CONGRATULATIONS TO ANNELIESE C. TAYLOR AND BRUCE G. AN-DERSEN

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 15, 2000

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to a young couple soon to be wed. On June 3, Anneliese C. Taylor and Bruce G. Andersen will be united in marriage at Mission San Gabriel in California. I am confident that through Anneliese's dedication to literature and education, and through Bruce's commitment to public and community service, this couple will serve society well and share the good fortune of their talents with others.

I am proud to represent eleven members of the groom's family, who reside in Whittier, Hacienda Heights and La Puente. I wish them, Bruce and Anneliese great happiness upon this momentous occasion.

HONORING THE BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN ON ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOSEPH M. HOEFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOEFFEL. Mr. Speaker, today I congratulate the Borough of Conshohocken on its 150th anniversary. On May 15, 1850, William Fraeme Johnson, the Governor of Pennsylvania, signed the official incorporation papers making Conshohocken the third incorporated borough in Montgomery County. In 1850, Conshohocken began with only 727 residents living in the area. Today, the borough is home to 9,000 residents.

Following World War I, the Federal Government recognized Conshohocken for its contribution to the war effort. In fact, the borough sent more men and women, per capita, off to war than any other American town. As a reward for their efforts, the U.S. Government built and named a merchant marine ship, the Conshohocken, after the borough. Conshohocken also contributed heavily to the World War II effort when one out of seven residents served in the Armed Forces.

The Borough of Conshohocken is nationally recognized for its sports teams as well. Since their early professional basketball and football teams were crowned national champions, Conshohocken is recognized in both the National Basketball Association and the National Football League Halls of Fame.

Conshohocken, which means "Pleasant Valley," is also home to nationally recognized industries. In 1835, the Schuylkill Navigation Company built a canal through the area. This canal brought the iron industry to Conshohocken. Alan Wood Steel was formed when James Wood and his son, Alan, used the canal water to power furnaces and form a steel mill. By 1920, Alan Wood Steel was responsible for 8 percent of the country's steel production as it provided jobs for local residents.

Conshohocken was the site of many industrial innovations. The former John Wood com-

pany invented the "Arc" weld, Conshohocken's Lee Tires invented the vulcanization of rubber and Hale Pumps led the industry in fire truck pump production.

Conshohocken is part of a nationwide initiative to revitalize towns that were dominated by the coal, iron, or steel industries. Through this program Conshohocken has made a remarkable transition from an industrial town to one that fosters corporate development and programs.

I am proud to represent such an extraordinary town like Conshohocken, PA. This sesquicentennial anniversary should serve as a long-standing tribute to hard work and dedication for all who have made Conshohocken the wonderful place it is.

HONORING FREDERICK BOLD

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 15, 2000

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I pay tribute to Frederick Bold, Jr., one of the most distinguished and talented attorneys to ever practice the complex craft of water law in California. For fifty years Mr. Bold has provided expert and reasoned advice to the Contra Costa Water District and many others, and I know that many throughout California join me in honoring his many years of service.

My own relationship with Mr. Bold goes back many years to his work with my father, State Senator George Miller, Jr., when much of modern water law in California was being developed. I learned from both of them that water law and water politics can be complex and treacherous, but also fascinating and, for our state, critical to our economic growth and environmental quality of life.

Mr. Bold grew up in San Francisco and graduated from Stanford University magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa. He received his law degree from Harvard University, and served as a professor at Hastings Law School and San Francisco Law School.

Mr. Bold began his legal career with the distinguished firm of Pillsbury, Madison and Sutro, and was for two decades a partner in the Richmond law firm of Carlson, Collins, Gordon and Bold. He later was senior partner of the firm now known as Bold, Polisner, Maddow, Nelson and Judson.

For 44 years, he served as general counsel for the Contra Costa Water district which serves many of my constituents and has long been in the forefront of the often fractious battles over water policy in California. He has also served as general counsel for the Diablo Water District.

