

Taiwan's role as a model of democracy for the people of mainland China. It is my hope that as the powerful influence of Taiwan's democracy grows, so too will the momentum for the peaceful resolution of issues between the two sides of the Taiwan Strait.

At this time of great hope and opportunity, Taiwan's principal representative to the U.S. and the head of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Washington, D.C., Representative Stephen S.F. Chen, has announced his retirement after 40 years of service in Taiwan's corps. It is because of his efforts that Taiwan has maintained its prestige and standing in the international community. His steady hand has helped steer Taiwan through the good times and the bad, and it is clear that the international community has been enriched by his work. Representative Chen's professionalism and diplomatic skills are second to none, and I wish to thank him for his tireless efforts to further strengthen the close and friendly ties between Taiwan and the U.S.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to salute the 23 million people who live in the prosperous democracy on Taiwan. I also salute Representative Chen for his patriotism, dedication, and friendship. On the occasion of his retirement, I invite my colleagues to join me in extending our best wishes and sincere appreciation for all that Stephen Chen has done, and most importantly, for all that he will continue to do as he moves on to write the next brilliant chapter of his life's work.

TRIBUTE TO SENIOR SAINTS HALL OF FAME AWARD WINNERS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize 12 Jefferson County, IL residents who have been selected as this year's Senior Saints Hall of Fame award winners. The Senior Saints are: Everett D. Atkinson, Bob Beck, Margaret Benton, Anne Garrison, Don Hahn (posthumously), Frank Hazlip, L. Joan Kent (posthumously), Virginia Riley, Ellis Roane, Christina Stables, Merle Tate, and Samuel Totten.

I want to thank these 12 individuals who have devoted so much of themselves to their community, their friends, and their family. I join with the city of Mt. Vernon, the Jefferson County Board, and the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce in honoring these Senior Saints for their achievement.

TRIBUTE TO ARLENE E. WILSON

HON. PHILIP M. CRANE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, today I want to praise the work of Arlene E. Wilson, a Specialist in International Trade and Finance at the Congressional Research Service. Dr. Wilson is retiring after 23 years at CRS, where she conducted major studies, briefings, and seminars on international trade and financial

issues for Members of Congress and Congressional staff. Dr. Wilson's knowledge of trade and international finance is so broad and deep and her communication skills so excellent that she is able to explain the European Monetary Union and make U.S. antidumping laws understandable.

Dr. Wilson holds a B.A. in history from St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York, an M.A. in economics from the University of Michigan, and a Ph.D. in economics from New York University. Prior to coming to CRS in 1977, Dr. Wilson was a research associate at the New York Stock Exchange and a lecturer in economics at Marymount College in New York City, and at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia.

Over the years, she has written 72 reports for Congress, many on international finance issues such as trade and payments balances, the international banking system, and the European Monetary Union. Eight of her reports appeared in committee prints; six others were published by the Fund for Public Policy Research in Studies in Taxation, Public Finance and Related Subjects—A Compendium.

Dr. Wilson has proven to be an authority on foreign trade as well as one on international finance. During one of the most intense trade debates in recent memory, Dr. Wilson led the CRS team covering the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) in the early 1990s and has written on many aspects of NAFTA: the broad economic perspective; economic comparisons of the United States, Mexico, and Canada; U.S. jobs at risk; the peso-dollar exchange rate; the Mexican peso devaluation; and the impact of NAFTA after it went into effect.

Before NAFTA, Dr. Wilson coordinated the CRS efforts on the U.S.-Canada free trade agreement. She led a workshop and wrote up proceedings on the potential effects of the agreement on the United States and coordinated the work of 16 CRS analysts on the agreement's possible effects on U.S. industries. Her study examining the U.S.-Canada agreement after one year was printed in the Bulletin of The Atlantic Council of the United States.

