

Finally, with all that is good in H.R. 5640, I am, however, disappointed that it abandons a key provision of H.R. 1776 which would make available a 1% down FHA mortgage loan for qualified teachers, police, fire fighters and municipal employers when purchasing a home in the community they serve. Congressional Budget Office estimates show that, over a five-year period, this provision would provide 125,000 new loans, helping rebuild and strengthen neighborhoods.

I urge my colleagues to open and expand the opportunity of homeownership by supporting this important bi-partisan legislation.

TRIBUTE TO LARS-ERIK NELSON

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2000

Mr. KING. Mr. Speaker, together with so many Americans—particularly New Yorkers—I was deeply saddened by the tragic and untimely passing of Lars-Erik Nelson. Lars was a uniquely gifted journalist of unsurpassed integrity and courage.

I will be eternally grateful that I was able to call Lars my friend—for he was a friend in every sense of the word. Whether it was discussing the issues of the day, demonstrating concern for someone else's health problems or giving an encouraging word, Lars was always there.

Although he had every right to do so, Lars never took himself seriously. Very simply, it was always a delight to be in his company. When my wife Rosemary was in Washington, she and I would enjoy getting together with Lars and his wife Mary for dinner. Lars was raconteur, gourmet and wine connoisseur. What better way could there be to spend an evening? Just several days before he died, Lars and I were trying to schedule dinner in the upcoming week. It was not meant to be.

I will cherish personal memories of Lars. Sitting with him at my first Gridiron Dinner. Meeting with him and Gerry Adams in Washington during a key moment in the Irish Peace Process. Having lunch with him in the House Dining Room and listening to his calm reflections during the impeachment debate. His writing an overly complimentary blurb for a novel I wrote.

But mostly I will remember a man who was a true giant as a journalist and a friend—a man of innate decency. A man who will be sorely missed by any who had the opportunity to know him.

May he rest in peace.

TRIBUTE TO BOB MURPHY

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2000

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Bob Murphy, publisher of the Hamilton Journal-News, of Hamilton, Ohio, the largest newspaper in my District.

For more than four decades, Bob has been in the business of keeping citizens informed about what's happening in their community, country, and the world around them. He has

been in the newspaper business for more than 42 years and has been publisher of the Journal-News since January 1, 1994. Before that, he was publisher of the Middletown Journal, another newspaper in the 8th District, from October 1981 through December 1993, when he was appointed to his current post.

Before coming to Middletown in 1981, Bob had been publisher of the Times-West Virginian in Fairmont, West Virginia, for three years. Before that, he had been general manager of the Dominion-Post in Morgantown, West Virginia, for six years.

Bob started in the newspaper business in the late 1950s in his hometown, Bayonne, New Jersey, with the Bayonne Times. He worked there for 13 years, seven of them as vice president and general manager.

Educated in local schools in Bayonne, Bob went on to Cornell University on a Teagle Scholarship. He graduated with a degree in economics and later received an MBA in personnel administration from New York University.

He served in the Army for two years, most of that time in Munich, Germany, with the Counter Intelligence Corps. Bob and his wife, Mary Jane, have six children.

I have known Bob Murphy for a long time. You always know where you stand with him—a trait that has won my respect and that of countless others during his long career. Bob's commitment to bringing the news accurately, fairly, and comprehensively is reflected in the legacy of success he leaves behind. I am honored to stand before the House today to pay tribute to Bob Murphy as our community says thanks and bids good luck to a dedicated public servant.

COMMEMORATING THE FAMINE OF 1932-33

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2000

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, on November 18, 2000, more than 1,500 participants gathered in St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City to commemorate the 67th Anniversary of the 1932-1933 Ukrainian Famine.

Unlike other famines, this was not caused by a lack of food. Instead, Joseph Stalin created the famine by confiscating all of Ukraine's crops and withholding it from the people. The Kremlin intended to destroy the spirit of the Ukrainian peasants by starving them to death. Moscow perceived Ukraine's cultural renaissance as a threat to a Russo-Centric Soviet rule and therefore enacted the famine to crush their nationalism in a most brutal manner.

Peasants in Ukraine could not escape these horrible conditions. An internal passport system prevented them from crossing the border into Russia or the Belarusian republic, where there was no famine. In Ukrainian regions such as Poltava and Kharkiv, people died in their homes or collapsed on the street. Animals were consumed, even the bark disappeared from the trees.

The death toll from the 1932-1933 famine is estimated between seven and ten million victims. No real record exists. However, studies show at the height of the famine, Ukrainian villagers were dying at the rate of 25,000 per

day, 1,000 per hour, and 17 per minute. At the same time, the Soviet regime was unloading 1.7 million tons of grain on Western markets.

