

HONORING AND REMEMBERING
JUDGE LOYS CRISWELL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Judge Loys Criswell, soldier of justice in the State of Oklahoma, farmer, beloved husband, father, and friend to many.

A life-long resident of Oklahoma, Judge Criswell grew up in the town of Duke during the difficult years of the Great Depression. During his formative years, violence and shoot-outs were commonplace along the streets of Duke, and justice and accountability were non-existent. Judge Criswell lost several relatives and friends in these conflicts. So impactful were the events of his youth that Mr. Criswell dedicated his entire adult life to administering justice, and offering hope and rehabilitation to offenders.

Judge Criswell was also committed to social justice issues and equal opportunity for everyone. When he learned of the plight of the babies of Mexican migrant workers dying from dysentery, Judge Criswell sprung into action and assisted the Southwest Oklahoma Migrant Ministry in developing better housing and improved conditions for migrant workers.

As a highly effective prosecutor and later a juvenile and family judge for many years, Judge Criswell's keen understanding of the history and nuances of our intricate legal system, along with his strong sense of justice—tempered by compassion and his belief in redemption for offenders—profoundly impacted the lives of thousands of individuals and families, and helped improve the overall quality of life for everyone within his region of Oklahoma. As county attorney in Altus, Mr. Criswell eliminated close to twenty illegal operations in the county, and in other rural parts of the area. His intelligence and unwavering belief in the American judicial system were unmatched by none, as was his deep sense of compassion for everyone who stood before him within the walls of his courtroom. Personally and professionally, Judge Criswell was a man of integrity, character, kindness and ideals. He was a brilliant man with an ever-hopeful heart, and an ever-humble spirit. Judge Criswell was bestowed with many awards and accolades for his brilliant work, yet he always shied away from praise and accolades.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of my friend and mentor, Judge Loys Criswell, who will be deeply missed by all who knew him. He was a man of vision, a scholar, a farmer and seeker of truth. And above all else, Judge Criswell was a man who possessed a heart as expansive and true as the rolling farms of Oklahoma. Judge Criswell dedicated his life to justice and positive change and consistently reached out to members of his community. I extend my deepest condolences to Judge Criswell's beloved wife Edna, and beloved daughter, Beverly. Judge Loys Criswell's life has made a true and significant difference in the lives of many—in Oklahoma, and in places beyond, and his spirit and legacy will live on forever.

SERVICE FOR THE PEOPLE OF
THE 7TH DISTRICT OF ALABAMA

HON. EARL F. HILLIARD

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. HILLIARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to give honor to this great body, which I shall leave at the end of this term. This is the most Democratic body in the Federal government, turning to the American people in our districts every other year for reinstruction and rededication, as well as reelection.

We are the representatives who most directly represent America, and I am proud to have been elected by the people of the 7th District of Alabama to serve them for a decade. It is my hope that these good Americans believe that I have represented them well—I know that I have tried with all my mind, my soul and my body to do so.

I feel good that I was able to maintain a 100% voting record for the working men and women of Alabama, the consumers and the constituency I represented in the U.S. Congress.

It has been a special burden and a special honor to represent one of the poorest districts in the richest nation in the world.

It has been a special burden and special honor to represent a district mostly comprised of a minority not long ago enslaved by the very nation in which they are now citizens.

It has been a special burden and a special honor to represent the victorious battleground of the civil rights movement, a battleground that gave America nonviolent resistance, and gave the world a more honorable way to struggle for human rights.

As I leave this body, it is my prayer that America will make as its first priority the ending of poverty in the richest nation in the world. To have poverty in the midst of riches is unconscionable and we must move immediately to end this most destructive condition from the American people forever.

It is my prayer that America will finally move beyond the ignominious history of racism that has eaten at our nation's heart since the conception of this nation. The racism which has historically oppressed Blacks such as myself in this nation too easily turns against others, against Arabs, Asians, and may well turn again against Jews.

It is my prayer that America will find a way to place human values before monetary ones. Today, money is the engine of everything in this nation. People matter less and less in the face of monetarism, both in this nation and in the world. Globalization is not the high-minded internationalism we have dreamed of—it is instead the take-over of the world by transnational corporations which may have been born in America but which are loyal only to wealth. We have to put people before profits before the people are nothing but products.

