

I have been involved with since I came to Congress to bring this bill to fruition.

Tim is not only being recognized for his career achievements with Verizon. A man committed to his community, Tim serves on the boards of several civic and charitable organizations. He is very involved in his local Catholic Church in Thousand Oaks, California and remains highly dedicated to the United Way of Ventura County having served on the Executive Board as co-chair, vice-chair and campaign chair. He has also acted as Verizon's Executive chair on annual United Way campaigns. Tim has displayed his civic leadership on the boards of the Los Angeles Urban League, the California Telephone Association, Los Angeles Children's Museum, and the Ventura County YMCA, and as a member of the California Chamber of Commerce, and the California Business Roundtable. It is precisely this commitment to his community that makes him such a vital asset in public policy.

I have personally seen how Tim brings community service to Verizon. Tim facilitated Verizon's support of young students from my district who came to the Nation's Capitol to perform Mariachi music during Cinco de Mayo. It is employees like Tim McCallion that make Verizon a leader in community and charitable events.

And so, Mr. Speaker, I join Tim's loving family, wife, Anne, sons, Brian and Keith, and daughter in law, Melinda, numerous friends and colleagues at Verizon in admiration of Tim McCallion's long and distinguished career in telecommunications and public policy, and we express admiration that he has received this wonderful and well-deserved honor from the ITPA.

RECOGNIZING BILL IVEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2001

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, as the chair of the National Endowment for the Arts, Bill Ivey's contribution to the benefit and growth of American culture and arts education is undeniable. Since his chairmanship began in 1998, Bill Ivey's determined outreach has given more people in more places in our country the opportunity to learn about America's arts and cultural heritage. Under his leadership, the National Endowment for the Arts received bipartisan support for the critical need to adequately fund our national cultural agencies. While I am sad to see him leave, I wish Bill well in his future at Vanderbilt University and have no doubt that he will continue to contribute to the arts community and public service as he has for the past 30 years.

TRIBUTE TO OFIELD DUKES

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2001

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ofield Dukes of Washington,

D.C., who is a recent recipient of the Public Relations Society of America's 2001 Gold Anvil Award.

First awarded in 1948, the Gold Anvil Award is the PRSA's most prestigious individual honor and is presented to the public relations professional whose contributions to the field have advanced the profession. Ofield Duke's accomplishments as a journalist, public relations executive, and as a public relations educator speak for his recognition as a reputable leader in his field and in the community.

After receiving three national Newspapers Publishers Association awards for editorial, column and feature writing published in the Michigan Chronicle in Detroit, Mr. Dukes became a member of the Johnson-Humphrey administration in 1964. Later, he would go on to serve an additional 3 years on the staff of Vice President Humphrey.

He opened his first public relations firm in 1969, with Motown as his first client and Lever Brothers as his second. In 1975, he was the recipient of the Silver Anvil Award. As noted by the Washington Post Mr. Dukes is "one of the top public relations persuaders in the city."

Mr. Dukes assisted in the organization of the Inaugural Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conference. He has served on the boards of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation and the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change. Mr. Dukes became a communications consultant for the Democratic presidential campaign in 1972 and has been a consultant for every presidential campaign thereafter. He is president and founder of the Black Public Relations Society of Washington, which was established in 1993.

Mr. Dukes has served as an adjunct professor at Howard University for seventeen years and was instrumental in establishing the University's public relations curriculum. For the past eight years, Mr. Dukes has been an adjunct professor in the School of Communications at The American University. He is responsible for inspiring hundreds of students to enter public relations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me today in honoring Ofield Dukes for the incredible services he has provided to his students and the field of public relations. I sincerely thank Mr. Dukes for his outstanding contributions, congratulate him on becoming a recipient of the 2001 Gold Anvil Award, and wish him well in all of his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO JAY HENSLEY

HON. CHARLES H. TAYLOR

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2001

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Jay Hensley, a newspaperman of old-school traditions who spent much of his career with the Asheville Citizen-Times, died Wednesday, September 5, at the age of 75. Hensley was with the Citizen-Times from 1956 until 1997. He covered politics, courts and crime, local government and civil rights, took feature photos and editorialized on local, state and national issues.

It is perhaps Hensley's political coverage that he will be best remembered for. Hensley covered every state legislative session from

1967 until 1979 and was a familiar face around the state capital.

