

its 11th Annual Scholarship Awards Dinner on June 15, 2002 in Orion, Michigan.

As southeastern Michigan is home to a thriving Hispanic community, we have the opportunity to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of a fabulous organization dedicated toward ensuring the prosperity of Hispanic communities throughout the nation. Since its founding in 1973, The Labor Council for Latin American Advancement, or LCLAA, has served as a loyal voice for over 1.5 million Hispanic trade union members in the United States and Puerto Rico currently representing 43 international unions in 45 national chapters. The LCLAA's mission is to achieve social dignity, economic justice and higher living standards for every Hispanic worker. The LCLAA fulfills this mission by assisting young Hispanics in school by establishing educational support services, organizing recreational activities and mentoring students. Every year the LCLAA offers disadvantaged Hispanic students the opportunity for educational advancement by awarding college scholarships. This year the LCLAA's Oakland County, Michigan Chapter will give 17 students the opportunity to receive a college degree by awarding tuition scholarships. As a result of generous donations and the undying commitment of the LCLAA, these students will achieve a college education and enter fields like medicine, law, education, business, and many others.

Our great state of Michigan is home to thousands of Hispanic Americans, patriotic citizens who give so much to our country every day. With help from the LCLAA, Hispanic communities throughout the country continue to prosper and celebrate their great achievements. The spirit and enthusiasm of the LCLAA and the Hispanic community it represents is an invaluable asset to our great state and our great nation.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement's Oakland County, Michigan Chapter, the student scholarship recipients and the entire Hispanic American community of Michigan on this wonderful day, and I salute them all for their years of tremendous contributions and support.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN FRANCIS "JACK" BUCK

SPEECH OF

#### HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2002*

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who made a significant difference to many in the St. Louis region, Mr. John Francis "Jack" Buck.

Jack Buck was the voice of the Cardinals. He started calling games in 1954, and was the voice that I, along with millions of others throughout the Midwest, identify as St. Louis Baseball. We grew up listening to him and are deeply saddened by his death.

In addition to calling Cardinals games for almost 50 years, he also gained fame for his work on the CBS, NBC and ABC television networks and as the voice of the NFL on the CBS radio network. He called everything from pro bowling to Super Bowls and the World Series.

Buck was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame's broadcaster's wing in 1987, received the Pete Rozelle Award by the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1996, and received a lifetime achievement Emmy in 2000. He was a member of both the Broadcasters and the Radio Hall of Fame.

His sports-casting abilities were surpassed only by his community involvement. He happily gave his time to a variety of non-profit causes through the St. Louis area and was campaign chairman of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. He was commended by the city of St. Louis for his service, and received the distinguished University of Missouri's Journalism Award for his outstanding achievements in broadcasting and citizenship.

Mr. Speaker, Jack Buck truly was an icon to the people of St. Louis. It is fitting that we pass this resolution honoring this great man. I urge my colleagues to join me in support of this legislation.

#### MASS RAPES OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN BURMA

#### HON. CYNTHIA A. MCKINNEY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2002*

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to call attention to the appalling campaign of terror-through-rape recently uncovered in Burma. A report by the Shan Women's Action Network and Shan Human Rights Foundation reveals a truly horrific campaign of systematic rape carried out by the military against women and girls—some as young as five years old—in Burma's Shan State.

While Burma's record of repression is well known, this new report shines a light on atrocities previously hidden by the dark clouds of dictatorship. The report, based on interviews with girls and women refugees along the Thailand-Burma border, documents the rapes of 625 women and girls by Burmese military forces against villagers in Burma's Shan State. Given the alarming numbers in this limited refugee population, it is likely that this is but the tip of the iceberg. While the exact scale of this atrocity is unknown, there can be no doubt that Burma's military leaders are using rape on a wide scale as a weapon of war against its own civilian population.

According to the report, an astounding 83% of the documented rapes were committed by military officers from 52 different battalions, usually in front of their own troops. 61% of the cases were gang rapes, and many women were raped inside military bases. Many were held captive and raped repeatedly for months on end. Many women recounted the terror of being severely beaten, tortured, or mutilated. In 25% of the documented cases the women were murdered after being raped. The report also notes how those murdered by the Burmese military were left in public areas in order to intimidate and terrorize villagers and family members.