It is my prayer that America will find a way to achieve international peace. We cannot continue to use cheap nationalism to reduce people to less than human, religious arrogance to call others evil, or media blitzkriegs to whip the American people into imperialist cheerleaders.

For this intertwined world, there is only one way to survive and that is to survive together. However many nations exist, there is only one human race. It is neither good nor evil—it is human. I for one find it deeply lovable. I place myself in its service, in the service of the people of the world.

HONORING PAUL MARTIN OF
PETALUMA, CA

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Paul Martin of Petaluma, California, who has just received the Award of Distinction from the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at the University of California at Davis. This highly competitive award recognizes alumni who have demonstrated leadership and achievement or brought distinction to the College through their careers.

During the ten years I have been in the U.S. Congress, Mr. Martin's in-depth knowledge of agricultural issues has been invaluable as a resource to me and my office. Paul has given unsparingly of his time to educate me and my staff on the needs of the dairy industry as it relates to federal legislation and the Sixth Congressional District. We have also worked together on our shared goals to preserve family farms. In fact, although he typically votes Republican, his campaigning on my behalf is a reflection of his commitment to those goals.

Paul Martin graduated from UC Davis in 1965 and from the California Agricultural Leadership Program in 1980. Next year he will receive an MA in Public Policy from Sonoma State University. In addition to operating two dairy ranches and working for Western United Dairymen as coordinator of Environmental Services and Field Representative, Mr. Martin has been a leader in a wide range of agricultural, environmental, and community causes. Some of these include service with the California Air Resources Board, State Water Resources Control Board, USDA Sonoma-Marine Dairy and Range Belt, Chief of Two Rock Volunteer Fire Department, Petaluma American Little League, Two Rock 4-H, Sonoma County Farm Bureau, and Petaluma High School District Facilities Committee. He also served as a First Lieutenant, USAR in Viet Nam and received a Bronze Star.

A third generation dairyman on his family's ranch, Mr. Martin has lived in Petaluma his entire life. His son John now raises heifers and beef cattle on the dairy while his daughter Betsy and daughter-in-law, Natalie use the ranch to raise dairy cattle for showing and sales.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Martin is respected as a leader within the agricultural community whose advice and knowledge I value highly. I am proud of his award and his many contributions to his community and to the dairy industry. And I am especially proud to call Paul Martin my friend.

ALCOA 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Alcoa Foundation.

The Alcoa Foundation, located in Pittsburgh, was founded in 1952 with an endowment from Alcoa, the company that has been a very successful producer of aluminum in this country for decades. Alcoa has its headquarters in Pittsburgh.

Since its founding, the Alcoa Foundation has made more than \$339 million in awards around the world, including the \$21 million it gave to more than 2,000 organizations in 26 countries last year. The foundation targets its giving to promote the goals of conservation and sustainability; safe and healthy children and families; global education in business, engineering, science, and technology; skills for the future; and business and community partnerships. The foundation also concentrates its efforts in communities in which it operates.

One of those communities is Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The Alcoa Foundation has established a five-year "Allegheny Works Initiative", for example, in Pittsburgh. The foundation has committed \$1 million through this program to programs that enhance literacy and employment opportunities on the City's Northside. The initiative relies upon local leaders to determine the community's most pressing needs and suggest the most appropriate responses to those needs. Grant awards through the initiative have included after-school programs to improve young people's study skills and discourage drug and alcohol abuse. Other programs have increased access to the Internet for Northside residents and promoted reading among at-risk students at a local school.

Among its many other activities, the Alcoa Foundation funds scholarships for the children of Alcoa employees in the United States. These scholarships are awarded based on achievement, potential, leadership, community service and character. They are judged by a national panel of college and university professionals. This year, 91 students received scholarships totaling \$534,000.

Mr. Speaker, I want to commend the Alcoa Foundation for its many good works and congratulate its staff and donors on the 50th anniversary of this worthy institution.

HONORING ALFRED CAHN

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Alfred Cahn, upon celebrating his 90th birthday.