Ukraine has paid a high price for its independence and freedom and this famine symbolizes one of the horrors of the old Soviet system.

IN SUPPORT OF S. 1972 AND S. 2594

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2000

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of S. 1972, legislation to convey to the town of Dolores, Colorado the site of Joe Rowell Park, and S. 2594, legislation to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to contract with the Mancos, Colorado water conservancy district to use its water facilities.

Mr. Speaker, Joe Rowell Park in Dolores, Colorado is a focal point of the community. This 24-acre park provides the Town of Dolores with a place for baseball and soccer games, a playground and a restful, beautiful spot for recreation. The property is currently owned by the United States Forest Service and leased to the Town of Dolores, which has invested over \$400,000 to improve Joe Rowell Park. This investment created the only lit baseball and softball fields in the Forest Service's inventory. However, the leasing arrangement has caused management difficulties for both parties involved. As a result, the Forest Service determined that Joe Rowell Park is suitable for conveyance into non-federal ownership by the Town of Dolores. I commend my colleague, Senator WAYNE ALLARD for offering this legislation to streamline the management of this important park in Dolores, Colorado and support the passage of this bill.

I also rise in strong support of S. 2594, legislation that would authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to contract with the Mancos, Colorado water conservancy district to use the Mancos project facilities to store and wheel non-project water for irrigation and domestic, municipal and industrial uses.

This legislation would allow the Mancos, Colorado water conservancy district to continue to contract to carry non-project water, which has become a normal operational procedure at the facility. Using Mancos' excess capacity encourages more efficient water management on project lands and more flexible use of the project's facilities.

I am pleased to support this legislation.

TRIBUTE TO GALE VAN HOY

HON. NICK LAMPSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2000

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Mr. Gale Van Hoy, the current executive secretary of the Texas State Building and Construction Trades Council. Mr. Van Hoy will retire on December 31, 2000, and I thought it fitting to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a mention of his contributions to Texas. He has served the working men and women of Texas well, and I thank him for that.

Mr. Van Hoy has represented the interests of 50,000 skilled construction workers from across the state of Texas before labor, political and business leaders on a local, state and national level. He has worked to secure jobs, equal opportunity, fair wages and benefits, and on-the-job safety and health protection for members. Gale has been active in the labor movement throughout his entire adult life, serving as a member of the AFL-CIO, on the Oversight Committee of the Capitol Preservation Project, and serving on the National Advisory Committee that had oversight on the conduct of an OSHA-funded study of contract workers' safety in the U.S. petrochemical industry.

The former mayor of Houston, Kathryn Whitmire, even declared October 22, 1983 as Gale E. Van Hoy Day—what an honor!

Today I want to recognize Gale Van Hoy's great service to the people of Texas, and to this Nation, and to thank him, on behalf of the Ninth Congressional District for his 40 years of dedication.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN T. GARNJOST

HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2000

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of John T. Garnjost who became the 53rd American to receive the Olympic Order from the International Olympic Committee. On September 6, 2000 Mr. Garnjost traveled to Taipei Taiwan where he received the award for his contributions to the development of rowing in Chinese Taipei.

The Olympic Order is "the supreme individual honor accorded" by the IOC. It was created in 1974 and is awarded to any person who has illustrated the Olympic Ideal through his action, has achieved remarkable merit in the sporting world, or has rendered outstanding services to the Olympic cause, either through his own personal achievement or his contribution to the development of sport.

Mr. Garnjost was introduced to rowing during his college days at Columbia University where he decided to explore the sport as an official. Mr. Garnjost has been a rowing official in the United States since 1960, and was licensed as an international official in 1970. He officiated at the Summer Olympics in Atlanta in 1996 and has worked at the World Championships. Domestically, he has worked at the Olympic Trials and the U.S. Nationals.

As the president of Bristol Meyers (Taiwan) from 1983 to 1989, he lived in the country and began introducing rowing in Taipei. 1983 marked the first rowing demonstration at the annual Dragon Boat Festival in Taiwan. As an advisor to the Chinese Taipei Amateur Rowing Association, Mr. Garnjost served as a delegate to the 1983 International Rowing Federation (FISA) Congress in Duisburg, Germany, where Chinese Taipei's application for membership was approved.

Real progress was made in 1985 when FISA President Thomi Keller inspected the Tung Shan River as a possible rowing site. Today, there is an internationally proven rowing course, two FISA umpires and rowers throughout the country.

Since the early days of rowing in Taipei, Mr. Garnjost has worked the Asian Rowing Cham-

pionships in 1997. He also helped establish the annual I-Lan International Collegiate Invitational Regatta for crews from nine countries, helped bring the sport to two of Taiwan's major universities and was also instrumental in helping get significant funding for equipment.

