

"had a distinguished career and was well respected by all of us at the Middletown Police Department." Lt. David Gervais, who joined the force with Sergeant Dingwall, commented that "he would drop everything to help family and friends." Sergeant Dingwall was also well-known as a loving husband and father.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my deepest sympathy to Sergeant Dingwall's family and friends, members of the Middletown Police Department, and residents of Middletown and Haddam. Sgt. George Dingwall is an American hero and he exemplifies the qualities of an extraordinary public servant—dedication to community, courage and selflessness.

HONORING CHARLES M. BURT

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2000

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Charles M. Burt for being named the Irrigation Person of the Year by the California Irrigation Institute. Dr. Burt is currently a professor in the BioResource and Agricultural Engineering Department at the California Polytechnic State University, as well as the Director of the university's Irrigation Training and Research Center. Dr. Burt is being honored on January 24th at the California Irrigation Institute's 38th Annual Meeting.

Charles M. Burt is being recognized for his many contributions to education and the advancement of irrigation knowledge and practice. In addition to his roles as a professor and the Director of the Irrigation Training and Research Center, Burt is a member of several related organizations. He belongs to the American Society of Agricultural Engineers, the Water Resources Engineering Division of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and the Irrigation Association. He is also a member of the Advisory Board for the Office of Water Conservation, the American Society of Agronomy, the United States Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (USCID), and numerous others.

Dr. Burt began his irrigation career in 1975, when he designed several large drip systems in the USSR and Iran, as a Keller Engineering Irrigation System Designer. He worked on this through 1976 until he worked as an Irrigation System Designer for Wren-Oneal Co. in Fresno. In 1981 and 1982 Dr. Burt worked on irrigation design and project planning as the Chief Engineer and partner of JM Lord, Inc. Since that time, he has continued his commitment to irrigation and education at the California Polytechnic State University.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Charles M. Burt for being named Irrigation Person of the Year. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Dr. Burt many more years of continued success.

HONORING COUNTY COMMISSIONER RALPH JOHNSON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to pause and remember a man

who surpassed personal challenges to give fully to his community. Mr. Ralph Johnson passed away on December 28, 1999. He was 51.

Ralph served as a County Commissioner in Elbert county since 1996. He was a rancher who spent most of his life in the small town of Agate, Colorado. Before he was elected County Commissioner, Ralph served on the Agate School Board. In his younger days, he was a rodeo rider. In 1974 he was involved in an accident that nearly took his life. Ralph lived, but he lost the use of his legs and the accident caused health problems that eventually lead to his death.

Ralph was a soft-spoken cowboy who brought dedication and a sense of humor to his public service. He was always committed to his community. He will be remembered for his dedication and his readiness to do anything it took to serve the people.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I would like to offer tribute in memory of Ralph Johnson, a cowboy's cowboy and a great American.

THE SHANGHAI SYNAGOGUE: A VERY SPECIAL JEWISH COMMUNITY

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2000

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, this past December, Congregation B'nai Emunah in San Francisco marked its fiftieth anniversary. This Saturday, the congregation will celebrate this important milestone. I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating this very special Jewish community on its longevity, unique history, and contributions to our city.

The name of the Congregation—B'nai Emunah—means "Children of Faith," and its history is truly unique. After Jewish businesses and synagogues were destroyed by the Nazis in 1938, many countries closed their borders to Jewish migrants who sought to flee the racism, terror and persecution they found under Nazi rule.

One stunning exception to this was the city of Shanghai, China. There threatened remnants of the Jewish community from Germany and Austria found refuge. Shanghai was a free city governed by the international Shanghai Municipal Council. The city and the Chinese people had already welcomed thousands of Russian Jewish refugees after the Soviet revolution of 1917. In 1938 Shanghai required no visas or other formalities for the more than 20,000 Jewish immigrants from Germany and Austria who flocked to that safe haven.

Mr. Speaker, immediately upon arriving in Shanghai, the German and Austrian Jewish community rebuilt in camps the sanctuaries that they had watched the Nazi mob destroy in their homelands. When the war in the Pacific broke out in 1941, the community was ghettoized in a dilapidated Chinese slum, but their synagogues continued to function. They survived and flourished even under Japanese occupation and occasional mistaken bombs from U.S. Air Force planes.

