

Education, the Santa Barbara Industry Education Council, the Santa Barbara Foundation, the Thomas Jefferson Center for Character Education and the Santa Barbara Grand Opera Association.

Santa Barbara's County Schools are truly a product of Bill's creativity and passion for excellence. He has influenced the lives of thousands of children, their parents, and community members as a whole. It is always refreshing to see Bill at community events, as he serves as an example of someone who cares so deeply about our children's futures. There are so many extraordinary people on California's central coast, but there is no doubt that there is a special place in my heart for Bill Cirone.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me to pay tribute to our wonderful Superintendent on this glorious occasion.

THE PRAIRIE ROSE CHAPTER OF
THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN
REVOLUTION SALUTES
CONSTITUTION WEEK

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, the week of September 17–23 has been officially designated as Constitution Week under Public Law 105–225. This marks the 215th anniversary of the signing of our Constitution.

The guardian of our liberties, our Constitution established our republic as a self-governing nation dedicated to rule by law. This document is the cornerstone of our freedom. It was written to protect every American from the abuse of power by government. Without that restraint, our founders believed the republic would perish.

The ideals upon which our Constitution is based are reinforced each day by the success of our political system to which it gave birth. The success of our way of government requires an enlightened citizenry.

Constitution Week provides an opportunity for all Americans to recall the achievements of our founders, the nature of limited government, and the rights, privileges and responsibilities of citizenship. It provides the opportunity to be better informed about our rights, freedoms and duties as citizens.

Mr. Speaker, at this time I particularly want to take note of the outstanding work of the Prairie Rose Chapter of the Kansas Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, which is actively involved in the Third Congressional District in events this week commemorating Constitution Week. The Prairie Rose Chapter has been involved with this effort in our communities for a number of years and I commend them for doing so.

Our Constitution has served us well for over 200 years, but it will continue as a strong, vibrant, and vital foundation for freedom only so long as the American people remain dedicated to the basic principles on which it rests. Thus, as the United States continues into its third century of constitutional democracy, let us renew our commitment to, in the words of our Constitution's preamble: "form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, pro-

mote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity . . ." I know that the Prairie Rose Chapter of the Kansas Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution joins with me in urging all Americans to renew their commitment to, and understanding of, our Constitution, particularly during our current time of crisis, when Americans have been attacked on our own soil by terrorists who do not recognize the rule of human law.

HONORING DAN WILFORD

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Dan S. Wilford on the occasion of his retirement as president of Memorial Hermann Healthcare System, based in Houston, Texas. For the past 18 years, Mr. Wilford has served as Chief Executive Officer of Memorial Hermann, with 11 hospitals in the greater Houston area, an outpatient center, two nursing homes, a wellness center, a retirement community and a network of affiliates throughout southeast Texas. Under his leadership, Memorial Hermann has become the largest non-profit health care system in Texas and among the largest in the country.

As a member of University of Mississippi's class of 1962, Mr. Wilford was inducted into the University's Alumni Hall of Fame in 1995. He earned his Master's Degree in Hospital Administration at Washington University in St. Louis in 1966 and completed his residency in hospital administration at Hillcrest Medical Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Prior to his arrival at Memorial Hermann, Mr. Wilford served in various administrative capacities for 20 years. He was associated with Hillcrest Medical Center in Tulsa for 10 years in addition to serving as president of North Mississippi Health Services in Tupelo, Mississippi from 1974 to 1984.

Mr. Wilford has proudly served on the board of directors of many professional organizations. He is active in Voluntary Hospitals of America, Texas Hospital Association, American Hospital Association, Hospital Research and Development Institute, American College of Healthcare Executives, Greater Houston Partnership, Houston Area and Fort Bend County Chambers of Commerce, United Way of the Texas Gulf Coast and First United Methodist Church of Sugar Land, Texas. Through his commitment to these organizations, Mr. Wilford has set himself apart as a leader and activist in the health care community.

His dedication to the health care profession has lead many acclaimed institutions to recognize Mr. Wilford's achievements. In 1995, he was the recipient of the Washington University Health Administration Program Distinguished Alumnus Award, received an honorary Doctorate of Laws degree from Houston Baptist University and was named Business Leader of the Year in Fort Bend County, Texas. Two years later, he received the American College of Healthcare Executives Gold Medal Award and was presented with the Earl C. Collier Award by the Texas Hospital Association.