Thirteen years ago few in Taiwan knew of rowing as a sport. Today most of the nation can say they know the sport thanks to John Garnjost. He has been referred to as the "Father of Rowing" in Taiwan. His recent award and dedication to the sport and the people of Taiwan is a true testament to this title.

HONORING DOROTHY LIND

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2000

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Ms. Dorothy Lind for her 12 years of dedicated service to the people of Napa County, California and the surrounding region. Ms. Lind retired on November 24, 2000 from an exceptional career as Chief Executive Officer of the Napa Valley Exposition.

Dorothy Lind was raised in Seattle, Washington and moved to California in the early 1970's. She began her professional career conducting early intervention for severely disabled infants. In the late 70's she was selected to direct health education programs for the Bay Area March of Dimes, overseeing medical and research grants. In 1983 Ms. Lind made another career change by accepting a position as Manager of the Tulare County Fair. Her success in this position was remarkable; she doubled the Fair's budget in just four years and was selected as Tulare County's "Woman of the Year" in 1988.

Her achievements in Tulare gave Ms. Lind the opportunity to lead the Napa Valley Exposition. As CEO her duties involved not only organizing events for a major public facility but also building links with government, community, and business groups. One highlight of her exceptional leadership in this capacity was the creation of the "Bingo Emporium", a partnership that raises over \$1 million annually for many Napa County non-profit organizations and school programs.

While the Expo is host to several major public events throughout the year, the highlight of the Expo's calendar is the five-day Napa Town and Country Fair in August. A defining characteristic of her stewardship of this event was a commitment to reflect the changing face of the Oxbow Neighborhood, recognizing that fairs (in her words), "can either become a major positive force in their neighborhood for good things or become the blight that causes the neighborhood to decline." During her tenure the Expo was named as the pilot fair for the California Fair System's Re-Invention Program which was designed to re-focus community connections and entrepreneurial business interactions for fairgrounds statewide.

Dorothy Lind's contributions to the city of Napa are equally impressive. She has served as President of the Napa Rotary Club (the first woman to fill that position) and is a member of the Napa River Coalition, the Downtown Merchants Association, the Napa County Land Trust, and the Napa Valley Leadership Council. Through these organizations she has facili-

tated partnerships that have been invaluable in fostering commercial prosperity in the City of Napa.

In addition to her considerable public successes, Ms. Lind is also a proud mother of two sons: Rob, a promising local wine maker and Scott, a rising Bay-area dot.com star. Ms. Lind will also soon be a grandmother.

Mr. Speaker, it has been my great honor to represent Ms. Dorothy Lind first as her State Senator and now as her Congressman. Clearly, her life has been one of great public service, dedication and commitment. For these reasons, it is necessary that we honor this woman for her distinguished service to the people of Napa County, California.

COMMENDING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE FURTHERANCE OF JEWISH EDUCATION

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2000

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to the National Committee for the Furtherance of Jewish Education, which will be celebrating its 60th Anniversary on Sunday, December 10, 2000, at an affair in Manhattan, New York.

The National Committee for the Furtherance of Jewish Education was founded in 1940 by the late Lubavicher Rebbe Joseph I. Schneerson. It was continued under Rebbe Menachem Mendel Schneerson. Both Grand Rebbes lived through pogroms, two world wars, the rise of communism, the holocaust and tremendous personal challenges. But their idealism, learning, and faith shone through it all and inspired millions.

The Rebbes fled war-torn Poland to establish the Lubavitcher movement in the United States. Not only were they the spiritual leaders of the Lubavicher Chasidim, but they were also revered and respected as great scholars and teachers by Jews and non-Jews around the world. Indeed, their work still lights the learning and daily mitzvos of Jews everywhere. Through the many manifestations of their energy and vision, and most of all their profound commitment to the importance of Jewish thought, belief and ethics, the Rebbes made an incalculable contribution to the spiritual lives of all people.

In 1940, during the darkest days for Jews, Rebbe Joseph Schneerson dedicated himself to revitalizing Judaism, and in particular to inspiring American Jewry, by nurturing the Jewish soul and fostering "Yiddishkeit". The Rebbe reasoned that only through learning and education would Jewish faith and Jewish life flourish. The Rebbe's idealism, learning, and his faith shone through it all and he inspired millions to love their Jewish culture, history and traditions.

The Committee for the Furtherance of Jewish Education (NCFJE), is today the strongest in its history. Under the administrative leadership of Rabbi Jacob J. Hecht, the NCFJE is known as the "organization with a heart", with dedicated people willing to work tirelessly to help all Jews, regardless of their affiliation, with much needed education and social programs to help in both their spiritual and physical needs.