

Watchdog of the Treasury Award from the United Conservatives of Ohio, has received the Guardian of Small Business Award, was named the 1990 Vocational Education Legislator of the Year, was awarded the State 4-H Alumni Award, and was twice honored with the Ohio State Bar Association's Distinguished Service Award. He was named by the Associated Builders and Contractors as Legislator of the Year in 1992, Legislator of the Year by the Ohio Association of Local School Superintendents in 1995, and in 1996, he was recognized as the Outstanding Legislator by the United Conservatives of Ohio.

I would also like to recognize his wife, Libby, and their two teenage sons, Matthew and Ryan, for supporting Senator Cupp's efforts in the Ohio Senate.

Mr. Speaker, Senator Robert R. Cupp is an asset to the State of Ohio and his constituents. I ask my colleagues in the 106th Congress to join me in commending him for his sixteen years of service and to wish him and his family the best in all of his future endeavors.

HONORING U.S. ARMY COLONEL
DANIEL DEVLIN

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2000

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I wish today to honor a true patriot, soldier and citizen. U.S. Army Colonel Daniel Devlin, who has helped shape thousands of young soldiers as the Installation Commander at the Defense Language Institute, Foreign Language Center and Presidio of Monterey, will be retiring from the Army after 31 years of service to his country.

Colonel Devlin began his service as an Armor Second Lieutenant in 1969, having graduated as a Distinguished Military Graduate from North Dakota State University. After service in various assignments from 1969–1976, he was selected for Soviet/East European Foreign Officer training, and attended civilian schools, the U.S. Army Russian Institute, and Command and General Staff College. From 1983–88 he served in the 66th Military Intelligence Group/Brigade with various assignments, and from 1988–90 he commanded the 6th Psychological Operations Battalion (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

During Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Colonel Devlin served as the Deputy Commander, 4th Psychological Operations Group in Saudi Arabia, then as a liaison officer to the American Embassy in Cairo, and finally as a liaison officer to the Joint Special Operations Command. In June of 1992, Colonel Devlin was assigned to the Pentagon as Chief of Psychological Operations and Civil Affairs for the Joint Staff.

My close association with Colonel Devlin began in February of 1996, when he came to Monterey to begin his tenure as Installation Commander of the Defense Language Institute and Foreign Language Center (DLIFLC), the premier foreign language school for the Department of Defense. His tenure at DLIFLC has resulted in a stronger and more vibrant academic and military institution. He created a teaching environment for DLI's highly qualified

native language proficiency faculty that encouraged them to enhance their professionalism, resulting in the highest student proficiency scores. Language proficiency is an equally important aspect of post-Cold War military readiness. Also, Col. Devlin initiated a culture of "customer service" among the faculty and staff at the installation, through such means as pay increases based on merit and student performance.

Mr. Speaker, I have the unique distinction among my colleagues of representing the former Fort Ord, the largest closed military base in the nation. As the Installation Commander who oversaw the closure of a military community that once housed 29,000 residents, Colonel Devlin and I had the opportunity to work closely together, and I can truly attest to his leadership qualities, commitment to duty, attention to detail and willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty to ensure the smoothest possible transition to civilian use of the nation's largest piece of military real estate. While some of the most difficult challenges of closing the former Ford Ord are behind us, I regret that I am losing a close associate as the next phase of economic revitalization occurs on the Monterey Peninsula.

Webster's Dictionary defines friend as "a person whom one knows, likes and trust." Colonel Dan Devlin has truly been a friend to all residents of the Monterey Peninsula, and I am proud to call him my friend. I know all present today join me in wishing Colonel Devlin and his family a richly deserved retirement.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2000

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, this fall, the countries of Europe celebrated in Rome the 50th anniversary of the signing of the European Convention on Human Rights.

As a result of the horrendous atrocities and suffering during World War II, the countries of Europe, in an effort to create greater unity, organized the Hague Congress on May 7, 1948, remembered as the "Congress of Europe." Several months later, five foreign ministers met in Brussels to set up the Council of Europe, consisting of a ministerial committee and a consulting body. The Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (the European Convention on Human Rights) was drawn up within the newly-formed Council of Europe and signed on November 4, 1950. The Convention entered into force in September 1953.

