

Regrettably, in its rush to normalize relations with Vietnam, the Clinton administration decided to overlook any evidence that Hanoi was holding back on cooperation or attempting to profit from it. This pattern was later repeated when the administration sought the establishment of trade relations. The opportunity to use trade and recognition as leverage to achieve faster results on the MIA issue was lost.

I am optimistic about our new President and his commitment to the POW/MIA issue. In a refreshing break from the past eight years, I expect that the Bush administration will adopt a more traditional stance towards Vietnam and North Korea on the POW/MIA issue. At the very least, I expect to see a higher standard applied towards determining whether or not those countries are cooperating and acting in good faith on this matter.

The new president has demonstrated a proven commitment to this important issue, and his relevant appointments to the State and Defense departments, including the new head of DPMO, Jerry Jennings, have the policy background to provide greater integration of the POW/MIA issue into our relations with Southeast Asia and North Korea.

On this point, I believe that Vietnam is the lynchpin that will determine the success or failures of any future endeavors. The Vietnamese are the key to gaining more information from both Laos and Cambodia on missing personnel. Moreover, the Vietnamese, despite recent certifications to the contrary, realize that there is much more they can do on this issue. On the issue of documentation alone, there is far more they can provide than what they have offered up to this point.

The Bush administration is in a much stronger position with regards to North Korea. This country has a far greater need for hard currency than Vietnam, and our new President is unlikely to continue the policy of outright appeasement on both nuclear power/weapons development and MIA remains recovery. It will be interesting to see how the white house approaches North Korea on these issues.

I believe we in Congress also have a role to play regarding North Korea. We need to have the new administration press the North Koreans harder on the issue of prisoner transfers to the USSR during and after the Korean war, as well as the matter of the possibility of live Americans still being held by P'yongyang. While this possibility, if it still exists, becomes more remote with each passing year, the escapes of several South Korean veterans of the 1950-53 war in recent years means this cannot be totally discounted. If any Americans are still being held in captivity in North Korea, and we know that four defectors/deserters still reside there, they should have the opportunity to return home before they die.

It is my hope that our bilateral relations can improve and will lead to a further clarification regarding the safe return of any living POW's who may still be in captivity in Korea or elsewhere.

Americans should always remember the love of country that America's veterans have shown as well as their personal sacrifices, courage, convictions and dedication to freedom that these individuals have exhibited.

To quote a portion of President Abraham Lincoln's letter to a mother who lost five sons on the battlefield: "I cannot refrain from tendering to you the thanks of the republic they

died to save. I pray that our heavenly father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom."

May it be of some solace to the families and loved ones of our missing and POW's that there are many of us in the Congress committed to a full and final accounting of our missing.

In light of recent events in New York City, we hope that we will not be faced with a future POW/MIA issue from any resulting military action that we may undertake in Southern Asia.

HONORING MARTI DUPREY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment and acknowledge the selfless contributions of an extremely important member of our community. Ms. Marti Duprey has spent the majority of her life caring for and helping others. She has continuously put the well being of others ahead of her own.

Ms. Duprey, a Catholic nun, moved to Glenwood Springs, Colorado in 1973 after having spent eighteen years working with the Rev. Jesse Jackson's "Operation Breadbasket" in Chicago. Her education, consisting of Bachelor's Degrees in education and social work and a Master's Degree in counseling, provided her with the proper tools for her work with the community of Glenwood Springs ever since. She provides three very important functions for the residents of Glenwood Springs. Whether it is her involvement in the Defiance Community Theatre, her counseling in the Helping Hands Grief Group or as Program Manager for Mountain Valley Weavers, she unselfishly helps others find ways of expressing themselves in a more self-reliant manner and provides them with outlets that will increase their confidence and happiness.

Marti Duprey provides very important services for the grieving, the disabled and many other members of her community. Her compassion for others makes her a truly valuable member of the Glenwood Springs community. I would like to recognize Ms. Marti Duprey for her wonderful efforts and contributions that have touched the lives of so many. Her acts of care and compassion deserve our recognition and I would like to extend my best wishes and warm regards to her for many years to come.

TRIBUTE TO DR. RONALD T. FARRAR

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Ronald T. Farrar of South Carolina, on the occasion of his retirement from the College of Journalism and Mass Communications at the University of South Carolina. Dr. Farrar is the epitome of what a

college professor should be, and he is respected and loved by faculty and students alike.

