

Mr. Blandford was released from active duty in March 1946 and returned to Yale Law School graduating with *Primis Honoris* in Nov. 1946. He was with the law firm of Hodgson, Russ, Andrews, Woods and Goodyear in Buffalo. In January he was appointed counsel to the newly created House Armed Services Committee where he served becoming Chief Council Dec. 1, 1963 and served in this capacity for 25 years. He was promoted successively from 2nd Lt. to Major General in the marine corps finally retiring in 1976. He retired from the congress on July 1, 1972. He received numerous awards including Legion of Merit Medals from the marine corps and the army, the navy Distinguished Public Service Award, the air force Exceptional Civilian Award, and the prestigious Rockefeller Public Award in 1966. Following his retirement from congress in 1972, he became a legal consultant with an office in Virginia. He was admitted to practice in New York, the District of Columbia, Virginia, the U.S. Supreme Court and the Court of Military Appeals. He was a former member of the Washington Golf and Country Club, the Burning Tree Club of Bethesda, Md., the Carlton Club and the Capitol Hill Club. He was a member of *Who's Who* and was a pioneer of Seabrook Island and a board member where he served in many capacities.

Surviving are his wife, Betty Blakely Blandford of Seabrook Island; daughter, Marcia Ann Hoener of Norcross, Ga.; brother, Clinton P. Blandford of Clinton, Iowa; 11 grandchildren; a great-grandchild.

HONORING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 2000

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I express my heartfelt congratulations for a historic landmark and historic event. This Friday, citizens from throughout Long Island and New York Metropolitan and Tri-State area will gather to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The most significant civil rights legislation ever enacted on behalf of citizens with disabilities.

This event, "A Decade of Progress—the Americans with Disabilities Act in the New Millennium" is a kickoff event for a series of nationwide activities highlighting the Spirit of ADA Torch Relay, which will arrive in Washington, DC on July 26, 2000.

During the past ten years, we have seen dramatic changes throughout the country in equal opportunity, public accommodations such as businesses and commercial establishments, state and local government services and activities, transportation and telecommunications in advancing the age of information technology. As with most issues, Long Islanders have been in the forefront of this issue. That is why I want to especially thank Bruce Blower, Director of Suffolk County Office of Handicapped Services, James Weisman, Associate Director, Eastern Paralyzed Veteran's Association, and Don Dreyer, Director of the Nassau County Office for the Physically Challenged for their outstanding leadership and dedication. You have made us proud to be Long Islanders.

It is through their leadership that Nassau and Suffolk Counties have developed local ini-

tatives to work together with the private sector in removing barriers to consumerism and the workplace.

And while more remains to be done to increase accessible environments and employment opportunities for persons with disabilities, New Yorkers can be justifiably proud of the energies expended and results achieved in Nassau County, Suffolk County and the surrounding region.

A RESOLUTION HONORING BETH ANN JOHNSTON, LEGRAND SMITH SCHOLARSHIP WINNER OF JACKSON, MI

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 2000

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, let it be known, that it is with great respect for the outstanding record of excellence she has compiled in academics, leadership, and community service, that I am proud to salute Beth Ann Johnston, winner of the 2000 LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This award is made to young adults who have demonstrated that they are truly committed to playing important roles in our Nation's future.

As a winner of the LeGrand Smith Scholarship, Beth Ann is being honored for demonstrating that same generosity of spirit, intelligence, responsible citizenship, and capacity for human service that distinguished the late LeGrand Smith of Somerset, Michigan.

Beth Ann is an exceptional student at Vandercook Lake High School and possesses an impressive high school record.

Beth Ann has received numerous awards for her excellence in academics as well as her involvement in band. Outside of school, she is an active member of her church community and a conscientious volunteer.

Therefore, I am proud to join with her many admirers in extending my highest praise and congratulations to Beth Ann Johnston for her selection as a winner of a LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This honor is also a testament to the parents, teachers, and others whose personal interest, strong support and active participation contributed to her success. To this remarkable young woman, I extend my most heartfelt good wishes for all her future endeavors.

HONORING DR. ANDREW HSI

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 2000

Mrs. WILSON. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to bring to your attention Dr. Andrew Hsi, a pediatrician at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. He was honored as the first recipient of the Humanism in Medicine Award because of his many strengths, focusing on community service, ethics in medicine, and treating people with dignity. He understands the importance of respect for colleges and patients as well as showing compassion and consideration to others.

