

CONGRATULATING CALIFORNIA
CITRUS MUTUAL ON THEIR 25TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 31, 2002

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate California Citrus Mutual as they celebrate their 25th anniversary.

In 1977, California Citrus Mutual, a nonprofit grower-based trade association, was envisioned by a group of citrus growers in order to form an organization for the expressed purpose of providing information, education, and advocacy to enhance per acre revenues for industry producers. Over the last quarter century, California Citrus Mutual has grown to become a respected voice within the citrus industry and a persuasive advocate for growers on local, state, and federal issues.

Their advocacy in state and federal government is second to none in the citrus industry and ranks with larger organizations in the fresh fruit and vegetable industry around the state and country. Successful issue management has become the cornerstone for California Citrus Mutual's continued growth.

Under the innovative leadership of President Joel Nelsen, California Citrus Mutual has overcome such challenges as catastrophic freezes, trade issues, pest exclusion activities, US-EPA directives, and Crop Insurance concerns.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate California Citrus Mutual on their 25th Anniversary. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing them many more years of success.

RECOGNIZING DON AND SHARON
WIEDEMAN

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 31, 2002

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Don Wiedeman and his wife, Sharon, Johnstown of Weld County, Colorado.

Mr. Wiedeman was a farmer who only wanted to raise the best corn in the country. He never thought about owning a radio station until he and his family went on vacation and decided to attend Church services in Phoenix, Arizona. He was following along in his Bible as the pastor was reading Isaiah 40. The words "go up on a high mountain" seemed to speak out him and call him to action. At the same time as this was happening, one of the pastors of the Church pointed to him and said "God just told me he has something special for you in radio." Mr. Wiedeman pondered and prayed about this unusual event and talked to some acquaintances of his who had radio knowledge. After several years of work he started a radio station in Colorado.

Wiedeman's dream is now a conservative Christian (with Hebrew roots), pro-Constitution, pro-individual rights station with many different program hosts. It is a station heard "around the world," on satellite and internet. The station has a large family of listeners who depend on it to be their "watchman on the wall," in all ways. Their program hosts report the news, not their interpretation of it. This radio station

is based on "faith, truth and freedom," according to Wiedeman.

In November, 1997, a fire silenced the station for several weeks causing their family of listeners to go into mourning. The "watchman on the wall" was no longer available for all their faithful listeners. It was a deadly silence! When the station returned to the air in January, 1998, their family of listeners rejoiced. Their "watchman" was back.

Mr. Wiedeman is a humble, Christian man who has a spiritual program to start the day for his listeners. He teaches God's word to all who will hear it.

Mrs. Wiedeman is a humble, Christian woman who is dedicated to this family of listeners, too. It is a family of listeners because everyone who gets to know others at events sponsored by the station truly become friends. Mrs. Wiedeman also hosts a radio show on Fridays.

We are thankful for Mr. Wiedeman and for all that he does for the radio station to get the message out, and Mrs. Wiedeman for her spiritual input and knowledge. The Wiedemans have long, outstretched arms that embrace a vast number of people. Coloradans hope they are able to continue in their work for many years to come.

I ask the House to join me in commending and thanking the Wiedemans for their service to the community and to the country they love.

RECOGNIZING 20TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE HONDA MARYSVILLE
PLANT AND THE FIRST AMER-
ICAN PRODUCED HONDA ACCORD

HON. DAVID L. HOBSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 31, 2002

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 20th anniversary of a momentous event in the history of Central Ohio and specifically, in the town of Marysville, Ohio, which is in my Congressional district.

In October of 1982, Honda auto company opened its first automobile assembly plant in the United States in the town of Marysville in Union County. Soon after, the first Honda Accord rolled off the assembly line and began a new chapter in the manufacturing history of Ohio. The construction of the extensive assembly facilities in Marysville followed the company's long-standing policy of producing products in the markets where they are sold.

For 20 years now, Honda has demonstrated its commitment to Marysville, to Ohio and to the country. In 1988, Honda produced its first car for export to Japan. By 1994, Honda produced 100,000 cars for export. In 1995, Honda was the recipient of the Ohio Governor's Exporter of the Year Award. In two years, Honda will produce more vehicles in North America than in Japan.

In 1982, Honda's 400 Marysville associates assembled 968 Accords. By the next year, 55,337 Accords came off the plant's assembly line. In 2001, an astounding 456,348 Accords and Acura TL's were shipped from Marysville. Given the \$2.3 billion investment in the Marysville facility, it is no surprise that Marysville is now the company's largest automobile plant in the United States.

This year, Honda launched the seventh-generation Accord, which has become one of the

best-selling cars in America. This coincided with the introduction of a new and more efficient manufacturing system at the Marysville plant to improve efficiency and worker safety.

