

community, his family and his friends. Those who had the pleasure of knowing him and the benefit of working with him will surely continue to remember him as a dedicated, faithful friend to all. He will truly be missed.

I applaud Jerry Blocker and the Metro Detroit Society of Professional Journalists for their leadership, commitment, and service, and I urge my colleagues to join me in saluting them for their exemplary years of leadership and service.

COMMEMORATING THE 40TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF EDS

**HON. MARTIN FROST**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2002*

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, 40 years ago, June 27, 1962, an industry was born with the investment of just \$1,000. That industry today is nearly half a trillion dollar market and provides jobs to more than 20 million people around the world.

With the founding of EDS, Electronic Data Systems, that day, the world started doing business in a different way as information technology services became part of the global economy. Today, information technology is pervasive. Whether we're using an ATM, making airline reservations, or renewing a driver's license, we are all surrounded by computing power that fundamentally affects how we live.

Plano, Texas-based EDS started small with just a few employees using the excess capacity of other company's computers. Today, EDS has 140,000 employees serving government and business in 60 countries with revenue of \$21.5 billion.

There have been many milestones along EDS's journey.

In the 1960s, EDS developed the first comprehensive system for managing public health care programs. Today, EDS processes 2.4 billion medical claims transactions a year.

In 1976, EDS started processing airline tickets sold by travel agents. EDS is now the largest provider of IT services to the airline industry.

EDS launched the systems-integration market in 1982 with the U.S. Army's Project Viable, a vast and complex human-resources system. At that time, it was the largest IT-services contract ever let by the U.S. Army.

In the 1990s, the United Kingdom's Inland Revenue Service selected EDS to become its IT services provider.

Today, EDS is building a vast intranet for the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps under the largest IT contract ever awarded by the U.S. government. The value is \$6.9 billion.

EDS has long made significant contributions to its communities. Its award-winning JASON Project brings the thrill of discovery to hundreds of thousands of school children each year. The company also provides grants to elementary school teachers so they can bring the latest technology to the classroom. And each fall thousands of EDS employees go out into the community to lend a helping hand as part of Global Volunteer Day.

EDS is entering its fifth decade doing what it does best—managing and integrating information technology services. It is committed to building trust with each client and to making

available to all clients sophisticated information security and business-continuity services.

Well-deployed information technology has fueled significant productivity gains in the last 40 years—particularly in the last decade. These gains are especially valuable today in an interconnected, global, digital economy. EDS is a big part of those gains.

The information-technology industry holds unprecedented opportunity. Everyone wants to be part of it. Many companies are realizing what EDS understood 40 years ago—that even the most groundbreaking technologies quickly lose their edge unless they are creatively and innovatively applied.

Some may think the forty-year milestone may mean middle age is approaching. Not in EDS's case. It is a company as focused on delivering value to its clients today as it was in 1962. It stays young by reinventing itself and listening to its clients.

Mr. President, please join me in saluting EDS for its many contributions to the information technology services industry and in wishing the company well for another 40 years.

2002 SNICKERS REGION I  
CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. JACK QUINN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2002*

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the 2002 Region I SNICKERS Championship to the Western New York area. The SNICKERS® Region I Championships are the most important United States Youth Soccer registered team competition conducted by the Region, or by any State Association within each State Association each year. As such, this competition requires that each State Association and all members of State Associations support the Championships as their first priority.

The 2002 SNICKERS Region I Championships will be held Friday, June 28th through Tuesday, July 2nd. I would like to extend congratulations to all teams, parents, referees and administration who will be participating in the 2002 SNICKERS Region I Championships. This most prestigious event will be a measure of accomplishment they will always cherish and remember.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend all of the participants in the 2002 Region I SNICKERS Championship for their focus on the young athletes of America's future. It is the goal of not only preparing the athletes for competition but to promote positive contributions towards an equally important world of physical fitness—with learning at the heart of all of our activities.

AMERICAN CITIZENS TAKEN  
AGAINST THEIR WILL TO SAUDI  
ARABIA

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2002*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I commend to our colleagues' attention an editorial from yester-

day's Wall Street Journal that highlights the many cases of American women who have been forcibly taken to Saudi Arabia. Even though they are U.S. citizens, once taken to Saudi Arabia, they have not been allowed to leave.

I hope the 107th Congress and this Administration will put a stop to this practice and receive assurances from the Saudi Government that it will not happen again.