Following World War II and the outbreak of the Civil War in China, the entire Jewish community in Shanghai left China and dispersed. Thousands relocated to San Francisco, the

nearest American port. In 1949 a group of dedicated Jews met with one of the rabbis from Shanghai and made the decision to reestablish the synagogue they had twice lost. The new congregation embraced all the elements of the late Shanghai community—Russian, Sephardim and German/Austrian—and was named congregation B'nai Emunah, although it has always been known as "The Shanghai Synagogue."

In the last fifty years, Congregation B'nai Emunah has expanded and flourished. A new generation has emerged to whom the Shanghai story is as important to their own identity as it was to the preceding generation. This jubilee fiftieth year will see the building of the "Shanghai Center," which will house a museum, library and archive. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in extending congratulations to Congregation B'nai Emunah on this very important occasion.

A TRIBUTE TO SONIA SANCHEZ

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2000

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a woman who has become a living legend in Philadelphia and around the world, Sonia Sanchez. Sonia Sanchez deserves our praise for reasons more numerous than can be listed here. Her leading roles as a mother, activist, professor, and poet have made her a beacon of hope to people who have traditionally been marginalized in our society, including people of color, homosexuals, women, the poor and the young. A petite, African-American woman born into a poor family in Alabama, Sonia Sanchez transcended what most would consider a modest existence to become one of Temple University's most cherished professors. It is with a hint of sadness that I reflect on her accomplishments today, for last month Sonia decided to retire from Temple University, after 22 years of service.

To realize the significance that Sonia has had on our community, one need look no further than her resume, which serves as a testament to Sonia's courage and the strength of her convictions. She is the author of 16 books including *Homecoming*, *We a BaddDDD People*, and *Homegirls and Handgrenades*, for which she won the American Book Award in 1985. Sonia has also edited two anthologies; *We Be Word Sorcerers: 25 Stories by Black Americans* and *360 Degrees of Blackness Coming at You*. She was furthermore a contributing editor to *The Black Scholar* and *The Journal of African Studies*. Sonia has won a multitude of national awards for her accomplishments in literature including the Governor's Award for Excellence in the Humanities in 1988 and the Outstanding Arts Award from the Pennsylvania Coalition of Black Women.

Sonia's works are now recognized all over the world. She has lectured at over 500 universities and colleges in the United States and has traveled extensively, reading her poetry in Africa, Cuba, England, the People's Republic of China, Norway, and Canada. Despite such international acclaim, Sonia has always focused her efforts to the shaping of young

minds, which for the past 22 years has been back in Philadelphia at Temple University. Her brilliant career in education, which began on the west coast at San Francisco State University (where she started one of the first black studies curriculums in the United States) has always pushed the edges, breaking down barriers between men and women, whites and blacks, and intellectuals and the working class.

This unique contribution has not gone unnoticed at Temple University. Sonia was the first Presidential Fellow at Temple University and currently holds the Laura Carnell Chair in English as well as being the Chairperson of the Women's Studies Program. As you can see, Temple University will sorely miss the presence of Sonia Sanchez. However, I am confident that retirement will not mute the voice that has influenced so many of us over the past 65 years. It is with great pride that I reflect on these past years in which Philadelphia has been home to Sonia Sanchez. And it is with great enthusiasm that I hope for many more.

HONORING DR. ROBERT S. YOUNG

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2000

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to pause and remember a man that will be missed by many people in Southern Colorado. Dr. Robert S. Young passed away on January 19, 2000. He was 85 years old.

Dr. Young was the medical director of CF&I Steel Corporation from 1969 to 1984 and again in the early 1990's. He loved working at the steel mill. He was dedicated to assuring that workers followed safety rules to prevent injuries suffered from occupational hazards. When injuries did occur, Dr. Young was always ready to make sure the employee was fully recovered before returning to the workplace. He enjoyed the associations he developed with staff and employees. His relationships at the mill were the most satisfying part of his career.

Dr. Young was a medic in World War II and during his time overseas, he worked with Dr. Hatt from Massachusetts who was in charge of the Shiners Hospital. Dr. Young worked at the Shiners Hospital for Crippled Children in Honolulu after the war.

Dr. Young had a private practice in Fort Scott, Kansas and Pueblo, Colorado for 26 years. He will always be remembered for giving the best care to his patients.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I would like to offer this tribute in memory of Dr. Robert Young. His memory will live forever in the commitment of quality care for patients.

