

personnel administration from Columbia University in 1955. He served four years in the Navy as a carrier pilot and education and legal officer. He attained the rank of lieutenant. He earned an Ed. D. at Harvard University in 1964 in counseling psychology and administration in higher education. John Worthen began his career in education as the dean of men at American University in Washington, D. C., then moved to the University of Delaware where he taught education courses and accepted various administrative responsibilities. In 1979, he became president of Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Ball State University invited him to become its eleventh president in 1984.

Although technology has been a major focus, John Worthen's presidency has been an attack on many fronts. His was not an administration of timid initiatives. The university reorganized the school year from academic quarters to semesters; a move that allowed students to involve themselves more deeply in a subject and that saved the university thousands of dollars in administrative costs each year. Departments were realigned to reflect common disciplines. For example, Journalism, Telecommunications, Speech Communication, and Communication and Information Studies combined to form a new college, the College of Communication, Information, and Media. By 1997, it was the fourth largest college of its kind in the country.

John Worthen has applied the university's resources to statewide issues. Under his leadership, Ball State has moved to make education "at home in Indiana" more attractive to top ability students who might otherwise leave the state and build their careers and lives elsewhere. New scholarships aimed at those students have increased the university's enrollment of National Merit Scholars and increased Honors College enrollments. For the past three years he and I have worked together to create a job fair on Ball State's campus to offset recent factory closings in the area. This year's event attracted seven hundred job seekers. Three hundred received job offers as a direct result of the event. Ball State really stepped up to the plate and made a determined effort to see the Muncie community thrive.

In 1987, Ball State launched Wings for the Future, its first capital campaign. The goal was to raise forty million dollars. The campaign collected \$44 million and created three endowed chairs and fourteen professorships. The university is now in the middle of another campaign that appears headed for the same success with a goal of ninety million dollars. One-third will go for faculty research, one-third for scholarships, and one-third for facilities. During John Worthen's presidency, Ball State's endowment went from twelve million dollars to eighty-five million dollars.

Ball State researchers were there when the space shuttle Columbia landed in June 1996, conducting research on the effects of gravity in space on the astronaut's muscles. Other noteworthy research efforts have targeted nutrition among the elderly in Indiana, the decline in frog populations worldwide, tick-borne disease, and cancer prevention. While research has an important role in education, John Worthen has always ensured that Ball State's best teachers are still in the classroom. Ball State professors have won state and national recognition in teaching, including the

1997 Indiana Professor of the Year, national teaching awards, and honors for research, architecture, music, theater performance, history, and public relations, to name just a few.

Many academic programs at Ball State have received national recognition. The music engineering technology program has been ranked first in the nation, the entrepreneurship program ranks fourth. Ball State has taken the lead in environmental awareness. The university has established an international conference on environmental education and practices. The conference draws hundreds of architects from around the world. The Center for Information and Communication Sciences, created in 1985, teaches students to design and set up networking systems, an area in desperate need of trained workers.

Ball State athletics have achieved recognition on the field and in the classroom. Men's basketball made the NCAA Sweet Sixteen in 1990, the men's volleyball team has been in the NCAA finals fourteen times, and women's field hockey went undefeated in conference play for five consecutive years. But the most impressive figure is Ball State's athlete graduation rate, at 77 percent, the seventh best rate in the country.

President Worthen has solidified and expanded Ball State's international ties with study centers abroad and teaching exchanges with various international universities. The Chronicle of Higher Education ranks Ball State among the top doctoral granting institutions for students studying abroad.

Since 1984, the university has built five new facilities, including a state-of-the-art telecommunications building, a new home for the Human Performance Laboratory, an arena, and a new alumni center. All of these improvements and additions have been accomplished with the intent of making Ball State accessible for people with disabilities.

In closing, I cannot forget to mention Sue. The most complete and best preserved Tyrannosaurus Rex skeleton ever found was named after its discoverer, Sue Hendrickson. This spring, using people, technology and programs that were the direct outcome of John Worthen's policies, Ball State dazzled the nation by bringing Sue's debut at Chicago's Field Museum of Natural History to an estimated five million school children nationwide. Ball State uses its technology to connect people and ideas in meaningful ways. That is what technology is meant to do, and Ball State certainly has got it right. They were able to get it right because of John Worthen's vision and follow-through. He leaves behind a university well prepared to face the challenges and pursue the possibilities of the twenty-first century.

