American people to know how they protect us from terrorists, narco-traffickers and other threats to our nation's security. The CIA's recognition today of Terry Ward's honorable service to his country is long overdue and fully merited. I applaud DCI George Tenet for doing the right thing for our country and for those who bravely serve its interests in our clandestine service.

## CHUCK LEWIS WAS A TRUE HERO

### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to ask that we all pause for a moment to remember a man who will live forever in the hearts of all who knew him and many who didn't. Chuck Lewis will be remembered as a wonderful entrepreneur and mentor. He had a great love of the outdoors and of skiing. His wife, Penelope, and children, C. Randall, Christina and Vonda, brought him endless joys.

Chuck was a native of Colorado and attended the University of Denver. His fiscal wizardry led him to the ski industry where he was able to turn around the troubled Eldora Mountain Resort. Lewis was also a former chairman of the Colorado Wildlife Commission, founder of Cooper Mountain and model rancher. He is regarded by many as the best chairman of the Colorado Wildlife Commission, because he cared about nature and people.

Chuck Lewis is remembered as a person who would cherish any moment he could squeeze out of his busy schedule to spend on a river with a fly rod in his hand. He had a wonderful touch for people. His family and friends will miss the man that they enjoyed spending time with. The rest of us will miss the man who exemplified the selflessness that so few truly possess. But, when we lose a man such as Mr. Lewis, being missed is certainly no precursor to being forgotten.

## EXPRESSION OF SORROW FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE MASSACRE IN THE VILLAGE OF CHATI SINGHPORA

### HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my profound sorrow at the horrific massacre of 35 Sikh men in the Kashmiri village of Chati Singhpora.

Today in Chati Singhpora, 35 families are mourning the loss of their fathers, their brothers and their sons. These men are victims of an inhumane war, suffering an unspeakable death before the eyes of their loved ones. The assassins who inflicted this punishment upon the families of Chati Singhpora are unknown. Regardless of their nationality and religion, they have covered this Kashmiri village with the blood of their victims and have taken 35 innocent men from the arms of their loving families.

Hundreds of villages like Chanti Singhpora are trapped, guilty only of unfortunate geography. I call upon all people to end the slaughter of innocents, to halt the violence which has divided Kashmir, and to search for common ground upon which a just and lasting peace may be erected. No more families should know such horror. I ask all of my colleagues here today to pledge themselves to peace in Kashmir, and to stop at nothing until the bloodshed has ended.

## CONGRATULATING HARRY G. SHARP, III, OF SIKESTON, MO. ON HIS RECOGNITION BY THE DAUGHTERS OF SUNSET

### HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, March 25, 2000, Pastor Harry G. Sharp, III is being honored by the Sikeston, MO Daughters of Sunset at their 16th Annual Recognition Program. I would like to extend my congratulations to Harry who is being recognized on this day for his community involvement.

Harry is the son of Ruth Felker and the late H. Garwood Sharp, Jr. and is one of six generations of the Sharp family who have lived and been involved in the community of Sikeston, MO. Harry is the pastor of the Smith Chapel United Methodist Church in Sikeston. As the pastor of Smith Chapel and an active member of the Sunset community, Harry appreciates the work of those generations that helped make Sikeston a better place to live.

Graduating from Sikeston High School, Harry attended and earned a degree from Westminster College and Florida State University. He is a Vietnam era veteran of the Army Corps of Engineers, has taught mathematics at Florida State and Spelman College, operated a consulting business in Atlanta, taught physics at Sikeston and Kelly High School, and consulted with the Sharper System. After two tours in the Army, Harry joined IBM Corporation in St. Louis.

During most of his adult life, Harry has been involved in mission and outreach activities in countries from Korea to Russia, Haiti to Hayti, and he has found that people are much the same everywhere. His travel experience includes passing a peace pipe with the Menominee Indians one year before our Nation's bicentennial and talking about what this country has meant to each of us. Whether it was working with folks in the coal mining regions of Appalachia, hurricane ravaged people in the Caribbean, orphans in Korea, or refugees from Nicaragua, Harry found that volunteer hands accomplished much more than government programs.

An early supporter of Sikeston area organizations such as Weed & Seed, Bootheel Healthy Start, and Save Our Children, Harry has continued his family's active involvement in their community. Harry has observed that his involvement as the pastor of a church in Sunset has prompted many people who didn't know each other to meet, enjoy fellowship, and strengthen ties across the community of Sikeston. To quote Harry's words, ''There are very few problems here, or anywhere, that cannot be solved if we just sit down to a meal of fellowship with one another.''

