

RECOGNIZING DR. STARZL, A  
PIONEER IN ORGAN TRANSPLANTS

**HON. PHIL ENGLISH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 4, 2001*

Mr. ENGLISH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of a great man, one who is truly a living legend. Transplant pioneer Thomas E. Starzl not only performed the world's first liver transplant in 1963 and the first successful series of kidney transplants between nonidentical twins between 1963, and 1964, he has for forty decades continued to make equally extraordinary advancements.

For instance, in 1980, just before coming to the University of Pittsburgh, he developed a combination of drugs that transformed transplantation of the liver and heart from an experimental procedure to an accepted form of treatment for patients with end-stage organ failure and opened the door to pancreas and lung transplantation. In 1989, his development of another drug markedly improved survival rates for all kinds of transplants and made possible for the first time successful transplantation of the small intestine.

The entire field of transplantation has advanced because of his courage, his genius, and his compassion for his patients.

When Pittsburgh welcomed him just 20 years ago, no one had any idea the incredible contributions this man would make to medicine and mankind. Indeed, the city has enjoyed an enhanced reputation because he chose to make the University of Pittsburgh his academic home. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the first liver transplant he performed in Pittsburgh. Since then, surgeons at the University of Pittsburgh and the UPMC Health System have performed nearly 6,000 liver transplants and more than 11,300 transplants of all organs. No other center in the world comes close.

But the impact of Dr. Starzl's work goes far beyond Pittsburgh. Patients throughout the world, even those who have not been under his skillful care, have benefited from his contributions. He has trained numerous surgeons and research scientists. In fact, many, if not most of the world's transplant surgeons and physicians have been trained by Dr. Starzl or by those trained by him. Later this month, many of these former students and colleagues will honor Dr. Starzl at a scientific symposium in his honor, and the University of Pittsburgh will unveil his portrait, which will hang in the School of Medicine with the likes of other great pioneers, including Jonas Salk.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in honoring and thanking one of history's great surgeons, Dr. Thomas Starzl.

TRIBUTE TO COMMANDER JOHN  
LITTLE

**HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 4, 2001*

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding Naval Officer, Commander John D. Little who served

with distinction and dedication for three years for the Secretary of the Navy and Chief of Naval Operations under the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (FM&C) as the Deputy Director in the Appropriations Matters Office.

It is a privilege for me to recognize his many outstanding achievements and commend him for the superb service he has provided to the Department of the Navy, the Congress, and our great Nation as a whole.

During his tenure in the Appropriations Matters Office, which began in April of 1998, Commander Little has provided members of the House Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Defense as well as our professional and associate staffs with timely and accurate support regarding Navy plans, programs and budget decisions. His valuable contributions have enabled the Defense Subcommittee and the Department of the Navy to strengthen its close working relationship and to ensure the most modern, well-trained and well-equipped naval forces attainable for the defense of this nation.

Mr. Speaker, John Little and his wife Marianne have made many sacrifices during his naval career. His distinguished service has exemplified honor, courage and commitment. John's first love is to return to the sea as the Commander of a United States Navy Ship. His dream comes true as later this Spring he assumes command of the U.S.S. *Thorn* (DD-988) and her crew of 330 officers and sailors.

As this great Navy couple and their two daughters Mollie and Frances and their new born son John, Jr. depart the Appropriations Matters Office to embark on yet another Navy adventure in the service of a grateful nation, I call upon my colleagues to wish them both every success and the traditional Navy send-off "fair winds and following seas."

PLUMBING STANDARDS  
IMPROVEMENT ACT

**HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 4, 2001*

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Plumbing Standards Improvement Act of 2001. This bill would begin to restore common sense to our government by repealing the ridiculous Congressional mandates on toilet size and showerhead flow, 1.6 gallons per flush and 2.5 gallons per minute, respectively.

With the help of the U.S. Department of Energy, environmental activist and plumbing manufacturers claimed it was essential to restrict water consumption in toilets and showerheads. Instead of allowing individuals to make their own choices, this group claimed the federal government should choose the types of plumbing fixtures Americans can use in their private and public bathrooms. As a result, this group was able to include an obscure rider at the eleventh hour to the Energy Policy Act (EPA), which Congress passed in 1992.

Since passage of the 1992 EPA, the voices in opposition to this policy have become loud and clear. I have heard the cries from across the country and they want the federal government out of their bathrooms. While support for ending these mandates has steadily grown, the importance of this issue has grown even

further. Last year the Department of Energy introduced new regulations on washing machines, air conditioners, and heating pumps. The federal government has become too intrusive; regulating people's private lives.

The Plumbing Standards Improvement Act of 2001 does not implement any new restrictions or standards. It simply allows each individual consumer to make choices that best fits their needs. Washington has no business dictating to American consumers on the size of their toilet or the flow of their shower. One-size-fits-all mandates are unfair and a draconian measure to regulate resources. It assumes that every American faces the same situations in their daily lives.

