

her personally since we both moved into the same building in Co-Op City in November 1971. She truly is a selfless woman who touches the lives of all whom she encounters.

As a resident of Co-Op City for over 30 years, she continues to be active within the Co-Op City Baptist Church. Not only does she continue to attend services regularly, but she has also served as a Deaconess, Usher and a willing volunteer through her membership for over 25 years.

She has also assisted others as an Inhalation Technician at Bellevue Hospital in New York City for over 20 years. If this wasn't enough, Ms. Brown served in the Medical Section of the United States Army starting in 1943 and was honorably discharged in September 1945. Clearly, the compassion that Gladys has for others has no boundaries.

In her spare time, Gladys is a member of The American Legion, Co-Op City Post 1871 and also enjoys traveling. In her many years, she has traveled extensively. I am sure that those whom she has met in her travels and her comrades from the American Legion agree with me that the warmth and compassion she has is hard to come by.

Her determination and strong work ethic are clearly inherent in Gladys' character as at the age of 14 she migrated from the Montego Bay in the British West Indies to the United States to live with an uncle residing in Harlem, New York. Today, she is the youngest and only living of four siblings. Despite this, her family still extends far as she has a host of nieces and nephews, legionnaires and comrades, friends, neighbors, acquaintances and everyday admirers.

I am lucky to know Gladys and honored to come before you today on behalf of her 100th birthday. I firmly believe that I am a better person for knowing Gladys and believe that everyone who comes in contact with her feels the same way as well.

RECOGNIZING VFW CONTEST
WINNER BENJAMIN S. HAMPTON

HON. ERNIE FLETCHER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. FLETCHER. Mr. Speaker, in this new found era of patriotism, it is fitting that I recognize in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the winning essay of the 2001–2002 VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship Contest, written by Benjamin S. Hampton of Frankfort, Kentucky, entitled "Reaching Out to America's Future," and included below.

Since the horrific attacks of September 11, the American people have undoubtedly experienced a dramatic shift in patriotic sentiment. The attacks by the radical al-Qaeda terrorist network have caused Americans to unite in defense of the ideals and principles on which our nation was built. The very rights guaranteed by the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution came under attack on September 11, and Americans have unified in an effort to protect their freedoms and ensure that these rights will not be infringed upon. In doing so, they have displayed a steadfast patriotism and loyalty to our country unparalleled in nearly all of history.

Yet, as the weeks pass and the memories of September 11 are only worsened by the newer

threats to our national security, the overall patriotic emotion in our great nation seems to be fading. Following a tremendous, nationwide surge in patriotism in the few weeks following the original attacks, patriotic fervency has begun to dwindle. Therefore, it is evident that we must make every effort possible to maintain and even further bolster this historic degree of patriotism. We must secure full and unconditional support by the American people for the government that represents them, and must assure all Americans that the United States will survive as a freedom-loving democracy for centuries to come.

In order to achieve this end, it is clearly evident that we must utilize our greatest resource, the youth of America. By targeting this precious resource we can reach out to the future of America by providing the youth of today with the ideals of patriotism and love of country that they will most certainly need tomorrow. In being exposed to patriotic attitudes, today's youth can lead the America of tomorrow headstrong into the future as the brightest beacon for hope and freedom that the world has ever seen.

With the intention of instilling the ideals of patriotism and love of country in our Nation's youth, we must revert to the practice of teaching citizenship in our nation's schools. We must look beyond simply requiring a civics course in our high schools, and must look beyond the customary study of government in fifth grade classrooms. While such education is necessary and very meaningful, however, it is not adequate in and of itself. Instead, we must saturate our educational system with constant lessons in citizenship and patriotism, and must even extend such citizenship education into the home.

The simple act of teaching patriotic songs in our schools, for example, would serve to make youth better appreciate and value their citizenship. Having schools lead students in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance each morning before classes begin and having students be responsible for ceremoniously raising and lowering the flag each day would also augment the effort to increase patriotic awareness in our nation's schools.

At home, parents should promote the adoption of behaviors of good citizens for all family members. Encouraging the entire family to eat healthy, maintain good personal hygiene and to obey all rules would cause parents and children alike to realize their duty in building a safer and healthier community. Furthermore, parents should emphasize the duties of every citizen to fulfill their obligations to serve on juries, pay taxes and serve in the military. Such ideas are not new but have simply been removed from the national spotlight. Now is the time to commit these behaviors to everyday practice. As Edwin C. Broome and Edwin W. Adams remind us in their *Conduct and Citizenship*, "Character is a nation's strength. The nations of earth that, like the Roman Empire, have been overthrown, were not defeated by outside enemies, but by their own failure to live up to high standards of national character."

