

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 3, 2002

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, on September 26, 2002, this Member unavoidably missed rollcall vote No. 423 (final passage of H.J. Res. 111, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2003). Had this Member been present, he would have voted "aye."

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
WILLIAM MCSHANE**HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 3, 2002

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. William McShane, on the occasion of his retirement, from the Suffolk County Board of elections.

For the past 30 years, Mr. McShane has tirelessly devoted himself to public service. He has most recently served as the campaign finance director of the Suffolk County Board of Elections. Previously, Mr. McShane worked for a member of the legislature before running for office himself.

Mr. McShane is a veteran of the Army Air Force who has served both his country and the state of New York well. As a Bronx native, the former owner of a small business in Nassau County and a longtime member of the Deer Park Community, Mr. McShane embodies the true spirit of a New Yorker.

His professional achievements are more than matched by his personal success. His lovely wife, Anne, is a retired school teacher. Together, they raised 5 beautiful children and have been blessed with six amazing grandchildren.

I am proud to recognize such an accomplished individual and commend Mr. McShane for his dedication and service to his community. I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to please join me in wishing William McShane many years of success as he celebrates his well deserved retirement.

SENSE OF HOUSE THAT CONGRESS
SHOULD COMPLETE ACTION ON
H.R. 4019, PERMANENT MAR-
RIAGE PENALTY RELIEF ACT OF
2002

SPEECH OF

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 2, 2002

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my deep disappointment that the House Leadership has turned a deaf ear to the concerns that preoccupy Americans. Among the chief concerns voiced by my constituents, in addition to the high cost of prescription drugs and the need to protect their retirement savings, is the need to extend temporary federal unemployment assistance. Over 60 percent of workers receiving extended benefits are cur-

rently exhausting all of their Federal benefits before finding work. By the end of August, 135,000 New Yorkers depleted their unemployment benefits and without timely action by this Congress—this number is certain to rise.

New York, in particular, is struggling with an unemployment crisis that rates among the severest in the country. Over 550,000 New Yorkers are out of work today. Mr. Speaker, in Western New York, the unemployment situation is particularly terrible as evidenced by the 5.1 percent unemployment rate in Rochester and 5.5 percent in the Buffalo-Niagara Falls area. Mr. Speaker, certainly Rochesterians, as well as residents throughout Western New York, are acutely sensitive to their vulnerability to economic despair, triggered by the loss of a good job.

Mr. Speaker, since the beginning of the current recession, long-term unemployment has increased faster than any part of the past 5 recession. In fact, the percentage increase in workers that exhausted regular 13 weeks of benefits has risen 121 percent between 2000 and 2002. Mr. Speaker, if our economy is in recovery, it is certainly a "jobless one." Companies did not add workers in September.

Mr. Speaker, the debate today should be over how to respond to the needs of the 1.5 million jobless Americans who have already exhausted their Federal unemployment benefits, and to hundreds of thousands of other workers who will exhaust their benefits in the coming months. My colleague, Mr. RANGEL, introduced legislation, H.R. 5491, that would extend temporary federal unemployment assistance for an additional six months, through June 30, 2003. This measure would ensure that workers in every State are eligible for 26 weeks of extended unemployment benefits. In States with high unemployment, like New York, workers would receive an additional 7 weeks of benefits. Inaction by this Congress risks the economic security of some 3 million workers and their families in the next five months.

For these reasons, Mr. Speaker, I strongly urge the Congress listen to the needs of growing numbers of Americans undergoing real economic hardship and act to extend temporary unemployment assistance.

MICHAEL MURRY HONORED AS 2002
FRANCISCAN HOPE AWARD RE-
CIPIENT**HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 3, 2002

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker. On Sunday, October 13, 2002, Milwaukee businessman, philanthropist and my friend, Michael J. Murry, will be honored as this year's Franciscan Hope Award Honoree at St. Josaphat Basilica's annual Loaves and Fishes Gala.

Similar to the namesake of the Franciscan order, St. Francis of Assisi, Mike was also born the son of a prominent entrepreneur. Growing up in the shadows of the Basilica, he was first introduced to the world of banking through his father, a former president of Lincoln State Bank.