In 1986, Dr. Farrar became a professor of history, media law and introduction to journalism at the University of South Carolina, until assuming the position of interim dean in July of 1999. Dr. Farrar's career achievements speak for his dedicated service as an extraordinary college professor, teacher, administrator, mentor, and respected member of the media.

After earning his Ph.D. in Journalism History from the University of Missouri in 1965, Dr. Farrar went on to serve as a professor/chairman in the journalism departments of Indiana University, Southern Methodist University, the University of Mississippi, and the University of Kentucky.

Dr. Farrar served as a reporter, news editor, general manager and circulation manager of the Arkansas Democrat, Daily Press, Arkansas Gazette, and Daily Iowan newspapers. From 1957 to 1958, he served as 2nd Lieutenant of the U.S. Army.

Along with the many articles Dr. Farrar has authored and published, he has written such books as "Reluctant Servant" (Missouri, 1968); "Mass Media and the National Experience", with John D. Stevens (Harper & Row, 1971); "College 101" (Peterson's Guides, 1985, 1988); "Mass Communication: An Introduction to the Field" (West, 1988; Brown, 1995); "The Ultimate College Profession: Walter Williams, Journalist to the World" (Missouri, 1998).

Dr. Farrar is deeply respected in the field of journalism and academics. His expertise and talent have earned him commissions to write numerous articles and conduct national studies. He has been awarded various grants and certificates of achievement, including the Distinguished Service Medal for Research in Journalism in 1969 by the Society of Professional Journalists for Reluctant Servant; The Story of Charles G. Ross. From 1971 to 1973, he was a consultant for continuing study of television audiences for the Public Broadcasting System. Faculties for the US government, private sectors and journalistic associations have been privileged to have him serve on their boards.

His long career achievements include award research grants from the Kaltenborn Foundation, U.S. Steel Foundation, Harry S. Truman Library Institute, Indiana Research Foundation, Kentucky Press Association, Kentucky Humanities council, National Endowment for the Humanities, Sigma Delta Chi Foundation, University of Kentucky Research Foundation, University of South Carolina Research Foundation, Southern Regional Education Board, and Freedom forum.

Dr. Farrar was appointed the Reynolds-Faunt memorial Professor in 1986 and held that professorship until his retirement. He will now be recognized as Professor Emeritus.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me today in honoring Dr. Ronald T. Farrar for the incredible service he has provided through a lifetime in the academic community. I sincerely thank him for his outstanding contributions, congratulate him on his recent retirement, and wish him good luck and Godspeed in his future endeavors.

HONORING FIREFIGHTER ROBERT
STEPHEN BOUDREAU

HON. FELIX J. GRUCCI, JR.

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. GRUCCI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the retirement of a fine New York City Firefighter, Robert Stephen Boudreau.

On April 11, 1942, in the small village of Gaytons, New Brunswick, Canada, Robert Stephen Boudreau was born to Mary and Joseph. He was the youngest of four sons. Bob grew up in Canada and came to the United States in the early 1960's. From 1964–1966 he served as a Military Policeman in the Continental Headquarters Command of the United States Army. On September 24, 1967, Judy Weider and Bob were married.

A year later, November 30, 1968, Bob became a proud member of the New York City Fire Department. His first assignment was Ladder Company 47 in the Bronx and then College Point in Queens. Bob was promoted to Lieutenant on April 2, 1983 and was a covering officer for a year in Battalion 34 in the Bedford-Stuyvesant area of Brooklyn. From there, Engine Company 238 in Greenpoint became his permanent assignment. On October 31, 1989, Bob was promoted to Captain, where he was on covering assignments in Division 10 before becoming a member of Engine 270 in Richmond Hill. Prior to his retirement, Bob served at Engine 302 and Ladder 155 in South Ozone Park, Queens. Although his love for the Fire Department will never waiver, Bob officially retired on July 8, 2001, after spending close to 33 years on the department. Today, September 22, 2001, members of every firehouse Bob has served in come together to celebrate his accomplishments and to cheer him on to his retirement.

During their marriage, Bob and Judy were blessed with three beautiful daughters: Kimberly Anne, Denise Marie, and on Valentine's Day 1976, Danielle Valerie joined their family. In 1995, Bob welcomed two "sons" to the family when Denise married Tom Scott and Kimberly married Steven Goldberg. Bob will soon be welcoming another "son" to the family, when Danielle and Alan DeLellis marry. After raising three daughters, Bob became the grandfather of Evan James on March 15, 1999, and twins, Dylan Thomas and Ryan Gerard on July 19, 2001, and he and Judy look forward to yet another grandchild in February. Bob's greatest loves are his family and friends, and the time he has spent serving as a New York City Firefighter.

