

The quality of life and the scope of opportunity for many future citizens will be determined by the quality of teaching in the classroom.

Therefore, I join with all of the citizens in my district in thanking and congratulating Dr. Clarence Romero as he is honored for his devotion to teaching the young minds of our future generations.

HONORING DANIEL S. GOLDIN AS THE LONGEST SERVING ADMINISTRATOR OF THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 8, 2001

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Dan Goldin, who is leaving his position as administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Dan, who was appointed on April 1, 1992, is the longest-serving administrator in the history of NASA. On March 5, 2001, his time in office surpassed that of James Fletcher, who held the previous record of nearly nine years during two separate terms.

As ranking member of the Committee on Science's Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, I have worked with Dan for many years. I have learned that his passion is not limited to the exploration of space. He also cares deeply about the possibilities of science and space to inspire life on Earth. I certainly know that many students in Middle Tennessee have been encouraged and inspired by Dan's vision for space exploration.

Dan initiated his tenure at NASA by leading an agency-wide process to define a NASA Strategic Plan as the consensus definition of the agency's mission and goals. The core guidance in this document states: "NASA's mission success starts with safety. A commitment to safety permeates everything we do." Dan has not wavered in enforcing this priority in every aspect of the agency on the ground and in space.

During Dan's tenure, the International Space Station went from the drawing boards to a fully functional, permanently staffed orbital research laboratory. He directed the Space Station redesign, holding together the coalition of international participants while incorporating the former Soviet Union hardware elements into the design. By developing the cooperative Mir research program with Russia, he enabled Space Station partners to conduct long-term space flight research even before the International Space Station was operational.

Dan's comprehensive strategy for space exploration is exemplified by the "Origins Program." He initiated this program with objectives to understand how the universe has evolved, to learn how life began on Earth, and to see if life exists elsewhere. He formulated a rescue plan for the installation of a "contact lens" on the Hubble Space Telescope, leading to startling discoveries of the cosmos. Dan has challenged the Origins scientists to search for Earth-like planets within 100 light years of Earth. He also has laid the foundation to complete the first scientific census of the solar system and to send the first probe into Interstellar space.

Dan has been a vigorous proponent for increased exploration of Mars. He has established a series of robotic missions that will visit the planet every two years for the next decade and has assured that the public will share in the excitement of Mars exploration. His direction to provide Internet access for the Mars Pathfinder mission resulted in more than three-quarters of a billion "hits" from people tuning in to the site.

In 1998, Aviation Week & Space Technology magazine honored Dan with the Laurel Award for outstanding achievement in aviation and aerospace. The award was presented along with the commentary that Dan has "delivered on his promise to reshape NASA into a model government agency.

This year Dan was awarded one of one of France's highest and most distinguished honors: the "Officer of the Legion of Honor." This award recognized his contribution to the development and broadening of American-French civil space cooperation through cooperative ventures including the International Space Station, Mars exploration, Earth observations, and the flight of French astronauts aboard the Space Shuttle.

Under Dan's leadership NASA has reached out to honor the victims of last month's terrorist attacks in New York. The next mission of the Space Shuttle Endeavour will carry "Flags for Heroes and Families." Thousands of American flags will be carried into space by Endeavor and its seven member crew and, upon return to Earth, will be distributed to the victims' families and survivors of the September 11 attacks.

Dan always recognized NASA's potential to inspire students to elect careers in science mathematics and engineering. His personal leadership and the NASA programs that he supported have involved hundreds of students in hands-on research experiences. NASA's Summer High School Apprenticeship Research Program not only allows the students to actually participate in research, but it also pays them a salary as well. This intensive science and engineering apprenticeship program is specifically designed to attract and increase under-represented students' participation and success rates in mathematics, science, technology and engineering courses.

Mr. Speaker, the nation is fortunate to have such outstanding public servants as Administrator Goldin. He has led NASA and its international partners in exploring the frontiers of space and inspiring benefits to life on Earth. Accordingly, it is appropriate today that we recognize and highly commend Daniel Goldin as the longest serving administrator of NASA and that we express our appreciation for his leadership of the nation's space program.

ECONOMIC SECURITY AND RECOVERY ACT OF 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. BILL LUTHER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 24, 2001

Mr. LUTHER. Mr. Speaker, the events of September 11th have transformed the policy agenda for our nation. Over the past six weeks, we have witnessed truly heroic acts by individuals and organizations on behalf of the

victims and their families. We have also seen this body work in a truly remarkable bipartisan fashion. In short, the nation has united behind a cause in a manner we have not seen in over a generation.

