

Degree Assemblies of the Knights of Columbus by the addition of the words "under God" after the words "one nation". The adoption of this resolve by the Supreme Board of Directors had the effect of an immediate initiation of this practice throughout the aforesaid Fourth Degree Assembly meetings.

At their annual State Meetings, held in April and May of 1952, the State Councils of Florida, South Dakota, New York and Michigan adopted resolutions recommending that the Pledge of Allegiance be so amended and that Congress be petitioned to have such amendment made effective.

On August 21, 1952, the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus, at its annual meeting, adopted a resolution urging that the change be made general and copies of this resolution were sent to the President, the Vice President (as Presiding Officer of the Senate) and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The National Fraternal Congress meeting in Boston on September 24, 1952, adopted a similar resolution upon the recommendation of its President, Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart. Several State Fraternal Congresses acted likewise almost immediately thereafter.

At its annual meeting the following year, on August 20, 1953, the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus repeated its resolution to make this amendment to the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag general and to send copies of this resolve to the President, Vice President, Speaker of the House, and to each member of both Houses of Congress. From this latter action, many favorable replies were received, and a total of seventeen resolutions were introduced in the House of Representatives to so amend the Pledge of Allegiance as set forth in the Public Law relating to the use of the flag. The resolution introduced by Congressman Louis C. Rabaut of Michigan was adopted by both Houses of Congress, and it was signed by President Eisenhower on Flag Day, June 14, 1954, thereby making official the amendment conceived, sponsored, and put into practice by the Knights of Columbus more than three years before.

In a message to Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart at the meeting of the Supreme Council in Louisville, August 17, 1954, President Eisenhower, in recognition of the initiative of the Knights of Columbus in originating and sponsoring the amendment to the Pledge of Allegiance, said:

"We are particularly thankful to you for your part in the movement to have the words 'under God' added to our Pledge of Allegiance. These words will remind Americans that despite our great physical strength we must remain humble. They will help us to keep constantly in our minds and hearts the spiritual and moral principles which alone give dignity to man, and upon which our way of life is founded. For the contribution which your organization has made to this cause, we must be genuinely grateful."

In August, 1954, the Illinois American Legion Convention adopted a resolution whereby recognition was given to the Knights of Columbus as haven initiated, sponsored and brought about the amendment to the Pledge of Allegiance; and on October 6, 1954, the National Executive Committee of the American Legion gave its approval to that resolution.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JUANITA NYE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration that I recognize a true horsewoman and westerner from Montrose, Colorado, Juanita Nye. Juanita has always had a distinct love for horses throughout her entire life and that passion has now been passed on through several generations of her family. After achieving a lifetime of success in barrel racing on the competitive rodeo circuits, Juanita now has the pleasure of watching her great-granddaughter carry on the proud family legacy.

Although Juanita always showed a great passion for horses, she never had the opportunity to own one until her husband, John Nye, bought her a horse named Silver as a gift in 1933. After that, Juanita's love for horses only grew stronger as she began to display an incredible talent for riding and training the animals. With her horse named Doo-Dash, Juanita won two saddles in 1968 and 1969, both when she was over 50 years old. As a couple, John and Juanita won over 75 buckles and trophies during their rodeo careers.

The Nye's raised two children, Ron and Della, who have proven their talent for riding and carried on the family legacy. Following in her mother's footsteps, Della also began running barrels competitively and won numerous buckles and trophies for her efforts. Della's children, Gary, JD, and Penny, have also proven themselves to be very successful riders and have together received significant recognition from their sport.

Penny married Kevin Wieberg in 1981 and they had two children, Jessica and Danny, who have both carried on the family tradition. Just recently, Juanita had the pleasure of watching Jessica, her great-granddaughter, barrel race at the Hotchkiss Junior Rodeo. In the event, Jessica placed in her age group and went on to win a Symkanna at Cedaredge a week later.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct privilege to recognize Juanita Nye before this body of Congress and this nation for her equestrian accomplishments in the State of Colorado. Juanita should be very proud of all her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren; they are the heirs to a proud legacy that began with her and her husband, John, almost 70 years ago. I wish her and her family the best of luck in future competitions.

