

TRIBUTE TO BECKY TRINKLEIN

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Becky Trinklein as she prepares to celebrate twenty-five years of dutiful service as an educator, the past twenty years of which she spent at Immanuel Lutheran School in Frankenmuth, Michigan. Becky's faithfulness and dedication in sharing the good news of God's love in Christ with her students and others has made her an invaluable part of Lutheran education in her community.

A native of Frankenmuth, Becky is the only child of Victor and Marguerite Trinklein. The love and support of her family has carried her through every facet of her career and molded her into the unique, caring woman that she is today.

Becky holds a bachelor's degree in education with a special concentration in art education and a master's degree in education with a focus on early childhood education from Concordia Teacher's College. Her strong faith and adherence to God's will led her from St. John Lutheran School of Edgerton, Wisconsin, where she taught kindergarten and preschool for five years, to a similar job at Immanuel Lutheran School in the fall of 1981.

While Becky's teaching ministry has been distinguished, her noteworthiness extends far beyond the classroom walls. She has held leadership positions in the Michigan District Early Childhood Educators Conference, the North and East Lutheran Schools Early Childhood Educators Conference, and the Bay-Midland Lutheran Teachers Conference. The Michigan Region Five Odyssey of the Mind Board and the Bay Arenac Skill Center Advisory Committee have also benefited from her time and attention to service. Immanuel Lutheran has flourished from the commitment of this exceptional teacher and her presence has graced many committees and projects.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I wish to praise Becky for her continued adherence to excellence in education. The early school years put an indelible stamp on children and Becky Trinklein's strong influence has helped instill in them a sense of self-worth and pride that will carry them far in achieving success in life. I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing gratitude to Ms. Trinklein for her dedicated service to the children and in wishing her continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION**HON. MAJOR R. OWENS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, due to an emergency in my district I unexpectedly missed two votes yesterday. If present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes No. 126 and No. 127.

WELCOME TO NEWARK, OTUMFUO
OSEI TUTU II, SIXTEENTH
ASANTEHENE**HON. DONALD M. PAYNE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, May 22, my home city of Newark, New Jersey will have the privilege of hosting Otumfuo Osei Tutu II, sixteenth Asantehene, direct successor to Opemsuo Osei Tutu I from Ghana. I would like to ask my colleagues here in the United States House of Representatives to join me in welcoming the leader of Ghana to New Jersey. Our nation has a special relationship with Ghana, which in 1957 became the first country in colonial Africa to achieve independence. Kwame Nkrumah, the first president of the Republic of Ghana, earned a college degree from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania in 1939, creating a close bond between the people of Ghana and African Americans. When I had the great honor of accompanying President Clinton on his historic trip to Africa, we received a warm and enthusiastic welcome when over 500,000 Ghanaians came out to greet us.

Otumfuo Osei Tutu II has won admiration for the unique leadership he has provided the people of Asante and Ghana in general since he assumed the high office of Asantehene and the heavy responsibilities that go with the position. This dynamic, personable king has succeeded in refocusing the attention of the Asante nation and Ghana, on the development of the country's most valuable resource—its people. It is for this reason that his vision encompasses education, health and industry. A healthy people equipped with the requisite technical and scientific skill and knowledge constitute an invaluable asset to any community, any nation that aspires to achieve maximum industrialization.

Born on the 6th of May 1950 and named Barima Kwaku Duah, Otumfuo Osei Tutu II is the youngest of the five children of Nana Afua Kobi Scrwaa Ampem II, Asantchemaa (Queen Mother of Asante). Under his Majesty's leadership and direction numerous and very drastic efforts have been made to assess and redefine traditional roles, integrating some into global standards based in practicality, sustainability and functionality. What has emerged is a much better administrative design of six strategically functional and articulate units of the system.

As part of mobilization efforts to relax some aspects of Asante culture to embrace development and progress, Otumfuo has embarked on a drastic overhaul of the Kingdom and its logistics to enable the Manhyia Palace to better equip and prepare itself and its traditional leaders to accommodate the impending challenges of development. By liberalizing various aspects of the Kingdom, Otumfuo has enhanced governance and emphasized development.