Therefore, it is every citizen's duty to not only live up to such standards, but to instill in our nation's youth the importance of patriotism and citizenship in everyday life. It is our nation's livelihood that relies on this commitment. In order to ensure that the United States remains the brightest beacon for hope and freedom in the world, it is crucial that we reach out to the future of our nation. We must educate the youth of today in the morals of patriotism and loyalty that they will need tomorrow. We cannot allow to be lost another opportunity to reinstate such ideals. Now is the time to act, to reach out

to the future of our Nation, and to stand up and say that America will triumph over the evil in our world.

A TRIBUTE TO CHANCELLOR
JAMES R. LEUTZE, UNIVERSITY
OF NORTH CAROLINA AT WIL-
MINGTON

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today and honor Dr. James R. Leutze, Chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. In June of 2003, Chancellor Leutze will retire after serving the University for twelve years.

James Leutze brought growth and prosperity to the Wilmington campus. He made a good university great. During Chancellor Leutze's tenure, the University of North Carolina at Wilmington has seen increases in admissions standards, the overall student body, and the average grade point average. His focus on educational growth has led to the University achieving several high national rankings. These include the U.S. News and World Report's top ten regional undergraduate public universities in the South for two years in a row and recognition by The Gourman Report as having one of the top five marine biology programs in the nation. Furthermore, from his distinguished position, Chancellor Leutze has successfully raised awareness about environmental and growth concerns in the Southeast.

Chancellor Leutze championed the UNCW Marine Biology program, which now ranks among the nation's best programs. Moreover, Chancellor Leutze was instrumental in ensuring the construction of Aquarius, an underwater laboratory in Key Largo, Florida where students and faculty conduct extensive research regarding our oceans. In addition to his hard work on the undergraduate level, Chancellor Leutze is responsible for obtaining the approval to offer a doctorate program in marine biology, which remains the University's only Ph.D. program.

Chancellor Leutze was also dedicated to ensuring that all communities had access to the latest technological advances, especially the Internet. Chancellor Leutze helped pave the way for the Information Superhighway through southeastern North Carolina via his work in the development of two regional technology initiatives, as well as UNCW's Global Virtual University. His dedication to technology was acknowledged, as Chancellor Leutze was appointed Chairman of the Rural Internet Access Authority by the Governor of North Carolina. In addition to this esteemed honor, Chancellor Leutze also served on the North Carolina Progress Board, the Government Performance Audit Committee, and the Commission for a Competitive North Carolina.

Chancellor Leutze has earned the respect of the administration, the faculty, and the students for his dedication to ensuring that the University of North Carolina at Wilmington will continue to grow and thrive for years to come.

We owe Chancellor James R. Leutze our sincere appreciation for his lifelong commitment to education as evidenced by his work

as a professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, president at Hampton Sydney College, and chancellor at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. And I thank Dr. Leutze for his inspiration to me when he was my American History professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill when I was an undergraduate there.

May God bless him and his family, and may God bless the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN
SHOEMAKER III

HON. SAXBY CHAMBLISS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate John Shoemaker III for his many years of service to the city of Macon as well as the state of Georgia. John's community leadership and involvement have been invaluable in the areas of business, youth leadership, the arts, and many others.

John has been a tirelessly advocate to promote business and industry in the Macon community by serving on the Macon Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and as Chairman of the Macon/Bibb County Convention and Visitors Bureau. His hard work and dedication have made him the recipient of the Macon Convention and Visitors Bureau's first "Soul Provider" Award.

John's achievements and contributions beyond business run deep. He has also been an integral part in the advancement of the arts. In 2000, he received the Macon Arts Alliance Cultural Award. John has provided 10 scholarships for disadvantaged students at Perry Players Summer Camp. He sponsored the Warner Robins Women's Theatre Season Project. John sent 40 students to the Alabama Shakespeare Festival Production and 10 students to the Georgia Children's Museum Summer Program. John made the initial donation to the Riverside Ford Center for Youth Performing Arts. His support of Theatre Macon, the Warner Robins Little Theatre, the Bleckley County Arts Alliance, the Macon State College Drama Department, the Macon Little Theatre, the Macon Arts Alliance as well as several other theatres throughout our state have been essential to the expansion of the arts.

Community involvement has been a major part of John's life. He serves on the Macon Cherry Blossom Festival Board of Directors. His longtime membership to the Macon Kiwanis Club and the Macon Mayor's President Club show his continued support to the city. He has served as Chairman of the Macon Park and Recreation and Honorary Chairman of the Sports Challenge for Cystic Fibrosis.