TRIBUTE TO REV. PAUL BINION, EDWARD RICHARDSON, JUDGE IVY GLOVER ROBERTS, CYNTHIA ANN STERLING, AND JOE WILLIAMS

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2000

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Rev. Paul Binion, Edward Richardson, Judge Ivy Glover Roberts, Cynthia Ann Sterling, and Joe Williams, for being selected the Year 2000 Portraits of Success by KSEE 24 and Companies that Care. In celebration of African-American History Month, these five distinguished local leaders are being honored for their unique contributions to the betterment of their community.

Rev. Paul Binion has served the Westside Church of God for the past twenty-one years as Senior Pastor. In addition, he serves on many boards and committees: Evangelicals for Social Action, Black Californians for Life, Prison Fellowship of Central California, and Interstate Association of the Church of God. He also serves on the No-Name Fellowship Steering Committee, Fresno Leadership Foundation, Parents Aware, Fresno Pacific University Service Corp., Fresno Institute for Urban Leadership, and West Fresno Ministerial Alliance.

Edward Richardson was the first African-American building contractor to be licensed in the City of Fresno by the State of California. Mr. Richardson has become a mentor for other African-Americans starting his or her own construction companies. He is soon to be inducted into the African-American Museum for the work he has done in the Central Valley.

Judge Ivy Glover Roberts maintains a private law practice, in addition to her duties as the University Complex Developer for Wilberforce University. Previously she was an administrative law judge for the State of California for eight years, and was Criminal Courts Commissioner, Deputy District Attorney, and Deputy Probation Officer for Los Angeles County.

Cynthia Ann Sterling is a full-time funeral director and grief counselor, as managing director of Sterling Funeral Home, Inc. In addition, she serves on the Fresno City Planning Commission, is State President of the National Funeral Directors & Morticians Association, President of Fresno African-American Ministries, and a Board member of the Girl Scouts of America. Sterling Funeral Home is a Fresno tradition, founded in 1949 by Cynthia's parents, Elma and Feltus Sterling.

Joe Williams is CEO of Richard Heath & Associates, responsible for the day-to-day operation of this \$2 million corporation that has contracts with the State of California Healthy Families Program, energy conservation programs with PG&E, Southern California Gas, San Diego Gas & Electric, and Southern California Edison. He is former executive director of Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission, responsible for Head Start, refugee services, youth-at-risk services, and many others.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I pay tribute to Rev. Paul Binion, Edward Richardson, Judge Ivy Glover Roberts, Cynthia Ann Sterling, and Joe Williams for being recog-

nized as the KSEE 24 Companies that Care 2000 Portraits of Success honorees. I applaud the contributions, ideas, and leadership they have exhibited in our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing these fine people many more years of continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHARLES F. BASS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2000

Mr. BASS. Mr. Speaker, I was regrettably absent on Monday, January 31, and consequently missed a recorded vote on H. Con. Res. 244. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 2.

HONORING JAMES A. BARRETT

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2000

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to pause and remember the life of a World War II veteran who sadly passed away on January 4, 2000.

James A. Barrett was born on January 5, 1919 to James and Ida Barrett in Cortez, Colorado. James attended school in Cortez and graduated from Cortez Union High School. During World War II, James served in the United States Army and Air Force. For nearly two years, he was held captive as a prisoner of war in Germany.

James was a life member of the Cortez Elks Lodge #1789, a member of the Mancos Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Mancos Lodge of Masons. He married Frances Normera Petty in 1940 and they celebrated 59 years of marriage.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I would like to offer this tribute in James memory and honor. He was a great American who greatly contributed to his country and community.

HONORING THE NATIONAL APPRECIATION DAY FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 1, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the National Appreciation Day For Catholic Schools. As a former Catholic school student, I know first hand the value of a Catholic education. Catholic schools teach students faith, discipline, pride, and a respect for learning. They instill a strong moral foundation necessary for children to grow while distinguishing right from wrong. Catholic schools are unique in that they allow students to grow and learn in a spiritual environment, establishing the body as a whole; mind and soul.

I especially wish to recognize the delegation of students, teachers, and parents that make the National Appreciation Day For Catholic Schools a special day. Their commitment to