

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF TEXAS
A&M UNIVERSITY

HON. KEVIN BRADY
OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 4, 2001

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Texas A&M University, the oldest public university in Texas, which is celebrating its 125th anniversary today. By virtue of being the first public institution of higher learning opened in the state of Texas, today we commemorate a milestone for public higher education in Texas.

When Texas A&M opened on October 4, 1876 it attracted a mere six students. Today its student body has grown to nearly 45,000, a level that is expected to once again place it among the five largest universities in the nation. Since its opening, Texas A&M has awarded more than 265,000 degrees. Its graduates include Texas Governor Rick Perry, Bolivian President Jorge F. Quiroga, legislators and other public officials at both the Federal and state levels, chief executive officers of Fortune 500 companies and numerous other highly successful individuals in business, industry and education. Additionally, it has produced thousands of officers for all branches of the military, including more than 200 who have achieved the rank of general or admiral.

While teaching at both the undergraduate and graduate levels will always be central to Texas A&M's multiple missions, the University has emerged as a major research institution. In fact, this past May it was selected for membership in the Association of American Universities (AAU), the prestigious 101-year-old organization that restricts its ranks to the nation's premier public and private institutions of higher learning. Texas A&M's annual investment in research now totals more than \$400 million annually—the most for any institution in Texas or the Southwest. The myriad of studies and experiments are significantly enhancing the basic body of knowledge, and many of the projects have had major economic impact on the state and nation.

Texas A&M's success in teaching and research can be attributed to an outstanding faculty whose ranks now total approximately 2,400. Included are scores of individuals who are considered among the best in their fields—nationally and internationally. The faculty includes a winner of the Nobel Prize, the National Medal of Science, the World Food Prize and numerous members of the National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Engineering.

Mr. Speaker, Texas A&M was founded as a Land-Grant College under provisions of the Morrill Act which was approved by Congress on July 2, 1862. The act stipulated that such institutions "leading object shall be, without excluding other scientific and classical studies and including military tactics, to teach such branches of learning as are related to agriculture and mechanical arts in order to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes in the various pursuits and professions in life . . .".

By most assessments, Texas A&M is unsurpassed in staying true to its Land-Grant heritage while expanding into other areas that pro-

vide the foundations for a leading 21st Century university. For example Texas A&M's Colleges of Agriculture and Engineering are among the largest and most respected in the nation, and its Corps of Cadets is the largest uniformed student organization on any campus in the nation, except for the service academies.

Additionally, Texas A&M took the lead nationally in applying the Land-Grant concept to two other areas that are crucial to the nation, specifically sea and space. The concept that led to the Federal creation of Sea-Grant and Space-Grant Colleges was initiated at Texas A&M, and Texas A&M is one of a select few institutions to hold Federal mandates as a Land-, Sea- and Space-Grant College.

Mr. Speaker, I have been fortunate to represent and work closely with Texas A&M University since I was elected to Congress in 1996. During this time I have seen first-hand from the students, the faculty, and the administration why Texas A&M University has become one of our nation's premier universities.

Again, I wish to congratulate Texas A&M University on its first 125 years and wish everyone there much success in the university's next 125 years.

REACHING UP AND OUT . . .
EMPOWERING OTHER WOMEN

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, on October 15, an extraordinary fashion show will take place in Chicago. This fashion show, sponsored by the law firm of Arnstein & Lehr, is designed by women who are committed to improving opportunities for other women.

The theme of this fashion show is "Reaching Up and Out . . . Empowering Other Women." I want to commend Arnstein & Lehr for their tremendous work in putting this event together. They have demonstrated a commitment to improving the lives of women in the Chicagoland community that is extraordinary, and I believe that this is the first example of a law firm hosting such an event. I hope that other firms will follow their example.

The proceeds of the October 15 fashion show will benefit two wonderful charities. The Prentice Women's Hospital at Northwestern Memorial Hospital is one of the most pre-eminent women's hospitals in the country, providing clinical care, education and research into women's health care. For too long, medical research and delivery services have failed to address the needs of women. Prentice Women's Hospital is playing a tremendous part in changing that, by focusing on women's health and allowing women to be actively involved in improving their access to medical care. The Nathaniel B. and Joyce Miriam Hirschtick Memorial Matching Gift Program will be unveiled at the Chicago Fashion Show, and it will continue to raise funds for Prentice Women's Hospital.

The other charity that will benefit is the Bottomless Closet, an organization also dedicated to improving the lives of women. The Mission

Statement of the Bottomless Closet is "to provide professional clothing, job retention training, coaching and mentoring services to working-poor women, enabling them to add value to the organizations that hire them while empowering them to craft a new vision for their lives." Clothes can make a difference, not just in how others see us but in how we see ourselves. The Bottomless Closet makes sure that low-income and working-poor women have the tools necessary to achieve their goals. With that assistance, women will be empowered to improve the well-being of their families and to become productive members of their community.