John's accomplishments and contributions over the years have been an extraordinary service to his community and the state. Our nation needs more men and women like John. I consider him to be a friend, and I am extremely pleased to represent John in the 8th District of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, strong communities are the building block of a strong nation. Therefore, I commend John Shoemaker for making our community and our nation a better place.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MALLERY
WATERS

HON. BARON P. HILL

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to bring to the attention of the House my constituent, Miss Mallery Waters of Clarksville, Indiana. Mallery is the national winner of the 2002 Voice of Democracy high school essay contest sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and recipient of the \$1000 Department of Maine Scholarship to "Remember the U.S.S. Maine" Award.

Mallery, who is a senior being homeschooled, is a past winner of numerous essay contests, as well as an accomplished artist and gardener. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Scott Waters. Her winning essay, "Reaching Out to America's Future," was sponsored by VFW Post 1832 and its Ladies Auxiliary in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

It is my pleasure to include Mallery's essay in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

REACHING OUT TO AMERICA'S FUTURE

(By Mallery Waters)

Before the recent terrorist attacks, I had concluded that patriotism was on a sharp decline in America. People stayed home on Election Day, ignored the flag, and seemed to generally avoid politics. Now flags wave defiantly across the country as signboards declare, "God Bless America." But I wonder if this newfound pride in country will continue when things begin to settle down. Only then will we learn whether or not this tragedy truly affected the hearts of the rising generation. For the participation of the citizens of the future—the young adults, teens, and even unborn children—in the affairs of this country will determine the future of America and the freedom it represents. I believe increasing interest in government and a sense of duty toward country are the foundations of our participation.

When President John F. Kennedy said, "Ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country," he demonstrated that patriotism is not an empty emotion. Instead, it is a call to action. This call to action compels young people to participate in our government as tomorrow's politicians, civil servants, and informed citizens. Are we prepared or even willing to properly fulfill these enormous responsibilities?

Sometimes I think that America is following the road of the ancient republic of Rome. The republic rose to power and prosperity in part because of the diligence, hard work, and moral character of its people. But as the Roman citizens focused increasingly on luxury and their own happiness, the virtues that had made the republic strong rotted away. Eventually, they gave up much freedom for security under the Caesars.

As one of America's young people, I believe that many of us care far more about happiness and prosperity than we do about our liberties and freedoms. Relationships, cars, and music are physical items. Since freedom is much more abstract, it often seems boring. We have never tasted a life without this freedom or the prosperity and representative government we take for granted. But teens' boring liberties actually allow us to enjoy the physical things we do value.

Short of sending us overseas, one of the best ways to help teens appreciate being free to participate in government is to encourage

interest in political affairs. Young people may be well-informed about the facts of government, but engaging experience in real-life politics is so much more important. Participating in student council and helping with a local political campaign are much more tangible than facts from a dull textbook. I think hands-on experience in mock-government organizations like Boys' and Girls' State is one of the most beneficial of these activities for teens. What if more than only a handful of a high school's students could have the opportunity to see first-hand how our government works? I think such a school-wide program would spark an interest in government and political matters in many.

If tangible political learning does not encourage young people to participate in government, an overarching patriotism and sense of duty instilled by family must. Keeping informed will not always be interesting, but we must recognize it as our responsibility. Families have always taken the lead in instilling such values in young Americans, and they must continue to do so today. Parents should pass on the heritage of traditional Biblical values and the sense of responsibility to God and fellow man. They must show us how to think for ourselves and formulate our own opinions. They must teach us to be diligent and informed voters who vote not for the political party but for the best candidate. Their lives must attest to the importance of staying informed in political matters and speaking out against issues they consider harmful to themselves or their country.

Young Americans must remember that freedom is so important that it was and still is something worth dying for. Being a conscientious U.S. citizen may require large amounts of work and inconvenience, but it is worth it. A loss of our precious freedom as a result of political apathy will bring so much more trouble down the road. America's youth hold enormous trust in our hands. The recent surge of patriotism after the terrorist attacks should be our wake up call. May we realize the truth of President Kennedy's words, "Ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country."

RECOGNIZING SHERIFF LARRY D.
SMITH

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sheriff Larry D. Smith of Riverside County California. Larry Smith was sworn in as Riverside County's eleventh sheriff on December 14, 1994. He has faithfully served the people of Riverside as sheriff for the past 8 years and to recognize this service the Riverside County Board of Supervisors dedicated August 1, 2002 as "Larry D. Smith Day" in Riverside County.

Sheriff Larry Smith began his thirty-six years in law enforcement as deputy sheriff in the Blythe Jail and Patrol Station. He has held each successive rank in assignments across Riverside County. His distinguished career includes a variety of command assignments, including narcotics enforcement, information services, the jail, and the patrol station. Sheriff Smith also served as the County's Search and Rescue coordinator and commanded the department's Emergency Service Team.

In addition to being the Chief Law Enforcement Officer for Riverside County he is also a