

Mr. Williams was born in Tyronza, Arkansas on October 17, 1932. He grew up working in the fertile cotton fields of Eastern Arkansas before graduating from Wilson High School in 1950. He spent one year at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro and joined the United States Air Force in 1952. As a weather observer in the Air Force, Mr. Williams lived in Alabama, Texas, Illinois and Alaska.

After serving his country in the military, Mr. Williams enrolled at Louisiana State University, where he received a degree in agricultural economics in 1960. After graduation, he spent five years working as a field representative for the National Cotton Council in Louisiana and south Arkansas. While living in Louisiana, Mr. Williams married Barbara Lee Rodgers. They have three sons and currently are the proud grandparents of one granddaughter with a second grandchild on the way.

In 1965, Mr. Williams became executive vice president of the Agricultural Council of Arkansas [ACA] and has now served the members of the ACA for more than 37 years. He has used his experience and expertise to help readers of the ACA newsletter stay informed about the rules and regulations pertaining to farm, environmental and occupational safety and health policy. His influence has assisted policymakers in creating a sound farm policy and farmers in accessing the farm programs available to help them.

He is active in many professional organizations and has served as president of Memphis Agricultural Club and Memphis Society of Association Executives. He was named "Man of the Year" by the Memphis Agricultural Club in 1980. In 1986, Mr. Williams received the prestigious "Man of the Year in Service to Arkansas Agriculture".

On behalf of Congress, I offer my friend, Cecil Williams, Jr., my deepest appreciation and gratitude for his tireless dedication and honorable service to the people of Arkansas and the field of agriculture.

**MAURICE DEAN HENNESSEE: AN  
EXTRAORDINARY AMERICAN**

**HON. JAMES A. BARCIA**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 13, 2002*

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Maurice Hennessee of Clio, Michigan. Maurice has used his retirement years to make a difference in the world in which we all live and he has become an important component in spreading democracy and assisting in the infrastructure and educational development of the African nation of Nigeria.

Maurice first served his country while serving as an enlisted man with the United States Air Force's 328th Air Fighter Air Defense Group during the Korean War. Following his tour of duty, he served four years in the Air Force Reserve. He then returned home and began his 38-year career with General Motors Corporation, Buick Motor Division in Flint, Michigan.

However, it was after his retirement from General Motors and during his recovery from experimental surgery to repair a seriously injured foot that Maurice found the path that would lead him to Nigeria. Although he had no

experience in missionary work or fund-raising, Maurice joined Dr. Moses Akpanado's effort to use education to improve the lives of impoverished and disadvantaged Nigerians. Today, there are more than 1000 students who attend the Obong Christian Education System deep in the jungle of Nigeria thanks to those efforts.

Moreover, Maurice and others have expanded their work to include infrastructure improvements and other advancements to provide a healthier and more civilized environment for those living in remote Nigerian communities. There are untold thousands of villagers who now enjoy clean, fresh water as a result of Maurice's determination to dig deep wells. Villages now have power lines, electrical generators, libraries and dormitories all because Maurice and others helped persuade fellow Americans to offer their financial support.

In villages throughout Nigeria, Maurice Hennessee has received many honors. Important buildings on a college campus in that nation bear his name. He has been named Honorary Chief in several villages. In addition, his family has shown him their love and support by becoming involved in his efforts, traveling with him on multiple occasions to Africa, as well as supporting other mission activities in Kenya and Central America with their personal involvement. We owe a debt of gratitude to Maurice, his wife, Earline, and their children, Trina, Gary and Larry, for setting such a fine example of American goodwill.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Maurice and the entire Hennessee family for their dedication in spreading democracy and Christian charity throughout the world and for exemplifying how otherwise ordinary Americans can achieve extraordinary results.

**TRIBUTE TO ELBERTA ERIKSSON**

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 13, 2002*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, we rise today to recognize Elberta Eriksson, who is retiring as the Director of the Family Service Agency of Marin's Multi-cultural Outreach Program after thirty years of dedicated service to her community.

Through the years, Elberta has been committed to community service, dedicated to strengthening families and children and advancing human rights. In the early 1970's, as a professional social worker, Ms. Eriksson was one of the first to bring mental health services to Marin City. Through Operation Give a Damn, a grassroots organization that brought a unique mentoring program to the youth of Marin City, Elberta developed a cultural competency program for professional and paraprofessional mental health providers.

Under Ms. Eriksson's visionary leadership, the Multi-Cultural Outreach Program, sponsored by the Family Service Agency of Marin, was launched. Through this esteemed program, Elberta personally provided hundreds of hours of family counseling as well as supervised graduate students from San Francisco State University during their internship, adding a rich, multi-cultural counseling program for the entire county.

In addition to working full-time and raising her young family, Elberta made time in the evening to work as one of the first hot line volunteers at the Marin Suicide Prevention Center. Always generous with her skills and time, Ms. Eriksson has served on many boards and committees, including the Marin County Human Rights Commission, the Marin County Women's Commission, ISOJL of Marin City, America's Angel Campaign, and the Marin City Community Services District.

