

SALUTING TEXAS ROSE FESTIVAL
QUEEN AND DUCHESS**HON. RALPH M. HALL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, October 28, 2000

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to pay tribute to the queen of the 2000 Texas Rose Festival, Caroline Malone Key, and to Tiffany Love Mea, who served as duchess of the rose growers during the festival which was held October 19–22 in Tyler, TX—the “Rose Capital of the Nation.”

Miss Key is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William O. Key of Tyler. Her family has been actively involved in the Rose Festival for many years and in service to the community, and Caroline has participated in the Rose Festival in various capacities in previous years. She is a freshman at Millsaps College in Jackson, MS. A native of Tyler, she attended All Saints Episcopal School, where she was active in student affairs. Her community services activities include St. Louis School, Habitat for Humanity, Bellwood Lake Clean-Up, Young Life, Tyler Rose Museum, Discovery Science Place and Tyler Day Nursery.

Miss Mea is the daughter of Pamela Jenkins of Tyler and Joseph C. Mea of Lindale. Her father is owner of Mea Nursery of Lindale, where Tiffany grew up learning about the industry and developing a special appreciation for roses. She attended All Saints Episcopal School in Tyler and is a 1999 graduate of San Marcos Baptist Academy. She is an honor student at St. Edward’s University in Austin, where she is majoring in communications production, and is involved in Hunger Awareness and Habitat for Humanity. As duchess, Tiffany also will serve as an ambassador to Tyler, representing the area and its rose industry throughout the year.

Inspired by the Tyler Garden Club and begun in 1933, the Texas Rose Festival represents the spirit that brings Tyler together as a community. Tyler is home to the Nation’s largest municipal rose garden and museum. Approximately one-fifth of all commercial rose bushes produced in the United States are grown in Smith County, while over one-half of the Nation’s rose bushes are packaged and shipped from this area. Each year more than 100,000 people from around the world visit the Tyler Rose Garden and Museum. The Rose Garden blooms from late April until frost with over 30,000 rose bushes exhibiting approximately 450 varieties of roses. The Museum features memorabilia of past festivals, including hand-sewn, jeweled costumes dating as far back as 1935. James W. Arnold is the 2000 festival president.

The Texas Rose Festival attracts local citizens and visitors from throughout the country and is a showcase for Tyler’s hospitality as well as its vibrant rose industry. The success of the Rose Festival is a reflection of the dedication, hard work and community spirit of hundreds of citizens and local businesses in Tyler. It is a source of tremendous civic pride for Tyler and East Texas, and it has evolved into a premiere event that is known throughout the Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to have participated in the Rose Festival for many years, and I would like to take this opportunity to commend all those whose efforts have made it possible and to congratulate Caroline Key, Rose Festival Queen for 2000, and Tiffany Mea, Duchess of the Rose Growers.

IN HONOR OF NANCY DODD

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, today I honor the life of a woman who was a pioneer and an activist in many ways. Nancy W. Dodd was a woman who devoted her life to helping individuals and families cope with alcoholism and abuse, and has touched more lives than we can count. On September 5, 2000, Nancy passed away in her home after a long illness.

Nancy was born in Dallas, TX, in 1935 and 1965, she moved to Salinas, CA. It was here that she founded, with her husband, the Sun Street Centers. At Sun Street Centers, which still thrives today, Nancy began a new approach to alcohol recovery where, within the context of a residential treatment facility, she worked with the families of those she cared for in order to overcome alcoholism. This treatment model continues to be used on a state and national level in helping the individuals and families that are affected by alcoholism. The Sun Street Centers have served more than 60,000 people in Monterey County, to date. Ms. Dodd was also active in Al-Anon for 36 years, and served as the Alcohol Program Administrator for San Benito County, California. It was in this role that she created the Community Recovery Center for that county, serving similar needs as her Sun Street Centers.

Recently, as a tribute to her impact on the Monterey County community, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors named a currently developing community center The Nancy Dodd Community Center. In the resolution for this act, they praised her as “* * * A leader in the alcohol family recovery field” and proclaimed the new center’s name “* * * In recognition of her dedication and service to the community.”

As an educator on the subject of treatment, Nancy lectured at colleges and universities throughout California, and was a frequent participant in the Episcopal Cursillo. As a member of the Good Shepard Episcopal Church she served as a junior warden, among other roles. She was a member and former president of the Democratic Women’s Club of Monterey County, and a former board member and officer of the Women’s Crisis Center and the Family Resource Center.

Nancy W. Dodd was a vibrant and energetic voice in the community. She will be sorely missed by her husband, Martin; her two sons, Martin Dodd III of Berkeley, CA, and Wesley Dodd of Clovis, CA.; two daughters, Elaine Dodd and Cheryl Merrill, of Salinas, CA; two sisters, Janice Seldomridge of Savannah, GA., and Penny Sieg of Jacksonville, FL; nine grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

TRIBUTE TO THE ALPENA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ON THE OCCASION OF THE COUNCIL’S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, the Knights of Columbus, an organization that has been called “the strong right arm of the Catholic Church,” was founded in 1882 in the basement of a church in New Haven, CT.

The importance of this unique fellowship of men, gathered together to do good works in their community, was quickly recognized, and men came together in other communities to form their own local groups. In 1900 a council of 30 members was formed in Alpena, MI, in my congressional district.

I recently had an opportunity to join the members of the Alpena Knights of Columbus Council 529 for their 100th anniversary. Now 500 members strong, this council personifies the strength and viability of the Knights of Columbus, which has grown to more than 1.6 million members worldwide.

I said, Mr. Speaker, that the Alpena council personifies other councils. This is most true in the good works the council does. It sponsors activities for both boys and girls, buying jerseys for teams in such sports as baseball, hockey and soccer teams. It supports Boysville, a camp in Clinton, MI, and it provides assistance to the families of its members, a hallmark of Knights of Columbus councils everywhere.

Where this council differs from others, Mr. Speaker, is in the nature of its single biggest fundraiser, its annual Wild Game Dinner, which is held the last Friday in January. The council puts its best northern Michigan culinary foot forward with a game feast of salmon and trout, of deer, moose and elk, of rabbit and muskrat. Approximately 500 diners are expected each year, and the council can expand its charitable fund by about \$50,000 annually from this event alone.

I had the pleasure of addressing members of the Alpena council recently, and I spoke of our own efforts here in Congress to bring a sense of religious commitment to our public service through the Congressional Prayer Breakfast. We, too, are a body brought together to do good works on behalf of others. It remains my fervent hope that, despite the widely divergent views on every issue that are brought to the House floor, we will be kept humble, ever conscious of our commitment to service, and ever focused on working together, even when we disagree.

I pray the next 100 years of the Alpena Knights of Columbus will find their membership ranks filled, their good works expanded, and their example of fellowship and public service a bright beacon for individuals, the private sector and public servants like us.