An expert on almost every aspect of the World Trade Organization, Dr. Wilson has written on the antidumping and services agreements reached during the Uruguay Round, on trade and the environment, and on fast-track trade negotiating authority. She had principal responsibility of analyzing future negotiations in the WTO. Even after she leaves, her work on the WTO will continue to assist Congress as we face a decision on our participation in the WTO.

From 1983 to 1987, Dr. Wilson served as Head of the International Section in the Economics Division. She participated in the U.S. Congressional Task Force for Interparliamentary Cooperation in 1995 and 1996, and spoke on the European Monetary Union for the USIA Germany Speaker Program in 1997 and at the Foreign Service Institute of the Department of State in 1998, 1999, and 2000. She coauthored a course guide entitled "International Economics" for a course sponsored by the University of Maryland.

Dr. Wilson is without question an expert in her field. She has served the Congress at the highest level of expertise and has assisted us on virtually every major trade issue of our time. We wish her well on her retirement and thank her for her outstanding service.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FAIR PAY ANTI-RETALIATION ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, each year, the President, in his State of the Union address, exhorts the Congress to honor families with equal pay for women. Each year, the Congress, as if on cue, rises in agreement and applauds itself. It's time not only to rise to the President's words, but to rise to the occasion.

Two bills provide the opportunity. My Fair Pay Act directly attacks the major pay problem women face in today's workplace—the often discriminatory pay reserved for the traditional sex-segregated jobs that most women perform. If not my bill, surely it's time to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act, which I strongly support. That bill is not a new departure, but it does strengthen existing enforcement. The best evidence that stronger Equal Pay Act enforcement is needed is right here under our congressional noses. The women custodial workers who serve the U.S. Congress have waged a three-year battle alleging that they are paid a dollar less hourly than men who do the same or similar work. The women's lawsuit has been validated by a federal court as a certified class action. As a former chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, I know a solid Equal Pay Act case when I see one. As a Member of the Congress, I now know what it means to be an embarrassed defendant who may lose an Equal Pay Act case any day.

Today, to get some movement on equal pay for American women, to get more than a rise out of the Congress, to call the question, I am introducing as a separate bill the non-retaliation section common to both the Paycheck Fairness Act and the Fair Pay Act. Both bills make it a violation to intimidate employees who inquire of their fellow workers or others about the pay these employees receive or the pay practices of the employer. In the absence of more comprehensive legislation, this non-retaliation provision at least would allow women to engage in self-help where necessary by seeking pay increases based on what they, themselves, learn about the pay practices where they work.

Our message is simple: Start with the Fair Pay Act, or start with the Paycheck Fairness Act, or start with the provision that allows women, themselves, to start with self-enforcement. Start where you like—but Congress must not go home for the July 4th recess without making a start on fair pay for American women and their families. We've had it with standing up for the right words. It's time to stand up and be counted for an equal pay bill.

TRIBUTE TO WESTHILL HIGH SCHOOL GIRL'S SOCCER TEAM

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, November 20, 1999, the Westhill High Warriors defeated the St. Thomas Aquinas of Rochester 2-1 in sudden death overtime to win the

New York State Class B Girls Soccer Championship. This was a great win for the Warriors, who were outshot 23–7, but still managed to hold on for the victory. Although there were few scoring chances, Westhill's all-time leading scorer Courtney Spencer put the Warriors on the scoreboard first. Then, in the second overtime, Meagan Rogers, a senior midfielder, scored the game winner on a great header from teammate Leanne Guinn. On defense, Westhill sophomore goalie Ally Walker had a stellar showing to keep the Warriors in the game and was applauded for her talents as goalie of the game.

The entire team gave an outstanding performance throughout the season, putting Westhill's soccer team among the best in the country. Not only did the girls win the championship but just two months earlier gave their coach Ann Riva her 300th career win. However, winning the championship was extra special to her. According to the local newspapers, Coach Riva said this state championship was the most memorable in her career. Many parents and fans felt from the very beginning that this team with its special chemistry was destined for great things.