[The Wall Street Journal; Review and Outlook]

ALL THE PRESIDENT'S WOMEN

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer should stop referring to grown women as children. The women in question are Amjad Radwan and Alia and Aisha Gheshtayan, three American citizens in Saudi Arabia whose fate has finally become an issue for Congress.

When reporters at a White House press briefing recently deluged Mr. Fleischer with questions about whether President Bush had raised their plight during an Oval Office chat with the visiting Saudi Foreign Minister, he repeatedly—eight times by our count—invoked the word “custody” or “custody of a child” to characterize how the “President views this.”

It's true that a number of American mothers have had an awful time getting children out of Saudi Arabia, though even here it beggars belief to reduce these to custody disputes. But two of the three cases that the House Government Reform Committee aired during its hearings did not involve children.

Amjad Radwan is 19 years old and, unlike her older brother, cannot leave Saudi Arabia because she is a woman and must have the permission of her Saudi father, who refuses to give it. In highly charged testimony delivered via videotape, Amjad's mom, Monica Stowers, told the House she remains in Saudi Arabia because she fears for her daughter's life; Miss Stowers further reported that both her son and daughter were raped by members of her former husband's family. Alia and Aisha Gheshtayan are also adults.

When pressed on this point, the State Department says it has made every effort to ascertain the women's wishes about returning to America. In the case of Miss Roush's daughters, however, State concedes that it hasn't seen them since the mid-1990s. Moreover, its own human-rights report on Saudi Arabia declares that “physical spousal abuse and violence against women” is “common” and that the Saudi government tends to look the other way. Translation: The only way these Americans are going to be able to speak freely, without fear of returning home to a beating, is to insist that Riyadh give them the exit visas that will allow them to come here.

The truth is that there isn't soul at State or the Saudi Foreign Ministry who doesn't understand that if President Bush were to express his displeasure to Crown Prince Abdullah, then Alia, Aisha and Amjad would be on the next plane for New York. And things would never have reached this dismal stage if the State Department hadn't signaled from the start that it was willing to let all the ground rules be set by Saudi law and custom—even in defiance of U.S. courts, arrest warrants and rights.

Last June, 23 Senators, including leaders Trent Lott and Tom Daschle, signed a letter urging Secretary of State Colin Powell “in the strongest possible terms, to intervene forcefully and in person with the Saudi authorities at the highest levels to secure the prompt release and repatriation of Alia and Aisha Gheshtayan.” The immediate answer was the standard State kiss-off: a letter explaining that the women were “subject to Saudi law.”

But it seems that Congressional interest can have a catalyzing effect on Foggy Bottom. At hearings last Tuesday before the House International Relations Committee, William Burns, Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs, disclosed that Mr. Powell has now raised the issue with the Saudi Foreign Minister and that he himself brought it up with Crown Prince Abdullah 10 days earlier, on the eve of the Government Reform Committee's hearings.

But Mr. Burns continued to define the issue as a custody dispute. And his remarks suggest that State still refuses to treat this as a state-to-state issue, in favor of a touchy-feely approach about "keeping families connected." This is a long way from "Perdicaris alive or Raisuli dead"—Teddy Roosevelt's tart reaction when a Berber bandit chieftain took an American hostage in Tangier.

In a TV spot running under the title "Allies Against Terrorism," the Saudi government urges Americans to "listen to America's leaders" when it comes to the "facts" about the country that spawned 15 of the 19 September 11 hijackers. It features President Bush vouching for how the Saudis have been "nothing but cooperative." This is their chance to prove it.

#### HONOR OF MABEL BROWN SCHINE

#### HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2002

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay a final tribute to the magnificent life of Mabel Schine. Mabel passed away recently in San Francisco after a lifetime of community service and leadership. We are very grateful for her distinguished career and her inspirational life, and we will miss her greatly.

As a dietary expert at San Francisco's Mount Zion Hospital, Mary's Help Hospital, and the Jewish Home for the Aged and as the City's first African American District Health Director, Mabel demonstrated her remarkable talents as a dietician and as an expert advisor during her thirty-year career.

Her service to the City of San Francisco included work for the Economic Opportunity Council and Model Cities Program and on the Citizen's Advisory Committee for Mayor Feinstein's Office of Community Development. She served as Treasurer of the San Francisco Black Leadership Forum and was actively involved in San Francisco politics.

