

A PROCLAMATION HONORING
ROBERT A. KRUEGER

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Robert Krueger was born in Schenectady, New York on October 7, 1922; and

Whereas, Robert Krueger married Arlene Whitbeck on October 25, 1947 and they have two children and two grandchildren; and

Whereas, Robert Krueger served his country in the Army Air Corps from 1942 to 1946 in the Pacific Theater during World War II; and

Whereas, Robert Krueger has exemplified a love of life, caring, and service for his family and neighbors;

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Robert A. Krueger as he celebrates his 80th Birthday.

HONORING BANNING FENTON, RECIPIENT OF THE CITY OF HAYWARD YEAR 2002 LIFETIME AWARD

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Banning Fenton, recipient of the City of Hayward Year 2002 Lifetime Award.

Banning Fenton has worn many hats throughout his life—soldier, educator, volunteer, historian, and now, as this year's recipient of the City of Hayward Lifetime Award, he adds a 'model citizen' hat to his collection.

For the past ten years, Banning has focused his attention on helping the Hayward Arts Council and the Hayward Area Historical Society reach their goal to enhance the city and record and share its history.

As part of his mission to make his city a better place, Banning has taught a class about Hayward's history, created a book of historical post cards depicting Hayward's past, and led historic walking tours of downtown Hayward. Most recently, Banning wrote a book, "Hayward: The Heart of the Bay."

Prior to becoming involved in the city as a volunteer, Banning taught in the Hayward Unified School District for over thirty years and for two years at Bishop Willis College in Uganda, East Africa. Banning assisted in the formation of the Elementary School Science Association of Northern California, serving as its president for two years. He also assisted elementary school teachers with presenting science workshops.

After his retirement from the Hayward School District in 1981, Banning became a docent at Strybing Arboretum in Golden Gate Park and developed plant guides for the Hayward Sensory Garden and Ardenwood Park in Fremont. He was also active in the formation of the Friends of the Hayward Public Library, served on the board of the Ohlone Audubon Society, and was president of the local retired teacher's association for two years.

I am honored to join the colleagues of Banning Fenton in commending him for his 53

years of service to the city of Hayward and to congratulate him on receiving the Lifetime Award. Banning Fenton's dedicated work as an educator and volunteer committed to providing the best to the city of Hayward is a true inspiration.

HONORING JOHN SULLIVAN UPON
HIS RETIREMENT

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2002

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the lifetime of service of Fire Chief John ("Jack") Sullivan to the community of Bondsville, Massachusetts. His commitment to his town should be an example to us all of an answer to the call of duty and responsibility to our Nation. America's firefighters play a vital part in our communities and deserve more recognition for their role.

"Jack" Sullivan began his career in public service when he joined the National Guard in 1952. After three years with Company "B" 104th infantry, he was granted an Honorable Discharge. He then became a member of the Operating Engineers Union, Local #98. "Jack" retired from that organization after 38 years of involvement.

In 1967, "Jack" joined the Bondsville Fire Department. About one year later, Bondsville endured one of the worst fires in its history. "Jack" fought the Bondsville Mill Fire alongside over 500 firefighters from 18 different fire departments. The blaze burned for over 24 hours and caused a great deal of damage to property in the town. Most of the effort to fight the fire was simply to prevent it from spreading.

Due to his exemplary service, "Jack" quickly became a captain and ultimately, in 1977, he rose to the position of Fire Chief. He has filled that post for the past 25 years. In that time, he has been able to obtain a substantial amount of equipment for the training and safety of his firefighters. His dedication to the community of Bondsville does not stop with his commitment to the Fire Department; he was a member of countless committees to improve the safety of the town.

After 35 years with the Bondsville Fire Department, he has decided to retire. The Bondsville community is greatly indebted to Fire Chief Sullivan for his years of service. Indeed, we are, as a Nation, eternally grateful to all our firefighters for their selfless contribution to our society.

"MT. DIABLO AUDUBON SOCIETY'S
50TH ANNIVERSARY"

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2002

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, we rise today to invite our colleagues to join us in congratulating Mt. Diablo Audubon Society as it celebrates its 50th anniversary.

Founded in 1953, Mt. Diablo Audubon Society (MDAS) has an impressive record of environmental achievements in Contra Costa County, including the following:

Involved extensively in the protection and recovery of McNabney Marsh in Martinez. Formerly Shell Marsh, this area was saved as part of a settlement over an oil spill years ago. It is named after Mt. Diablo Audubon Society's well-known and respected former vice-president of conservation, the late Al McNabney.