Dr. Hsi has found purpose and fulfillment in serving the public. He is nonjudgmental of the

pregnant women who come to him for help—despite the fact that many of them abuse illegal substances. Thomas Weiser, a medical student at UNM, nominated Dr. Hsi because "[h]is fairness, sensitivity, and nonjudgmental attitude have inspired students and faculty to be more compassionate to their own patients. And, most importantly, it has provided an impetus to many of his patients to change their own lives."

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the compassion and team skills of Dr. Andrew Hsi. He exemplifies patience, acceptance, and the courage to help his community. The help he offers to those in need does not just come in the form of medicine: he encourages and inspires people to take charge and change their lives. He is a hero in our community.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING BENEFITS OF MUSIC EDUCATION

SPEECH OF

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2000

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of music education. Recently, I had an opportunity to speak at the commencement exercises of the Cleveland School of the Arts in the Eleventh Congressional District of Ohio. Those graduates were a wonderful example of the beneficial effects of music education and of the arts in general.

The arts are inseparable from education throughout a young person's life. Brain research is now showing that stimuli provided by music—song, movement, play acting—are essential for the young child to develop to the fullest potential. These activities are the "languages" of children, which help them to understand and interpret the world. Active use of music also paves the way for children to use verbal language, to read and to write.

Quantifiable research has also shown the value of arts education for older children. The University of California at Los Angeles has analyzed the school records of 25,000 students as they moved from grades 8 to 10. Students who studied the arts had higher grades, scored better on standardized tests, had better attendance records and were more involved in community affairs than other students. Students from low-income families who studied the arts improved their school performance more rapidly than all other students.

The U.S. Department of Education in its YouthARTS study has also found that the arts improve academic performance, reduce delinquency, and increase the skills of communication, conflict resolution, completion of challenging tasks, and teamwork.

The College Board, which administers the SAT, has reported that college-bound students who have had arts education have higher SAT scores than other students.

In closing, I would add that the discipline and human connection of music can remind us that there is a form of human achievement that is unarguably and profoundly true. Music requires collaboration in which diverse groups of people can come together to create an entity in which they all care deeply. This builds bridges of understanding and communication.

So let us support music education because music is essential. And let us commend music teachers across the country for the key roles they play in helping our children succeed in school and throughout life.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE EARL T. SHINHOSTER

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 2000

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute and pay tribute to a great American, Earl T. Shinhoster. A 35 year veteran leader of the NAACP, a devoted husband and father, Earl Shinhoster was my friend and my brother. He had a distinguished career of service to the public and to the community which I serve in particular. Indeed, it is as a result of his tireless work for voter education and to ensure voter participation that many of us are here today.

Earl cared. He really cared. He cared about voter education and voter participation. He cared about human rights and civil rights. He cared about Africa and Africans. He cared about being empowered and empowering others. He cared about equal access and equal opportunity.

He just wanted things to be fair. And, he was always looking for creative ways to break down the barriers that separate us, to make things fair.

Earl Shinhoster was Southeast Regional Director of the NAACP for 17 years and served as Acting Executive Director and CEO of the organization from 1995 to 1996.

Earl was so energetic, so engaging, so dedicated and so committed. His eyes were always on the prize. He will be sorely missed.

HONORING THE AMERICAN FLAG
ON FLAG DAY

HON. JOHN E. SWEENEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 2000

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on Flag Day, to pay tribute to the American flag, our most cherished symbol of freedom and democracy.

"Old Glory" has stood as a symbol of our patriotic resolve through times of peace and war. The earliest version of the American flag was carried at the battle of Saratoga in my district, which was the turning point of the Revolutionary War. The flag has symbolized our democratic ideals on hundreds of battlefields since Saratoga. It inspired great Americans in places like Gettysburg, San Juan Hill, Iwo Jima, Inchon, Saigon, Kuwait City, and countless other sites around the globe. Thousands of Americans paid the ultimate sacrifice to defend the ideals symbolized by this great flag. Let us pause for a moment to recognize their sacrifice and the flag they successfully defended.

Today, our distinguished flag acts as an ambassador of liberty and opportunity to those who suffer under oppressive regimes in far away places. For those whose freedom has

been stripped away, the flag stands as a reminder of a compassionate ally. Our flag undeniably represents the supremacy of freedom and democracy over oppression and tyranny.

