

educated population that has never abandoned the vision of its founders of successful small-town life.

La Cañada Flintridge is a bustling suburb with several important landmarks. The most recognizable institution in La Cañada Flintridge is the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, the world's leading center for robotic exploration of the solar system, which is managed for NASA by the California Institute of Technology. La Cañada Flintridge is also home to Descanso Gardens, a 165-acre botanical garden famous throughout the nation. The city also provides its citizens a full range of vital services and an excellent education in an independent school district.

On this 25th anniversary of the incorporation of La Cañada Flintridge, I offer my sincere congratulations to the city and its residents. La Cañada Flintridge exemplifies the American dream of a diverse coalition of individuals and families working together to secure business success, a high quality of life, and the friendliness and cooperation that is a hallmark of America's small-town suburbs.

**RECOGNIZE THE STUDENT BODY
OF SAVANNAH HIGH SCHOOL**

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 4, 2001

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Student Body of Savannah High School for their work and sacrifice in honor of all the people who both survived and who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, their families and their friends.

These terrorist attacks mark a solemn moment in America's history. American men and women, civilians and soldiers, firefighters and police, mothers and fathers, were slain for a cause so terrible, so heinous, and so despicable that we find it unimaginable and indescribable. United, Americans seek to find meaning and hope in a seemingly hopeless and meaningless act. In the days since these terrible terrorist attacks, America has been shoulder-to-shoulder in a struggle to meet the challenges of a world that is a little less safe, a little scarier, and far less predictable. The efforts of young people like the Student Body of Savannah High School signify the commitment and concern of Americans everywhere. Our nation's strength does not lie in her military might but rather in the collective compassion of its people.

Since the September 11th terrorist attacks, the Student Body and Faculty of Savannah High School contributed more than \$1,400 and raised more than \$5,300 for the American Red Cross and Salvation Army to assist the grieving families and rescue workers. The patriotism and persistence of the Student Body of Savannah High School is a lasting memorial to the thousands of victims who perished in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania.

Through the days, weeks, and months ahead, all Americans must come together and do what they can to assist the nation's war effort. Whether it is giving blood, sending donations, praying for the thousands of grieving families, or simply saying thanks to the brave men and women who put their lives on the line each and every day so that we may be

free, it is important that the American people are vigilant in their efforts to overcome this evil. Though our nation has witnessed unspeakable horror, America's virtues, determination, and faith continues to shine brightly on the world.

I am confident that the United States will seek out those that harbor hatred, terror, and depravity in their hearts; and we will defeat them. This is a war that we must, can, and will win. May God bless the families and children grieving across this great nation and may God bless America.

**CELEBRATING HEAR O' ISRAEL
AND THE LISTEN TO THE CRIES
OF THE CHILDREN NATIONAL
CAMPAIGN 2001**

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 4, 2001

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate Hear O' Israel, which is sponsoring the Listen to the Cries of the Children National Campaign 2001. Hear O' Israel International, Inc. developed the campaign to strengthen the unity of families and enhance public awareness of the negative effects that alcohol and drug abuse, family violence, child abuse, and gang activity have on children and their families across Houston.

In October, Hear O' Israel will be celebrating the grand opening of their National Campaign Headquarters in Houston, Texas. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Hear O' Israel.

Mr. Speaker, on February 22, 2001, Houston Mayor Lee P. Brown and the Houston City Council approved the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION: "LISTEN TO THE CRIES OF THE CHILDREN"

A non-profit non-denominational organization, Hear O' Israel International Inc., developed its "Listen to the Cries of the Children" national campaign to strengthen the unity of families and enhance public awareness of the negative side effects that alcohol and drug abuse, family violence, child abuse, and gang activity have on children and their families. The campaign has heard the cries of the children and parents, young and old, and the veterans who are crying out due to neglect, physical challenges; broken homes; and or lack of adequate food, shelter, clothing, health care, or education. The "Listen to the Cries of the Children" National Campaign 2001 will promote ". . . wisdom, knowledge, understanding, and forgiveness that will break the suffering out of their prisons, visible or invisible."