Mr. Bold worked closely with my father in the drafting of the Delta Protection Act, which was a key part of the Burns Porter State Water Project Act and which has formed much of the legal basis for defending the quality of Delta water from degradation over the years. He also was involved in many other legal, legislative and regulatory actions that helped form the framework for modern water policy in California including Delta Decisions 1379 (1972–72), and 1485 (1977–78).

Mr. Bold has been very active in a wide range of community services including serving

as a cofounder of Richmond Brookside Hospital, president of the Richmond Memorial Youth Center, the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, Richmond Kiwanis Club, Exalted Ruler of the Richmond Elks Club and president of the Richmond Bar Association. He is also a skilled sailor and horseman

On May 19, 2000, many friends and leaders in the water community will be joining Helene and Fred for his recognition dinner. I know that all members of the House will want to join me and Congresswoman Pelosi in wishing Mr. Bold the very best, and in thanking him for his many contributions to public service over the years. He has helped lay a strong foundation to protect the water and environment for our region for many decades to come, and we all owe him a special debt of gratitude and appreciation.

CONSERVATION AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 1999

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT A. WEYGAND

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 11, 2000

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 701) to provide Outer Continental Shelf Impact Assistance to State and local governments, to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act of 1978, and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (commonly referred to as the Pittman-Robertson Act) to establish a fund to meet the outdoor conservation and recreation needs of the American people, and for other purposes:

Mr. WEYGAND. Mr. Chairman, as an original sponsor of H.R. 701, the Conservation and Reinvestment Act, I am in strong support of this important legislation.

By providing an estimated \$17 million per year for wildlife protection, open space preservation, urban parks, and coastal protection to my home state of Rhode Island, CARA will go a long way in providing the resources and investment necessary to fund vital conservation and recreation programs.

As many of my colleagues know, I am a landscape architect by profession. I began my public service career by serving on my local planning board. Later, as Lieutenant Governor, I served as chairman of Rhode Island's Land Use Commission. During that time, I wrote Rhode Island's current land use and zoning laws which the won praise of planning organizations nationwide. I have spent the last 25 years working on ways to improve land use planning for communities and states. I can say with a high degree of expertise that providing a steady and stable conservation funding stream will improve the ability of states and communities to plan better and manage their growth. This legislation provides this critical funding stream.

As communities continue to struggle with uncontrolled growth and the loss of sensitive environmental lands, this legislation provides states with the resources they need to address these issues. Many of us in Congress

have been working hard to make our communities more livable. CARA takes us one step closer to making communities across the country more livable.

As I travel across Rhode Island, my constituents urge me to make their communities more livable by improving the environment in which they live. In the northern part of my state, I continue to hear that we need more green and open space, more parks for their children to safely play. This legislation will provide the funds that communities, such as my home town of North Kingstown need to provide additional parks and open space.

In the southern part of my State, the coastal areas, I continue to hear that we need to take further action to address coastal erosion, and prevent further damage to sensitive wetlands and salt ponds. As many of you know, Rhode Island is subject to severe winter storms and hurricanes. These storms do untold damage to habitat and salt ponds, and increase coastal erosion. This bill will provide Rhode Island with several million dollars per year to address the problems resulting from these storms.

Many Members have taken to the floor to talk about the environmental importance of this bill. I agree. I would also like to address the potential economic benefits. For a state who's economy and way of life is largely dependent upon the Atlantic Coast and Narragansett Bay, preserving and restoring critical habitat and coastline is not only important to Rhode Island's environmental health but vital to its economic stability. Protecting our coastline will undoubtedly result in cleaner water which in turn, yields improved fish stocks for both the recreational and commercial fisheries. Both are significant economic generators for Rhode Island.

One of Rhode Island's largest economic generators is the tourism industry. People from all over the world come to Rhode Island to sail, visit its beaches, and experience the natural beauty of its coastal landscape. Taking steps to protect the State's natural beauty will undoubtedly result in an improved tourism industry.

Mr. Chairman, CARA is good for our environment, it is good for our economy, it will ease growth pressure on our communities, and I strongly urge my colleagues to support it.

A TRIBUTE TO ANGELINE MCKELVIE

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 15, 2000

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, today I remember the life of Angeline M. McKelvie, who on April 20, 2000, died of a heart attack at the age of 62. Angeline was a dedicated public servant and lifelong resident of Cudahy, WI.