Following her retirement, she continued to serve her community at Bayview Hunter's Point Senior Health Day Care Center, Bayview Hunter's Point Boy and Girls Club, and as President of the San Francisco Sickle Cell Disease Foundation. Her service also extended to Contra Costa County where she led non-profit boards, ran government commissions, and tirelessly and eloquently advocated on behalf of the black community.

To her husband Lloyd Schine, her daughter Marvin Jean and her son Lloyd Jr., her sisters, her grandchildren and her many dear friends, thank you for sharing Mabel with our City and our community. I hope it is a comfort to you that so many people share your grief and honor her memory.

#### TRIBUTE TO PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY AND THE FILIPINO AMERICAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

#### HON. DAVID E. BONOIR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2002

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Filipino American community of Michigan, who celebrated the Philippine Independence Day on June 22, 2002.

On July 4 of 1946 the Philippines gained its independence. Since that glorious day, the nation has endured many hardships but has continued to persevere. The Philippines and its proud citizens are entering into a new era of political, social, and cultural growth. They possess a focused vision of their future and will do all they feel is necessary to ensure prosperity.

The relationship between the United States and the Philippines is strong and growing stronger. Today, the United States is enriched by the many Philippine Americans who have made this country their home. As the second largest Asian group in the United States, Philippine Americans are making their mark, serving as hard working members of the civic, business, and professional communities. They have made major contributions to nearly every facet of American society.

As Michigan is home to a thriving Filipino American community, we have the opportunity to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of a fabulous people. The Filipino American Community Council's KALAYAAN 2002 Picnic and Pistahan attests to the wealth of the culture we have developed here in Michigan. With food, music, cultural performances and dances, the spirit and enthusiasm of the Philippine American community of Southeastern Michigan is very strong. The Philippine American community truly adds to the wonderfully diverse American culture by sharing with us their customs, traditions and beliefs. They have been such an invaluable asset to our great state.

Mr. Speaker, I join the people of the Philippines, those of Filipino ancestry around the world and Filipino Americans in Michigan celebrating Independence Day. I salute all of them for the tremendous contributions to freedom and human dignity which they have made.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO GEORGE CURRIER

#### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who has spent the last six years in the dedicated service of his community of Collbran: George Currier. George is a great Coloradan who has given of himself countless times during his term on the Collbran Board of Trustees. His knowledge and love for the community, as well as his vision for the future, have made him an invaluable resource to the whole town.

George Currier was born and raised in his beloved Collbran. His family was in the ranch-

ing business during his childhood; and while they would leave town every winter to ranch their cows in the Appleton area, George and his family would return with the nice weather: Collbran is George's home.

During George's time on the Board of Trustees he has overseen numerous improvements to the community, including the construction of a new town hall. But more important than the physical development that has been undertaken during his watch, George values the many Collbran town employees with which he has worked closely during his six years of service. However, George's efforts to better his beloved hometown have not been limited to his service in town government: George, his wife Nancy and their three children remain active in the Collbran community.

Mr. Speaker, it is with pride that I bring to the attention of the body of Congress the accomplishments of a man whose love for his hometown, and whose desire to improve his community, is an inspiration to his friends and neighbors alike. A public servant in the truest sense of the phrase, George Currier's time on the Collbran Board of Trustees has been a fine example to all of us who serve our nation in elective office. With appreciation, I echo the praise George has received from his friends and neighbors in Collbran and salute him for his six fine years of service to his community.

#### HONORING UPS EMPLOYEE ALLEN "CHUCK" BITTNER

#### HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2002

Mr. GARY MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, Chuck Bittner started with UPS back in 1966 as a Package Car Driver delivering mail to the businesses and residents of the Inland Empire in Southern California. After 25 years of safe driving, drivers are inducted in UPS' Circle of Honor, which is the highest honor awarded to Package Car Drivers. Chuck not only achieved that illustrious accolade but was also recently honored for a staggering 30 years of safe driving by his Center Manager. With 30 years behind the wheel and not a single traffic mishap, Chuck has truly accomplished something special. The people of Southern California owe Chuck, and other delivery drivers like him a debt of gratitude for keeping our roads safe. Despite this impeccable driving record, Chuck says he will probably retire in the next year. He will certainly be missed as he and his truck have become a familiar and reassuring sight in the Southern California neighborhoods.

#### IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF HARVEY LEGGETT, SR.

#### HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2002

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of the life of an honorable, respected, and valuable member of the Ypsilanti community, Reverend Harvey Leggett, Sr. Rev. Leggett,