Harry and his wife Anita returned to Sikeston in 1993. His son, Woody, brought his family to Sikeston the following year providing the enjoyment of three grandchildren. Anita's son and daughter attend college in Georgia, and the couple has an adopted Russian daughter who has been part of Sikeston and has hosted Anita and Harry in Russia.

Congratulations, Harry, on your recognition by the Daughters of Sunset. Your lifelong dedication to family, community and fellowship is an inspiration to us all.

## HIGHLAND COUNCIL CHAPTER OF THE CATHOLIC FRATERNAL LIFE INSURANCE

### HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to commend a great organization in my district, the Highland Council Chapter of the Catholic Fraternal Life Insurance organization. Catholic Fraternal Life is a 115 year old, member owned, life insurance organization. It is also the largest volunteer organization in the United States, with 10 million members, representing thousands of volunteers.

The Highland Council recently participated in the ''Hearts and Hands'' project by adopting a needy family for Christmas. They were able to donate $600 dollars in gifts for this family. Catholic Fraternal Life represents the true meaning of Christmas. They are a shining light for all of us to follow.

## IN HONOR OF JACOB KASKEY

### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Jacob Kaskey of Olmsted Falls. Jacob has been named as one of Ohio's top two student volunteers for the year 2000 in the fifth annual Prudential Spirit of Community awards.

Jacob, a senior at Olmsted Falls High School, initiated a coloring book and crayon drive to benefit homeless children staying at various shelters in area. Jacob was awakened to this need during one of his regular visits to help serve meals at a homeless shelter. It was a cool night, too cold for the children to play outside, they had nothing to do. ''A toy could not be found for mile,'' Jacob said. He mentioned this problem to his minister, he was told that a lack of toys is a common problem in shelters. Jacob decided to help. But rather than toys—which are not permitted to leave the shelter—he collected coloring books and crayons. He enlisted the help of his classmates and others to help. He wrote letters and made personal visits to area businesses asking for donations of money and coloring books. Jacob received a very strong response. When they delivered the books to the shelter Jacob and his volunteers stayed to serve dinner and play with the children.

Jacob was nominated by his high school for his outstanding service to the community. An effort which needed to be recognized. As a State honoree he will receive $1,000, an engraved silver medallion, and an all-expense-paid trip in May to Washington, DC.

Please join me in honoring Jacob for his outstanding leadership and service in his community.

## RECOGNITION OF GREEK INDEPENDENCE

### HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 179th anniversary of Greek Independence.

In March of 1821, Alexandros Ypsilantis led his small band of troops across the Prut River into Ottoman-held Moldavia. Much like the men and women who fought for our own nation's independence, the soldiers who followed Ypsilantis came from all corners of the Ottoman territories, from all classes of Greek society, and from all walks of life. They traversed the waters of the Prut toward an enemy that vastly outnumbered them, and toward an empire which posed an almost insurmountable obstacle to the pursuit of freedom.

Though they were defeated, the courageous efforts of Ypsilantis and his troops planted a seed in the hearts of thousands of Greeks. This seed grew into a flourishing movement toward religious freedom, a re-inspired sense of cultural identity, and a long awaited return to the democratic ideals which were born in ancient Greece. On March 25, 1821, a series of revolts spread across northern Greece and the Peloponnese with the unified purpose of establishing Greek sovereignty. Today, 179 years later, Greeks throughout the world pause in thanks to their ancestors for returning to them the basic rights of representation and civil and religious freedom that we all assume to be our birthrights, but which are truly blessings.

I would like to congratulate Greece and the Greek-American community for their renewed freedom, and I ask you to join with me in wishing them an upcoming century of peace, prosperity, and self-determination.

## A TRIBUTE TO THE COLLEGE OF JOURNALISM AND COMMUNICATIONS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

### HON. KAREN L. THURMAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mrs. THURMAN. Mr. Speaker, the College of Journalism and Communications at the University of Florida is celebrating two very important anniversaries this year—the introduction of journalism courses at the university 75 years ago and the remarkable man who founded the journalism school 50 years ago, the late Mr. Rae O. Weimer.

Mr. Rae Weimer's vision and dedication to journalism guided the formation of the journalism school in 1949 and later the transition of the school into an actual college in 1967. He went on to serve as the first dean of the College of Journalism and Communications.

Today, in many ways, Mr. Weimer's legacy remains visible throughout the College. The building where the College is housed bears his name, and the remarkable growth of the College and caliber of the faculty and students are considered a testament to his vision and leadership.

People who had the privilege of knowing and working with Mr. Weimer compliment his uncompromising commitment to quality journalism.

