

great country doing important work akin to this remarkable achievement of the INEEL. The Super Hard Steel Project was funded through the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency and the INEEL's own discretionary research fund. As Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham recently said, "... this accomplishment demonstrates the value of government-funded research to the Nation." Breakthroughs such as Super Hard Steel prove beyond a doubt that the investment of taxpayer money in these priceless institutions is well spent. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing these unique individuals and the laboratories that employ them continued success in their important endeavors.

HONORING RON ORLOPP

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2001*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ron Orlopp for his contributions to the California poultry industry. After many years of dedicated service, Mr. Orlopp is retiring as Chairman of the California Poultry Federation (CPF).

Ron has served as Chairman of the CPF for the past two years; he has served on the CPF board for the past 10 years. During his tenure, Orlopp has enhanced the legislative and regulatory effectiveness in Sacramento and Washington, D.C., expanded the Nutrient Management Certification efforts of the CPF, and assisted in bringing the National Chicken Contest to California. Under his leadership, the CPF Executive Committee visits Washington, D.C. annually and sponsors a trip for members and associates every year. Orlopp's efforts with the legislators is one reason the California poultry industry in one of the most profitable agricultural businesses today.

Ron started working with turkeys at the age of eight. He earned a degree in Avian Science from the University of California at Davis in 1976. Later, he studied accounting at Fresno State University and has passed the state board exam to become a Certified Public Accountant. In addition to his position with the CPF, Orlopp is the president of Orlopp Turkey Breeding Farms and a partner in Orlopp-Caviglia Farms.

Orlopp has long been active in agricultural and civic organizations in the area. He is the current chairman of the Tulare County Agricultural Advisory Committee. He is also the past-president of the Poultry Forum. He is a former trustee with the Cutler-Orosi School Board and coached Little League for 10 years.

Ron was born on October 21, 1954 in Dinuba, California. He has been married to his wife, Mary Jane, since 1981. They have three sons, Bryan, Jason and Kevin. His favorite pastimes are watching his boys play sports, hunting, playing basketball, walking in the hills, and playing golf.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Ron Orlopp for his years of service to the California Poultry Federation and his contributions to the California poultry industry. I wish Mr. Orlopp many more years of continued success.

TRIBUTE TO MAGGIE WADE

**HON. RONNIE SHOWS**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2001*

Mr. SHOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Maggie Wade, from the great State of Mississippi, who has been named a Congressional Angel in Adoption.

As you know, each year the Congressional Coalition on Adoption holds a national awards ceremony honoring individuals whose outstanding efforts have strengthened families through adoption. In Mississippi, that person is indisputably Maggie Wade.

In Mississippi, Ms. Wade is as well known for her community activism as she is for being the trusted news anchor at WLBT. She averages over 175 speaking engagements per year, in addition to her work with the Jackson Chamber of Commerce Mentoring Project, Southern Christian Services, the Mississippi Public Education Forum, Unicef, Easter Seals, and the State Health Department. A true leader in our community, Ms. Wade has been honored with over 150 awards from the grateful recipients of her dedication to serving others.

As a journalist, Ms. Wade has not squandered the opportunity to bring attention to the most important issues in our nation—including the promotion of adoption. She does more than just deliver the news, she creates it; Since 1986, almost 500 children have been adopted as a result of her compassionate weekly segment "Wednesday's Child." This is a great accomplishment for the children and families of Mississippi.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege today to honor Maggie Wade for this well deserved award. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Maggie Wade as a true angel in adoption.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF PICO  
WATER DISTRICT

**HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2001*

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I am proud today to rise in recognition of the 75th anniversary of Pico Water District in Pico Rivera, California. Currently serving 5,233 households, the Pico Water District is performing important work during this crucial period of addressing California's water shortage.

Just before the Pico Water District was founded, the 243 homes in the area were served by five small water systems. In 1926, the Pico Rivera Chamber of Commerce called together the town's citizens and urged them to create a more modern water system. The citizens of Pico Rivera recognized that their old-fashioned water system was lowering the value of their homes. After much consideration, they agreed to consolidate their small systems into one large system. They voted to form the Pico Water District under the State Water Act of 1913. The newly elected Board of Directors for the Pico Water District held their inaugural meeting on September 20, 1926, and have been in operation ever since.

As in 1926, California is again at a point in time when we are realizing that we must mod-

ernize our water system. If we are perceived by others as a region that is water deficient, it will be difficult to sustain the businesses that complement our high-tech and biotech industrial base and our diverse agricultural economy that is so important to our nation and the global marketplace. I applaud the Pico Water District for doing its part by continually modernizing its system while providing the residents of Pico Rivera with low cost, high quality water service.