Mr. Speaker, I have been honored to work along side John Worthen. I will miss the benefit of his counsel and wisdom. I wish he and his wife Sandra much happiness as they move on to new challenges.

FRIENDS OF THE SMYRNA
LIBRARY

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor today, as a resident of Smyrna,

Georgia, to recognize an exceptional organization that has just recently celebrated its tenth anniversary. On April 10, 1990, eight concerned citizens of Cobb County met and formed The Friends of the Smyrna Library. During its first four years, the group grew very slowly until 1994, when the president—Mrs. Lillie Wood—was elected, and she immediately began a search for new members. Under her leadership, the Friends of the Smyrna Library has grown to over 400 members, and is now one of the largest library support groups in Georgia.

The Friends of the Library are very active. They coordinate art exhibits for library galleries; schedule exhibits of collectibles and sculpture for display; host an annual dinner theater; conduct two book sales yearly; hold quarterly speaker programs; recruit library volunteers; and sponsor a monthly book discussion program.

In addition to everything else it does, the Friends publishes a quarterly news letter, The Library Link, which features library news, book reviews, a guide to suggested reading, and articles by library friends and staff. Under the editorship of Clare Isanhour, The Library Link has been recognized as one of the most attractive and professionally produced library publications in Georgia.

The Friends have donated over \$40,000 to the library for the purchase of new materials, and the members have donated thousands of hours of time to the library as volunteers. This enables the library to provide a much higher level of service to the public than would otherwise have been possible.

I join my fellow citizens of Smyrna, Georgia, in saluting the public service provided by The Friends of the Smyrna Library and its outstanding president.

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
TEMPLE SHOMER EMUNIM

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to recognize the 125th anniversary of the Temple Shomer Emunim in Sylvania Ohio. The congregation commemorated this most auspicious occasion in special services and celebration on June 2 and 3, 2000.

In 1870, there were about 30 Jewish families in Toledo, Ohio, most of whom were Orthodox. A small number of these families sought a more liberal practice of their faith and organized a Reform congregation. Those early services were held in homes and conducted by visiting rabbis. The band of families practicing in the Reform movement formally established a Temple in 1875 and the congregation was dedicated as Shomer Emunim-Guardian of the Faithful. This name was suggested by Rabbi Isaac Wise, founder of America's Reform Judaism and is taken from Isaiah 26:2, "Open ye gates that there shall be a righteous nation-guardian of the faithful . . .".

In those first years, the congregation worshiped in a small church rented from a Christian congregation. In 1879, it was decided the grand sum of \$12,500.00 would be raised in order to build their own sanctuary. With Toledo's Jewish population at the time settled in a

downtown neighborhood, a small building was built on Tenth Street in downtown Toledo where the congregation remained for 23 years. The original Temple was formally dedicated by Rabbi Wise. As Toledo's Jewish community grew, the congregation moved to a larger building on Scottwood Avenue which was previously owned by a Methodist congregation. By 1916, the congregation had outgrown that building, and a new major synagogue was built on Collingwood Avenue. Nearly 100 years after its first quiet beginnings and as its members moved to the suburbs, the congregation built a new synagogue in suburban Sylvania in 1973, where the Temple remains and has flourished, an integral part of the community. It is affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the national organization of Reform Judaism.

For a century and a quarter, the Temple Shomer Emunim has been a fixture of life in Toledo's Jewish community, and our community as a whole. It has been a place to develop spiritual well-being and personal growth, and strengthen the bonds of family and faith. Its rabbis and members have stood as leaders among us, and have provided both guidance and wise counsel. As we reflect on more than a century of growth from its humble inception to its current prominence, we look forward to the future of Temple Shomer Emunim. *Mazel Tov!*

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF "TEACHERS ON AN AGRISCIENCE BUS" IN FURTHERING AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION IN DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUNE 7, 2000

HON. JUDY BIGGERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, it is no secret that agriculture is of primary importance to the economy of the State of Illinois. Our more than 76,000 farms cover about 80 percent of Illinois' land and generate more than \$9 billion annually for our economy.

While rows of corn have turned into rows of homes in DuPage County, my home county, we have not forgotten the importance of agriculture.

For the past ten years, the "Teachers on an Agricscience Bus" program has provided the youth of Illinois with current, up-to-date, technological information in the importance of agriculture in their everyday lives and of the vast array of career opportunities available to them in the agriculture industry.