Worked with the East Bay Regional Park District on the establishment and development of Waterbird Park in Martinez.

Led fifty-four yearly field trips for MDAS members and the public.

Supported the Muir Heritage Land Trust which has initiated a bold plan to link together many of our open space areas.

Partnered with a local flood control district to restore and protect a 22-acre saline marsh in Antioch, the Julia Cox Freeman Marsh.

Provided Audubon Adventures to over 90 classrooms (3,000 students) throughout Contra Costa County. Since 1984 Audubon Adventures has provided basic, scientifically-accurate facts about birds and wildlife and their habitats.

Partnered with Native Bird Connections and Wild Birds Unlimited to develop a life science course of study for freshman and sophomore high school students. Currently two high schools are participating in this program.

Supported the expansion of the California Bluebird Recovery Program and the placement of hundreds of bluebird houses in California.

Participated in many events and festivals in Contra Costa County and northern California to help educate the public about birds and the habitat they require.

Initiated the Contra Costa County Breeding Bird Atlas. This Atlas (a major five-year project underwritten by MDAS) will be an important tool in the battle to preserve open space and breeding habitats for birds.

Conducted slides shows and nature presentations to many schools and other groups throughout Contra Costa County.

Closely involved in the development of the Delta Science Center.

Participated in fifty Christmas Bird Counts.

We know we speak for all Members of Congress when we congratulate Mt. Diablo Audubon Society on its 50th anniversary and wish its members many more years of environmental stewardship.

TRIBUTE TO THE STANFORD LINEAR ACCELERATOR CENTER ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2002

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of the world's most renowned science research facilities, the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center, SLAC, located in the distinguished 14th Congressional District of California, on the occasion of its 40th anniversary celebration.

Hailed as one of the world's leading research laboratories, SLAC was established in 1962 at Stanford University with the support of the U.S. Department of Energy to design, construct and operate state-of-the-art electron accelerators and related experimental facilities

for use in high-energy physics and synchrotron radiation research.

Since its inception, SLAC has made enormous and lasting contributions to the fields of science and technology. To name but a few, the Laboratory led the development of particle accelerators that were at first used for pure research, then later developed for many practical applications including the daily use of medical accelerators in our nation's hospitals. SLAC's research in particle physics has also given scientists a new understanding of how our universe was constructed with the discovery of quarks, the smallest known components of matter. SLAC was also the first laboratory in the world to create a user facility using synchrotron radiation for research now conducted in medical science, biology, chemistry, physics, materials science and environmental science. Our nation even learned about the World Wide Web through SLAC, where the first American World Wide Web site was established.

Many of SLAC's extraordinary accomplishments and the Laboratory's high-energy physics program is made possible by SLAC's B-Factor. I'm proud to have led the successful effort in Congress to build the B-Factor at SLAC, upgrading an earlier electron-positron collider. This state-of-the-art instrument most recently helped obtain conclusive evidence of how B mesons disintegrate, giving scientists clues to the subtle difference between matter and antimatter. The B-Factor is a vital component of SLAC, making the Laboratory an internationally recognized facility, with over 3,000 scientists visiting from U.S. universities, national laboratories, private industries and foreign countries each year.

SLAC's remarkable work has been honored with three Nobel Prizes awarded to SLAC faculty professors, demonstrating the enormous contributions SLAC has made and will continue to make in science and technology. The history and achievements of SLAC have not only made it one of the leading research facilities in the world, but also one of our nation's greatest treasures.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center and all its scientists, researchers, faculty and staff on the occasion of its 40th anniversary celebration. We're a better, more scientifically and technologically advanced, and safer nation because of SLAC and its extraordinary accomplishments.

**ROMEO JAMES ROBINSON TURNS
90 YEARS YOUNG**

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2002

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today, I am pleased to recognize Romeo James Robinson for turning 90 years young. Mr. Robinson was born on September 9, 1912 in Youngstown, Ohio, and throughout his life, he achieved many great accomplishments. In 1941, he earned the bachelor's of science degree in Chemistry from Youngstown State University, and after 30 years of dedicated service, Mr. Robinson retired from Youngstown Sheet and Tool in 1968.

He has always been a beacon in his community, serving on the Organization for Protes-

tant Men, Fraternal Order of Masons, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and the Deacons Board of the Third Baptist Church. Additionally, he is a lifetime member of both the National Advancement for Colored People and the Urban League.