Angeline, mother of four, was not content to be an observer when it came to her children's education. She became an active participant by running for the Cudahy School Board which served as the foundation for her political career. She set an example in the relationships she formed with area residents and became known as someone who cared about people.

It was here school board experience that enabled her to move into the broader circle of politics. Angeline believed that a female perspective was needed on the all-male common council. After a few setbacks at the polls, in 1990 she became the first woman to serve on the Cudahy Common Council, paving the way for other women to become involved. While in office, she worked diligently to win the trust of her constituents.

Even though her struggles with diabetes eventually led to the amputation of both legs, Angeline continued to work hard for the people in her beloved city, Cudahy. When it was time for a vote to be cast, Angeline knew what the people in her district wanted. Along with her desire to help people, she had a gift for listening. It was her determination and commitment to the people of Cudahy that enabled her to remain in office for 10 years.

Mr. Speaker, and colleagues, I ask that you join me in paying tribute to the life and work of Angeline McKelvie.

TRIBUTE TO JERRY A. KING

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 15, 2000

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, throughout towns and cities across our nation there are individuals who are willing to step forward to dedicate their talents and energies to making life better for their friends and neighbors. The citizens of California are fortunate to have such an individual in Jerry A. King.

Jerry King's involvement with the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region, and community, began in 1983 when he was first appointed by Governor George Deukmejian. As a Regional Board member Jerry represented the community's concerns, set priorities for projects and plans of action, allocated funds, and made decisions essential to the future of water quality in southern California. His endless energy is displayed by his long list of business and community involvements including: President and owner of J.A. King & Associates, Chairman of the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Orange County Transportation Authority, board member of the Industrial League of Orange County, President of the Newport Beach Conference and Visitors Bureau and countless other local charitable and civic associations and organizations.

Jerry King has made, and continues to make, a lasting and positive impact in the southern California community. His involvement and leadership have established a path for those individuals following in his footsteps. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jerry for his dedication, influence and involvement in our community. He has served as an outstanding representative of community leadership. It is a great pleasure for me to congratulate Jerry King for the outstanding job he

has done as a member of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board.

IN HONOR OF LEONARD "LEFTY" GORDON

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 15, 2000

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay my final respects to one of San Francisco's finest leaders, Leonard "Lefty" Gordon. Mr. Gordon dedicated his life to helping young African-Americans get a better chance in life and became a respected community figure in the process. A talented athlete with an agile mind, Lefty Gordon could have achieved personal fame or amassed great wealth, but he chose instead to live his life in service to his community.

Born in Mississippi, Lefty moved with his family to San Francisco when he was three years old. Growing up in the Western Addition neighborhood, Lefty excelled at any sport he tried, but he became particularly known for running track.

Upon graduation from high school, however, he decided to pursue his education rather than athletics. Mr. Gordon first earned a bachelor's degree from San Francisco State University and then earned a Master of Sociology degree from the University of California at Berkeley.

While pursuing his education, Lefty always made time to work with young people. Upon his graduation, this part-time work became his vocation. As a counselor at the Booker T. Washington Community Center, Mr. Gordon dedicated himself to mentoring young African-American men. He encouraged them to get an education and tied to provide them with opportunities, but, more than anything else, he respected them.

In 1983, Lefty became the Executive Director of the Ella Hill Hutch Community Center. Under his leadership, the Center became a dynamic place where students received tutoring, where children and senior citizens learned to use computers, where the unemployed received job training, and where the neighborhood's young people found guidance and caring.

Lefty was a mentor to the young, but he was also a leader among his peers. The Ella Hill Hutch Community Center became a meeting place for the city's African-American elected officials and city department heads. Working together, these leaders sought to improve the lives of their fellow San Francisco residents, and it was Lefty who brought them together.

The unexpected passing of Lefty Gordon leaves a void in the city of San Francisco. Lefty was a true friend to his community, and he was loved for it. His talents are not easily replaced, and his caring heart will never be. We will miss him greatly.

My thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Scarlett, his son, Gregory, and all of his family and friends.