

The late Governor Lawton Chiles and Dr. Horacio Aguirre are worthy of the praises of the people of Florida as well as the members of the House of Representatives. They are both great Floridians and Americans.

RECOGNIZING KELLY FUJIKAWA

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kelly Fujikawa for being named Youth Citizen of the Year. The Fowler Chamber of Commerce will present the award to Kelly at Fowler's annual Community Recognition Banquet.

Kelly is currently a senior at Fowler High School, where she is active in school sports, clubs, and student council. She is an honor student and is involved in the Science Olympiad, Academic Decathlon and California Scholarship Federation, Spanish Club, Asian Club, Peer Helper Program, and the school band. Kelly also earned the prestigious honor of being named student representative to the Fowler School District Board for the fall semester.

Her community involvement includes: Girl Scouts, 4-H, Buddhist Church of Fowler, Japanese dance teacher, Sunday School teacher's aide, volunteer pianist, lunch service at the Edwin Blayney Senior Center, and aided at Fowler and National Grange events.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Kelly Fujikawa for her Youth Citizen of the Year Award presented by the Fowler Chamber of Commerce. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Kelly Fujikawa many more years of continued success.

TRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY HEALTH AGENCY OF ATTLEBORO, MASSACHUSETTS

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to applaud the Community Health Agency of Attleboro, Massachusetts. In 1910, town and church officials approached Rena Rounselle, President of the Murray Church Mission Circle, with a challenge. Would she be interested in forming some sort of nursing service for the health and welfare of the citizens of Attleboro?

The ensuing years resulted in clinics for tuberculosis, family welfare, school nurses, new baby welfare, and a myriad of other services. The local pharmacy, doctors, and dentists in the area cooperated and a network of health care professionals to care for the needs of the community was established. Funding, at best, was haphazard—running the gauntlet of tag days, tuberculosis Christmas seals, and very small patient fees.

The present day program has evolved and is now called Community Health Agency, Inc. It encompasses the nine cities and towns in the area and provides skilled nursing care, therapists, home health aids, and hospice to the region. Throughout the years, this agency

has provided the citizens of this community with services during times of great stress to the patients and their families. It is important that the elderly, as well as other community members, have the resources to assist them with their health needs, and accordingly, the agency provides a network of services to assist them. Compassionate and dedicated care by professional and well trained medical staff is the foundation for quality care in the region. Thank you.

I applaud the services that they provide and look forward to the coming years with the hope that the agency will continue to provide services that are so desperately needed.

TRIBUTE TO NICHOLAS W. INMAN

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that Nicholas Inman, of Marshfield, MO, will be retiring as host of the Webster County Opry on May 4, 2001.

In 1997, as a 15 year old boy, Nicholas had a vision to bring quality entertainment and a new tradition of Ozark music to Webster County. Although he faced many obstacles and challenges Nicholas' dream has grown into a reality, known today as the Webster County Opry. His many accomplishments include increasing the Opry membership from eight to 50, welcoming numerous local celebrities and hosting and producing every show in the four year history of the Opry. Nicholas has also received and deserved praise from the late Governor Mel Carnahan and former First Lady Barbara Bush.

Mr. Speaker, Nicholas Inman dedicated himself to the establishment and growth of the Webster County Opry. The joy he brought to so many is indeed commendable. I am certain that the Members of the House will join me in wishing him all the best.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, due to illness, I was unable to be present for rollcall votes 85 through 89. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 85, 86, and 88, and "nay" on rollcall votes 87 and 89.

COMMENDING THE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS OF STUDENTS FROM WILLISTON NORTHAMPTON SCHOOL IN EASTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

HON. JOHN W. OLVER

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the students of Williston Northampton

School in Easthampton, MA for their excellence in academic competition. Under the tutelage of Mr. Peter Gunn, these young people have shown an acute knowledge of the Constitution and its Amendments, in particular the Bill of Rights.