After attending college and serving his country in the Air Force, Mike returned to Milwaukee. Through his diligent hard work and

visionary expectations for his father's bank, Lincoln State Bank thrived and expanded from Lincoln Village, the Basilica's neighborhood, to branch into the rest of the state of Wisconsin under Mike's presidency.

Just as St. Francis returned to his hometown to perform charity among the sick and through restoring churches, Mike has also put his Catholic values into action by serving on various healthcare boards of directors and the voluntary organization responsible for the beautiful restoration of the Basilica of St. Josaphat. The same enthusiasm and skill he has shown in the business community has benefited the philanthropic community and the Milwaukee area as a whole.

The patron saint of ecologists, St. Francis of Assisi was often depicted outdoors surrounded by wildlife. During time away from the office, Mike, an avid outdoorsman, can often be found at his lake home in Hayward, Wisconsin, where he has shared his passions for hiking, fishing and outdoor pursuits with his wife Jan and children Michelle and Joe.

It has been documented that thousands "were drawn to [St. Francis of Assisi's] sincerity, piety, and joy." As the 2002 Honoree of the Franciscan Hope Award, Michael Murry has proven himself an embodiment of St. Francis's characteristics and deserving recipient of this great honor.

Congratulations, Mike!

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 50TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF THE EAST OR-
ANGE CAMPUS OF THE DEPART-
MENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**HON. RUSH D. HOLT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 3, 2002

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of East Orange Campus of the Department of Veterans Affairs New Jersey Health Care System.

The East Orange Campus has served those who have served us all. For more than 50 years now, veterans from throughout New Jersey have received quality medical, surgical, and psychiatric care at the East Orange Campus.

This institution provides more than just care for our veterans, however; as a leading teaching and research institution, the East Orange Campus has helped train New Jersey doctors, nurses, and other healthcare providers while conducting pioneering work in areas such as infectious disease, cardiovascular disease, and gulf war related illnesses.

I believe we have a responsibility to care for the brave men and women who served this nation, helping to win in war and preserve the peace. Providing for their healthcare is the least we can do to honor their sacrifice. In this way, the East Orange Campus has delivered on that responsibility, that promise, for more than 50 years.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, again, I rise to celebrate the East Orange Campus. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 50 years of service and care delivered by the East Orange Campus.

HONORING JOHN JENKINS' 20
YEARS OF SERVICE TO PRINCE
WILLIAM COUNTY, VA

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 3, 2002

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to John Jenkins, who has dedicated 20 years of his life to Dale City and Prince William County as Neabsco District Supervisor.

John Jenkins began serving on the Prince William County Board of Supervisors in 1982 as the representative of the Neabsco Magisterial District. He has served two terms as Chairman of the Northern Virginia Planning District Commission, two terms as State President of the Virginia Association of Planning District Commission, and one term as State President of the Virginia Association of Counties. Additionally, he has taken on a wide variety of Board assignments, including but not limited to the following: member of the Environmental Quality Policy Committee, Telecommunications and Utilities Committee, and the Northern Virginia Transportation Coordinating Committee.

Beyond the sterling example he sets for his three children and fourteen grandchildren, Supervisor Jenkins is no stranger to community service. As a participant in numerous civic organizations, including the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Dale City Civic Association, Board of Directors Prince William County Boys and Girls Club, Chamber of Commerce, Dale City Lions Club, Salvation Army Advisory Board and numerous other community groups, he has displayed his commitment to enhancing quality of life in our communities.

While coming from different sides of the aisle, John and I shared a healthy and respectful working relationship during my tenure on the neighboring Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. We worked together on inter-county associations such as the Virginia Association of Counties, VACO, to promote the good of our constituents and our respective counties.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I wish the very best to Mr. Jenkins as he is recognized for service to his community, his county, and the Commonwealth of Virginia. Over the past 20 years, he has earned this evening of recognition, and I call upon all of my colleagues to join me in applauding his tenure and the work he will do in the years to come.

TRIBUTE TO BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS RECIPIENTS

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 3, 2002

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to recognize that three blue ribbon schools in my 51st Congressional District of California are being honored as National Blue Ribbon Schools for 2002. In alphabetical order, these schools are:

La Costa Canyon High School, Encinitas, CA. The principal is Mr. Don Rizzi, and the su-

perintendent of the San Dieguito Union High School District is Peggy Lynch.