When the first "Teachers on an Agriscience Bus" was first sponsored by the Illinois Pork Producers Association in 1991, who could have predicted that it would be so enthusiastically received that nearly 400 teachers, school administrators, and counselors would participate? Those 400 individuals, in turn, provided an estimated 45,000 elementary through high school students with new experiences and background in the field of today's agriculture.

Mr. Speaker, although Illinois' food and fiber industry employs nearly one million people, the number of farm operators has dropped from 164,000 in 1959 to 76,000 today. And most farmers in Illinois are more than 50 years old.

Who will take their place?

The "Teachers on an Agriscience Bus" program hopes to answer that question. By making suburban children aware of the numerous opportunities available to them in agriculture and by making them more aware of the field in general, the program helps ensure that our country's agriculture economy remains strong.

As the "Teachers on an Agriscience Bus" program celebrates its tenth year in existence, we should recognize its foresight and contributions to agriculture education and we should renew our emphasis on agricultural education among our nation's educators and youth.

Agriculture was and is the backbone of our country's economy. Programs such as "Teachers on an Agriscience Bus" will help keep it that way. And for that, we should be thankful.

WELLTON-MOHAWK TRANSFER ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB STUMP

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2000

Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of S. 356, the Wellton-Mohawk Transfer Act.

Mr. Speaker, S. 356 would transfer the title of the Gila Project from the Bureau of Reclamation to the Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation District. This legislation directs the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain facilities of the Gila Project in Arizona to the Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District. The Secretary will convey the facilities under the terms of a Memorandum of Agreement between the Bureau of Reclamation and the District dated July 10, 1998.

Mr. Speaker, the Gila Project began in 1936, with the first drop of water made available on the Gila Gravity Main Canal on November 4, 1943. Construction of the Wellton-Mohawk Division was started in August 1949, and the first delivery of Colorado River water on Wellton Mohawk fields was made on May 1, 1952. Throughout the years, the Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation District has clearly demonstrated their commitment to the Gila Project and the current operation of the Gila Project will not change with the final passage of this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, S. 356 is an excellent bill because it demonstrates Congress' commitment to moving title transfer legislation and Congress' commitment to defederalizing Bureau of Reclamation projects. I would like to commend the hard work of my Arizona colleagues, as well as Chairman Doolittle, and particularly the Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation District and the Bureau of Reclamation on this important bill.

Mr. Speaker, I support full passage of S. 356.

TRIBUTE TO CHERYL BEARD

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to commend Mrs. Cheryl Beard.

Ten years ago Cheryl lost her only child, Jeff Bosie, to a drunken driver. At the time of his death, Jeff was a 17-year-old senior at Rochester High School in Rochester, IL.

As a result of this tragedy, Cheryl used her anger and her energy to combat drunken driving and underage drinking. She has been named a "Difference Maker" as part of Mothers Against Drunk Driving's 20th anniversary campaign. Cheryl became involved with MADD in 1990 and has been the Sangamon County chapter president six times.

She is being honored for her volunteer efforts in public speaking, victim impact panels, victim assistance, legislation and public awareness campaigns. I want to thank Cheryl for making a difference in the lives of so many people.

TRIBUTE TO MIKE McCLURE

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Mike McClure of Mt. Vernon, IL for his long and distinguished teaching and coaching career. After 34 years as a coach at Okawville High School, Rend Lake College, and Woodlawn High School, Mike is retiring.

As a teacher myself, I would like to thank Mike for his commitment to shape the lives of the students he has coached and taught. Through his guidance and wisdom he has had a positive impact on the lives of many.

I wish Mike the best in his retirement. He is a legend who I know will continue to influence all those he comes in contact with.

TRIBUTE TO THE WYSE TEAM OF METRO-EAST LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

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 the Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering [WYSE] team from Metro-East Lutheran High School in Edwardsville, IL. The students on the team placed on the state level for the first time ever.

As a former teacher myself at Metro-East Lutheran High School, I am proud of their accomplishments. Their commitment to doing their best and academic achievement deserves our acknowledgment.

I also would like to take this opportunity to recognize WYSE coach, Ms. Chrystal Boerger. This was her last year, as she is leaving to pursue her master's degree. It takes coaches and teachers like her to give students the opportunity to learn and grow.