HONORING CAPTAIN WILLIAM W.
COPPERNOL**HON. PAUL RYAN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I would like to share with my colleagues an accomplishment by a young man serving in the United States Army. Captain William W. Coppernol, who is from Burlington, Wisconsin, has received the General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award. This award is given to those Army officers who embody the leadership ideals of General MacArthur. After my meeting with him this afternoon, I can certainly see why he was chosen for this prestigious award.

Captain Coppernol is an excellent example of the American military servicemember. He grew up in a city not far from me in southern Wisconsin. His family is still there, with his father working in Milwaukee for the FAA and his mother working at Burlington Catholic Central High School. Captain Coppernol is now stationed in Minnesota, which he is happy about because his parents can see their grandson, William, more often.

While Captain Coppernol is a family man, he is also an Army man. He is a bright man who plans to make a career out of the Army, and our country should be thankful for it. This "Army of One" is a true asset to the United States of America. I congratulate Captain Coppernol on receiving the General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award.

VETERINARY HEALTH ENHANCEMENT ACT FOR UNDER-SERVED AREAS**HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, many rural and inner city areas of the United States lack proper veterinary care within their communities. As a result, the health of both animals and humans in these areas is at risk. In many cases, veterinarians, upon graduating from a school of veterinary medicine, opt to practice in prosperous urban settings which often provide opportunities for higher standings of living. The result is a lack of animal health care professionals in hundreds of communities and rural regions.

Rural areas of the United States are going through a unique transformation. Thousands of small-town, agrarian communities are literally vanishing. These agricultural communities are dependent upon livestock veterinarians to help ensure the well-being of their rural economies. Unfortunately, lower earning potential, long hours, unfavorable weather conditions, danger, and fewer farmers are making livestock veterinarians remarkably scarce in these agrarian communities.

In the same respect, inner-city areas have also noticed a shortage of animal health care professionals within their communities. These areas are potential hotbeds for dangerous diseases carried by rodents and stray animals. These diseases can be easily transmitted to

residents, particularly more highly-susceptible children. Veterinarians may often be the key in preventing the spread of such diseases in highly-populated, inner-city areas.

In response to the growing number of under-served areas that are lacking animal health care professionals, I am introducing the "Veterinary Health Enhancement Act for Under-served Areas" to meet the health care needs of these communities. Under this proposal, veterinary students will be provided scholarships and tuition debt relief if they choose to practice in under-served areas for an agreed upon period of time. The result of having veterinarians provide their services to these communities will improve animal health, will ensure that the risk of disease transfer from animals to humans is minimal, and will improve economic opportunities for agriculture producers who depend on livestock veterinarians.

This is non-controversial legislation that will provide benefits to the entire country. I urge my colleagues to show their commitment to communities throughout their respective districts which lack proper veterinary care by lending their support for the "Veterinary Health Enhancement Act for Under-Served Areas".

HONORING MRS. EDDIE LEE EDWARDS MCPHERSON ON HER BIRTHDAY

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor and pleasure to rise today on behalf of a very special person who resides in my district. On Saturday, May 26th, Mrs. Eddie Lee Edwards McPherson will be celebrating her 80th birthday along with her friends and family. I would like to join with the many in congratulating her upon this significant milestone.

Eddie Lee was born to the late Samuel P. M. Rhodes and the late Florence Hagins Rhodes in 1921 in Bulloch County, GA; and was united in marriage to the late Joseph Sterling Edwards, Sr. with whom she was blessed with her six children, four daughters and two sons. She is currently married to Leroy McPherson who graced her with four stepchildren, three daughters and one son. Throughout her life, though, the Lord bestowed upon her the love of even more sons and daughters-in-law, numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as other embraced children.

Mrs. McPherson graduated from Savannah State College with a degree in Elementary Education. Throughout her career, Eddie Lee was given the opportunity to reach many young children at Perry Elementary, Viola Burroughs Elementary, C.B. Greer Elementary and Ballard Elementary. She has also served faithfully in the community and at local churches.

