

Although his successful career often took him away from his Colorado home, when he retired in 1979, Dave Hamil returned to Sterling. Over the years, he has served on the boards of a host of community organizations, including the Atwood School District Board, the Elks Lodge, the Masonic Lodge, the Sterling United Way, and the Logan County Chamber of Commerce. Dave also served as president of the Logan County Historical Society, where he helped with the Johnson addition to the Overland Trail Museum. That same museum now includes a building named in Dave Hamil's honor.

A citizen of Colorado's Fourth Congressional District, Dave Hamil was truly a great American. It is with sadness that I inform the House of the loss of such an exceptional American. I ask the House to join me in extending our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Mr. Dave Hamil.

HONORING JOYCE KELLER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE JEWISH ASSOCIATION FOR RESIDENTIAL CARE

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute Joyce Keller, Executive Director of the Jewish Association for Residential Care located in Farmington Hills, Michigan in my Congressional District. She recently received the 2002 Spirit of Service Honor Award from the Michigan Assisted Living Association for her outstanding dedication and commitment to community-based services.

When Joyce Keller became executive director of JARC at age 26, the organization had one home, three employees, and served seven individuals with developmental disabilities. Their annual budget was \$40,000. Today, JARC is an \$8 million agency that serves over 150 adults in a variety of residential settings, provides support services to over 300 families with a disabled child or family member still living at home, and employs over 200 staff members. In her 25th year as executive director, Ms. Keller continues to oversee and ensure the highest quality of service, as well as the raising of nearly \$2 million annually in private contributions and a \$13 million endowment fund.

Ms. Keller has assumed extensive and substantial leadership roles, serving on the President's Committee on Mental Retardation and the Governor's Community Health Advisory Council in Michigan. In addition to her recent award from the Michigan Assisted Living Association, Ms. Keller has been honored with several distinguished awards over the course of her career, including being named Michigander of the Year by the Detroit News.

Mr. Speaker, with Joyce's tenacity, dynamism and creativity, JARC has become one of the largest and well-respected organizations for residential care in the country. She is passionate about honoring the dignity of the people JARC serves and enabling them to live rich and purposeful lives. Joyce Keller is a relentless advocate for the right of every individual to be valued and respected in our society and I congratulate her on the occasion of

receiving the 2002 Spirit of Service Honor Award. She is truly a worthy recipient.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO RUDOLPH CRESPIN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and memory of Rudolph Crespin of Mack, Colorado. Rudolph dedicated his life to working the land and fought to defend the freedoms of this nation, and it is with honor I stand today to recognize Rudolph for his great service to our nation and our communities.

Rudolph was born in Las Vegas, New Mexico on December 16, 1919 to Rafael and Paulina (Quesnil) Crespin. He grew up in the nearby Antlers Rifle area and married Frances Romero. In World War II, Rudolph served in the US Army overseas. His service to this nation is commendable and its value immeasurable. It is all too easy to take for granted the freedoms that he helped secure through his service; but we cannot allow ourselves to forget the important sacrifices of men and women like Rudolph Crespin.

After the war, Rudolph moved to the Western Slope of Colorado where he could enjoy his lifelong interests in fishing and hunting. He spent the next 40 years farming in the Rifle and Loma areas, where good sense and industry are still the backbones of the economy. He also became a member of other communities and resided in the Grand Valley and Mack. His legacy includes his four sons; Sam, Rudy, Santos, and David Crespin; as well as nine grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rudolph Crespin's life and memory before this body of Congress and this nation. His courage to serve our country, even the world, in a terrible global conflict showed his mettle, as did his commitment to the values and principles of agriculture and the communities he served. As his family and friends mourn his life, they can take comfort that the impact of his contributions to his nation will not be forgotten. Rudolph's lifetime of contributions to the communities of Colorado and this nation deserves our praise and I am proud to honor him today.

TRIBUTE TO DR. BILL FEDDERSEN

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Mr. GARY MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend Dr. Bill Feddersen, President of Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut, California.

Dr. Feddersen began his teaching career in Florida after receiving his bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois. He went on to complete his master's and doctoral degrees in higher education at Columbia University where he was a Kellogg Community College Leadership Fellow.