Among Mr. Weimer's many admirers is Brent Williams, a graduate of the College and the Director of Development and Community Relations at the University's public TV and radio stations. He describes Mr. Weimer as a man ''totally committed to the students.''

He speaks fondly of Mr. Weimer's gentle manner in dealing with students struggling to perform to the best of their abilities. He was known to meet with students to encourage them to do better. His uplifing and supportive pep talks helped the students to believe in themselves and excel.

Mr. David Flagg, another graduate of the College who is a former state legislator and now the director of government relations for Shands HealthCare, said Mr. Weimer often talked to students about a reporter's role as ''gatekeeper'' and impressed upon the students the importance of responsible and unbiased reporting.

Mr. Weimer's newsroom experience often guided him in knowing how to best prepare students for careers in journalism and communications. He emphasized ''hands-on'' as well as academic preparation for both faculty members and students.

Today, the College's undergraduate and graduate programs provide extensive opportunities for hands-on journalism experience in print, television, radio and in news media.

I've had the pleasure of being interviewed many times by student reporters at the university's radio and television stations and The Independent Florida Alligator. The students work hard, ask pointed questions and produce thorough, accurate and informative stories.

This shows me that the students at the University of Florida's College of Journalism and Communications are getting a first-rate education. They are also providing a valuable community service.

In addition to Mr. Weimer's remarkable contribution, many other people deserve recognition for the College's achievements, including the three deans who came after him and built upon his vision: Dr. John Paul Jones, Jr., Dr. Ralph L. Lowenstein and, currently, Dr. Terry Hynes.

''Celebration 2000'' is a tribute to all of them, including the students and faculty members over the last 75 years who have played a role in the College's outstanding growth and climb to national stature.

The University of Florida College of Journalism and Communications consistently ranks among the top 10 journalism schools in the country and students place prominently in a variety of national and regional collegiate journalism competitions.

The list is also getting longer of distinguished alumni.

This year, the College's Alumni of Distinction Awards for 2000 were presented to Dennis Kneale of Forbes magazine; Rene S. ''Butch'' Meily, vice-president of the public relations firm of Rubenstein Associates; Yvette Miley, executive producer of WTVJ–TV in Miami; W. Richard ''Dick'' Monroe, vice-president for environmental affairs for DARDEN Restaurants (Red Losbster and The Olive Garden); Joan Ryan, a columnist for the San Francisco Chronicle; and Carol A. Sanger, vice president of corporate communications and external affairs for Federated Department Stores, Inc.

These fine men and women represent merely a small sampling of the hundreds of successful graduates from the College who are now leaders in newsrooms and businesses throughout this community, the State of Florida and the entire country. They are all proof that the University of Florida's College of Journalism and Communications provides students with the skills they need to build successful careers in journalism, public relations, advertising and other professions.

That's the real measure—far and above national rankings and awards—of a college's educational quality. After all, as the University's capital campaign makes clear, ''It's performance that Counts.''

Many thanks to all of you for making this College among the best in the country and for maintaining a steadfast commitment to educational excellence.

## CONGRATULATING MISSIONARY GEARLENE (GERRI) LUTTRELL, OF SIKESTON, MO ON HER RECOGNITION BY THE DAUGHTERS OF SUNSET

### HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, March 25, 2000, Gearlene (Gerri) Luttrell is being honored by the Sikeston, MO Daughters of Sunset at their 16th Annual Recognition Program. I would like to extend my congratulations to Gerri who is being recognized on this day for her community involvement.

Gerri is the daughter of Mattie Riggs and the late Hershel Riggs, Sr. and is a long time resident of Sikeston, MO. Gerri is the mother of four children, D'Ann, Delisa, Cheryl and Derek. She attended O'Brannon High School in New Madrid, MO and Richland High School in Gray Ridge, MO where she graduated in 1962. Gerri went on to graduate from the Licensed Practical School of Nursing in Sikeston, MO in 1964 and was employed with Missouri Delta Medical Center for over 20 years. Gerri retired from the Delta Medical Center this past December.

Gerri is a member of Travelers Rest Missionary Baptist Church, pastored by Minister Sylvester Morgan. She is a member of the adult choir and holds the position of minister of music. In March 1999, Gerri accepted her call into the Preaching and Teaching Ministry. Gerri is also a member of the Daughters of Sunset and is the vice president and minister of music for Mission Missouri Organization.

Congratulations, Gerri, on your recognition by the Daughters of Sunset. Your lifelong dedication to the health of your community and to the ministry in Sikeston, MO is an inspiration to us all.