This remarkable lady is an encourager, a disciplinarian, a dear friend to many and an indomitable matriarch. Her faith, courage and kindness are an inspiration to all who have been touched by her. God blessed us when he gave us Mrs. Eddie Lee Edwards McPherson. May God bless her on her 80th birthday.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, May 21, 2001, my plane was delayed in arriving due to bad weather. As a result, I was not present for Roll Call Vote #126, Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day and Roll Call Vote #127, the 245(i) Extension Act of 2001.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call Vote #126 and #127.

"A TRIBUTE TO COMMANDER JAMES F. STADER"

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding Marine Corps Officer, Major Stewart H. Holmes, who served with distinction and dedication for two and a half years for the Secretary of the Navy, Commandant of the Marine Corps and under the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (FM&C) as the Marine Corps Appropriations Liaison Officer 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 United States Marine Corps, the Department of the Navy, the Congress, and our nation.

During his tenure in the Appropriations Matters Office, which began in December of 1998, Major Holmes 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 Marine Corps plans, programs and budget decisions. His valuable contributions have enabled the Defense Subcommittee and the Marine Corps to strengthen its close working relationship and to ensure the most modern, well-trained and well-equipped marine forces attainable for our nation's defense.

Mr. Speaker, Stewart Holmes and his wife Deborah have made many sacrifices during his marine career, and his distinguished service has exemplified the Marine motto "Semper Fidelis." As they depart the Appropriations Matters Office to embark on yet another great Marine adventure, I call upon colleagues to wish them both every success.

HONORING RYAN PATTERSON

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this moment to honor one of the bright young minds of western Colorado. Central High School junior Ryan Patterson, amazed people for the second year in a row at a science fair for creating a compact device capable of digitally translating sign language onto a small electronic readout.

Ryan is no stranger at science fairs. He was the winner of last years science fair and went on to win first place and nearly \$10,000 at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Detroit. In total, Ryan has won numerous science awards, \$192,000 in scholarships, \$15,750 in cash, two lap-tops, and two trips to Stockholm, Sweden, for the Nobel Prize ceremonies. Seventeen year-old Ryan recently won the top award in the International Science Fair in San Jose, California.

The device that brought young Ryan all this fame is a glove that translates American Sign Language into digital information that can be read on a portable screen. The device will assist those with speaking disabilities communicate anywhere without a translator. Ryan came up with this while in a Burger King. "I was in Burger King when I saw some people ordering their food in sign language with someone else translating for them," "So I thought something like this would help them become more independent by being able to communicate easier."

"For me, it's been an incredible journey," said John McConnell, a retired physicist. "I'm 70 years old and he's one of the greatest joys of my life." Tests for the device were promising enough that Ryan plans on seeking a patent and he hopes to manufacture it.

Mr. Speaker, Ryan has a bright future ahead of him, and I would like to congratulate him on behalf of Congress and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors. Ryan's family, classmates, and Western Colorado can be proud of Ryan for his accomplishments.

RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL MARITIME DAY 2001

HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize today, May 22, 2001, as National Maritime Day. In 1933 the 73rd Congress passed Senate Joint Resolution 7 designating May 22nd as National Maritime Day. Since that time every President starting with Franklin Roosevelt has issued an annual proclamation declaring May 22nd as National Maritime Day. I am pleased that President Bush has continued that proud tradition again this year.

With yesterday's passage of House Concurrent Resolution 109, this body took a positive step toward recognizing the significant contributions of the United States Merchant Marine to our maritime defense and national security. This resolution acknowledges the critical role played by vessels of the U.S. Merchant Marine fleet in transporting equipment, supplies, and personnel to support the nation's defense and recognizing the historical significance of May 22nd as National Maritime Day. It encourages the American people and appropriate government agencies to recognize the services and sacrifices of the U.S. Merchant Marine through ceremonies. And it requests that all U.S. ships prominently display the American flag on this day. As a co-sponsor of this legislation, I am pleased to see its passage in the House.

It is fitting to honor the past and present members of the U.S. Merchant Marine. To this end, I introduced legislation in the last Congress to authorize additional federal funding