Al Cahn has worked with the Coler-Goldwater Memorial Hospital on Roosevelt Island for nearly thirty years. He has been a passionate member of the Patient Care Committee, fighting to help improve the lives of patients. Al and his devoted wife, Lee, took the time to create a family council to work with

hospital administration to help make Coler-Goldwater an even better place. Al's dedication led him to serve as both president of the council and vice-president of the Community Advisory Board at the hospital.

Al's extensive interaction with the patients at Coler-Goldwater is remarkable. Al not only visits patients, he brings out those that are able and serves as a feeder for those that are less fortunate. Al and his wife are also known for their annual barbecue which they host at their Whitestone home. With homemade food and fresh fish, caught by the Cahn's themselves, the outing has been a truly uplifting time for all of the attendees.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Alfred Cahn on this truly special occasion as he celebrates his 90th birthday. Al is an honorable man who has spent such a large portion of his life aiding and honoring the lives of others. May he continue to celebrate throughout this year and for many more to come.

HONORING ROBERT C. STEWART

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mariposa County District III Supervisor Robert "Bob" Stewart for his years of dedicated service to the community.

Bob has shown his commitment to the community through a career of public service. He is a veteran who served on the California Highway Patrol for twenty-eight years, protecting Mariposa County for twenty. As an elected official, Bob continued supporting emergency responders by advocating newer equipment for public safety employees and volunteer fire departments.

Bob was first elected to the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors in 1994 and reelected for his second term in 1998, serving as Chair in 1997 and 2002. He acted as Board liaison member to the General Government and the Health and Human Services areas.

Bob's contributions to the community spread beyond the numerous County projects he has chaired. For the last twenty years he has also served as deacon to the First Baptist Church of Mariposa. In all of his varied activities, Bob is known foremost for his honesty and integrity.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Bob Stewart for his active and dedicated community involvement. I urge my colleagues to join me in thanking Bob and wishing him many more years of success.

HONORING AND RECOGNIZING
PETER YARROW AND AVERY
COHEN**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Peter Yarrow and Avery Cohen, as they are honored by the Hat-

tie Larlham Foundation on November 13th for their significant work on behalf of individual rights.

For the past forty years, the Hattie Larlham Foundation has been a source of hope, support and care for thousands of children and adolescents with disabilities and their families, in northeast Ohio. The vast and vital work of both Peter Yarrow and Avery Cohen on behalf of the Foundation, reflects the true spirit of this exceptional agency—a spirit of helping and caring, a spirit of empowerment; and a spirit of dedication to social justice—one child at a time; one family at a time.

The vital work of Peter Yarrow and Avery Cohen is the work of heroes who speak for those whose voice is small—they are the messengers for our most vulnerable citizens—our children, our poor, and our mentally and physically challenged. Their message speaks of local and national change. Their message speaks of improved services for children and adults with disabilities. Their message speak of research to seek improvements, to find cures, to give support, to give hope.

Peter Yarrow carries the message through his gift of song, crossing the continent to raise funds and raise awareness, with projects like the creation of "Operation Respect," a program that advocates nurturing environments for children.

Avery Cohen, President of the Hattie Larlham Care Group, and Vice President of the Hattie Larlham Research Institute and Foundation, has carried the message through his tenacity, integrity, compassion and expertise for the past thirty-six years. Considered a "founding member," Avery joined the Board of Directors of the Hattie Larlham Foundation in 1966. His unwavering commitment remains focused on assisting and improving the lives of the children and families of our community.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honoring every staff and member of the Hattie Larlham Foundation, and please also join me in honoring my dear friends, Peter Yarrow and Avery Cohen. I honor your dedication and significant work in helping, empowering, inspiring, and bringing hope to children and families facing a challenging road. Your work and activism brings us light, guidance and strength, and gives us hope for a better tomorrow.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL
ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH**HON. JAMES T. WALSH**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, each year in November American families across the country gather together in thanksgiving to recognize the variety of blessings they have received. It is fitting that we also choose this month to recognize the importance of adoption in our society.

Currently, thousands of children across the country, freed for adoption, are waiting to be a part of a loving and caring family with a stable home and attentive parents. Many of these children have special physical, mental, or emotional needs and require special nurturing from devoted parents and families. Let it be known that their adoption by special people