In this report, hundreds of courageous Burmese women and girls recount the terror of their experiences. One young Burmese woman told of how she found her five year old sister "tied up and crying, with her sexual organs bloody . . ." Another recounted how she and other women of her village "were forced

to serve as sex slaves." Ironically, these new revelations of mass rapes come on the heels of the release of 1991 Nobel Peace Prize recipient Aung San Suu Kyi. But we harbor no illusions about the nature of this brutal military regime.

Mr. Speaker, whether they take place in Burma, Bosnia, or Eastern Congo, rape as a weapon of war is a grave violation of the Geneva Conventions and a crime against humanity. I call on the State Department, United Nations, and my colleagues in the Congress to speak out strongly against the military regime that continues to sanction and condone these rapes and other atrocities.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2002*

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, this morning I recited our Pledge of Allegiance with extra vigor, for our nation is under attack—not from terrorists but extremists in our own country. Yesterday the 9th Federal Appeals court in San Francisco ruled that the Pledge is an unconstitutional endorsement of religion and cannot be recited in schools—CANNOT BE RECITED IN SCHOOLS. I am sure you share my outrage. There is a reason that our Marines in Iwo Jima risked their lives to display the stars and stripes. Our flag stands for all that makes this nation great. From kindergarten on, our children are taught respect for our flag—a flag that represents this wonderful and, yes, Godly nation. Our children are taught that the United States represents liberty and justice for all. Our Declaration of Independence, Constitution and even our currency state our country's relationship to God. On September 11th, as soon as it was safe enough the first thing Members of Congress did was to gather on the steps of this magnificent building and sing "God Bless America." The judges in California are clearly out of touch, not only with the principles upon which the Pledge is based but also with the sentiment of the American people. For the past 9 months Americans have proudly displayed their love for their nation, as well as their faith in God. We realize now more than ever that our nation has a special charge and thus revere the Pledge more than ever. I am proud of our flag, I am proud of our nation and I will proudly recite "one nation, under God" for the rest of my life.

#### CHANGING THE CORPORATE CULTURE

#### HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2002*

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member commends to his colleagues the following editorial from the June 25, 2002, edition of the Lincoln Journal-Star entitled "Culture Change Is Needed in Corporate Crisis." The editorial suggests that changing America's business culture is the best long-term solution to the current crisis of business scandal after business scandal. These scandals have caused a

distrust of corporate America and decimated investor confidence. Ethical CEO's are needed to change the dishonest precedent set by some business leaders. Corporate culture needs to revert back to decisions based on American values, rather than greed.

#### CULTURE CHANGE IS NEEDED IN CORPORATE CRISIS

The business pages of U.S. newspapers continue to read more like police blotters than the usual financial news. In fact, the average American may have simply given up trying to keep track of who has committed what wrongdoing.

The list of those indicted, arrested or resigning in disgrace is indeed far too long, suggesting that the post-Enron business world is in worse shape than feared. The result: a stock market in the tank, distrust of corporate America at an all-time high and employees turned out on the streets.

Naturally, the breadth and scale of the business scandals have prompted lots of discussion about reform. But what seems to be at the root of the unprecedented wave of abuses is something that can't be regulated: an out-of-control corporate culture that embraces the Dark Side.

As the current cases illustrate, dishonesty reigned in the boardrooms of many publicly held companies. The allegations include questionable accounting, insider trading and tax fraud. Everyone seemed in cahoots: CEOs, accountants, corporate attorneys, investment bankers, stock analysts and boards of directors. In the end, many corporate chieftains walked away from wrecked or tainted companies—scot free and millions of dollars richer.

But because accountability and ethics are so difficult to legislate and enforce, changing the business culture is perhaps the most enduring solution—although it is not necessarily easy or quick. That requires change from within. It requires, as Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill suggests, that ethical CEOs set the tone by denouncing the abusive practices. It requires the gatekeepers—the boards of directors, accountants, corporate lawyers and investment bankers—to vigorously uphold their fiduciary and moral responsibilities by providing oversight and leadership. Shareholders, too, need to take a more active role.

Some of the most potent reform efforts are coming from the business world. One money manager has put together a hefty group, including Warren Buffett, that intends to challenge companies in the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index on corporate-governance and executive-compensation issues. Among the requirements discussed by the New York Stock Exchange is that boards have a majority of independent directors, those without a business or family tie to the companies.

Whether it is pressure from prosecutors, the markets or shareholders, the current corporate culture, bred in the boom of the '90s, undoubtedly will have to change to salvage the shaky stock market. The question at hand is whether the transformation will be complete and long-lasting.