Madison Middle School, Oceanside, CA. The principal is Mrs. Theresa Ketchem-Grace, and the superintendent of the Vista Unified School District is Dave Cowles.

Valley Middle School, Carlsbad, CA. The principal is Dr. Kim Marshall, and the superintendent of the Carlsbad Unified School District is Cheryl Ernst.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools program evaluates schools based upon their effectiveness in meeting local, state and national educational goals. In 2002, 172 middle and secondary schools are being recognized as National Blue Ribbon Schools, including the three above in California's 51st Congressional District, and 30 in the State of California. Blue Ribbon status is awarded to schools that have strong leadership, clear vision and mission, excellent teaching and curriculum, policies and practices that keep the schools safe for learning, expanded involvement of families, evidence that the school helps all students achieve high standards, and a commitment to share best practices with other schools.

I am immensely proud of the men and women whose outstanding and tireless work in the interest of better education has now been recognized through the National Blue Ribbon Schools program. This is particularly close to my heart, because, as a former teacher and coach, and as a father, one of my passions is improving education so that every American can have a fighting chance to achieve the American Dream.

And while these three schools in my district have now been recognized as National Blue Ribbon Schools, the real winners are all of the children, parents, teachers, and citizens who have all been challenged through this recognition to successfully improve education in all of their local communities.

TRIBUTE TO MARK WAYNE JACKSON

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 3, 2002

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my deepest condolences to the family of Sergeant First Class Mark Wayne Jackson who was killed in a bomb blast yesterday in Zamboanga, Philippines. He died while advancing freedom, peace and stability in the Philippines and his family should be proud of his service and his work on behalf of the American people.

Sergeant Jackson, who was part of the 1st Special Forces Group at Fort Lewis, WA, was on the front lines of the global war against terrorism. He served as a member of a U.S. force deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, helping to train the Philippine military to fight the Abu Sayyaf terrorist organization more effectively. He will be remembered as one of our finest young Americans and he gave his life so that people throughout the world could be safer and more secure.

I strongly condemn the cowardly terrorists who committed this act. The Abu Sayyaf, who has been blamed for the attack, has been consistently linked to Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda network. They represent a clear threat

to America and we will continue the global campaign to uproot the terrorist cells and bring them to justice. Through the efforts of the courageous and dedicated men and women in our Armed Forces, I am confident that we will prevail in this fight.

RECOGNITION OF STATE SENATOR LARRY ROHRBACH

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 3, 2002

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize State Senator Larry Rohrbach of the 6th senatorial district of Missouri. Senator Rohrbach has served the Missouri State Legislature for 18 years. He was first elected to the State House in 1982 and then to the State Senate in 1990.

Senator Rohrbach has served his constituents well, representing them as chair of the Insurance and Housing Committee and Vice Chair of the Appropriations, Interstate Cooperation, and Ways and Means Committees as well as a Member of the Agriculture, Conservation and Parks and Tourism Committees.

Senator Rohrbach has always been a champion of the people. He has continuously proven himself as the taxpayers' watchdog and a fiscal conservative. Too many legislators gauge their success on the volume of legislation that they have passed; however, Senator Rohrbach's most impressive legislative accomplishments are the numerous pieces of weak legislation that he has fought to defeat while serving the people of the 6th Senatorial District and the great State of Missouri.

Senator Rohrbach has always been a good friend and partner in the Republican Party. He has proven himself time and time again as a leader in the Missouri Legislature and as a tireless defender of the virtues of his constituents. In the time that I have known Senator Rohrbach, he has never sacrificed his principles; and in that regard, Senator Rohrbach has earned my unwavering respect and regard. He is a true patriot.

Mr. Speaker, please help me to recognize a great friend and an outstanding servant to the people of Missouri, State Senator Larry Rohrbach.

EXPRESSING SORROW OF THE HOUSE AT THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE PATSY T. MINK, MEMBER OF CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF HAWAII

SPEECH OF

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2002

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply saddened by the recent loss of my beloved colleague and dear friend, PATSY MINK of Hawaii. While serving together on the Education and Workforce Committee, we developed a long-lasting friendship and mutual admiration for each other. PATSY'S impact on this institution and our nation's history should never be overlooked or forgotten. Her legacy will remain an