In addition to commanding Arnstein & Lehr, I want to recognize the contributions of Cynde Hirschtick Munzer, a key organizer and moderator of this event, as well as Terry Schwartz and Gwen Rich, who are coordinating the Chicago Fashion Show and outfitting the models. I am pleased to be one of the participants in the Chicago Fashion Show. I also want to recognize the other women who will model clothing: Joy Cunningham, senior vice president and general counsel of Northwestern Memorial Hospital; Carrie Hightman, President of Ameritech Illinois; Mary Pat Reilly, press secretary to Senator DICK DURBIN; Rhoda Belson Salins, senior vice president of Solomon Smith Barney; Sheryl Swibel, a family therapist; Martha Tuite, a Chicago realtor; Vicki Turoff, Northwestern Memorial Hospital Service League board member; Stacey Kruger Birndorf, corporate managing director of Cushman & Wakefield of Illinois; Kathy Brock, anchorwoman at WLS-TV; Renee Cipriano, director of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency; Sherren Leigh, editor of Today's Chicago Women; Roni Weiner Pressler, assistant vice president of Illinois State Medical Insurance Services, Inc.; and the Honorable Rita Mullins, mayor of the Village of Palatine. Their willingness to contribute their time to this important event is greatly appreciated.

Arnstein & Lehr is not just putting together a charity Fashion Show in Chicago. They will also host a similar event in Miami later this year, where the benefiting charities will be the Women's Fund of Miami-Dade County and Suited for Success.

Again, I want to congratulate and commend Arnstein & Lehr for demonstrating such a wonderful commitment to women in their communities and for acting now at a time when our nation is facing economic difficulties and security threats. Now, more than ever, it is important for all of us—individuals and businesses alike—to support each other. The Chicago Fashion Show is a wonderful example of how one law firm can make a difference in the lives of many.

MARC TENBUSCH: DEAN OF THE
POLKA DANCERS

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Marc Tenbusch for his induction into the Michigan State Polka Music Hall of Fame.

Michigan is a state whose citizens are proud of their multi-cultural ancestry and who delight in celebrating that diversity with others. The Polish community is one of the proudest in Michigan, bringing with it a love for good food, good spirits, fellowship, dancing and the lively, footstomping traditions of the polka.

When Marc first hit the dance floor in the early 1950s to step to the sounds of the polka, he both fulfilled a family tradition and became part of a rich musical heritage with origins in the European waltz and the folk dancing of many lands. Contemporary polka music and dance represents a melange of musical talents and dancing styles brought to America by the many immigrants that created our great melting pot culture. Marc quickly became a master practitioner of the polka and a much sought after dance partner at places such as the Arcadia Ballroom in Parisville, Ravenna Gardens near Saginaw and Edgewood Gardens in Owosso.

Many former students at Ubly Community still fondly recall Marc teaching them the polka, the waltz and the oberek as they listened to records on an old juke box in the school gymnasium. Marc also later took his passion for the polka to Fort Bliss, Texas, during a stint in the Army, where he always insisted a few polka tunes be played at Sunday evening get-togethers at a singles club on post. When he returned to the Ubly area, Marc continued promoting the polka and sponsoring dances. The citizens of Parisville will always be grateful for a polka dance fund-raiser he organized to help pay for rebuilding Saint Mary Catholic Church after a fire destroyed the original structure.

Marc's reputation as a premier polka dancer was well-known beyond mid-Michigan and he proudly recounts taking part in a contest at the Polkabration in New London, Connecticut, with a well-known dancer called "Tillie from Philly." He also was honored to serve as a groomsman in the wedding party of "Big Daddy" Marshall Lackowski and Mary Ann Finnelli at the Polish Home in Baywood, New Jersey, where he danced the Baltimore Polish Wedding March and the New Jersey Bounce.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Marc Tenbusch on achieving the Michigan Polka Music industry's highest honor. Marc's polished and seemingly effortless footwork was an inspiration to a generation of polka dancers and I am confident that his love of dance will continue to provide encouragement to many more polka dance enthusiasts in the future.

HONORING STEWART R. WALLACE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the contributions that Stewart R. Wallace has made to the mining industry in Colorado. He has made significant strides in the field of exploratory geology. Mr. Wallace's years of work have led to substantial advances in the field of geology.