**NATALIA R. HORAK: A DAZZLING STAR IN A BRIEF SHINING MOMENT**

#### HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2002*

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and

remembering Natalia R. Horak, the 16-year-old daughter of Fritz and Lucy Horak of Bay City, Michigan. Tali died last year after suffering from bacterial meningitis, a disease that all too often takes the lives of our young people. Sadly, Tali's time on earth was cut short, but her life was beautifully spent in the few years she was among us. She has left an indelible mark on our community.

Tali loved her family and her many dear friends as fully and as ardently as she embraced life. Her zest for living, her enthusiasm and her exuberant personality captured the heart of all those fortunate enough to have fallen under her enchanting spell. A mere smile from Tali, something she did often, was enough to uplift and buoy the lowest of spirits. In fact, her teammates on the swim and golf teams constantly looked to her for encouragement and inspiration.

A graduate of Saint James Elementary School and Holy Family Middle School, Tali was a sophomore at Bay City Western High School. As a freshman, she was a varsity letter winner in swimming and golf. On the Saturday before she died, Tali swam her best time ever in the 100-yard butterfly and the 100-yard breaststroke at a Saginaw Valley Conference swim meet. She also was a superior student, an avid downhill skier and a wonderfully gifted young woman.

When Tali passed away, the loss for her parents, Fritz and Lucy, her brother, Frederick, her sister, Marisa, and the rest of her family certainly was unimaginably devastating. The hurt felt by her friends and teammates also must have seemed unbearable. The passage of time does not repair the holes in the hearts of Tali's friends and family. However, remembering Tali as she lived allows her bright light to shine for those fortunate enough to have experienced her love and friendship.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering the bright light that was Tali Horak. I have faith that Tali's star continues to shine brightly over us and that her exuberant spirit will always uplift and invigorate those who honor her memory. As we look up at the sky on the Fourth of July to watch the razzle and dazzle of the magnificent fireworks display in Tali's honor, let us recall her brief but radiant life and be thankful her beauty graced our lives.

**TRIBUTE TO THE CHALDEAN FEDERATION OF AMERICA'S 20TH ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY**

#### HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2002*

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Chaldean Federation of America, who celebrated their 20th Annual High School and College Commencement Ceremony on June 11, 2002.

As southeastern Michigan is home to a thriving Chaldean American community, we have the opportunity to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of a fabulous people. They possess a focused vision of their future and will do all they feel is necessary to ensure prosperity. Established in 1980 as an

umbrella association of Chaldean organizations, the Chaldean Federation of America is the only national representative of the Chaldean people. As a community-based organization representing over 120,000 Chaldean Americans in the metropolitan Detroit area alone, the Chaldean Federation's commitment to promoting the Chaldean heritage and traditions as well as actively supporting their local community is truly outstanding.

The Chaldean Federation of America's Commencement program has existed for the past 20 years, and in this time they have awarded a remarkable 400 scholarships and other contributions to help Chaldean youth pursue academic achievements. As a result of these generous scholarships, students have been encouraged to enter professional fields like medicine, law, education, business, and many others.

Our great state of Michigan is home to thousands of Chaldean Americans, patriotic citizens who give so much to this country every day. Once again, they are standing together, celebrating the achievements of their young graduates as a community. The spirit and enthusiasm of the Chaldean American community of Southeastern Michigan has been such an invaluable asset to our great state.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Chaldean Federation of America and the entire Chaldean American community of southeastern Michigan on this landmark day, and I salute them all for their years of tremendous contributions and support.

**HONORING MR. RUPERT SEXTON, CUMMING, GEORGIA**

#### HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2002*

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Mr. Rupert Sexton of Cumming, Georgia for his 32 years of service on the City Council for Cumming, Georgia.

Mr. Sexton has lived in the Cumming community in Forsyth County since his birth, and has honorably devoted much of his adult life to serving his fellow citizens. In addition to his years of service on the Cumming City Council, Mr. Sexton is a veteran of the United States Army and a graduate of Massey College.

Among the many projects which Mr. Sexton has overseen during his tenure, are the rebuilding of the Cumming square, new sidewalks, and construction of a much needed new City Hall.

It is thanks to devoted citizens like Mr. Sexton that our great nation is able to provide protections for our freedoms which maintain our way of life; and the vital services that improve our quality of life.

**HAPPY 40TH ANNIVERSARY, EDS**

#### HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2002*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, it is not often a \$1,000 investment becomes a \$21.5 billion