"Jay would ask that second and if necessary that third question to get to the heart of things," said former Gov. Bob Scott, who served from 1969-73. "He asked the tough questions but was always fair. At that time, the capital press corps was a crusty bunch of guys. But when the day was done and they'd filed their stories, it was a professional job."

Former Citizen-Times executive editor Larry Pope described Hensley as "an encyclopedia on local and state politics," adding "Jay probably knew more about politics than some of the people who held office."

Jay Hensley, once a three-pack-a-day smoker, chronicled his battle to quit smoking and his resulting respiratory problems in 1990 article titled "A Smoker's Last Chance."

Jay Hensley was a World War II veteran, serving with the 32nd Special Seabees in the South Pacific and China. A Madison County native, he had a degree in journalism from Stetson University in DeLand, FL.

I know all my colleagues join me in expressing our condolences to Jay Hensley's family members: Surviving are his former wife, June Murphy Hensley of Asheville; his son, Dick Hensley of Raleigh; his daughter, Teresa Hensley Wall of Asheville; grandsons, Jeremy Jay Oland and Ryan Lee Wyatt; his sisters, Pansy Watts of Asheville and Mary Sawyer of Cincinnati; and his brother, Jack Hensley of Greer, SC.

HONORING JOHN C. FREMONT HOSPITAL

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to John C. Fremont Hospital for 50 years of service to the Mariposa community.

In 1947, the Mariposa county voters overwhelmingly approved the formation of the John C. Fremont Hospital District. Shortly after, the 1st meeting of the Board of Directors was held and they proceeded to purchase 20 acres of land to build a facility. In 1951, the John C. Fremont Hospital opened a 24-bed facility. As the community grew, so did the hospital facilities. A 10-bed skilled nursing facility was created in 1964. Additionally, the Ewing Wing has been added. The Ewing wing is a "home" facility that has beds to accommodate 28 residents.

In 1975, a Home Health Agency was established to serve patients with at-home health needs. In 1981, the hospital was designated a primary health service hospital by the state of California and a sole community provider by the Federal Government.

In 1994, the hospital received a complete face-lift. Revenue bonds totaling \$5.84 million allowed the hospital to expand their emergency services, build a new clinic, enlarge a heliport pad, reopen surgery capabilities, and add additional facilities. In 1995, a hospice was added to serve the terminally ill and their families.

John C. Fremont is one of the few California hospitals granted the "Critical Access Hospital" designation, which allows the health

care district to receive a higher reimbursement for its Medicare patients. The John C. Fremont Health Care District supplies education to the community by conducting CPR courses, Certified Nursing Assistant programs, and Licensed Vocational Nurse prerequisite programs. The health care district is one of the largest employers in the area with 168 employees.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor John C. Fremont Hospital for serving the health care needs in Mariposa County for 50 years. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing John C. Fremont Hospital many more years of continued success.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF LEXINGTON ELKS LODGE, LEXINGTON, MISSOURI

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2001

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this means to congratulate my friends at the Lexington Elks Lodge, Lexington, Missouri, who recently celebrated their 100th Anniversary as a lodge.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge 749 has served a proud role in the city of Lexington since the lodge's chartering in 1901. The Elks have played a vital and active role in the community, sponsoring programs aimed to better the town, the people, and the people's safety.

The Elks organization is primarily involved in two community service programs, drug awareness and veteran services. Lexington Elks are strong supporters of the D.A.R.E. program in Lexington schools. They have sponsored the purchase of D.A.R.E. signs and drug awareness programs. The Elks also show support and appreciation to the veterans of our nation.

The Lexington Elks Lodge has sponsored numerous other community projects. They have distributed fire alarms, hosted community Christmas dinners, donated to organizations such as the Ministerial Alliance and they sponsor a yearly scholarship for graduating high school seniors.

Mr. Speaker, the Lexington Elks Lodge has contributed to the city for a century. I know that the Members of the House will join me in congratulating them and wishing them continued success.

SALUTE TO AL ROSS

HON. MARK FOLEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2001

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who has served his country bravely and who also serves as a role model in his community.

I speak of Al Ross, one of my constituents and the youngest surviving veteran of the First World War. Al, the son of Russian immigrants, enlisted in the United States Navy in 1917, when he was only 16 years old. He served as a Seaman First Class aboard the U.S.S. Richmond. In fact, Al is the last surviving member

of Barracks 507, a West Palm Beach World War One veterans group.