The stars and stripes are the pre-eminent symbol of the broad freedoms established by our Constitution. It is yours and mine, and all American's to guard and protect . . . and to respect.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in saluting our glorious flag on Flag Day. God bless our flag and this great Nation.

A RESOLUTION HONORING MATTHEW VANWORMER, LEGRAND SMITH SCHOLARSHIP WINNER OF HILLSDALE, MI

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 2000

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, let it be known, that it is with great respect for the outstanding record of excellence he has compiled in academics, leadership and community service, that I am proud to salute Matthew VanWormer, winner of the 2000 LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This award is made to young adults who have demonstrated that they are truly committed to playing important roles in our Nation's future.

As a winner of the LeGrand Smith Scholarship, Matthew is being honored for demonstrating that same generosity of spirit, intelligence, responsible citizenship, and capacity for human service that distinguished the late LeGrand Smith of Somerset, Michigan.

Matthew is an exceptional student at Hillsdale High School and possesses and impressive high school record.

Matthew has received numerous awards for his excellence in academics as well as his involvement in the tennis team. Outside of school, he is an active member of his church community and a conscientious volunteer.

Therefore, I am proud to join with his many admirers in extending my highest praise and congratulations to Matthew VanWormer for his selection as a winner of a LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This honor is also a testament to the parents, teachers, and others whose personal interest, strong support and active participation contributed to his success. To this remarkable young man, I extend my most heartfelt good wishes for all his future endeavors.

HONORING JAMIE RENEE HAMILTON

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 2000

Mrs. WILSON. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to bring to your attention Jamie Renee Hamilton, an eighth grader at Madison Middle School in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Jamie Renee designed a poster for our local Campus Crime Stoppers. She is helping to stop crime in our schools. I have the Campus Crime Stoppers poster hanging in my Albuquerque office.

So often, the power of young people to change our world is overlooked. Jamie Renee stood up to make a change for the better in schools and our community.

Mr. Speaker, the Congress is working hard on school safety. Jamie Renee Hamilton is working hard in my home of Albuquerque on this very issue also. Please join me in honoring the contributions by Jamie Renee Hamilton to safety in our schools and in our community.

APPALACHIAN HUNGER TOUR

HON. TONY P. HALL

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 2000

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, every day, we are inundated by stories of how well the United States' economy is doing. We are told that we have the lowest unemployment in decades, the longest-sustained growth in generations and record-breaking stock markets. But our economy is hollow. There are many people it is leaving behind; there are many pockets of poverty and neglect. Our foundation is not as complete and secure as we might think. If we scratch the surface, we find people who are truly hurting.

Last year the U.S. Department of Agriculture released shocking statistics that showed 31 million Americans hungry or at risk of hunger—one out of every nine people in this richly blessed nation. That number has not diminished since 1995, despite our booming economy and the chimera of success many interpret from the decreasing welfare rolls. This sad state of affairs has been confirmed by research of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, America's Second Harvest, Catholic Charities, Tufts University and my own investigations. More and more Americans are turning to emergency food providers to stretch their fixed incomes, meager salaries or ever-declining public assistance benefits.

From June 1 to 3, I conducted my third domestic fact-finding visit to communities plagued by hunger in the past three years. I focused on hunger in the Appalachian region by returning to sites in southern Ohio I visited in 1998 and then venturing into eastern Kentucky and West Virginia at the invitation of constituents whose roots are there. I was joined for portions of the trip by my colleagues Rep. TED STRICKLAND (OH-6th), Rep. BOB WISE (WV-3rd), Ms. Joy Padgett, Director of Ohio Governor Bob Taft's Office of Appalachia, Ohio State Representative Joe Sulzer, and other state and local officials.

Our work was assisted by the Dayton-based Our Common Heritage, the Ohio Association of Second Harvest Food Banks, the Ohio Food Policy & Anti-Poverty Action Center, Southeastern Ohio Regional Food Center. Senior citizen centers and other community groups in Logan and McArthur, Ohio; Ashland and Louisa, Kentucky; and Huntington, West Virginia also lent us their help.

FINDINGS

EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE

The data on who is hungry in America were confirmed by people who shared their stories with me throughout the tour. The Southeastern Ohio Regional Food Center in Logan, Ohio and the Congressional Hunger Center's Mickey Leland Hunger Fellows recently conducted