As part of its ongoing effort to help the suffering, Hear O' Israel International, Inc., has conducted community oriented programs, campaigning with former gang members who were shot and, after becoming quadriplegic, are presenting themselves as physical evidence to reinforce the negative consequences of gang involvement and experimenting with drugs and alcohol.

As part of this year's campaign, Hear O' Israel International, Inc., will call for sixty seconds of positive communication between children and adults, in an effort to bridge cultural boundaries and unify a response to listen to the cries of the children. The campaign will also call for a "stop to violence and a response to mercy, love and compassion for our fellow man; turning the hearts

of the fathers to the children and the hearts of the children towards the fathers; linking and strengthening the connection that should be present between every parent, child, American, and citizen of the worldwide."

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Houston do hereby salute Hear O' Israel International Inc., for its efforts to improve and enhance the quality of life for children, and extend best wishes for continued success.

Approved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Houston this 22nd day of February 2001.

**MEMORIAL TO H. NORMAN JOHN-
SON, SAN BERNARDINO CIVIC
LEADER**

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 4, 2001

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like today to pay tribute to H. Norman Johnson, a lifelong civic leader in my hometown of San Bernardino, California. Mr. Johnson, who was the owner and operator of Fourth Street Rock Crusher in San Bernardino, died on September 19 at the age of 73.

Norm Johnson was the old-fashioned kind of civic leader, one who was deeply involved in his community because he loved it and wanted to make it a better place. He never held public office, but could always be counted on to work as a volunteer in the service of San Bernardino. He helped convince voters to pass an improvement tax that has made our streets safe, headed up a drive to provide underprivileged children with dental care and even campaigned to save the historic whistle at the local Santa Fe Railway depot yard.

Much of what Norm Johnson did came with no publicity. He donated all of the concrete for an addition to the local Lighthouse for the Blind, and made a similar donation for an addition to Santa Claus Inc., a local charity. Most of the Little League dugouts in the Inland Empire were provided and poured at no expense by Fourth Street Rock Crusher—and many of those teams were sponsored by the company, as well. When Yucaipa High School needed new volleyball courts, 200 tons of materials were donated by Norm Johnson and his company. When any church called, materials were supplied and delivered at no expense.

Norm Johnson worked closely with local schools long before it became fashionable for companies to "sponsor" a school. He ensured local libraries stayed in business. When San Bernardino Unified School District opened the new Arroyo Valley High School in August, Mr. Johnson advanced the city the funds needed to complete street improvements around the school.

A graduate of my alma mater, San Bernardino High, Mr. Johnson went to the University of Arizona to study business and engineering. He returned to take over Fourth Street Rock Crusher when his father became ill, and was in the office nearly every day since. His employees remember him as a tough, solid man who was unwavering in his loyalty to his company family. City officials will remember him for his insistence that they

must meet his standards in supporting San Bernardino. Please join me in expressing our condolences to his wife, Merrily, and three daughters: Christi Bulot, JayAnn Stanley and Debra Ann Borden, and in praising Norm Johnson's dedication to his city and community.

**CONGRESSIONAL TRIBUTE TO
GENERAL HENRY H. SHELTON,
CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT
CHIEFS OF STAFF**

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 4, 2001

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, General Henry H. Shelton became the fourteenth Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on October 1, 1997, and was reconfirmed by the Senate for a second 2-year term in 1999. In this capacity, he serves as the principal military adviser to the President, the Secretary of Defense, and the National Security Council. Prior to becoming Chairman, he served as Commander in Chief of the U.S. Special Operations Command.

Born in Tarboro, North Carolina in January 1942, General Shelton earned a Bachelor of Science degree from North Carolina State University and a Master of Science degree from Auburn University. His military education includes attendance at the Air Command and Staff College in Montgomery, Alabama and at the National War College at Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C.

Commissioned a second lieutenant in the Infantry in 1963 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps, General Shelton spent the next 24 years in a variety of command and staff positions in the continental United States, Hawaii, and Vietnam. He served two tours in Vietnam—the first with the 5th Special Forces Group, the second with the 173d Airborne Brigade. He also commanded the 3d Battalion, 60th Infantry in the 9th Infantry division at Fort Lewis, Washington; served as the 9th Infantry Division's assistant chief of staff for operations; commanded the 1st Brigade of the 82d Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and served as the Chief of Staff of the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, New York.