Our failed policy on plumbing fixtures has strangled the market, created innumerable headaches, and put us at risk of suffering further one-size-fits-all mandates. Now is the time to heed the call of suffering Americans, pass the Plumbing Standards Improvement Act of 2001 and restore wisdom to our federal government.

GREAT BASKETBALL IN THE 6TH  
DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

**HON. HOWARD COBLE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 4, 2001*

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, Durham, North Carolina, is the center of the basketball universe these days as Duke University celebrates its NCAA national men's basketball championship. The Sixth District of North Carolina, however, can also claim to be a basketball hotbed as we celebrate the arrival of two high school basketball champions—and they both reside in the same city. High Point, North Carolina, is the new home of the Girls 2-A state champion High Point Central Bison as well as the Boys 3-A state champion T. Wingate Andrews Red Raiders.

On March 9, the High Point Central girls completed a remarkable basketball season by defeating Eastern Alamance 92-62 to capture the Girls 2-A state title. While the overwhelming victory in the championship game was impressive in itself, it only capped what will be long remembered as one of the greatest high school basketball seasons ever. The Bison completed the season with a perfect record of 30-0. This was High Point Central's first undefeated season since 1993 when the Bison went 31-0 en route to the state 3-A title. Can you mention the word dynasty when you talk about the Bison? Central's championship this year was its second in the last three years and fourth in the last nine years. That's a better record than the Duke Blue Devils!

As the championship game Most Valuable Player Velinda Vuncannon told the High Point Enterprise, "We just played with a lot of heart tonight," she said. "We played as one, as a unit. We came out with a fire. It's great to have another ring on my finger. It's a wonderful way to go out." Vuncannon earned MVP honors with a performance that included 17 points, 13 assists, and four steals. The win, however, was a total team effort. Leslie Cook led the way with 23 points, while Rachel Stockdale added 19 points, and Nikki Warren chimed in with 13.

Congratulations are in order for Head Coach Kenny Carter and his outstanding staff in leading the Bison to their undefeated season. Joining Coach Carter on the bench were Associate Coach Jetanna McClain and Assistant Coaches Chris Martin, Dwain Waddell, Chris Shafer, and Twila Filipiak. Supporting the team effort were Managers Chastity Brown and Shauntae Pratt. Aply assisting were Video Managers Alan Byerly and David Gallemore, along with Scorekeeper Jessica Allen.

Of course, as Coach Carter would be the first to say, the praise must begin with the players. Members of this year's championship squad included Leslie Cook, Kathryn Fulp, Mary Gheen, Erica Green, Brittany Hendley, Laura Kirby, Shameka Leach, Jillian Martin, Krystion Obie, Rachel Stockdale, Velinda Vuncannon, and Nikki Warren. So, we congratulate the players, coaches and staff, along with Athletic Director Gary Whitman and Principal Helen Lankford, and everyone associated with High Point Central High School for winning the Girls 2-A state basketball championship.

Meanwhile, across town, the Red Raiders of T. Wingate Andrews High School are celebrating their own championship. On March 10, Andrews captured the Boys 3-A state basketball championship with a 63-60 victory over Kinston High School. The Raiders proved the old adage that it is good to peak late in the season. Andrews had lost four of its first 10 games to open the season but was riding a 12-game winning streak going into the title contest with the Vikings of Kinston. The Raiders, who finished with a record of 26-6, knew it was their night. "We wanted this more than anybody," Will Price told the High Point Enterprise. "We won 13 games in a row (counting the title game) and proved we're one of the best teams in the state right now." Price, a sophomore point guard, had a game-high 28 points, including hitting 5-of-6 free throws in the final 40 seconds of the contest, to capture Most Valuable Player honors.

This was the second state basketball championship in the school's history. The Red Raiders had last won the state title in 1995. Leading the way this year was Head Coach Frank Hairston. Assistant Coaches David Kirkland and Jim Pierson, Head Athletic Trainer Laura Blacksten and Assistant Athletic Trainer Summer Green, along with Managers Julian Weathers and Aaron Ollis ably assisted him.

The members of the championship squad included Freddie Aughtry-Lindsay, Tim Bowden, Jeff Collie, Lester Dunn, Steve Gillespie, Corey Hill, James Ledbetter, Rod McCollum, Will Price, Brandel Shouse, and Gary Thomas. Everyone at T. Wingate Andrews High School can be justifiably proud of the Red Raiders basketball team. We congratulate Athletic Director David Mizell and Principal Jerry Hairston and everyone at Andrews for winning the state Boys 3-A basketball championship.

While they may still be celebrating in Durham, we know the real home of champions is in High Point, North Carolina. On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District, we congratulate High Point Central High School and T. Wingate Andrews High School for winning state basketball championships.

