

faith and genuine interest in facilitating the enactment of a WRDA 2000 before the year's end.

The Committee has held three hearings this year on proposals and priorities for a WRDA 2000. This is in addition to the six hearings on Corps of Engineers and WRDA projects and programs held last year before and after enactment into law of the Water Resources Development Act of 1999 (P.L. 106-53). We will look very closely at the Administration's WRDA 2000 bill, requests from our Congressional colleagues, and recommendations from public witnesses and other interested parties. We intend to introduce and move through the Committee a bipartisan, widely supported bill.

The Administration's bill, which we introduced by request today, has numerous provisions that should be supported. At the same time, I must emphasize that some of the bill's programmatic and project-related proposals raise serious questions and, in some circles, strong opposition. I, myself, am particularly concerned that the importance of the Corps' traditional water resources missions is not adequately reflected in the proposal and that some of the environmental projects and provisions need further review.

I look forward to working closely with my colleagues and the Administration to ensure that a WRDA 2000 can move swiftly through the Congress and become law before the year's end. Based on our country's water infrastructure and environmental restoration needs and the growing competition, as well as opportunities, in the global marketplace, this is "must pass" legislation that must not be delayed.

IN HONOR OF JOHN J. MCCARTHY,
C.P.P. ON THE OCCASION OF HIS
90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I pay special tribute to John J. McCarthy, C.P.P. on the occasion of his 90th birthday. Mr. McCarthy is an outstanding citizen of New York who has raised the city's quality of life and made great contributions to the criminal justice system.

Mr. McCarthy has devoted much of his life to public safety and justice through the field of correctional services. As the Inspector General of the State of New York Department of Correctional Services, Mr. McCarthy was responsible for the prevention of corruption, escapes and smuggling, among other duties within the department.

Before he was named Inspector General, Mr. McCarthy was the Director of the Bureau of Special Services of the State of New York Division of Parole. He has lectured at various police parole, correctional and training facilities throughout New York State.

As an active member of the community, Mr. McCarthy has contributed greatly to the quality of life and safety of neighborhoods like Gramercy Park, Peter Cooper Village, Stuyvesant Town, and the 23rd Street vicinity in Manhattan. In fact, the First Deputy Commissioner of the New York City Police Department has said that the unprecedented reduction in crime in

this area could not have been achieved without Mr. McCarthy's long-term involvement and support.

Mr. McCarthy spent four years overseas during his military service. He served in the United States Army and the United States Air Force during World War II as an Intelligence Non-Commissioned Officer, a First Sergeant, Intelligence Officer, Provost Marshall and a Company Commander. He also served as the Chief of Police and Security of the War Department in the occupied enemy territory of East Africa. When he left the armed forces, Mr. McCarthy was a First Lieutenant.

Mr. McCarthy is a graduate of New York University (1955), and he holds M.A. and M.F.A. degrees from New York University (1956, 1959). Mr. McCarthy also graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I salute the life and work of Mr. John J. McCarthy and I ask my fellow Members of Congress to join me in recognizing Mr. McCarthy's contributions to the New York community and to our country.

KILDEE HONORS MS. MANDY
ARGUE

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor for me to pay tribute to Ms. Mandy Argue, of Lapeer, Michigan, who has received the American Ambulance Association's "Star of Life" award for her outstanding service as a Paramedic.

Extraordinary Emergency Medical Service professionals not only administer medical care quickly and effectively, but they bring compassion and understanding to their jobs. Ms. Argue exemplifies these characteristics.

Recently, when responding to a diabetic emergency, Ms. Argue found her patient alert and oriented. The patient refused transport to the hospital but no one felt comfortable leaving this patient alone. The patient did not have money for a taxi ride or a decent meal. While others talked with the patient, Ms. Argue quickly went out and purchased a dinner for the patient.

Another situation demonstrating Ms. Argue's caring service occurred when she responded to a Do Not Resuscitate cancer patient. Ms. Argue arrived to find the patient in end stage cancer and a family that was in crisis. The family wanted to keep the patient at home, but they were concerned that the patient was in serious pain. Ms. Argue immediately called a home health care service and arranged for a doctor to come over that same day. She then spent time talking with the patient, after which the patient agreed to take medication with the help of a family member. Later in the day, Ms. Argue followed up with the family and found that the patient was resting comfortably and appeared to be pain free.