Put simply, the Honda assembly plant in Marysville has become a cornerstone of Ohio's manufacturing base. In addition to providing employment for thousands of Ohioans, the Marysville plant has consistently been on the cutting edge of automobile innovation and Honda has been an outstanding corporate citizen.

As Ohio's Seventh District Representative to the Congress of the United States, I take this opportunity to publicly recognize the associates at the Marysville Honda assembly plant for reaching this important milestone, and honor the company's 20 years of commercial investment in Marysville.

TRIBUTE TO MR. DAVID C. FORD-
HAM OF BARABOO, WISCONSIN

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 31, 2002

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. David C. Fordham of Baraboo, Wisconsin, who is just concluding his career of more than 37 years of federal service.

Mr. Fordham has served as Commander's Representative at the Badger Army Ammunition Plant near Baraboo since 1976, with more than 31 years of service at Badger. His early positions at Badger included supervisory chemical engineer and contracting officer's representative. His achievements and awards have been numerous, including recognition annually for nearly the last decade with the Exceptional Performance Award and his award this year of the Superior Civilian Service Award.

Prior to the closure of the Badger plant, Mr. Fordham worked tirelessly to ensure that Army industrial installation at Badger was modernized and fully prepared to meet its role as the Army's only backup source for munitions propellant and smokeless powder.

However, Mr. Fordham's impact at the Badger plant over his many years of service has gone far beyond his critical role in ensuring the plant's readiness. He also ensured numerous energy conservation improvements, significant improvements in plant safety, and the resolution of numerous complex environmental remediation issues.

In more recent years, with the Army's declaration of the Badger plant as excess, Mr. Fordham has worked closely with federal, state, and local officials, community organizations, and concerned citizens, voluntarily attending countless public meetings—often until late into the night—in an advisory capacity on issues regarding reuse and cleanup of the plant.

Mr. Fordham's deep personal relationship with the plant, its employees past and present, its history, and his concern for its future has been clearly evident as my staff and I have worked closely with him on issues regarding Badger. Shortly after I was sworn into federal office, I had the pleasure of an in-depth tour of the Badger plant led by Mr. Fordham, who shared from this unparalleled knowledge of

the plant. Again this year, despite his ill health, Mr. Fordham made it a point to brief my entire staff and me during our visit to Badger, as he highlighted issues of critical importance regarding the plant.

Since our first meeting, I have been deeply impressed by Mr. Fordham's continually increasing willingness to be of assistance that has far exceeded the requirements of his official duties, including his work to identify and prepare for the remediation of numerous sites on the Badger plant.

Dave Fordham has played multiple crucial roles at Badger and in the surrounding community, and his impact will be left for generations to come.

It has been an honor and a privilege to work with Dave Fordham. On behalf of a grateful nation, I offer him our gratitude for his accomplishments, his service, and his unwavering commitment to duty and community.

I appreciate the opportunity to recognize and commend Mr. David Fordham here today.

TRIBUTE TO MOTHER TERESA

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 31, 2002

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mother Teresa whose blessed soul entered Heaven September 5, 1997, at the age of 87. She had been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor just a few months earlier, blessing these hallowed halls with her presence.

Mother Teresa's death is a loss to those she worked with and cared for, the leaders who met her, all who were inspired by the humble nun so full of love. Her life however, was the greater inspiration and the reason she will be celebrated in perpetuity. She was light, hope, strength, and courage, possessing a full heart endowed by God which transcended the temporal world.

Mother Teresa was born into an Albanian, Roman Catholic family in the Macedonian city of Skopje as Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu on August 27, 1910.

At age 18 she joined the Iris order of the Sisters of Loretto. A year later, Mother Teresa was sent by the Sisters of Loretto to Calcutta, India to teach geography at St. Mary's High School. In 1946, on a train to Darjeeling, Mother Teresa received a calling from God to leave the covenant walls and go into the streets, helping the poor while living amongst them.

Heeding the call, Mother Teresa founded the Missionaries of Charity in 1950, an order emphasizing strict personal austerity and dedicated to the service of the poor. Today, this ministry extends to 120 countries with 568 houses dedicated to the unwanted, the unclothed, and the unfed. In Calcutta alone, she and her sisters have provided for the successful adoption of 8,000 children.

Mother Teresa was selected as a recipient of the first Pope John XXIII Peace Prize in 1971. In 1979, Mother Teresa accepted the Nobel Peace Prize in the name of the poor, using the award to build more hospices. She was awarded the prestigious Congressional Gold Medal in June 1997. Her only request of Congress was for prayer; "that we continue God's work with beautiful and with great love."