In addition to his many professional achievements and honors, Mr. Wilford is a re-

tired National Football League official who has actively participated in sports throughout his life.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Wilford has established a legacy by building a health care system with a strong commitment to spiritual values and community-focused care. With his retirement from Memorial Hermann, Mr. Wilford celebrates the conclusion of a stellar 40-year career in hospital management and I congratulate him on his unwavering commitment to health care and inspirational leadership.

HONORING DR. NOEL SMITH OF
WACO, TEXAS, A TRUE UNSUNG
HERO

HON. CHET EDWARDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great Texan, Dr. Noel Smith of Waco, who had the vision for an independent public television station in Central Texas. Earning a Ph.D. in Distance Learning from Texas A&M University, Dr. Smith rose to become the Chair of the Telecommunications Department at Central Texas College in Waco, where he effectively used his talents as teacher, mentor, and counselor to improve the lives of many Texans.

It was at Central Texas College that Dr. Smith became actively involved in his lifelong commitment to KCTF Television. In its early days as a stand-alone station, KCTF experienced more problems than shining moments. But in 1994, when its owners withdrew support for the station, Dr. Smith rallied a committed group of Waco citizens who convinced the Chancellor and Trustees of Central Texas College to sell them the license.

Once Dr. Smith's group bought the license, the hard work began. It was as though everyone at the station was performing on a high wire without a net. Yet somehow, Dr. Smith stayed faithful to the vision of creating a community public television station and, thankfully, his vision became a reality. Brazos Valley Public Broadcasting, as it was now called, was born. KCTF would eventually become KWBU, and KWBU would expand to include public radio. Dr. Smith articulated his vision in the KWBU Mission Statement:

"KWBU shall serve as an essential lifelong resource providing quality public television and radio programs and services for the enrichment of the lives of the residents of McLennan County."

Mr. Speaker, Not many ideas make it from vision to reality. But this one has because Noel Smith has worked tirelessly to ensure that public television in Central Texas achieves that mission.

In his professional life, Dr. Noel Smith has held many national positions of leadership that have contributed to the growth of public broadcasting. He served with distinction on the board of directors of the Southern Educational Communications Association, now the National Educational Telecommunications Association, and he was a member of the PBS Board of Directors. He has used his leadership to effectively represent the interests of small market licensees.

During the course of his career, Dr. Smith has accomplished a tremendous amount of

good. In addition to leading the growth of KWBU, Dr. Noel Smith is an ordained Baptist minister, and certainly appreciates the many blessings in his life, including a long marriage to his wife Judy, his three wonderful daughters and numerous grandchildren.

This story does not end on the expected happy note. At this writing, Noel is very ill. But something of Noel Smith will always be a part of KWBU and public broadcasting in Central Texas.

I ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating the life and accomplishments of an unsung hero, Dr. Noel Smith of Waco, Texas. The people of my District are better off today because of his commitment to turn his vision for public television into reality.

HONORING FRESNO CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Fresno City Fire Department for their devotion to protecting the citizens and community of Fresno. The year 2002 marks the 125th Anniversary of the Fresno City Fire Department, which will be celebrated at the 4th Annual Fresno City Firefighters' Chili Cook-Off on September 14th, 2002 at California State University of Fresno.

In 1877, Leopold Gundelfinger and other citizens formed a Hook and Ladder Company in order to protect the city from fires. Unfortunately, in 1882, fire destroyed the original Hook and Ladder Company, but was replaced by dedicated volunteers who were named "Fresno Alert No. 1." The Fresno Fire Department was officially created in 1902 and has protected a large portion of the Central Valley ever since. In 1984, a grant was established to create a community volunteer fire prevention program called "Burn Aware." The goals of the volunteers were to implement and create a wide spread network of fire prevention programs.

In 2002, the Fresno City Fire Department received national praise for its inventive and advanced approach to alternate methods of providing municipal fire protection. This fire protection agency has the highest ideals in providing fire protection service and is a leader in California. The special occasion will include a chili-tasting contest among fire departments from throughout the Valley, live rescue demonstrations, and fun for the entire family.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to honor the Fresno City Fire Department for their dedicated and selfless service to the Central Valley. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing this organization many more years of continued success.