The Pico Water District currently has nine functional wells available to deliver water. The present energy crunch is being met in Pico Rivera by a water district prepared to provide uninterrupted excellent service. In fact, in the past 75 years, only natural disasters such as earthquakes have interrupted the District's water service.

The Pico Water District provides only the highest quality water to its customers. Every week, numerous bacteriological and chemical tests are performed by the District. As a result of this meticulous work and the high standards maintained by the District, the quality of Pico Rivera's water has never been challenged by the Health Department. This high quality service is provided at very reasonable rates. In fact, the Pico Water District remains the only water district in Los Angeles County that does not tax its customers.

I urge all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing the hard work of the Pico Water District. The high quality of service the District provides should serve as a model for water providers throughout California. Since 1926, the Pico Water District has worked as a cohesive unit to provide water to its customers. Please join me in commending them as they celebrate their 75th Anniversary.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE AEGEAN  
REGATTA

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2001*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to an event that took place on August 18, 2001. Nikos Sifounakis, Minister of the Aegean, was the sponsor of Aegean Regatta 2001, an international event that highlights the rich culture and history of the Aegean islands.

This event pays tribute to the ancient mariners who first introduced Hellenic culture to other parts of the world and honors today's international mariners. The Aegean Regatta celebrates the incomparable beauty of the area, as well as its remarkable history. The poetry of Sappho and Elylis of Mytilini, Seferis of Smyrna and Homer of Chios, who derived their inspiration from the national beauty of the Aegean, continues to enchant and enthrall modern readers.

The Aegean Regatta stands as a testament to the legacy of sportsmanship community of this great civilization, a tradition also exemplified by the Olympics. Like the Olympics, the Aegean Regatta fosters community bonds among people of different countries and cultural backgrounds.

The ancient mariners of the Aegean were known far and wide for their skill. Their vessels carried both raw materials and new concepts of democracy, vision and hope. Participants in the 2001 Aegean Regatta are heirs to

the old seafarers. They enjoyed the phenomenal experience of sailing the routes traveled by the ancients. The beauty of the Aegean is mesmerizing, a beauty connected to the spirit and the soul, forged by the waves and sculpted by the wind.

The Aegean Regatta is not simply a sailing competition. It is an international event that continues the maritime tradition, and emphasizes two of Greece's most successful "exports," sports and culture. This unique event allows mariners of today to pay homage to mariners of the past and to carry on an ancient tradition in which sailing was a way of life. Sailing enthusiasts from around the world participate in the Aegean Regatta, proof of the respect and admiration other countries continue to bestow upon this timeless community.

Many of my constituents attended this event, and as a friend and co-founder of the Hellenic Caucus, I would like to say that I hope all who attended enjoyed a time filled with great sailing and great fun. Participants were the recipients of the Aegean's best and most lasting prize, the hospitality of island residents.

I request that my colleagues join me in congratulating the Minister of the Aegean, Nikos Sifounakis, and the sailing community for participating in this wonderful event. We can all take pride in an extraordinary celebration of history and athleticism as well as an opportunity to forge new bonds among different people from different communities. Islanders, organizers and competitors will have the opportunity to join together beneath the Aegean sky in universal friendship and understanding.

RECOGNIZING WILLIAM RALPH  
"BILL" ROUNTON OF HOPE, AR-  
KANSAS

### HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2001*

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I wish to recognize the life and achievements of a man who was not only a personal friend, but a friend to his entire community and a respected civic leader in southwest Arkansas, Mr. William Ralph "Bill" Rounton.

Bill passed away on August 26 at age 77 following a lengthy battle with heart and bone marrow related illnesses. He was a lifelong resident of Hope, Arkansas, where he was also a lifelong member of the Methodist church.

During World War II, Bill served his country for three years with the U.S. Army Air Corps in England. Following his service, he returned to Arkansas to attend college at Henderson College and the University of Arkansas and then came home to take over the family farm and timber business.

As a resident and community leader in Hope, Bill served on the Hope School Board for 16 years during the crucial time in the 1960s and 1970s when the Hope schools were being integrated. He was also a member of the board of the School of Hope, a school for developmentally challenged children. For 40 years, he served on the board of the Citizens National Bank, where he would visit each day and greet customers. In 1993, he was appointed by Governor Jim Guy Tucker to the

state's Red River Commission, which promotes the economic viability of the southwest Arkansas region along the Red River.

At the First United Methodist Church in Hope, Bill was chairman of several boards and committees and was a leader in the Century Bible Class. In addition, he was a member of the board of Rose Hill Cemetery and an active member of local chapters of the Masons and the Shriners as well as a 50-year member of the Yellow Creek Hunting Club of McNab, Arkansas.