Ms. Argue shares my dedication to preserving, promoting, and enhancing human dignity. She goes the extra mile to ensure that her patients are given the best care possible.

Since this is Emergency Medical Services week, it is an appropriate time to think about the valuable role of EMS workers in our com-

munities. I am grateful to have the opportunity to recognize the service that Ms. Argue delivers to my district, and I am proud to represent her in Congress.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVEN T. KUYKENDALL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

Mr. KUYKENDALL. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained in my district on official business and missed rollcall vote Nos. 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, and 153. Had I been here, I would have voted "yea" on all of them.

WEST TEXAS A & M MEN'S BOWLING TEAM STRIKES GOLD AT THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. LARRY COMBEST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

Mr. COMBEST. Mr. Speaker, today I join West Texas A & M University and the West Texas community on congratulating the West Texas A & M men's bowling team for striking gold in the 2000 Intercollegiate Bowling Championship. Their triumph on April 29 marks the first time that the Buffs have brought home the national title, an accomplishment that is truly deserving of recognition and praise.

The West Texas men's bowling program has been built upon a firm foundation of hard work and sportsmanship. The program, which has produced four former Professional Bowlers Association Tour players, has been an esteemed runner-up in six previous national tournaments. This hard-fought victory catapults the bowling program onto a new level of national recognition. The six men who claimed the national crown displayed what can be accomplished when West Texas determination and teamwork get rolling.

It is with pride that I recognize the members of the West Texas A & M men's bowling team and their coaches for this accomplishment, as well as the faculty and fans that led them down victory lane. Thanks to their tremendous efforts, Canyon, Texas is now home to the 2000 Men's Intercollegiate Bowling Champions. I wholeheartedly extend my congratulations to the West Texas A & M Buffs for bringing home a national bowling title.

HONORING ASHLEY ROBINSON AND B.J. JOHNSON

HON. MARTIN FROST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ashley Robinson and B.J. Johnson, two rising athletic stars and seniors at South Grand Prairie High School in Grand Prairie, TX. Ashley and B.J. have made their parents and their school proud by each being named 1st team Parade All-Americans in basketball

and football respectively. It is rare enough for a high school to be fortunate enough to have one All-American athlete, for South Grand Prairie to have two Parade All-Americans is an astounding tribute to the school.

Ashley has chosen the University of Tennessee to carry on her education and basketball career. There, she will hopefully be able to continue her domination on the hardwood floor by competing for a team that has won four National Championships in the last 9 years. Equally as important, Ashley is a member of the National Honor Society, and a college education will give her the skills and opportunity to achieve anything she can imagine in her life.

B.J. is considered one of the top three high school wide receivers in the entire country by a variety of sports publications. He has chosen to attend the University of Texas to continue his education and football career. In Austin, B.J. will have the opportunity to baffle opposing Big-12 defenses and graduate from one of the country's elite public universities that produces some of Texas' most innovative and successful people.

In addition to their hard work in the classroom and their heroics on the field, both Ashley and B.J. are model citizens who give back to their schools and communities in the form of volunteerism. As members of the Student Empowerment Team, Ashley and B.J. serve as mentors for area youth in Grand Prairie.

Once again, congratulations B.J. and Ashley on accomplishing so many things to make your parents, school, and community proud.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. ANN'S CHURCH

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I honor St. Ann's Church and parish on its 100th Anniversary.

St. Ann's Church was canonically erected in Hoboken, New Jersey in May, 1900. The church was originally established to care for the spiritual needs of a small group of Italian-Americans, but it quickly established a multi-cultural parish of noteworthy stature.

During the first half of this Century, St. Ann's church witnessed many changes as it embraced the Hoboken community in an effort to establish a parish with an enduring future dedicated to the love of God and community. The immediate growth of the parish created a need to build a larger church to accommodate the congregation; the support, generosity, and cooperation of the entire community made this a reality. Later, the additions of a parochial elementary school and a convent completed St. Ann's facilities, and established a sanctuary for fostering Christian ideals and values.