The Convention was set up to take the first steps for the collective enforcement of certain rights enshrined in the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948. These rights range from protecting freedom of thought to the right to a fair trial. The first country to ratify the convention was the United Kingdom, which approved the document on March 8, 1951. Thus far, 41 countries have ratified the Convention, which currently protects the rights of over 800 million people.

To mark the anniversary of the Convention, ministers from all of the countries which have

ratified the Convention met for a two-day conference in Rome this fall. Lamberto Dini, the Italian Foreign Minister, opened the conference. He praised the achievements of the convention, but lamented the continuing abuses of human rights: "In too many countries the dignity of too many individuals continues to be stamped on and despoiled, too often amid general indifference." The delegates met not only to celebrate the achievements of the past, but also to discuss many current human rights issues. The importance of the Convention was further highlighted by the presence of delegates from the United States and Japan, neither of whom are members of the convention.

The vision set out in the Convention remains an unfinished project. Across the European continent, discrimination against vulnerable groups and individuals leads to mistreatment or torture, especially ethnic, religious and racial minorities, refugees and asylum seekers. Much work has been done by The European Committee for the Prevention of Torture, a body set up in 1987 within the Council of Europe; nevertheless, the fact that many human rights abusers are able to act with impunity and escape justice continues to be a serious problem. Recently, human rights have been violated on a large scale in Bosnia, Kosovo and Chechnya; the onus is on European nations to improve intervention and rapid response methods in order to prevent such violations of human rights occurring in the future. The countries of Europe should rest assured that the United States will stand with our European friends in their efforts to achieve the goals of the Convention.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2000

Mrs. WILSON. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I missed the votes on Monday, November 13, 2000, on S. 2594 and S. 1972. I was delayed due to flight problems.

Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on S. 2594, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to contract with the Mancos Water Conservancy District to use the Mancos Project facilities for impounding, storage, diverting, and carriage of nonproject water for the purpose of irrigation, domestic, municipal, industrial, and any other beneficial purposes.

Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on S. 1972, a bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the town of Dolores, Colorado, the current site of the Joe Rowell Park.

HONORING GENERAL ANTHONY
ZINNI

HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2000

Mr. HOFFEL. Mr. Speaker, today I congratulate General Anthony Zinni on receiving the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Citizen Award.

Gen. Zinni is a native of Conshohocken in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania and retired in July after 39 years of service in the Marine Corps. The General joined the Marine Corps in 1961 after graduating from Villanova University with a degree in economics. In addition to earning a bachelor's degree, Gen. Zinni holds a masters in international relations and management and supervision.

Gen. Zinni has held numerous command and staff assignments that include platoon, company, battalion and expeditionary force units. He has also been a tactics and operations instructor at several Marine Corps schools and colleges and was selected as a fellow on the Chief of Naval Operations Strategic Studies Group. General Zinni's joint assignments include command of a joint task force and a unified command. He has also had several joint and combined staff billets at task force and unified command levels.

During his distinguished career as a Marine, General Zinni served in the Mediterranean, Caribbean, Western Pacific, European and Korean headquarters. He supervised a number of security operations including Operation Provide Hope in the Soviet Union, Operations Restore Hope, Continue Hope and United Shield in Somalia as well as more than a dozen anti-terrorist operations in the Central Command. He also commanded major non-combatant evacuations in Liberia, Zaire and Sierra Leone and participated in presidential diplomatic missions in Somalia, Pakistan and Ethiopia.

It is an honor and privilege to recognize General Anthony Zinni for the extraordinary service and leadership he has provided to the citizens of the United States of America. I applaud the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce in choosing such a deserving man for Outstanding Citizen of the Year.

HONORING SID YATES

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2000

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker,

To be able to practice five things everywhere under heaven constitutes perfect virtue. . . . [They are] gravity, generosity of soul, sincerity, earnestness, and kindness.—Confucius

We are diminished by the death of our former colleague, Sid Yates, who was by every estimation a model legislator and one of the most decent men to have served in the House of Representatives.

Sid devoted his life to public service and spent nearly a half century in Congress working to better the lives of all Americans. As Chairman of the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee, he worked hard for the protection of our environment and the enrichment of our culture. He was committed to bringing cultural opportunities to Americans of all backgrounds in every part of the country and he made sure that the federal government played a strong role in nurturing the development of talented artists.

Sid always treated his congressional colleagues with respect and courtesy. In recent years, when federal funding for the arts became a polarizing issue, Sid responded to in-

tolerance with tolerance and kindness. He was always an honest broker. He never questioned or impugned his opponents' motives. He was unwavering in his beliefs. And, he never abandoned principle for temporary political gain.