Following selection for brigadier general in 1987, General Shelton served 2 years in the Operations Directorate of the Joint Staff. In 1989, he began a 2-year assignment as Assistant Division Commander for Operations of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), a tour that included the Division's 7-month deployment to Saudi Arabia for Operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM. Upon returning from the Gulf War, General Shelton was promoted to major general and assigned to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he commanded the 82d Airborne Division. In 1993, he was promoted to lieutenant general and assumed command of the XVIII Airborne Corps. In 1994, while serving as corps commander, General Shelton commanded the Joint Task Force that conducted Operation UPHOLD DEMOCRACY in Haiti. In March 1996, he was promoted to general and became Commander in Chief of the US Special Operations Command.

In his 4 years as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Shelton worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for military members and their families. He championed numerous initiatives including the largest across-the-board pay raise for the military in 18 years—helping to narrow the civilian-military “pay gap.” His push for pay table reform targeted greater increases for mid-grade non-commissioned officers, and his retirement reform package reinstated benefits for those entering service after 1986. Furthermore, thanks to his dedication and support, an enhanced housing allowance was implemented to gradually eliminate out of pocket expenses for service members living off post. Finally, the Chairman was a strong advocate of the effort to reform medical health care, to make medical care more responsive—to include military retirees over 65.

The Chairman made great strides to improve the readiness of the US military by articulating a regimen for increased defense spending. As a result, the Department of Defense realized a \$112 billion increase in defense spending over the 5-year defense plan to arrest declining readiness rates. He additionally implemented new processes to carefully manage high demand/low density resources in support of the National Security Strategy.

The Chairman and his staff published *Joint Vision 2020* to establish goals and the metrics for the future joint force, and he established U.S. Joint Forces Command as the proponent for Joint Experimentation and Joint Force readiness. He established Joint Task Force-Civil support to increase the military's ability to respond to crises in the US homeland and established Joint Task Force-Computer Network Operations to enhance protection of US information networks. General Shelton directed numerous initiatives designed to improve the interoperability of the four Services including a Joint Warfighting Logistics Initiative, development of a Global Information Grid, revision of all Joint Professional Military Education Programs and an enhancement on the joint warfighting focus of the Joint Requirements Oversight Council.

General Shelton's awards and decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal (with 2 oak leaf clusters), Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit (with oak leaf cluster), Bronze Star Medal with V device (with 3 oak leaf clusters), and the Purple Heart. He has also been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, Joint Chiefs of Staff (Identification Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Air Assault Badge, Military Freefall Badge, and Special Forces and Ranger Tabs and numerous foreign awards and badges).

General Shelton is married to the former Carolyn L. Johnson of Speed, North Carolina. Mrs. Shelton has been actively involved with service issues and support to military families throughout General Shelton's career. The General and Mrs. Shelton have three sons; Jonathan, a Special Agent in the US Secret Service; Jeffrey, a US Army Special Operations soldier, and Mark, their youngest son.

General Shelton represented the US military with great distinction for the past four years as its senior military officer. He participated in policy-making at the highest levels of govern-

ment but never lost the common touch with our men and women in uniform. General Shelton will indeed be remembered as a soldiers' soldier and a quiet professional.

TRIBUTE TO SARA LYNN STERLING, KRISTEN ROBINSON, AND JORDON SMITH OF LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 4, 2001

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sara Lynn Sterling, Kristen Robinson, and Jordan Smith of Liberty High School for their work in honor of all the people who both survived and who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on September 11th, 2001, their families and their friends.

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Since the September 11th, terrorist attacks, Sara Lynn Sterling, Kristen Robinson, and Jordan Smith of Liberty High School have been decorating their fellow classmates jeans in lieu of donations for the grieving families and rescue workers. The patriotism and persistence of Sara Lynn Sterling, Kristen Robinson, and Jordan Smith of Liberty High School is a lasting memorial to the thousands of victims who perished in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania.

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