On April 21–23, 2001 more than 1,200 students from across the country were in Washington, DC to demonstrate their expertise in American government and represent their home states as part of the "We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution" program, sponsored in part by the U.S. Department of Education. I am pleased to announce the class from Williston Northampton School participated on behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Mr. Gunn's students have taken a strong interest in the principles that govern our nation. Through their students, they have become aware of the founders' efforts to fashion an enduring republic. Through their accomplishments, they have shown a keen understanding of the political process, its participants and the laws that will ensure America's continued vitality.

It is an honor to recognize such a meritorious group.

HONORING TOM SAWYER

HON. GARY A. CONDIT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. CONDIT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished career of my good friend Merced County Sheriff-Coroner Tom Sawyer. Today, Tom retires after 34 years as a peace officer. True to his nature, he is only stepping aside from one venture to begin another.

I have had the privilege of working with Tom on a wide variety of issues since his earlier service with the California Highway Patrol. He is a respected member of the law enforcement community and is known for his dedication to the community.

Tom has worked on many statewide issues. He serves on the California State Board of Corrections and was instrumental in establishing the Central Valley High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, where he continues to serve as the Intelligence Committee chairman. Since becoming sheriff he has overseen a department that has grown by leaps and bounds.

He has been successful working with the COPs program to put more deputies on the street. He has worked tirelessly to expand the presence of the Merced County Sheriff's Department to transform his vision of improved correctional facilities and the department's relationship with the community. He has done each of these remarkably well.

One prime example is the Explorer Scouts program. When he began his tenure as sheriff, the group consisted of 8 members. Now, I am proud to report to my colleagues, the program thrives with more than 150 outstanding young men and women. Volunteerism is up and through Tom's leadership new substations help secure and ensure the safety of our communities. He has guided the department through growth in many areas including an impressive search and rescue system on land, water and in the air.

Mr. Speaker, Tom's career as Merced County Sheriff-Coroner is distinguished. He has set standards for others to follow. He will be missed. I am proud to call him my friend and would ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to rise and join me in thanking him for a job well done and wishing him the best in his retirement.

RECOGNIZING LEE JOHNSON

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lee Johnson for being named Citizen of the Year. The Fowler Chamber of Commerce will present the award to Lee Johnson at Fowler's annual Community Recognition Banquet.

Lee has been a business owner in Fowler since 1946, when he bought Star Cash Grocery. Several years later he bought Brady's Store and changed the name to Lee's Market. Lee's Market has been a Fowler landmark ever since. The old store building burned down in 1991. Lee, who was 80 years old at the time, decided to rebuild the store along with two adjacent office spaces. The new building stands as a great source of commerce in the middle of Fowler.

Lee has been involved with several professional and community organizations including: Fowler Merchants Association, Fowler Chamber of Commerce, 4-H, Fowler Grange, the new Youth Grange, Fowler Police Department's Volunteers in Patrol Program, Masonic Lodge, American Legion, Lions Club, Fresno County Crippled Children's Fund, and the Presbyterian Church of Fowler.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Lee Johnson for his Citizen of the Year Award presented by the Fowler Chamber of Commerce. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Lee Johnson many more years of continued success.

HONORING DR. DOUGLAS X. PATIÑO

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend an exemplary and truly outstanding public educator who has contributed enormously to the success of many minority and other students in the California public education institutions. Dr. Douglas X. Patiño recently retired from California State University-Long Beach as Vice Chancellor, University Advancement. As Vice Chancellor he brought the CSU from its infancy in development to a position of leadership in California, exceeding fundraising records among comparable institutions. It is truly a proud honor to recognize today the outstanding contributions this gentleman has made in education and public service.

Dr. Patiño has served in numerous positions in education and state government, including executive positions in the cabinets of Gov-

ernor Bruce Babbitt of Arizona and Governor Jerry Brown of California. He also serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of the New Partnerships Foundation and The Patiño Group in San Rafael, California.

His community service activities include currently serving as Trustee of the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation in Flint, Michigan; President Clinton's appointee to the Enterprise for the Americas Board in Washington, DC; as a Board Member of the Centro Mexicano Para La Filantropia, Mexico, D.F.; The California Wellness Foundation, Woodlands Hills, California and The Campanile Foundation in San Diego. He is a leader in developing philanthropic services along the US/Mexican border. When he was President of Hispanics in Philanthropy and a member of the Council of Foundations, he introduced international foundations to border issues. His foundation, the New Partnerships Foundation, is an active supporter of a childcare center in Tijuana, BC, Mexico.