At age 32, after serving in administrative positions at Bucks County Community College

(PA) and Iowa Western Community College, Dr. Feddersen became one of the youngest college presidents in the country when he assumed the presidency of what is now the Pennsylvania College of Technology. For the past twenty-one years he has been a California community college president, first at Napa Valley College and since 1991, at Mt. San Antonio College.

Dr. Feddersen has served in a variety of state and leadership positions, including president of the California Community CEO Organization, and a member of the board of Directors of the Community College League of California and the Association of California Community College Administrators. Nationally, he is an officer of the Continuous Quality Improvement Network and serves on North Central Association's Academic Quality Improvement Project Advisory Council.

Thank you Dr. Feddersen for all of your hard work and dedication to advance education in our country. Your efforts will benefit the lives of others both now and for years to come.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LUCY HALL

HON. JOHNNY ISAKSON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Lucy Hall, founder of the Mary Hall Freedom House in Atlanta. Lucy was recently selected as one of ten people from across the country to receive the nation's most prestigious award for community health leadership from The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Her award includes a grant of \$120,000 to continue her community efforts.

Lucy founded the Mary Hall Freedom House in memory of her mother, who she lost to alcoholism at the age of six. Freedom House is a residential recovery program to help addicted mothers break the pattern of substance abuse. The program provides women with intensive chemical dependency treatment and vocational training.

She launched the Freedom House in 1996 while working as a housekeeper and volunteering as a counselor in Atlanta. Lucy used \$5,000 in seed money from her employer to get the effort started. From this modest beginning, the program has grown to serve 250 women a year, many of whom are referred from the court system and homeless shelters.

The program, which started out as six beds in a three-bedroom apartment, now has 70 beds in 26 apartments—and Freedom House now has a staff of over 30 people.

Lucy realized early on that many addicted women with small children had no access to residential treatment because most recovery programs did not admit children. So, she made Freedom House the only residential recovery program in Atlanta for women with children. Now, the children take part in prevention lessons to teach them how to avoid becoming substance abusers themselves. She also recently opened the Heavenly Angels' Day Care Center to provide care for children while their mothers attend treatment and training programs.

Mr. Speaker, by creating the Mary Hall Freedom House, Lucy Hall has demonstrated

tremendous leadership and determination to help the less fortunate in her Atlanta community. I am honored to share a little about her work with my colleagues today and urge them to join me in congratulating her for winning this distinguished award.

As her nominator said, "Lucy took on this challenge with nothing but an idea and a burning desire to help others. Unlike others, she found a way to turn this idea into reality."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRIAN BAIRD

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, on September 17, 2002, I was in my Congressional District in Washington and consequently I missed three votes. For the record, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 388, "yea" on rollcall vote 389 and "yea" on rollcall vote 390.

THE PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS IN SUDAN

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, Saturday night, college students from around the country will be spending all night at the Lincoln Memorial. They will be praying for the people of Sudan, and reminding us all of the human tragedy that is occurring there, and that we must do something about it. They will march to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in the morning, reminding us that we must never again let happen the kind of evil, the genocide perpetrated by the Nazis. And so, we must do something about Sudan.

The Sudanese government, the National Islamic Front, is killing its own people in many horrible ways in its attempt to assert total control over their lives, to impose its version of Islamic law on the Christians and animists of southern Sudan. Government forces drop homemade bombs on villages and crops; they attack people in line for food aid with helicopter gunships; and they bum villages and crops to the ground. A particularly horrible weapon the government uses is hunger—it intentionally denies food to hundreds of thousands of people, to force them to starve or become refugees.

According to the United Nations World Food Program, the Sudanese government intentionally put as many as 1.7 million people at risk this spring by denying them food and medical relief. The government agreed in 1989, along with the Sudan People's Liberation Army (the rebel group) and the United Nations to allow relief through Operation Lifeline Sudan. Shortly after this agreement, however, there was a coup and the current strongmen came to power. They immediately began to manipulate the relief system to prevent relief from coming in. Operation Lifeline Sudan flights are not always allowed in, and the government refuses to protect non-Operation Lifeline Sudan flights. In short, the government is

trying nearly everything short of outright banning all relief to keep the people of the south starving.