HONORING OF WHITNEY YOUNG MIDDLE SCHOOL

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor the Whitney Young Middle School in Cleveland, Ohio for affording me the opportunity to visit with young students during my Third Annual Back-to-School Tour on Monday, September 23rd and Monday, September 30th of 2002. I would like to offer special thanks to Cleveland School Municipal District

CEO Barbara Byrd-Bennett, Superintendent Edward Dietsche and Principal Beth Haines-Hager for their leadership and kind hospitality. The tour was an educational experience for all who were in attendance.

Whitney Young Middle School has set forth major academic goals for the year, which includes maintaining average attendance rates of 95 percent; improving social responsibility awareness; and improving parent communications. Recent accomplishments from last year include student attendance rates over 95 percent; and an award for the most parent and community response at authors and artists night among all Cleveland middle schools.

I commend the Whitney Young Middle School for its commitment to education and will continue to fight for increased funding to improve the quality of public education for all students.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. LOUIS GOUVEIA

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. Louis Gouveia, a native of Pomeroy, British Guyana who was born on December 23, 1899 in recognition of his 102nd birthday celebration.

Mr. Louis Gouveia is the last of ten siblings. Mr. Gouveia completed high school and worked with his father for several years prior to coming to the United States in 1921. He did various odd jobs before obtaining his license as a taxi driver.

Mr. Gouveia married Doris Jardine from Grenada on February 10, 1924. They were blessed with four children, three boys, and one girl. His loved ones adore him dearly.

Mr. Gouveia enjoys reading the newspaper daily and keeping abreast of current events. Throughout his life, he has traveled to various countries like Haiti and England as well as the African continent.

Mr. Speaker. Mr. Gouveia, who now resides at the Marcus Garvey Nursing Home, is a pleasant person who participates to his fullest capacity in everyday life activities, and as such, he is more than worthy of receiving recognition today.

RECOGNIZING SHERIFF JIM PICCININI FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF SONOMA COUNTY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, we rise today to recognize Jim Piccinini, who is retiring as Sheriff-Coroner of Sonoma County, California after thirty-four years of service to his community.

Sheriff Piccinini began his career in public safety with the Roseland Fire Protection District in 1968. He progressed through the ranks

until he attained the position of Battalion Chief in 1976. While working for the Roseland Fire Department, he joined the reserve ranks of the Sonoma County Sheriff's Department. He resigned from the Fire Department in 1976 when he joined the active ranks of the Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff Piccinini again advanced through the ranks, holding every position in the Department, and was appointed Assistant Sheriff and Acting Sheriff in 1997. Sheriff Piccinini stood for election in 1998 and took office as Sheriff in 1998.

During his tenure, Sheriff Piccinini was responsible for creating the Administrative Fiscal Unit, the Volunteers in Policing Program, and the Peer Support Program. He was also instrumental in developing and implementing the Mentally Ill Offender Program, the countywide Narcotics Task Force, and the Sonoma County Law Enforcement Chaplaincy Program.

He implemented the highly successful Citizen's Academy and oversaw all twelve classes, negotiated the purchase of property for the Sonoma Valley Substation and established the Department's firing range.

Because of his outstanding career in law enforcement and his unparalleled level of leadership and achievement, he was awarded the Sonoma County Sheriffs Department Distinguished Service Award in 2002.

Mr. Speaker, Sheriff Piccinini is a public servant of remarkable talent and commitment and it is therefore appropriate for us to honor him today and to wish him well in his retirement.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN JUAN "SHANE" SANCHEZ

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize Captain Juan "Shane" Sanchez of Cortez, Colorado for the outstanding service he has given to the United States Air Force and to our nation. Captain Sanchez is a Fuels Officer for the 49th Supply Squadron and has recently been selected as the 2001 Fuels Officer of the Year. As he receives this recognition, I would like to pay tribute to the tremendous service and leadership he has given to our nation's military.

The award and recognition that Captain Sanchez received for his service is quite an accomplishment. Captain Sanchez leads a 90 member flight squad that receives, stores, and issues fuel while ensuring the quality meets certain standards. Plane refueling is an instrumental part of any operation without which no mission could be completed.