Sid left us a strong legacy of achievement on which to build and an example of true statesmanship.

TRIBUTE TO MINISTER CLEMON BROWN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2000

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I wish today to pay tribute to one of the outstanding videographers of the African experience in New York City, Minister Clemson Brown. During the past 25 years, Minister Brown and his ubiquitous video camera have captured over 20,000 hours of contemporary history in New York City. He has recorded and documented the issues that have shaped and defined the experiences of African people from Howard Beach to Central Park, from Clifford Glover to Amadou Diallo.

Minister Brown is currently involved in a project to create a new museum—the Living Museum of African People. It is to be a multimedia spectacular, consisting of exhibits, artifacts, and film representing a chronological timeline that extends from the dawn of human civilization in Africa and culminates in the present millennium. It is hoped that this museum will eradicate the racist stereotype that Africans are a people without a civilization, and create in young people a new sense of pride and self-worth.

For the past 25 years, he has recorded and documented the personalities and landmark events that have shaped and defined the destiny of African people. He is the president of Trans Atlantic Production, which has archived the world's largest collection of African and African-American history on videotape. More than 20,000 hours are raw and edited footage of film and videotape are included in this historical treasury.

Minister Brown is a world traveler, as well as a respected videographer. His work and abiding interest in the unsung people of the world have taken him all over the United States, as well as the Caribbean, Panama, Cuba, El Salvador, Nicaragua, England, Mexico, Ethiopia, and Kenya. He has traveled along with Reverend and Mrs. Jesse Jackson, the Reverend Herbert Daughtry, Dr. Yosef Ben Jochannan, and Dr. Ivan Van Sertima. Minister Brown served as head of the American delegation that journeyed to Kenya to investigate the promising AIDS therapy, KEMRON.

His interest in young people led to the production of over 75 major documentaries, which have been used as learning materials in scores of community programs, schools, and colleges across the country.

Minister Brown has also trained uncounted numbers of young people in the use of media equipment and video technology. He has done this through apprenticeship programs and the establishment of media training courses in schools in the New York City area.

He is married to Lady V. Brown and has two children—Clemson R. Brown and Herlinda Brown.

IN RECOGNITION OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE GENE KREBS FOR HIS SERVICE TO OHIO

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2000

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I wish today to recognize an extraordinary member of the Ohio House of Representatives and his outstanding service to the state of Ohio. Representative Gene Krebs currently represents Ohio's 60th House district, which includes part of Butler County and all of Preble County.

In his four terms in the Ohio House, Representative Krebs focused on many issues of importance to Ohioans. Most notably, he has directed much of his energy towards improving our schools. He sought many legislative reforms dealing with issues from school safety to funding. He fought to improve school safety by giving principals and school officials the power to properly deal with students who bring weapons to school. Additionally, he supported directing tobacco settlement funds to schools. He has also worked to ensure that schools in low-wealth districts have the needed funds to successfully compete with schools across Ohio.

Another of Representative Krebs' efforts in the Ohio House of Representatives focused on protecting Ohio farmers and preserving farmland. He sought to ensure that drought-ridden farmers receive a temporary tax break to avoid loan defaults, thereby preventing farmers from sinking lower into debt. By creating a farmland preservation task force, he worked to guarantee a strong future for Ohio's vital farming communities.

Fortunately, the state of Ohio will not lose this valuable asset. Representative Krebs has been elected to serve as a Preble County Commissioner. Preble County will continue to benefit from his knowledge and considerable experience.

I would also like to recognize his wife, Jan, and their two daughters, Kindra and Alaina, for supporting Representative Krebs' efforts in the Ohio House of Representatives.

Mr. Speaker, Representative Gene Krebs is an asset to the state of Ohio and to his constituents. I ask my colleagues in the 106th Congress to join me in commending him for his eight years of service and to wish him the best in all of his future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING JENNIFER BARRETT

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2000

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I wish today in great admiration to extend my congratulations and to recognize one of my constituents for her accomplishments at the XIth Paralympiad in Sydney, Australia. Jennifer Barrett of Gonzales, California was selected to represent the United States at the games which took place October 18–29 of this year. The Paralympiad is a multi-disability sports competition at the most elite level of competition. Ms. Barrett not only qualified for the U.S.