

IN HONOR OF THE CHILDREN'S
ASSESSMENT CENTER

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2000

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Children's Assessment Center located in Houston, Texas as it begins its tenth year of service to Harris County's children.

The Children's Assessment Center (CAC) was founded in 1991 to address the unique needs of sexually abused children in Harris County. Since the Center first opened, it has served more than 38,000 children by fulfilling its mission to protect children by providing a professional, compassionate and coordinated approach to the treatment of sexually abused children. The CAC also helps to advocate on behalf of these children through the court system. I believe that the "one-stop" shopping provided at the CAC is the right approach to ensure that these children receive services in one convenient, nurturing environment. Sexual abuse is one of the most heinous crimes and we must work together to protect these children.

The CAC is a collaborative effort between the Harris County Commissioners' Court and the Children's Assessment Center Foundation. The CAC's \$10.5 million state-of-the-art facility, located in my district, was specially designed to provide an environment that will meet each child's needs for warmth, support, and protection. The CAC is also a member of the National Children's Alliance and the largest of its kind in the nation. The Center houses professionals from fifteen partner agencies, including law enforcement, the University of Texas Health Science Center Medical School, psychological/psychiatric professionals and students, and governmental investigative entities which work cooperatively to protect children and investigate sexual abuse. This team approach is critically important to successfully helping these children to recover from sexual abuse.

Earlier this year, the CAC was awarded the Legacy Award for Excellence and Innovation by the National Association of Counties at a ceremony held at the U.S. Capitol. This Legacy Award for Excellence was presented to the CAC because it had shown itself to be the program that most fully embraced the spirit of volunteerism and has set itself apart from all others across the nation with its distinct and unparalleled services. Each year, the CAC works with more than 150 volunteers who assist in protecting and improving the lives of sexually abused children in Harris County. None of these accomplishments would have been possible without the leadership of Ellen Cokinos, the Executive Director of the CAC. Ellen has worked tirelessly on behalf of these children and we should all thank her for her leadership in helping these children to heal.

I want to commend the Children's Assessment Center, its staff, Board members and volunteers for their leadership in helping sexually abused children and applaud their efforts to raise awareness about the special needs of sexually abused children.

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY WELCOMES
KURT LANDGRAF—PRESIDENT
OF THE EDUCATION TESTING
SERVICE

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Kurt Landgraf. Recently, Mr. Landgraf, former chairman and CEO of DuPont Pharmaceuticals, took over as president and CEO of the Education Testing Service in Princeton, NJ. ETS develops and annually administers over 11 million tests worldwide on behalf of clients in education, government, and business.

Mr. Landgraf served as associate marketing director of ETS from 1970 to 1974. Following that he held various marketing and financial management positions with Upjohn Co. In 1980, Mr. Landgraf joined E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Co., where he worked within the pharmaceuticals division.

In 1993, Mr. Landgraf was appointed president and CEO of DuPont Merck Pharmaceutical Co. At the same time, the Harvard Business Review Case Study highlighted Mr. Landgraf's efforts to create a highly diverse and inclusive organization.

In 1996, Mr. Landgraf was appointed chief financial officer of E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Co. Later, he would be appointed executive vice president and chief operating officer and chairman of DuPont Europe.

Kurt brings solid leadership, combined with the global business experience, understanding of education issues and strong support of ETS' mission to the position. Mr. Landgraf excelled as a senior executive of a successful company and has a solid track record in identifying and developing talent, a perfect complement to ETS' mission.

Once again, I welcome Kurt Landgraf to ETS and ask all my colleagues to join me in recognizing his achievements.

HONORING SUSAN POOLE

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2000

Mr. GARY MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Ms. Susan Poole, Warden of the California Institution for Women, as she retires after 28 years of outstanding service.

Ms. Poole began her career with the State Department of Corrections in 1972. She has served as a Correctional Counselor III, Assistant Transition Coordinator, Program Administrator, Correctional Administrator, Assistant Deputy Director, and Warden. In each of these positions, Ms. Poole has succeeded above and beyond the call of duty.

As Warden of the California Institution for Women, Ms. Poole has been responsible for the administration and direction of all department policies. She has focused her attention on improving the internal management of the department as well as its reputation with community organizations. As a result of her leadership, the department was able to set high standards and develop clear goals and strate-

gies which contribute to the mission of California Institution for Women.