Captain Sanchez has recently overseen over 20 fuel system upgrades that have modernized fuel systems from the 1940s and 1950s to support the new demands of the 21st century. It is widely known throughout the Air Combat Command that it was Captain Sanchez's leadership that made the Command's third largest fuels account so efficient. Today, Captain Sanchez is on a temporary duty assignment in the Middle East as a Fuel Officer and a Supply Squadron Commander.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration that I recognize Captain Juan "Shane" Sanchez

before this body of Congress and this nation for his outstanding service and leadership in the United States Air Force. Without the knowledge, skill and expertise of men and women like Captain Sanchez fulfilling their obligations each and every-day, our nation's military could not be the world class fighting force that it is. Thanks for all your efforts Captain Sanchez and keep up the hard work.

IN HONOR OF COLLINWOOD HIGH AND COMPUTECH MIDDLE SCHOOLS

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor the Collinwood High and CompuTech Middle Schools in Cleveland, Ohio for affording me the opportunity to visit with young students during my Third Annual Back-to-School Tour on Monday September 23rd and Monday, September 30th of 2002. I would like to offer special thanks to Cleveland Schools Municipal District CEO Barbara Byrd-Bennett, Superintendent Kathy Freilino and Principal Charita Crockrom for their leadership and kind hospitality. The tour was an educational experience for all who were in attendance.

Collinwood High and CompuTech Middle Schools have set forth major academic goals for the year, which includes improving the passage rate of the Ohio 9th Grade Proficiency Test by 5 percent; improving literacy skills performance across all grade levels and increasing computer technology; increasing the number of students graduating and successfully moving into higher education, apprenticeships, technical training and employment; and promoting music technology in middle school classes. Recent accomplishments from last year include major construction of roof and building renovation; building new parking lot; Saturday tutoring program for all students who needed to pass the Ohio Proficiency Test; and a staff/faculty retreat.

I commend the Collinwood High and CompuTech Middle Schools for their commitment to education and will continue to fight for increased funding to improve the quality of public education for all students.

A TRIBUTE TO MS. DORIS ROBINSON

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Ms. Doris Robinson, who was born on October 29, 1901, in recognition of her 101st birthday celebration.

Doris Robinson migrated to New York in the 1920's. In 1925, she earned a bachelor's degree in Social Work from Howard University in Washington, DC. Mrs. Robinson was a teacher in the New York City public school system for several years. She also earned a Master's in Social Work from Fordham University.

Doris Robinson has traveled extensively to China and Uganda, as well as the Caribbean

islands. Through her travels she has been able to share her experiences with her family and community. She is very devoted to her family and has been an inspiration to all those around her.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Doris Robinson, who now resides at the Marcus Garvey Nursing Home, has devoted her life to serving her family and community. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving recognition today.

TRIBUTE TO THE CAMELLIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the award-winning Camellia Symphony Orchestra as it begins its 40th season in Sacramento, California. For four decades, this organization has been a crucial part of cultural life in California's capital city.

One of the nation's outstanding community orchestras, the Camellia Symphony Orchestra is comprised of a wealth of dedicated musicians from the greater Sacramento area. The Orchestra was established to provide an opportunity for Sacramento area musicians to express their many talents and musical interests. The musicians all share a common commitment to the mission of the Orchestra—to present concerts and programs of high artistic merit, and to foster community involvement through education and outreach activities.

The Orchestra provides opportunities for people of all ages to learn about, participate in, and attend events that enrich the quality of life. Their creative programs expose children to new forms of music in a joyful manner that encourages the learning process.

Under the leadership of Conductor Eugene F. Castillo, the Orchestra has challenged audiences to explore the connections between music and society, as well as art and everyday life. The Orchestra often premieres new compositions, or presents traditional pieces in a different way, symbolizing the diversity of the community.

This past summer, the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts here in Washington recognized Maestro Castillo as one of the most promising young conductors in America when he was selected for the highly competitive National Conducting Institute. The Washington Post described his Kennedy Center performance as having "a beautifully gauged climactic build . . . [which Castillo] drove to the finale in an ecstatic white heat."

The citizens of Washington last summer caught a glimpse of what we in Sacramento have come to value for both his leadership and creative talent. Maestro Castillo is the first Filipino-American to be appointed music director in a major American metropolitan city. Castillo is—in his own words—"a servant to music and a servant to the community." He has been a tireless advocate for youth music education and a staunch promoter of the orchestra's role in public life.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in saluting Maestro Castillo and the Camellia Symphony Orchestra for outstanding contributions to the Sacramento community