HONORING LEVITTOWN'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JAMES C. GREENWOOD

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. GREENWOOD. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to commemorate

the golden anniversary of a community in my district that revolutionized suburban living in America: Levittown, Pennsylvania. In honor of this anniversary, I would like to submit the following proclamation for the record:

Whereas Levittown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, was created fifty years ago, beginning with twenty families who moved into their homes on June 23, 1952;

Whereas this benchmark in American housing resulted from the collaboration of attorney Abraham Levitt and his sons, architect Alfred S. Levitt and businessman William J. Levitt;

Whereas William Levitt's innovative mass-production technique resulted in 17,000 affordable homes that were constructed at a record pace;

Whereas these new and vibrant neighborhoods were spread among the Bucks County municipalities of Falls, Middletown, and Bristol Townships, and Tullytown Borough;

Whereas Levitt created not only the prototypical suburban home with its spacious interiors and fully landscaped exteriors, but he also designed entire neighborhoods that grew into coherent communities;

Whereas Levittown became the realization of the American Dream for thousands of families, many of who served their country during the Second World War;

Whereas Levittown has evolved into the quintessential example of America's melting pot middle class, as it houses a diverse population of ethnicities and religious traditions;

Be it resolved, therefore, that the U.S. House of Representatives recognize the fiftieth anniversary of Levittown, an anniversary that marks an epochal achievement in American housing.

HONORING ANTHONY A. LUCIANO WITH HUDSON FALLS ITALIAN-AMERICAN CIVIC CLUB ANNUAL RECOGNITION AWARD

HON. JOHN E. SWEENEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a distinguished constituent of the 22nd District of New York; Mr. Anthony A. Luciano. Mr. Luciano's lifelong dedication to his family, his profession and his community have rightly earned him the Hudson Falls Italian-American Civic Club Annual Recognition Award.

Over the past fifty years, as a husband, a father, a teacher, a coach and a mentor, Mr. Luciano has been an exemplary contributor to his community. As a devoted faculty member of the Hudson Falls Central Schools from 1948-1983, he victoriously led the cross country team to four Boys Northern Conference Titles and three Section 2 Class B Championships. In addition to achieving seven Northern Conference Championships with his basketball team, he remains a respected member of the Section 2 Basketball Committee since 1955. His skills and dedication to his players further continued in track. In this sport Mr. Luciano successfully coached his team to fifteen Northern Conference Dual Meet Championships, nine Northern Conference Invitation Meet Championships, seven Section 2 Class B Championships and five Washington County

Invitation Championships. I am proud to mention he has since been inducted into both the Glens Falls Heritage Hall of Fame and the New York State Basketball Hall of Fame for his outstanding achievements.

Mr. Luciano has truly set standards for excellence in his profession and service to the community. For forty years, he remained a trusted member of the Washington County Children's Committee, serving two 2-year terms as co-chairperson with his wife, Mary. In 1983, he received the Prestigious Private Sector Initiative Commendation from President Ronald Reagan in recognition of his exemplary community service in the finest American tradition. His extraordinary charity and kindness has not gone unnoticed locally. Mr. Luciano received awards from the Hudson Falls/Kingsbury Chamber of Commerce, Hudson Falls Rotary Club and the Fort Edward Historical Association, to name a few.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to honor Mr. Luciano's selfless contributions to his community before Congress. He is truly a role model for future generations to emulate and I wish him the very best in all his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEBORAH PRYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I was regrettably absent on June 17, 24, and 25, 2002, and on September 9 and 10, 2002. Consequently, I missed the following recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on roll call votes no. 230, 231, 232, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, and 380.

HONORING CHESTERFIELD SMITH

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a friend and distinguished citizen of Florida, Mr. Chesterfield Smith. Chesterfield Smith's inspiring dedication to our judicial system, social commitment to the legal profession, and remarkable personal and professional accomplishments serve as a model of American achievement. I rise today to congratulate him on his most recent accolade, the 2002 Justice Award from the Judicature Society.

Founded in 1913, the American Judicature Society (AJS) is a prestigious national, non-partisan organization of judges, lawyers, and non-lawyers dedicated to promoting the effective administration of justice. This award serves as AJS's highest distinction, recognizing a lifetime of dedication to the improvement of the administration of justice at a national level.

Chesterfield Smith's dedication to the legal profession embodies the underlying principles upon which this country was founded with his dedication to justice and his desire to help others, bringing us closer to the ideals outlined in