A TRIBUTE TO THE STEWART FAMILY AND THE STEWART FUNERAL HOME 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, April 4, 2001*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, last December 2, 2000 in Washington, DC, members of the Stewart Family celebrated the 100th year Anniversary of Stewart Funeral Home.

John Thomas Stewart, Sr., a young African-American Christian man traveled along dirt roads and trolley tracks to Washington, DC, holding tight to a big dream. He was determined to serve his community and to provide dignified funeral services for Washingtonians. He borrowed money from his brothers and sisters to purchase a casket and a gravesite, and then walked to a Northeast Washington home and arranged for the burial of a child. Mr. Stewart founded the Stewart Funeral Home at 62 H Street NW, Washington, DC, marking the beginning of a rich heritage and tradition of professionalism and community service in the Washington, DC metropolitan community, referred to by the Stewart family as "The Tradition of Stewartship."

To meet the needs of rapid growth, John T. Stewart, Sr. and his family expanded the business and twice moved the funeral home to new locations on H Street NE. During this first half-century, the elder John Stewart became well-known throughout the local community for his Christian charity, kindness and benevolence. The Federation of Civic Associations in 1957 dedicated a booklet in commemoration to him that stated, ". . . John Stewart did not aspire to be famous or great. Rather, he was a plain, God-fearing man who sought only to live a full and useful life, devoted to his family, his business, his church and the community. He was dedicated to helping others and lending a helping hand to the less fortunate. He carved out a niche in the hearts of his neighbors through his kindness, tolerance and generosity. His unselfish willingness to help others, without thought of credit or reward, looms large in the rich spiritual legacy he left, transcending fame and greatness." John T. Stewart, Sr. had the wisdom and forethought to share his knowledge and philosophy with his eventual successor, John T. Stewart, Jr.

John T. Stewart, Jr. was indoctrinated with the proud Tradition of Stewartship and continued his father's legacy. He and his wife, Margaret Stewart, who gave up her career as a teacher in Prince George's County, continued the tradition of sympathy and service to the community, serving in both leadership and advisory roles in numerous civic, religious and public service organizations.

In 1964, with continued growth of the business and inherited dedication to providing top quality care and sympathy, John T. Stewart, Jr. built a first rate facility at 4001 Benning Road, NE, which today stands as a landmark institution in Washington, DC. This new and modern facility was built as a memorial to John, Sr., the founder of Stewart Funeral Home. And like his father, John Stewart, Jr. provided guidance to his sons in funeral service and in the importance of community responsibility.

In 2001, Margaret Stewart, her sons, John T. Stewart III and Carlin O. Stewart, and her

granddaughter, Stacey, vigilantly continue the Tradition of Stewartship. Stacey, now under the tutelage of her father, John III, represents the fourth generation of the Stewart Funeral Home family. While their business has changed locations a few times over the last hundred years, the Stewart family has held steadfast to the legacy and landmark principles of quality, integrity, and dignified professional services and community involvement.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to pay tribute to the Stewart family for their outstanding contributions to our community.

JOSEPH BATTISTO HONORED FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN LEGISLATURE

**HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI**

OF PENNSYLVANIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, April 4, 2001*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my very good friend Joseph W. Battisto, who represented Monroe County with distinction in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives from 1983 to 2000.

Since Joe and I had a shared constituency, I had the privilege of working with him on numerous occasions, and I am pleased to join with his many friends, who will hold a dinner in his honor April 19, to thank him for his exceptional service to the people of Monroe County and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Joe, who was born in 1931 in Mount Pocono, is a lifelong resident of the Poconos. He graduated from Stroudsburg High School in 1949, earned a bachelor's degree from East Stroudsburg University in 1956 and graduated with a master's degree from the University of Scranton in 1966. He served his country in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955.

Joe's dedication to education stems from his 23 years as an English teacher. At the end of his teaching career, he was the head of his department at Pocono Mountain High School.

Before serving the people of Monroe County in Harrisburg, he served as a councilman in Mount Pocono Borough from 1970 to 1973 and as mayor from 1974 to 1981.

Mr. Speaker, Joe's accomplishments in the Legislature are too numerous to list them all here, but a few examples will serve to illustrate his dedication to serving the people. Joe worked with Senator Frank O'Connell to preserve a rail line through the county that a company wanted to dismantle. He also worked to obtain funds to promote tourism in Monroe County, so that the Pocono Mountain Vacation Bureau consistently receives among the highest amounts of state dollars of the more than 50 agencies in Pennsylvania each year. He was a leader in establishing the Pocono Mountain Industrial Park, started the Monroe County Litter Control Program and a signage control committee to preserve the natural beauty of the Poconos.

Joe's legislative accomplishments included authoring the Human Relations Act of 1991 that prevents discrimination in areas such as housing, employment and education, authoring a law to allow people 30 days to return defective hearing aids for a full refund, and a law to allow 14- and 15-year-olds to work at ski facilities, which was of great importance to the