The 100-year success of Saint Ann's Church would not have been possible without the great dedication, leadership, and love of numerous pastors. I am proud to honor the many who made this anniversary possible: Reverend John J. O'Connor; Father Felix Di Persia; Father John Rongetti; Father Alphonso d'Angelo; Father Leopold Hofschneider; Father Michael Di Sapio; Father Michael Gori; Father Bernadino Chistoni; Father Mauro Landini; Fa-

ther Seraphin Tirone; Father Gabriel Italia; Father Lawrence Lisotta; Father Achilles Cassiere; Father Richard Baranello; Father Emilio Banchi; Father Casimir Filipkowski; and Father Francis Sariego.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring St. Ann's church and its 100 years dedicated to the love of God and community. Congratulations.

HONORING MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY'S FLINTSTONES

HON. DEBBIE STABENOW

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. Speaker, as a Michigan State University graduate, it brings me great pleasure to honor three outstanding members of the Spartan's National Championship Basketball Team. These young men, each hailing from Flint, have reminded us all, through their own dedication, commitment, discipline, and hard work, of what it truly means to be a champion.

Mateen Cleaves was the motivational leader of this talented basketball team and kept them focused all the way to the NCAA National Championship Title. After returning for his senior year, Mateen was sidelined for half the regular season with a foot injury. He came back to lead the Spartans to a Big Ten Championship, #1 seed in the NCAA Tournament, and a National Title. Described by Coach Tom Izzo as the "hardest worker" he has ever coached, Mateen re-injured his foot in the final game of the tournament only to come back into the game and finish as the MVP of the Final Four.

Morris Peterson emerged as one of the conference's top players last year and finished his final season as the Big Ten Player of the Year. Not only did he receive this award but was also voted to his second All-American and Big Ten First Team. Throughout the year, the Spartans turned to "Mo P" to provide leadership and results. He did both. He led the team in scoring and was the consistent "go to guy" when the game was on the line.

Charlie Bell just finished his third year with the Spartan Basketball program. He had to make a very awkward adjustment this year, due to the absence of Mateen. Charlie, a shooting guard by nature, was forced to play point guard for the first half of the season. He not only handled the change well, he led the team to an impressive record while running the Spartan offense. Charlie was elected to the third team All Big Ten and the All Final Four Team. Thankfully, Charlie will be with the Spartans next year as we try to repeat as NCAA National Champions.

Beyond the success of each of you on the court, you three have fully represented the values of "unity", "teamwork", "leadership", and "excellence"—both on and off the court. You have been role models whose contributions have enriched your native Flint, MSU and the State of Michigan, as well as the entire nation.

I wish each of you a future filled with continued success, happiness, and prosperity and I want to thank you for all the excitement and joy that you brought into the lives of Spartans around the globe.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF TIMOTHY S. BRODMAN ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, today I pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Timothy S. Brodman of Republic, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, Tim has accepted his offer of appointment and will be attending the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming cadet class of 2004. Attending one of our nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education and demands the very best that these young men and women have to offer. Truly, it is one of the most challenging and rewarding undertakings of their lives.

Tim brings a great deal of leadership and dedication to the incoming class of Air Force cadets. While attending Tiffin Calvert High School, Tim has attained a grade point average of 3.6, which currently places him twenty-second in his class of seventy-five students. Tim is a member of the National Honor Society, the Honor Roll, and has received Academic Letters in each year of high school.

Outside the classroom, Tim has excelled as a fine student-athlete. On the fields of competition, Tim has earned letters in varsity football, basketball, and baseball. Tim was named captain of the football and basketball teams this year. Tim has also been active in the Tiffin Calvert Spanish Club, Students Against Dangerous Decisions, and as a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask my colleagues to stand and join me in paying special tribute to Timothy S. Brodman. Our service academies offer the finest education and military training available anywhere in the world. I am sure that Tim will do very well during his career at the Air Force Academy and I wish him the very best in all of his future endeavors.

IN MEMORY OF DOROTHY W. JAMES

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is a distinct honor for me to place this dedication to Dorothy W. James in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. Her husband, "Chappie" James, was a fighter pilot's fighter pilot, an Air Force great and a super American. The death of his wife brings back many memories of a great Air Force career backed by an outstanding wife. Her burial in Arlington Cemetery is a fitting tribute for a woman who gave so much to America.

REFLECTIONS ON THE LIFE OF DOROTHY W. JAMES

Dorothy Watkins James was born on June 27, 1921 to James Andrew and Daisy Hicks