On October 11, 2001, my friend Al Ross turns 100 years old. He is a frequent speaker at veterans', civic, and school events and is best known for his talks about "Why We Pledge the Flag." Mr. Ross gives these talks in his original U.S. Navy uniform, which still fits him perfectly.

Al Ross has been a teacher and organizer for the National Amputee Foundation. He has worked for the Palm Beach Daily News and the Selective Service System. Most recently, Mr. Ross has been an advocate for the voting rights of U.S. military personnel serving overseas. He is also an avid golfer.

Mr. Speaker, please let the RECORD reflect this Congress' appreciation for his efforts.

TRADE PROMOTION AUTHORITY
NEEDED

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2001

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member commends to his colleagues the following editorial, entitled President Needs Trade Authority, from the September 5, 2001, edition of the Norfolk Daily News, which emphasizes the need to grant the President "fast track" trade negotiating authority.

This Member is a longtime supporter of Trade Promotion Authority (TPA), or "FastTrack Authority" (as it was previously called), because TPA is necessary to enable the United States to commence, conclude, and implement trade agreements with foreign nations. Without the enactment of TPA, the United States will continue to fall further behind in expanding its export base, which in turn will cost America thousands of potential jobs. Congressional passage of TPA for the President is absolutely essential for America to live up to its export potential.

Therefore, this Member urges his colleagues not only to carefully read this editorial, but also to support granting trade promotion authority to the President now!

[From the Daily News, September 5, 2001]

PRESIDENT NEEDS TRADE AUTHORITY
FORMER SECRETARIES OF AGRICULTURE OF ONE
MIND REGARDING "FAST TRACK" ISSUE

Members of Congress ought to be impressed that 10 former secretaries of agriculture, Democrats and Republicans alike, are in agreement on an important matter of trade policy. From Orville Freeman, who served under President Kennedy, to Dan Glickman, who served under President Clinton, all were in agreement that President Bush ought to be granted "fast track" trade negotiating authority.

With some exceptions among those in farm organizations who fear only big companies find ways to profit from exports, the agricultural community seems unified regarding benefits of foreign trade. That accounts for broad bipartisan support of measures to promote it.

Presidents had fast-track authority beginning in 1974, and until congressional Republicans failed to renew it for the Clinton administration in 1994. They erred, and that error should not now be compounded. Trade negotiations are already conducted under broad guidelines approved by Congress and the president.

Having arrived at specific trade pacts under such authority, Congress must not pick and choose, second-guess and thereby jeopardize agreements. With the fast-track arrangements, it can either accept or reject an agreement, not nitpick and rewrite the terms. Thus Congress retains an overall veto; the president retains negotiating power. It is the right balance.

Through the administrations of Presidents Ford, Carter, Reagan, Bush I and early in the first Clinton term, the fast-track authority existed in the White House. The error of failing to restore it after 1994 should not be compounded now by defeat of the proposal.

America's efficiency in all phases of food production means it can compete effectively on a worldwide basis. This advantage cannot be exercised to improve the economic status of agriculture by tying the hands of the one individual who can, with a cooperative Congress, do most to encourage beneficial trading terms to reach consumers in foreign nations.

The letter to current Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman, signed by those 10 former secretaries, said, "American agriculture has much to gain by passage of Trade Promotion Authority and too much to lose if Congress fails to seize this opportunity."

Re-establishing this authority would do much to assure Americans, and especially those involved in farming and ranching, that their economic opportunities will not be hostage to narrow partisanship.

HONORING 76 YEARS OF THE NEW
ENGLAND COUNCIL

HON. CHARLES F. BASS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2001

Mr. BASS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the New England Council as they celebrate their 76th Anniversary of being a regional voice for the people of New England.

For over seventy-five years, the New England Council has been instrumental in uniting the region's business and political leaders to discuss and shape public policies and programs that advance the economic well-being of the region. As a non-profit alliance of schools, hospitals, corporations, public agencies and other organizations throughout New England, the Council has worked diligently to promote economic growth and quality of life in the six-state region.

I commend your leadership in looking for regional solutions on issues including energy, workforce development, health care, transportation and privacy. Under the leadership of Jim Brett and the Council's esteemed Board of Directors, the Council has played a significant role in both providing a forum and in advocating an agenda that addresses those issues impacting New Englanders and the regional economy.

I applaud the Council's efforts to promote the economic growth of New England and to improve the quality of life for those who live throughout the region.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 76th Anniversary of the New England Council and in wishing the Council continued success as it faces the challenges and possibilities of the 21st Century.