This is nothing less than genocide. The government is trying to kill or drive out hundreds of thousands of people because they are not Arabic Muslims. The government wants to impose its version of Islamic law over these people, who refuse to follow, and it wants free access to the oil fields that lie under these people's homes. So, it tries to starve them.

We in America cannot tolerate this any longer. We have stood by too long while the people of southern Sudan suffer at the hands of the government. We must act. We must listen to the call of the college students at the Lincoln Memorial Saturday night and the Holocaust Museum Sunday morning. We must stand firm with Sudan.

HONORING THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREATER FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th year of ministry of the Stones River Baptist Church of Smyrna, Tennessee. The congregation will celebrate the milestone on October 7, 2002.

The need for a new Baptist Church to serve the military families stationed at the former Seward Air Force Base in Smyrna, Tennessee, was discussed in May 1952. The first worship service conducted by the Stones River Baptist Church was held on July 30, 1952. And the first worship conducted in the church's permanent building was held on October 26, 1952.

The church has served its community and congregation well for half a century, a period during which our nation experienced much change and innovation. Through those many years, though, Stones River Baptist Church never faltered in its commitment to bring the Lord's word to the people.

Smyrna is a much stronger community because of the work of the church and its congregation. I congratulate the congregation's perseverance and am sure the church will grow even stronger during its next 50 years of service.

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR SENATE PASSAGE OF THE PENSION SECURITY ACT (HR 3762)

HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, since December, several of our country's most noted corporations, many widely regarded as the most innovative, fastest growing, strongest, and best managed companies, have collapsed due to gross irresponsibility and financial mismanagement. Accordingly, shareholders in these companies as well as tens of thousands of employees who held their retirement accounts in these companies have lost literally billions of dollars.

These shareholders and employees have lost everything. The plans made for retirement? Vanished. Their hopes and dreams for the future? Gone. Money set aside to pay for sending their children to college? Disappeared. All because of the improper and fraudulent actions of a handful of corporate executives who took advantage of the system.

In April, the Republican leadership of the House brought to the floor legislation to protect the pensions of employees from corporate wrongdoing. This legislation, the Pension Security Act, HR 3762, provides new protections and options to help workers enhance and preserve their savings while restoring employee confidence in our country's pension system.

That crucial legislation passed this body with a bipartisan vote of 255–163. Since that time, however, the Senate has not taken action on this bill. Pension security is a must past issue for this Congress. Employee confidence in their pensions is deteriorating. Will we allow yet another corporate scandal to hurt even more families throughout this country before getting a bill to the President's desk?

The Pension Security Act will reform outdated federal pension laws. The bill will prevent company insiders from selling their own stock during blackouts while employees are left to fend for themselves. It will require employers to offer workers high quality investment advice so they can make well-informed decisions on how to invest their hard-earned money. It gives workers freedom to diversify their portfolios and seek alternative investment options.

The President is ready to sign this bill. The House has not turned its back on American workers. The House has taken action! We passed the Pension Security Act five months ago! But, the Senate has not acted on pension reform legislation, and American workers are worried about their retirement.

Mr. Speaker, a few bad apples in the corporate hierarchy have drained the retirement savings of tens of thousands of workers, and it's time to act! Today, I am introducing a resolution demanding action on the Pension Security Act. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution. It's time to stop playing politics with the savings of hard working Americans.

STATEMENT ON ANNIVERSARY OF TERRORIST ATTACKS ON AMERICA

HON. MAC COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, one year ago, cowardly terrorists carried out a brutal and horrific attack on America. We watched our televisions that Tuesday morning in shocked disbelief to see our landmarks burning, knowing that it meant thousands of our countrymen and women had perished in the flames and smoke.

For many, that day was a nightmare unlike any other. As we commemorate the one-year anniversary of those attacks, I am pleased to say that a dark nightmare has given way to the dawning of a new day in America.

We have taken the battle to our enemies, ferreting them out of caves and crevices. We have broken the backs of an organized, well-funded, committed terrorist network, and our