Stewart Wallace, born in 1919, has spent the majority of his life developing the molybdenum mining industry through extensive geological studies. In 1955, Stewart began work-

ing for Climax Molybdenum in Climax, Colorado. His studies have contributed to a better understanding of the geology of molybdenum ore bodies and aided in developing models that help predict the location of the ore bodies. His most significant discoveries included the Henderson Mine and the Ceresco Ore body at Red Mountain and Climax, respectively. These discoveries provided a significant boost to the Colorado mining industry. Additionally, Stewart's work with molybdenum have also led to significant advances in producing stronger steel alloys.

Mr. Speaker, Stewart Wallace was recently recognized for his achievements at the 2001 National Mining Hall of Fame induction ceremony. I too would like to recognize Mr. Wallace and thank him for the contributions that he has made to the Colorado Mining industry.

HONORING THE CARING SERVICE OF CAROLYN JAFFE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

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Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, special care is needed both medically and emotionally as a person nears the end of their life. Today, I would like to honor a woman whose contributions will never be forgotten as she has provided this care for countless patients throughout her own life. Carolyn Jaffe, a nurse who helped to establish the Hospice of Metro Denver in 1978, passed away on September 27, 2001 at the age of 76 and we will miss by the many whose lives she has touched.

Carolyn was born in Youngstown, Ohio and received her doctorate degree from the University of Denver in 1965. Always selflessly devoting her actions to the care of others in need, Carolyn worked at the Children's Hospital from 1971 until 1983 when she retired. Throughout this time, she directed the audiology and speech pathology department while serving in numerous other capacities in the community. Carolyn concentrated a great deal of her energy with Hospice in addition to her full time job at the Children's Hospital.

Since implementing her vision in 1978 with the Hospice, over 700 patients have experienced the tender thoughtfulness of the facility and its people. In fact, the Hospice of Metro Denver has developed into the largest hospice in the Rocky Mountain region. Carolyn and her co-founder realized how sensitive this time is and the critical conditions that people face in life. Thus, they created the Hospice to provide a setting that creates a sense of comfort and security to its patients. This transformational approach, outlined in her book All Kinds of Love: Experiencing Hospice, which she co-authored with Carol H. Ehrlich, viewed dying patients as people worthy of care and not just subjects that consume resources.

Mr. Speaker, Carolyn Jaffe was a highly respected member of the Denver community and never asked for anything in return for her helping hands. Just as she helped many others and their transition to a life without a loved one, it is our time to assist her family and friends at this time of remembrance and mourning. With a solemn heart, I would like to extend my deepest sympathies and the respect and sympathies of this body of Con-

gress to her family and wish them all of the best in years to come. Carolyn was a tremendous person and she will be missed greatly.

HONORING WILLIAM R. MARTINELLI

HON. ROB SIMMONS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 4, 2001

Mr. SIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor an individual, a friend, and pay tribute to the late William Martinelli, from Mystic, Connecticut, a veteran and a civic leader in our community.

Bill was a pillar of the Martinelli family. From his humble beginning in Norwich, Connecticut, Bill received great success in business and in life, but Bill's greatest satisfaction came from helping others.

Recently I received a letter from his wife, and she said that one of the most important things about Bill was that he hated to see people in need. He would always provide a helping hand during numerous community programs including the Tootsie Roll Drive, Special Olympics, the Mystic Art Festival, the Sunshine Committee and the Used Medical Equipment Committee, for which both he and his wife earned the Connecticut Treasures Award in 2000. Bill touched the lives of many individuals in the community by giving unselfishly.

Bill Martinelli's efforts throughout the years earned him the "Citizen of the Year Award" by the Mystic Chamber of Commerce and had Dec. 2, 1999 proclaimed "Bill Martinelli Day" by the Stonington Board of Selectmen in appreciation for his many volunteer efforts.

Mr. Speaker, Bill Martinelli reached out and touched the lives of many individuals in eastern Connecticut, contributing to a variety of causes. He gave his service to our country in World War II and continued to serve our nation as a pipe fitter at Electric Boat in Groton. Best of all, Bill served my local community faithfully. We will miss him.

Mr. Speaker, I would encourage the Members of the House of Representatives to join me in heartfelt appreciation for the service this great man provided my community. I would also like to ask the House to join me in extending our deepest condolences to Bill's wife, Liz and her four children, Robert, Gary, Gene, and Terry Ann.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND WILLIAM D. WATLEY, PH.D. ON HIS 17TH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 4, 2001

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask my colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in paying tribute to Reverend William D. Watley and his family as he celebrates his 17th anniversary as Pastor of Saint James African Methodist Episcopal Church in Newark, New Jersey.

Reverend Watley has been an active and involved leader, implementing a number of innovative programs, including a successful effort to feed over one thousand people weekly.