplary leadership in environmental conservation. McDonald's has been a pioneer in a range of efforts to conserve energy, protect natural resources, and reduce solid waste.

In the past, the Corporation has been honored for its conservation work by major environmental organizations, including the Council on Environmental Quality and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). As a result of its comprehensive waste reduction program, McDonald's has received further recognition for its efforts in this area by recently receiving the EPA's prestigious Waste Wise Partner of the Year award.

In 1989, McDonald's partnered with the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) to develop a comprehensive action plan for reducing waste. This cooperative project laid the foundation for a new approach to solving environmental problems. It served as a model for additional EDF alliances with leading U.S. businesses and also as a catalyst for other corporate/environmental organization partnerships.

The following year, McDonald's established one of the first corporate "buy recycle" programs. The Company also initiated an ongoing

series of environmentally friendly changes in packaging design that continues to this day. In 1992, McDonald's enrolled in EPA's Green Lights program to institutionalize the use of energy efficient lighting and, in 1994, became the very first partner in the EPA WasteWise program.

The impact of these commitments and partnerships has been extraordinary. During the course of the 1990's, McDonald's: Eliminated 297 million pounds of packaging; Recycled 2 billion pounds of corrugated cardboard, thus reducing restaurant waste by 30 percent; Purchased over \$3 billion worth of products made from recycled materials—over 300,000 tons in 1999 alone; and Saved over 510 million kilowatt hours, the equivalent of all the energy used by 14,500 homes over ten years.

These impressive numbers do not tell the whole story. By entering into these partnerships, McDonald's is proving that commitment to the environment and core business interests can go hand in hand. In so doing, they are helping to bring about a new environmental ethic and, in a broader sense, the growth of corporate social responsibility.

The Waste Wise award is an appropriate recognition for such leadership and for McDonald's sustained, effective commitment to making the world a better place. I congratulate the McDonald's corporation and its employees for this outstanding achievement.

IN TRIBUTE TO THE LATE REPRESENTATIVE SIDNEY YATES

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 2000

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my friend and colleague, the late Congressman Sidney Yates, who passed away earlier this month. Sid Yates represented the Ninth District of Illinois for close to 50 years with great distinction. He was a man of vision who will be remembered most for his dedication to defending and promoting the arts in America.

Throughout his career, Sid Yates made Federal funding of the arts a priority. He helped push for the legislation establishing the National Endowment for the Arts and worked to steadily increase its budget as chairman of the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee. When the NEA came under attack in 1995, it was Sid Yates who helped lead our efforts to preserve. I was proud to stand with Sid as his passionate and eloquent defense of the NEA and of government's role in the arts helped stave off its elimination.

We mourn his passing, but we should celebrate the many contributions he made to this Chamber. The arts community, in particular, has lost one of its great champions, but his memory will live on in the smiles of the young people who will be introduced to the arts thanks to the efforts of Sidney Yates. I speak for all of those who care deeply about the arts in this country when I say that he will be greatly missed, but will never be forgotten.

CONGRATULATING SOUTH KOREAN PRESIDENT KIM DAE JUNG FOR WINNING THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 2000

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate South Korean President Kim Dae Jung for winning the Nobel Peace Prize. The Nobel Committee announced the decision to award President Kim based on his "moral strength" to pursue democratic goals despite repeated threats on his life and long periods in exile.

The Committee awarded President Kim with the Nobel Prize not only for his work in bringing democracy to South Korea, but for his efforts to reconcile South Korea with North Korea. To facilitate that goal, President Kim established the "Sunshine Policy" in an attempt to overcome more than fifty years of war and hostility between the two Korean nations. President Kim has said that his struggle against dictatorship was the greater achievement in his life. "Democracy is most important. Only when we uphold human rights and freedom, is our struggle against communism meaningful," said President Kim.

Born on December 3, 1925, President Kim was the second son of four. His father was a farmer on an island in the southwestern province of Cholla. President Kim was a good student and elected a leader of his high school class. However, he learned an early lesson about democracy when he was stripped of his position, after he published an essay condemning the Japanese colonial government that controlled Korea at that time. It would be the first of many sacrifices President Kim would make before being elected to lead South Korea.

Prior to being elected, President Kim was jailed repeatedly by the government of South Korea. He has been placed under house arrest more than 55 times, and has survived many assassination attempts. He has been kidnapped by South Korean agents, sentenced to death by a military court for alleged treason following prodemocracy demonstrations, lived in exile in the United States, and returned to South Korea, before winning the Presidency in 1997.

President Kim was credited with bringing South Korea back from the verge of financial collapse just a few years ago. He committed the country to strict reforms requested by the International Monetary Fund and by doing so, the South Korean economy has made significant strides in less than two years.

President Kim's Sunshine Policy to engage North Korea has produced dramatic, historical results. On June 13 of this year, President Kim traveled to Pyongyang to meet with North Korean President Kim Jon Il. The summit opened the way for the first reunion between Korean family members, who had been separated by the Korean war and had not seen one another in 50 years.

President Kim's personal courage and moral character are his foundation in times of adversity; and they have inspired generations of Koreans to keep their faith in freedom. As the Washington Post put it, "He helped prove that freedom is a universal value and democracy a

universal desire, not limited by race, continent, or culture." I join my Korean-American constituents in congratulating President Kim on receiving the Nobel Peace Prize for the year 2000.

ARLINGTON TRADITIONAL SCHOOL

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 2000

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the parents, students and administrators at Arlington Traditional School. I will be pleased to welcome the students and teachers of this extraordinary school to the Capitol on Thursday, October 19, 2000.

For the last 15 years this school has sponsored an extraordinary summer reading and civics program for its students.