Mr. Robinson has two children, Myron F. Robinson, who currently serves as the president of the Urban League of Greater Cleveland, and Anita Gorham, who now resides in Detroit, Michigan. He is the proud grandparent of two and boasts often of his four great-grandchildren.

Happy birthday, Mr. Robinson!

**CONGRATULATING THE LIONS
CLUB OF VAN BUREN, ARKAN-
SAS ON ITS 80TH ANNIVERSARY**

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2002

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Van Buren Lions Club for serving the Van Buren community for 80 years. I salute the dedication and leadership provided via the motto "We Serve." Having formerly been a member of the Rogers Lions Club, and having practiced optometry for 25 years, I truly value the club's accomplishments in eye care.

The legacy founded in Chicago in 1917 by Melvin Jones has grown into an organization which boasts a membership of 1.4 million. Accepting the challenge first posed by Helen Keller to become "Knights of the Blind" in the crusade against darkness, Lions have provided 3 million cataract surgeries, funded 68 eye clinics and hospitals, and have screened 6 million patients for eye disease. They also distribute 4 million pairs of eyeglasses annually in developing countries. Having personally assisted with the distribution of eyeglasses in Haiti, I can honestly say that the efforts of the Lions truly impact the lives of those less fortunate.

I encourage each member of the Van Buren Lions Club to continue the work of this valuable organization. Their contributions to the Lions Club International Foundation, which funds Leo Clubs, Youth Camps, the International Youth Exchange, and the annual consultation at the United Nations, serve to bring hope to many.

Mr. Speaker, on this historic 80th anniversary, I applaud the Van Buren Lions for their dedication to the world's largest service organization. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to recognize them.

**HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
CALIFORNIA STATE SUPERIOR
COURT COMMISSIONER FOR ALA-
MEDA COUNTY, MICHAEL L.
KANNINEN**

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2002

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael L. Kanninen on his retirement July 16, 2002, after 18 years as Court Com-

missioner of the Superior Court of California, Alameda County.

Prior to his appointment to the Superior Court, Supervisor Kanninen served as Commissioner of the Alameda County Municipal Court. When the two courts were unified in 1998, he was appointed to his current position. Presiding over criminal matters and civil cases, Commissioner Kanninen has handled arraignments, sentencing, traffic, jury trials, pretrials, and motions.

After graduating from Hastings College of Law in San Francisco in 1971 and being admitted to the state bar in 1972, Commissioner Kanninen opened a small private practice, handling a wide array of cases. In 1982 he entered the Navy Reserves Judge Advocate General Corps, reaching the rank of Captain.

This position was not Commissioner Kanninen's first experience with the Navy. After graduating from the University of Chicago with a B.A. in Political Science in 1961, Kanninen—who intended to join the foreign service—was recruited into the Navy. He served until 1966, earning a Vietnam Defense Ribbon with three stars and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal.

In 1996, Commissioner Kanninen was awarded the prestigious Meritorious Service Medal by President Bill Clinton for outstanding service from October 1990 through September 1995 in the Judge Advocate General's Corps. He is a member of the California Court Commissioners Association, California Judges Association, and the American Judges Association.

An active member of the community, Commissioner Kanninen sings with the Ohlone Community College Choir, and has served as president of the Second Chance Community Crisis Center, as District Chairman of the Boy Scouts of America, and as President of the Newark Chamber of Commerce.

I am honored to join the colleagues of Michael L. Kanninen in commending him for his many years of dedicated and exemplary service to his country, state, and community. His commitment to justice is an inspiration for all.

**COMMEMORATING SEPTEMBER 11,
2001 AND ON THE OCCASION OF
THE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF
CONGRESS IN NEW YORK ON
SEPTEMBER 6, 2002**

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2002

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, one year ago, Americans looked on in horror as the events of September 11 unfolded. At the end of the day the skyline of one of our greatest cities was forever changed, the Pentagon, a symbol of America's military might was still smoldering, and a previously indistinguishable field in western Pennsylvania had suddenly and terribly become an unmarked grave for America's newest heroes.

In the aftermath of the Challenger space disaster, when seeking to comfort a shocked and hurting country, President Reagan told us that the "The future doesn't belong to the fainthearted; it belongs to the brave." Overwhelmed by grief, and reeling from a devastation, attack, some nations would have been