Mother Teresa is now destined to sainthood. In 1999, the Pope waived the five-year waiting period for opening the process toward her final canonization. This testifies to the Vatican's certainty of the holiness Mother Teresa embodied as Jesus Christ's disciple and servant, and her obedience to the Blessed Mother. In September of 2002, the Vatican Congregation for the Causes of Saints approved her "heroic virtues." The Vatican also recognizes a 1998 miracle in October of 2002. After one more approved miracle, Mother Teresa will have reached canonization, the final stage of sainthood where two distinctly different miracles must be attested to and proved. It is then Mother Teresa's soul will be officially declared to be among the angels in heaven.

Mother Teresa lived a life of service, one her admirers can only hope to emulate and we should strive to follow. I consider it an honor to have met this incredible saint and witnessed her works. Her humility and love were true gifts of God.

HONORING DR. EDWARD J. HANSBERRY

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 31, 2002

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the memory of a truly great educator, Dr. Edward J. Hansberry. Dr. Hansberry passed away on October 26th. He left behind a legacy of outstanding contributions to the field of education.

Edward Hansberry devoted his life to brining knowledge to students. He took the command given in Psalm 78: "He gave his decrees to Jacob, and established a law for Israel, which he commanded them to teach their children;" and put those words into action. He was committed to the ideal that all students could achieve their goals with the right encouragement and direction. From his beginning experience as a teacher in 1963 at the Rock Island Elementary School in Broward County Florida, Edward Hansberry worked tirelessly to inspire young minds with a desire to learn. He was zealous throughout his career as a teacher and administrator. I valued his wisdom and was privileged to have had Dr. Hansberry testify before my Early Childhood Subcommittee regarding Title I. He shared with us his expertise and insight.

The awards and recognition Dr. Hansberry received during his life were numerous. He authored several articles and publications on the educational system. He was seeking solutions to the problems faced by children in the early grades when he was struck down by illness. As a former educator, I know first hand the challenging and the joy of watching a struggling student understand an idea. It is an achievement unparalleled and Dr. Hansberry was a witness to that joy during his lifetime.

Mr. Speaker, our country has lost a valuable, vital voice with his passing. He was a kind, thoughtful man, always considerate of others, charitable to individuals and respectful of their ideas. I admired his determination to provide the best for the students in his care.

SPECIAL JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 31, 2002

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, for the benefit of my colleagues I rise to introduce statements delivered in connection with the Special Joint Session of Congress convened in New York City on September 6, 2002.

In commemoration of the September 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, a Special Joint Session of the Congress convened at Federal Hall in the City of New York—the location of the first meeting of Congress in 1789.

At the conclusion of this historic session, Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg hosted a luncheon for members of Congress and many other national and community leaders, as a gesture of thanks from the City of New York for all of the help that it received in recovering from the attacks.

I believe that the nature and occasion of the event necessitates its inclusion in this commemorative document so that, along with the events at the Special Joint Session, it can be recorded for posterity.

The attendees heard from the Mayor, the Governor of New York, George Pataki, Senate Majority Leader, TOM DASCHLE, Minority Leader, TRENT LOTT, Speaker of the House, DENNIS HASTERT, House Minority Leader GEPHARDT, and Mrs. Susan Magazine, Assistant Commissioner of the Family Assistance Unit of the Fire Department of New York City. As the Dean of the New York State Delegation, I also addressed those in attendance.

Mayor Bloomberg: Ladies and gentlemen, I'm Mike Bloomberg, and I'm pleased to be the mayor of the city of New York. Thank you.

There is an expression that you will hear in New York frequently at this time of the year that you may or may not be familiar with. It sounds like "chana tova," which means "happy new year." And for those of you that care, happy new year. (Applause)

Speaker Hastert, Majority Leader Daschle, Minority Leader Gephardt, Minority Leader Lott, distinguished members of Congress, including the dean of New York state's delegation, the Honorable Charles Rangel . . . (Applause) . . . and our two great members of the upper chamber, Senators Schumer and Clinton . . . (Applause) . . . good afternoon. I am delighted to welcome you to New York for this truly historic occasion.

Today, we hearken back to the early days of our republic, when the first Congress convened in New York and George Washington was inaugurated as our president. Many of our founding fathers lived in New York in those days, including Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, John Hancock and others. So many others, in fact, that the painter of "The Declaration of Independence," the famous canvas that hangs in the Capitol Rotunda, had to move to New York to finish his work.

It's often been pointed out that the decision Congress made to move the capital from New York to a new site on the banks of the Potomac, in effect, gave the U.S. two capitals. We now have one capital in Washington, DC, for the government, and one here, for business and culture. Rather than feel slighted, New York has always embraced its role.