Our global campaign to root out terrorism will be a long-term commitment requiring patience and, most importantly, sacrifices from all involved. Previous generations have endured and prevailed in unified international efforts in the name of freedom and democracy—and they all required patience and sacrifices from the American people. In this vein, I believe any economic stimulus package passed by this Congress should reflect the reality that our top priority must be to drive the war effort while improving security and maintaining prosperity at home.

Unfortunately, H.R. 3090 is not that kind of package. \$10 billion is devoted to reducing the capital gains tax, a proposal that Alan Greenspan recently told Congress would have virtually no stimulative economic value. In addition, not one dollar goes to important infrastructure improvements to secure our airports, seaports, dams and power plants, or to protect us from bioterrorism. A responsible stimulus package should include meaningful provisions to improve security for the American people. This would, in turn, contribute to consumer confidence and create a positive ripple effect through the economy.

This Congress needs to continue the bipartisan approach of the past few weeks and develop a stimulus package that truly serves the interests of our country. This is not the time to be passing legislation that is little more than a grab bag of goodies for special interests. Rather, this is the time to be appealing to the greater good of the American people. They are willing to do what it will take to win this war—we just need leadership in Congress that measures up to the courage and will of the American people.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT ROUMIGUIERE

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 8, 2001

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert Roumiguere, a Marin County political leader who served on the Board of Supervisors for 22 years. Mr. Roumiguere died on November 5, 2001, of a heart attack.

Mr. Roumiguere will be remembered especially for his role in creating parks in Central Marin and preserving open space on the County's ridgelines. He was also instrumental in securing acquisition of the Northwestern Pacific railroad right of way in hopes of creating commuter rail service and fought for improvements to the Highway 101 Freeway and use of Hamilton Field as a business hub.

As a fiscal watchdog, Mr. Roumiguere sought to curb county spending. His tenacious negotiating style focused on bringing stakeholders together to find common ground. He was able to work with both Marin business community and environmentalists to achieve consensus.

After his 22 years as Supervisor, Mr. Roumiguere served on the county employees' retirement board. He had a background in

the real estate business in Marin County and often shared the products of Roumiguiere Vineyards (Big Red), which he purchased in Lake County in 1980. His involvement with civic groups includes the Man'n Council of Boy Scouts of America, Marin Board of Realtors, Marin Shakespeare Festival, San Rafael High School PTA, and the Louise A. Boyd Marin Museum.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Robert Roumiguiere for his many contributions to our community. His vision for Marin County will continue to inspire all of us—and he will be sorely missed.

RECOGNIZING PETER VANG

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 8, 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Peter Vang for receiving the Portraits of Success Award presented by KSEE-24 and Companies that Care. This award pays tribute to Mr. Vang's involvement in the Asian-American community. Peter's active involvement has made him a role model for the members of his local community.

Mr. Vang is currently a staff analyst for the Fresno County Human Services System, acting as a community liaison between the refugee community and the Human Services System. He also coordinates and hosts the Southeast Asian Talk Show series on Radio KVIF 900 AM.

Mr. Vang has served the Southeast Asian community through his innumerable undertakings. He has served in many different Southeast Asian organizations and is the founder of the Hmong American Citizens Alliance and Co-founder of the Laotian Chamber of Commerce.

His accomplishments have earned him a Portraits of Success Award, presented by KSEE-24 and Companies that Care in recognition of Asian-American Heritage Month.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Peter Vang for his commitment to improving the lives of the people in the community, I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Vang many more years of continued success.

HONORING PASTOR JOSEPH W.
AND JOYCE ELLWANGER

HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 8, 2001

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the work of Pastor Joseph and Joyce Ellwanger as they retire from Cross Lutheran Church after more than thirty years of service to both their congregation and the people of Milwaukee.

Pastor Joe began his ministry at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Birmingham, Alabama, during the era of the civil rights movement. It was at this time that he became committed to serving the poor and supporting social justice issues, this mission would become the framework for his life. In 1965, he joined the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr., and several

members of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in meeting with then—President Lyndon B. Johnson and petitioned him to swiftly pass the Voting Rights Act.

The Ellwangers came to Milwaukee in 1967 to serve Cross Lutheran Church. They strengthened the faith and ministry of the Church and reached out to outlying communities. Through their leadership and vision, the congregation has become one known for its racial diversity, social justice, and emphasis on youth ministry.