I am very proud of these young women, who have exhibited discipline, sportsmanship, and love of sports while representing their school in the very finest Westhill tradition. I am equally proud of the Westhill Athletic Department, the parents, and administrators who are so supportive of this outstanding group of fine young athletes.

TRIBUTE TO JOSEY KUNZ

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize Josey Kunz of Bluffs, IL. Josey, a fourth grader from Bluffs Elementary School was one of only four State Organ/Tissue Donor Poster Contest winners.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Josey for his talent and accomplishment. He is an exceptional young man who has made me and the people of my district proud.

TRIBUTE TO FATHER JIM WILLIAMS

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Father Jim Williams, a Catholic priest whose parish is located on beautiful and historic Mackinac Island in my northern Michigan congressional district.

It was from this spot in the U.S. House that I rose in July 1996 to call the attention of the nation to the tricentennial celebration of Ste. Anne's de Michilimackinac Church. Today I honor Father Jim, who spearheaded the fundraising effort to restore the historic church. I honor him on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of his ordination, and on the occasion of his receipt of the Mackinac Island Community Foundation's first "Community Service Award." Mr. Speaker, I can tell you there is no more fitting recipient.

A special ceremony on June 4 recognized Father Jim's many community accomplishments and his unique, personal and loving ministry. Michigan Governor John Engler and Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm served as honorary co-chairpersons of this event, which took place at Mackinac Island's remarkable Grand Hotel. To further honor Father Jim, the Grand Hotel generously donated a reception, dinner and hotel stay for guests of the event.

Every servant of God must follow his own path, trusting the Voice within to lead him toward his life's mission. Father Jim, born a Methodist in Pontiac, Michigan, graduated from the University of Michigan in 1963 with a double major in history and literature. Working on Isle Royale, a remote park in Lake Superior, he met the priest responsible for his eventual conversion to Catholicism.

He was ordained while living on the Bay Mills Indian Reservation on the Lake Superior shore, and in the next ten years adopted or served as foster parent to 12 children. Perhaps unique among Catholic clergy, Father Jim has numerous grandchildren and even one great-grandson, Little Bear.

He was so near Mackinac Island then, but his path carried him instead to sea, where he

served as chaplain aboard the aircraft carriers *Nimitz*, *Kennedy* and *Coral Sea*. In 1986 his path led him back to Upper Michigan, and in 1990 Father Jim came to Mackinac Island.

The sense of a community that is part of island living must be what suits him best. It was on a Great Lakes island that his new faith took root and it is now on another Great Lakes island that his role as community shepherd has flowered. "This is the place I've loved being the most," Father Jim says of his parish. "I love being part of a community with so few walls, where there is such a great mix of people, rich and poor, a wide variety of cultures, nationalities and races. The magic of the Island is the magic of its people, and the magic of the people is the mix of many peoples."

In his work to restore Ste. Anne's, Father Jim made sure it would have a community room in the basement, and this room is open to the Jamaican, Mexican and Filipino workers three nights a week as a place they can gather and celebrate their own cultures. For these workers, Father Jim has started classes in English as a second language.

Because of Father Jim, the island has Teen Night, a night for the island's youth to gather as a drug- and alcohol-free option. Father Jim started a "Take Your Wife Out to Dinner," night once a week, and weekly square dancing. A ribbon cutting will soon be held for affordable housing units, another project that Father Jim helped bring to fruition.

My wife Laurie and I were honored last year on our 25th wedding anniversary with a mass celebrated by Father Jim at Ste. Anne's with our sons Ken and Bart Jr. Even though we are residents of Menominee, Michigan, we were grateful to receive the blessings and prayers of our dear friend on Mackinac Island for our special personal celebration.

A man of God finds his own reward and does not seek our praise for his work. But I know Father Jim appreciates the fact that he can be a model and an inspiration to others, who may not know how much one man can accomplish. Mr. Speaker, in these remarks, I hope that some of the power of the good works of this island priest shine through.