While striving to meet the high goals of the Institution, Ms. Poole also set high personal goals. After receiving a BA from the University of Redlands, Ms. Poole continued her education through career training and educational programs. She has taken courses in management, women's studies, and prison security.

Ms. Poole's hard work and expertise has been recognized by many. In 1983, she was awarded the "Outstanding Young Women of America" Award. She is also the recipient of the Leadership Award—Brotherhood Crusade, the James E. Stratten Award for Outstanding Community Service and Dedication to Excellence, and numerous accolades from local government officials. In 1998, she was nominated as California's Warden of the Year, by the North American Association for Wardens and Superintendents.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that this 106th Congress join me in recognizing the contributions Ms. Susan Poole has made to the California Corrections Community over her 28 years of dedicated service.

RECOGNITION OF THE LEARN
SHOP, INC.

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2000

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize the achievements of Learn Shop, Inc., a Montgomery County based United Way organization that is dedicated to improving economically disadvantaged school communities throughout the Baltimore-Washington Metropolitan area. Entering its second year, their "Drive for Supplies" program has made significant advances towards reducing poverty in school communities by aiding underprivileged students, schools, and communities. This creative recycling program, in conjunction with Montgomery County Public Schools, encourages students at the end of the school year to donate their used but usable school supplies to impoverished students in disadvantaged school communities.

The "Drive for Supplies" program has already had significant success in its first year. At the end of last school year, with the full support of Montgomery County Public School Superintendent Dr. Jerry Weast, the program collected \$75,000 in school supplies. Learn Shop Inc. is helping students realize that what was previously regarded as trash can be turned into usable school supplies, clothing, and computers. These items not only help disadvantaged students in other school communities but it also gives students a sense that they are filling a need in the world.

Along with promoting community action, the "Drive for Supplies" saves schools money each year by reducing disposal costs while also reducing waste in our community. For their innovation, "Drive for Supplies" has enjoyed a glowing recognition from the Environmental Protection Agency.

Children and communities positively affected by the "Drive for Supplies" program have been more than grateful for Learn Shop Inc.'s efforts. Not only has Learn Shop Inc. distributed school supplies to local area children,

they have also donated supplies to refugee students affected by the war in the Balkans in Kosovo. The "Drive for Supplies" program truly has the ability to reach thousands of students across the world.

Beginning with Maryland and the Mid-Atlantic Region, Learn Shop hopes to expand the program around the nation, in hopes of reducing poverty nationally and helping children in need. I applaud the efforts of Learn Shop and encourage them to continue all the work that is greatly needed in our communities.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2000

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to inform the House about my leave of absence from March 21 through March 24 of this year. I was out of the country on official business. Accordingly, I was unable to cast any votes.

If present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 75, H. Con. Res. 290, the Budget Resolution for FY 2001.

"Yes" on rollcall vote No. 74, on agreeing to the Spratt amendment to H. Con. Res. 290.

"No" on rollcall vote No. 73, on agreeing to the Sununu amendment to H. Con. Res. 290.

"Yes" on rollcall vote No. 72, on agreeing to the Stenholm amendment to H. Con. Res. 290.

"Yes" on rollcall vote No. 71, on agreeing to the DeFazio amendment to H. Con. Res. 290.

"Yes" on rollcall vote No. 70, on agreeing to the Owens amendment to H. Con. Res. 290.

"No" on rollcall vote No. 69, on a motion that the Committee rise to H. Con. Res. 290.

"No" on rollcall vote No. 68, providing for consideration of H. Con. Res. 290, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for FY 2001.

"No" on rollcall vote No. 67, providing for consideration of H. Con. Res. 290, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for FY 2001.

"Yes" on rollcall vote No. 66, on approving the Journal.

"Yes" on rollcall vote No. 65, on passage of H.R. 3822, the Oil Price Reduction Act of 2000.

"No" on rollcall vote No. 64, providing for consideration of H.R. 3822, the Oil Price Reduction Act of 2000.

"No" on rollcall vote No. 63, on passage to S. 1287, the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 2000.

"Yes" on rollcall vote No. 62, to commit with instructions S. 1287, the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 2000.

"No" on rollcall vote No. 61, whether the House will consider S. 1287, the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 2000.