Bill could usually be spotted in his trademark khaki pants and diamond stickpin that he wore in place of a necktie. He was a friend to many in Hope and throughout Arkansas, including the late Virginia Clinton Kelley, mother of former President Bill Clinton. To those who knew him, he was regarded as a stalwart in the community, a true southern gentleman dedicated to his family and his fellow citizens. His passing is a great loss not only to his family and friends, but to the City of Hope and all the people of southwest Arkansas.

I am grateful for his friendship and his devotion to serving others, and I honor him for his lifetime of accomplishments. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Bonnie, his children and his loved ones.

### IN RECOGNITION OF THE CYPRUS FEDERATION OF AMERICA, INC.

### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2001*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Cyprus Federation of America, Inc. which will be hosting its annual Awards Gala on September 28, 2001, and to pay tribute to the distinguished guests it will honor that evening. The Cyprus Federation of America is an umbrella organization representing the Cypriot American community in the United States. The largest Hellenic Cypriot community outside of Cyprus is located in the 14th congressional district, which I am fortunate to represent. As the founder and co-chair of the Hellenic Caucus, I am proud to be their representative.

This year the Cyprus Federation of America, Inc. will honor four individuals who have demonstrated an unparalleled commitment to the cause of justice and freedom for Cyprus, and to the preservation of the ideals and principles of the Hellenic American community. The President of the Republic of Cyprus, Glafcos Clerides will present the guests of honor with their awards. The honorees are, His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America, the State Treasurer of California, the Hon. Philip Angelides, past president of Cyprus Federation of American, Inc., Mr. Andreas D. Comodromos and noted businessman and philanthropist, Nicholas Bouras. His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios will be honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award for his unsurpassed contributions to the field of spiritual guidance.

Archbishop Demetrios, was born on February 1, 1928 in Thessaloniki, Greece. The older son of Christos and Georgia Trakatellis, he attended the Experimental High School of the Aristotelian University of Thessaloniki from which he graduated as valedictorian in June of 1946.

Throughout his life his devotion of God and spirituality played an integral role in his education and career aspirations. He entered the School of Theology of the National and Capodistrian University of Athens in 1946 where he received his theology degree and special recognition for his outstanding work. In 1960, at the age of 32, he was ordained to the office of the Diaconate and in 1964 ordained as a Priest. In 1965 he enrolled at Harvard University to pursue his Ph.D. He received scholarships to study at the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and was also honored with the prestigious Arthur Darby Nick Fellowship.

On June 20, 1967 he was elected Titular Bishop of Vresthena. He received a Doctorate of Philosophy from Harvard University in November 1971. In 1977, he received a second Doctorate in Theology from the Faculty of the School of Theology of the National and Capodistrian University of Athens. Three years later he was invited to teach at the Harvard University Divinity school as a visiting professor.

His academic and theological accomplishments made him an incomparable candidate for the position of Greek Orthodox Archbishop of North and South American, a position he was named to on September 18, 1999, and continues to hold to this very day.

The Honorable Philip Angelides, Treasurer of the great state of California has provided outstanding leadership as a businessman, and civil servant. The policies and programs implemented by Mr. Angelides as Treasurer have been credited with bolstering the economic strength of California.

Mr. Angelides graduated from Harvard University and was a Core Foundation fellow. He served in California government for eight years, during which time he established a reputation as being a leader on issues such as affordable housing and urban planning. In 1986, he formed his own investment management business, which quickly became a success.

Mr. Angelides has been active in the civic life of his community and State for more than 25 years during which time he helped coordinate a unique bi-partisan civic committee, which helped reform the once troubled Sacramento City Unified School District. Mr. Angelides made history by becoming the first Greek American elected to statewide office in California. He and his wife Julie continue to reside in their hometown of Sacramento where they have three daughters: Megan, Christina and Arianna.

Mr. Andreas D. Comodromos is being honored with the Justice for Cyprus Award for his impassioned work to bring justice and peace to Cyprus. Andreas was born in Famagusta Cyprus on March 27, 1949. The son of Demetrios and Aphrodite Comodromos, he was raised in the Village of Vatili and after completing high school served in the military. He then joined the Cyprus offices of American Life Insurance Co.

In 1973, he married American born Anna C. Zachaiades. They built their home in Cyprus, where they planned to raise their family. The 1974 Turkish invasion resulted in the loss of their home. In April of that year they emigrated to the United States where Andreas pursued his college degree. Mr. Comodromos graduated Magna Cum Laude from Saint Peter's College in 1978, with a Bachelor of Science in