COMMENDING THE STUDENTS,
TEACHERS, PARENTS AND SUP-
PORT STAFF OF SUZANNE MID-
DLE SCHOOL

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the students, teachers, parents, and support staff of Suzanne Middle School on being named a 2001 California Distinguished School.

Suzanne Middle School, located in Walnut, California, is part of the Walnut Valley School District. Home to 1,300 sixth, seventh, and eighth-graders, its student body is representative of California's diverse culture. But despite the various backgrounds represented, each student is expected to contribute a learning environment which demands high expectations.

The teachers and staff of this school are committed to giving "whatever it takes" to meet the needs of their students. This goal frequently requires involving the parents and community in school activities.

The combination of high expectations for students, committed teachers and staff, and parental involvement has made Suzanne Middle School one of America's Distinguished Schools.

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM E. MARTIN,
POSTHUMOUS RECIPIENT OF THE
JERSEY CITY EDUCATION ASSO-
CIATION'S LOUIS T. SCIALLI ME-
MORIAL AWARD

HON. ROBERT MENEDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. MENEDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late William E. Martin, a posthumous recipient of the Jersey City Education Association's Louis T. Scialli Memorial Award. A special ceremony remembering the achievements and accomplishments of Mr. Martin will take place on September 25, 2001, at the Meadowlands Crowne Plaza in Secaucus, New Jersey.

Youth outreach and community service initiatives were always top priorities in William Martin's life. In 1946, Archbishop Boland, the Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey, appointed him Director of the CYO Center in Hudson County, New Jersey. While at CYO, he established one of the largest day camps in the state, with over 1,000 children participating in his youth programs.

In 1956, William Martin began his distinguished career with the United Way Foundation, serving as President of the United Way in Hudson County. During his tenure, Mr. Martin was instrumental in establishing over 30 Tri-State United Way agencies. As a result of his hard work and dedication, United Way now provides social services in over 700 communities throughout the Tri-State area, lending assistance to over 8 million people a year.

Beyond his administrative duties, William Martin also served as an Ambassador for the United Way Foundation. In 1988, he was chosen by his peers to set up United Way services in Beijing, China and Hong Kong. In addition, he assisted in the implementation of United Way services in Vietnam, Pakistan, Egypt, and the Philippines.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring William Martin for his distinguished service and diligent efforts on behalf of the residents of Hudson County, New Jersey.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF LEE
SPERRY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, the State of Colorado is growing at a tremendous pace and it requires sincere dedication and knowledge to help manage such expansion. After sixteen years of service to the people of Delta County as a member of the Planning Commission, Lee Sperry has decided to hand in his resignation. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the important contributions that Lee has made and thank him for his years of service.

A lot has changed since Lee first joined the Planning Commission. Ideas of unbridled growth have been tempered with concerns of open land preservation. Throughout this fundamental change, Lee has always attempted to maintain a balanced perspective between the county's master plan and the desires of the public seeking to live out their goals and dreams. Lee has a keen interest in ensuring that the common person is not overlooked in deliberations.

Mr. Speaker, as we wrestle with the issue of growth in Colorado, Lee Sperry has done an outstanding job shepherding that process for over sixteen years. He has truly helped to preserve the heritage of Colorado while allowing it to progress into the future judiciously. It is with great appreciation that I recognize Lee today and I extend my warmest regards to him upon his retirement and wish him many happy years to come.

HONORING THE CATHOLIC-JEWISH
COMMISSION OF SOUTHERN NEW
JERSEY ON SIGNING AN INTER-
FAITH AGREEMENT OF UNDER-
STANDING AND COOPERATION

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

HON. FRANK A. LoBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues to recognize the Catholic-Jewish Commission of Southern New Jersey as among the first in the nation to create a formal Agreement of Understanding and Cooperation between their faith communities.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Camden, Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey, the Jewish Community Relations Council, and the Tri-County Board of Rabbis have committed themselves to eliminating all forms of anti-Semitism, anti-Catholicism, racism and religious intolerance, and in promoting mutual understanding.

In the spirit of their respective traditions, this Agreement affirms the continuing commitment of these two communities to uphold and observe the right of every human being to freedom of religion and conscience.

We believe this Agreement is a shining example of a sound and lasting basis for continuing development of interfaith cooperation.