Throughout his career, Dr. Patiño has received multiple honors and awards for his work and devotion to public service including being named as one of the 100 Most Influential Hispanics (1995, 1997 and 1998) Hispanic Business; The Azteca Award for Public Service to United States Farm Worker Families, California Human Development Corp. of Santa Rosa; The Leadership and Public Service Award, United Way of the Bay Area and National Concilio of America; Chair of the Board of Directors of Hispanics in Philanthropy and presented with The Outstanding Leadership Award by the American Public Welfare Association, Washington DC.

More importantly, Dr. Patiño has been an inspiration, motivator and a friend to many would-be students. He has helped many of these students achieve great educational goals and served as a mentor and financial supporter as well. Dr. Patiño has taken students into his heart and his home, helping them to make their way through to a better life.

Dr. Patiño, his wife Barbara, his son Viktor, who recently graduated from California State University, Long Beach and is now working for the State of California Parks and Recreation Department, are long time friends and I sincerely wish them every possible success in their future endeavors.

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOUTH MOUNTAIN RESTORATION CENTER

HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the South Mountain Restoration Center in South Mountain, Pennsylvania, and to pay tribute to a century of service provided to the people of south central Pennsylvania.

Nestled in the heart of Pennsylvania's Blue Bridge Mountains and straddling the Adams and Franklin County lines, the South Mountain Restoration Center was established at the turn of the 20th Century as a hospital dedicated to the treatment of tuberculosis. The devoted medical staff at the Dr. Samuel G. Dixon Tu-

berculosis Hospital, as it was known until the mid-1960s, have cared for tuberculosis patients, World War I soldiers who were victims of poison gas, and the mentally ill.

The tuberculosis epidemic in the United States necessitated the state-of-the-art medical care that the hospital provided. At the peak from 1938 through 1940, there were over 1,200 TB patients residing in the hospital on any given day. Prior to the discovery of antibiotics, the only treatments for tuberculosis were fresh air, sunshine, and exercise—three things the hospital provided in abundance.

The 300 acres of land also housed a children's hospital or "preventorium." Established in 1938, the "preventorium" sought to prevent the full-blown development of tuberculosis in children who had been exposed to the disease by their families. Many of these children came to the hospital underweight and malnourished, increasing their chances of contracting tuberculosis. By removing them from environments in which tuberculosis was prevalent, and providing them with nutritious food, fresh air, and excellent care, these children were spared the devastating effects of this terrible disease.

After the introduction of antibiotics in the 1950s, TB was largely eradicated in this country. In 1968, The Dr. Samuel G. Dixon Tuberculosis Hospital was renamed the South Mountain Restoration Center. Since that time, it has provided nursing home-care to the mentally ill. It is called a "restoration center" because of the facilities' dedication to a philosophy of rehabilitating individuals before they rejoin the community.

Today, the South Mountain Restoration Center serves as a long-term care facility for almost 200 mentally ill patients and shares its extensive grounds with a residential training program for young first-time offenders.

Saturday, May 12, 2001 will mark the centennial of the South Mountain Restoration Center. I know that the tradition of excellence in care that has been established over the last 100 years will continue well into the 21st Century. As we celebrate this momentous occasion, I would like take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to the men and women through out the Center's history who have selflessly dedicated their lives to caring for those in need.

UNBORN VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE ACT OF 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2001

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, to me, this is an issue concerning human life where the pro-life and pro-choice arguments do not apply. When there is an act of violence against a pregnant woman, we need to remember that more than one life is affected by this violent act. An attack against a pregnant woman is an attack against her unborn child and I believe that the law needs to reflect that. I am pleased to offer my support for the Unborn Victims of Violence Act and commend my colleague, Representative LINSEY GRAHAM for his dedication and the action he has taken to protect and promote the life of the living—born or unborn.