Both Pastor Joe and his wife, Joyce, saw the necessity of working ecumenically with others to obtain justice ministry in the life of the faith community. Pastor Joe's commitment is made evident through the creation of MICAH (Milwaukee Innercity Churches Allied for Hope), and participation in AODA Treatment Committee and the Education Committee. Joyce's dedication to serving others has been made visible through her coordination of outreach programs in community organizations, such as the World Food Day for Hunger Task Force, and the Hope House.

During their 34 years in Milwaukee, Pastor Joe and Joyce have impacted our community in many positive ways, and they will be sorely missed. I am proud to join the members of Cross Lutheran Church in thanking them for their service to the people of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Please join me in honoring Pastor Joseph and Joyce Ellwanger for their enormous contributions and wishing them well in the future.

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 8, 2001

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, "Some 2,500 years ago, the Greek philosopher Aristotle postulated that all matter is comprised of four basic elements: earth, water, air, and fire. The idea dominated science until the late 18th century, when revolutionaries from rival nations transformed chemistry from a jumble of medieval alchemy into a true science."

This quotation, from the American Chemical Society's *Frontiers of Knowledge*, provides us with a perspective on chemistry's birth and its role as a cornerstone of modern science. I rise today to congratulate the American Chemical Society on the 125th anniversary of their establishment. The ACS has been both a symbol and active advocate for basic and applied research and the promotion of the benefits of a healthy and active chemical industry.

The interaction between science, government, and the vitality of our nation are closely linked. Developments in chemistry are reflected in policy and public priorities throughout the world. This was probably far from the thoughts of the founders when they first met in New York on April 6, 1876 to organize the Society. As late as 1901, one of ACS' past presidents predicted a membership of nearly 10,000 chemists on their 100-year anniversary in 1976. In fact, membership in ACS reached 10,603 in 1917 and is over 163,000 today. To put ACS' inaugural year in perspective, this same year saw the issuance of a U.S. patent on the telephone to Alexander Graham Bell,

the defeat of General Custer at Little Big Horn, and the formation of the National League of Professional Baseball Clubs.

The need for a national organization to support chemists was reflected in an overwhelming number of early requests to form first a local New York City society and then a national society. The first regularly-scheduled meeting of the ACS took place on May 4, 1876. Annual dues were \$5. ACS was still a New York corporation in 1937 when it reincorporated under an act of Congress, signed into law by President Franklin D. Roosevelt as Public Act 358. ACS headquarters soon found a home in Washington, DC. Proceedings of the meetings were communicated to the chemical community through the publication of the *Journal of the American Chemical Society*, beginning in 1879. This journal was created to keep chemists informed about developments on the chemical frontier and is still the primary forum to communicate achievements in chemistry today.

Developments in chemistry often paralleled national and global events. The impetus supplied by both World Wars I and II had an enormous impact on science and technology, and thus the nature of the ACS and the worldwide chemical enterprise. In fact, the end of WWII saw ACS as the new trustee of the Petroleum Research Fund, to be used solely to support advanced scientific education and fundamental research in the petroleum field. Petroleum security and supply remains one of the more crucial issues being addressed by professional chemists even today.

In the mid-1960s, the growing role of the federal government in funding scientific research caused ACS to intensify their work in public affairs. They began to develop congressional testimony and public statements of the Society's position on a number of important matters under consideration by Congress and other federal agencies, including the government's cutbacks in space and military research and development. ACS was instrumental in helping chemists protect their jobs during economic downturns in these industries and to enhance the professional image of the discipline.

In the late 20th century, significant developments in the field of electronics and microprocessor technology resulted in a sea change in analytical instrumentation, from chromatographs, both gas and liquid, to spectrometers, to wet chemistry systems. The development of fiber optic cables improved the storage and transmission of chemical data. As a result, ACS Division of Computers in Chemistry was formed in April 1974. Chemistry was becoming an integral part of the new global economy and information network. This is particularly relevant in northern New Jersey where ACS has spearheaded efforts to make this area a global leader in the development and production of pharmaceuticals.

Over the last several decades, ACS realized that the public's view of the chemical industry was becoming tainted by some high-profile cases of contamination, initially triggered by the publication of Rachel Carson's "Silent Spring" and further reinforced by chemical releases endangering public health at Love Canal and Bhopal, India. To offset these events, ACS encouraged the establishment of the Chemical Manufacturers Association's (now the American Chemistry Council) Responsible Care Program. The goals of the program are to improve the chemical industry's