The Reading Challenge was started by its first principal, Dr. Frank Miller, who once spent the day on the roof of the school as a reward to the students for meeting their reading challenge.

Since then, the challenge has grown under the leadership of its present principal, Ms. Holly Hawthorne.

Mr. Speaker, the summer challenge program is based around themes including: "Reading Around the Library," to learn more about the different kinds of books in the library; "Read For the Gold," based on the Summer Olympics; "Reading Around the World in Eight Days," to learn about world geography; "Blast Off to Learning," that included a tour of the planets; "Reading Is Monumental," to learn about important places in Washington, DC and Virginia; and "From Sea to Shining Sea," to learn about the fifty states.

The reward for the students' reading accomplishments has evolved into a celebration of reading known as Reading Carnival Day. Activities have included special events in each classroom, school wide parades, and special guest speakers.

Over the years, the entire school has visited the public library and the Education Center where special guests read their favorite books to the students. In addition, a school-wide field trip was taken to the Air and Space Museum and to Mount Vernon for Colonial Days. These experiences undoubtedly enhance the interactive learning process for students beyond compare.

Mr. Speaker, I take great pride in commending the Arlington Traditional School for its many accomplishments over the past 15 years.

It is through their efforts that the prospect for the future is much brighter.

RECOGNIZING CATHEDRAL HIGH SCHOOL IN EL PASO, TEXAS ON THEIR 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 2000

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I am proud of a high school in my district that continues to

show exemplarily results in education. Cathedral High School has a long standing tradition of excellence in El Paso, Texas. The school never falters in its steadfast commitment to teaching and to spiritually guiding young men as they prepare for higher education and for life's many challenges.

Through the vision and dedicated efforts of Bishop Anthony Schuler, the Rev. Robert O'Loughran, and Mr. William Fryer, the Christian Brothers established Cathedral High School in September of 1925. Cathedral High School has withstood the trials of the Great Depression, four wars, changing economic, political, and social conditions and has come out with ever increasing strength. Over 4,300 young men have graduated from Cathedral since 1927. It is a school that is emulated by other schools across the city, state, and even the nation. Over 95% of the Cathedral's students go on to colleges and universities.

The staff of Cathedral High School, both the Christian Brothers and the lay faculty, who's commitment and dedication play an integral part in the Cathedral educational experience, should be commended. Their efforts have contributed to the long-term viability of the school.

While accepting students of all faiths, as a Roman Catholic school, Cathedral's curriculum instills the Catholic heritage and stresses reverence for God, concern for others and personal responsibility. As much as any other aspect of the school, the spiritual emphasis at Cathedral fosters an atmosphere of brotherhood and caring and builds the foundation for life-long friendships. Spirituality, as a guiding principal, should be emulated across our nation. The values that are instilled at Cathedral are fundamental values that are central and important to the functioning of society as a whole.

Daily school prayer, religion classes, and school Mass emphasize God's central role in our lives. As a Catholic myself, God and reverence are personally important to me and I appreciate the commitment that Cathedral makes in insuring that our students will have faith and prayer in their lives. I cannot overstate how important faith in God is to overall success and happiness in life.

Cathedral has continually exhibited strong leadership; a clear vision and sense of mission that is shared by and connected with the school, students, parents, and alumni; high quality teaching; and a safe environment for learning. Cathedral has continually been a pillar of excellence in El Paso. I applaud the role that Cathedral High School plays in the fabric of our culturally diverse community and I wish the school continued success in their next 75 years of teaching excellence in the city of El Paso. Go Fighting Irish!

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 2000

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from the House chamber for the day of Thursday, October 12th.

CONGRATULATING THE SAN LUIS OBISPO SYMPHONY'S CUARTETO DE LAS MISIONES ON THEIR PERFORMANCE AT THE KENNEDY CENTER IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 2000

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I honor the San Luis Obispo Symphony String Quartet, Cuarteto de las Misiones who have traveled from San Luis Obispo, California to perform tonight at the Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage State Days Series. The Cuarteto is Sharon Holland, Ginette Reitz, Mary Houston, and Ken Hustad.

I had the privilege of nominating the Cuarteto to represent the great state of California for the Kennedy Center's program because they have demonstrated a wonderful commitment to their community, a unique sound, and inspiring talent.

The San Luis Obispo String Quartet has been performing at Central Coast schools for over a decade. Last Spring, the quartet was reorganized and renamed the Cuarteto de las Misiones and began working with local Grammy-nominated composer, musicologist and California Polytechnic State University music professor Dr. Craig Russell to design an in-school program for 3rd and 4th graders.

Dr. Russell has devoted the past several years to uncovering a wealth of music originally performed in California and Mexico during the colonial days. Through his discoveries, he has been able to demonstrate that there was a far richer musical life on the West Coast of the United States than was previously thought. Thanks to Dr. Russell, works by European immigrants to California and Mexico, once performed by the Chumash and Salinan people are being performed again after 200 years of silence.

Cuarteto de las Misiones presents a narrated musical journey comparing the unique styles of mid-18th Century western culture. The quartet's performance this evening will include Dr. Russell's arrangements of the newly rediscovered music of the missions, mountain music and reels of the eastern United States and the chamber music enjoyed in Europe's finest salons.

Mr. Speaker, this exciting new program has not only sparked my interest, but has received notice from the California Arts Council and has become part of their "Rural and Inner City Presenting Program" (RICP). They are a fine example for the community and I am proud to be their Representative.

I would like to give thanks to the San Luis Obispo County Community Foundation and the Hock Family Foundation for their generous support of the Cuarteto de las Misiones, and to the ensemble itself for their invaluable contribution to the Central Coast.