"No" on rollcall vote No. 60, providing for consideration of S. 1287, the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 2000 (H. Res. 444).

"No" on rollcall vote No. 59, providing for consideration of S. 1287, the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act (H. Res. 444).

"Yes" on rollcall vote No. 58, on approving the Journal.

"Yes" on rollcall vote No. 57, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that

the National Park Service should take full advantage of support services offered by the Department of Defense (H. Res. 182).

TRIBUTE TO DYLAN GEORGE MOHAN

HON. JAMES M. TALENT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2000

Mr. TALENT. Mr. Speaker, today I honor the May 16, 2000, birth of Dylan George Mohan. Dylan was born at Sibley Memorial Hospital in Washington, DC, at 8:56 p.m. He is the son of Kristin Young and Matthew Mohan. Dylan is the first grandson of his grandparent George and Phyllis Young and grandparents Jim and Mary Mohan.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in congratulating this new family and to wish Dylan much joy and happiness in the years to come.

HONORING REV. CURTIS COFIELD II, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2000

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to join the Immanuel Baptist Church and the New Haven community in paying tribute to my dear friend and an outstanding member of the New Haven, CT, community—Rev. Curtis Cofield. As a pastor and community leader, Reverend Cofield has dedicated his life to making a real difference in the lives of the residents of Greater New Haven.

The clergy has always played a vital role in our community and Reverend Cofield is a sterling example. His commitment to the service of our community through religious leadership is admired by many and rivaled by few. His involvement, not only with the congregation of the Immanuel Baptist Church, but with the entire community, has had a tremendous impact on many lives, especially those who face arduous struggles and frustrating situations in their daily lives. Working with his wife Elsie and the AIDS Interfaith Network, Reverend Cofield has helped hundreds of individuals and their families cope with the devastating effects caused by this terrible illness. For years, he has ministered to the spiritual needs of countless people in the New Haven community—strengthening the bonds of faith and helping to build stronger neighborhoods of which we can all be proud.

Throughout his decades of service to the New Haven community, Reverend Cofield has been a leading advocate for some of our country's most vulnerable citizens. He has served as a strong voice for their best interests. As a member of over 30 service and religious organizations throughout his career, he has demonstrated a remarkable commitment to ensuring that his actions and participation enriched his community. I have always held a deep admiration for community service and those who provide it. With his extraordinary record of service, Reverend Cofield serves as an example to all that one person really can make a difference.

As the first African-American chairman of the Connecticut State Freedom of Information Commission, organizing founder of the Dwight Neighborhood Corporation, and as a pastor at Immanuel Baptist Church, Reverend Cofield has enriched the lives of residents in New Haven and across the State of Connecticut. His dedication has been recognized locally, nationally, and internationally. The myriad awards and honors that adorn his walls are testimony to his unparalleled commitment and dedication.

It is with great pride that I stand today to join Elsie, his children, family, friends, and the entire New Haven community to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to Reverend Curtis Cofield for all of the good work he has done. As a pastor, community leader, and friend, he has touched the lives of thousands and leaves a legacy of dedication and inspiration second to none.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2000

Ms. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my support for H.J. Res. 123. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Mr. Speaker, I stayed in Washington until the last possible moment, hoping that Congress could finish the business of the people of the Central Coast and all Americans. There are critical unresolved issues still on the table—including school modernization, common-sense tax relief, and adequate funding for Medicare.

I am deeply dismayed that the Congressional leadership has decided to push these issues off to a lame duck session. The American people deserve better.

LAOTIAN-AMERICANS FROM PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND PARTICIPATION IN U.S. CONGRESSIONAL FORUM ON LAOS

SPEECH OF

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 1, 2000

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Speaker, many of my constituents from Rhode Island recently participated in a U.S. Congressional Forum on Laos held on October 19. Laotian and Hmong leaders from around the United States and the globe gathered to present testimony to policymakers and Members of Congress. They joined in a special ceremony in Congress to honor former Congressman Bruce Vento, who recently passed away, for his leadership role on behalf of the freedom-loving for the people of Laos.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent a significant Laotian and Hmong-American population in Rhode Island. I share their deep concern about their relatives and countrymen still in Laos—and the need for human rights and democracy. My uncle, President Kennedy, also believed strongly in freedom for the people of Laos, and committed the United States to that goal. I am honored to continue that