Ms. Eriksson has contributed her leadership and commitment to provide a model of the importance of community service with the highest ideals for the benefit of many. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, it is fitting for us to rise today to honor Elberta Eriksson and wish her well in her next adventure.

**TRIBUTE TO BUD BROWN**

**HON. BRAD SHERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 13, 2002*

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Bud Brown for his dedicated efforts to improve the quality of life in our community. His commitment and service to the San Fernando Valley is immeasurable. Throughout his life he has contributed countless hours of community service by supporting various organizations and acting as an effective leader for several groups.

Since his retirement from GTE in 1993, Bud Brown has been a driving force in cultivating relations between the private and public sectors in Los Angeles. His 22 years of experience in the corporate world have been instrumental, in establishing relationships with numerous non-profit organizations throughout the Valley. Bud has found ways to utilize his professional and volunteer talents by serving on the boards of many institutions. Despite his retirement he just recently completed his eighth year as Community Relations Manager at Hamer Toyota in Mission Hills.

During his career in public service he has served as founder and leader of a variety of local organizations. His commitment includes serving as President of New Directions for Youth, Board member of the Fernando Award Foundation, and Major Gifts Committee for the North Valley Family YMCA. He is also a strong supporter of the Holy Cross Medical Center, Mission Hills Chamber of Commerce, and the Los Angeles Mission College Foundation. More recently, he has expanded his efforts to serve as Commissioner for the City of San Fernando.

Bud Brown has been honored with a number of awards in recognition of his accomplishments as a community leader, including the City of Los Angeles Volunteerism Award and KNX Citizen of the Week. Other groups that have noted his tremendous achievements include the San Fernando Valley Girl Scout Council, Encino-Sherman Oaks Optimist Club, Valley Interfaith Council, Heaven on Earth Ranch and the Black American Political Association. Lastly, in 1995 he was one of the first recipients of the prestigious Fernando Award.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Bud Brown, an amazing individual who has dedicated his life for the betterment of the San Fernando Valley.

MARTIN WALZER HONORED

**HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 13, 2002*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the attention of the House of Representatives to the service to the community of Martin Walzer, who will receive the Robert N. Pursel Distinguished Community Achievement Award. The Danville, Pennsylvania, Chapter of the American Red Cross will present this award to him on November 16 in recognition of his lifetime of service to the community.

Mr. Walzer was born in 1942 in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, the third child of Martin Shubert and Mary Flexer Walzer. He graduated from the Hill School in Pottstown and graduated from Cornell University with a degree in agricultural economics. His connection to the Danville area began when he went to work in sales for his father's wholesale food distribution company.

One of his customers in the Danville area was the owner of the Pine Barn Inn, Margaret Bush, and when she decided to get out of that business, he bought it and has become known as Danville's "goodwill ambassador." He has also grown the business over the years and it now has more than twice as many rooms as it did when he bought it.

Mr. Walzer is a member of the Danville Area Community Center board of directors and a founding member of the Danville Area Community Foundation executive board. He has participated in numerous additional community organizations over the years, including the Danville Chamber of Commerce, Iron Heritage Festival, Montour County Recreation Authority and the Greater Danville Industrial Development Corporation.

He has also made large-scale contributions to the community, such as donating the land that Geisinger Medical Center used to create its main entrance as well as donating approximately \$6,000 to the Danville Area Community Center by covering the cost of its 15th anniversary fundraising dinner.

"Just as generous, though, are the many smaller kindnesses," as the Danville News stated in the article announcing Mr. Walzer had been chosen for this award.

Because his inn is next to the busy Geisinger Medical Center, Mr. Walzer has taken advantage of many opportunities to put his generosity and caring into action, whether that simply means being supportive to families with a loved one in the hospital with a serious illness or injury or going further to loan them clothes and give them rides to Williamsport or Scranton.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to call to the attention of the House of Representatives the long record of service to the community of Martin Walzer, and I congratulate him on this well-deserved award.

TRIBUTE TO BEN C. ANDERSON,  
PRESIDENT, BUILDING INDUSTRY  
ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN  
CALIFORNIA

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 13, 2002*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to Southern California are exceptional. Southern California has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give time and talent to making their communities a better place to live and work. Bob Anderson is one of these individuals. At the end of the year, Ben will be stepping down as President of the Building Industry Association of Southern California after many years of dedicated service.

Ben has worked through BIA/SC, the California Building Industry Association (CBIA) and the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) to promote the building industry's contributions to the communities that it serves, to advocate on behalf of his colleagues and to create new home-ownership opportunities. Ben has exemplified leadership and dedicated service to the building industry as a CBIA and NAHB director, as BIA/SC Secretary/Treasurer, Second Vice President, First Vice President and President.

Ben has also served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Boys and Girls Club in the City of Fontana and continues to be active in several business organizations both in the Inland Empire and Orange County.

Ben has worked tirelessly to ensure that all Southern Californians have the opportunity to achieve the American Dream of home ownership, and to promote housing as a community asset which strengthens the fabric of our many neighborhoods in Southern California. Ben has been a dedicated, strong and effective voice for the principles and ideals of California's building community during his years as a member and leader of the Building Industry Association of Southern California.

Ben's diligent work as the President of Building Industry Association of Southern California has contributed immeasurably to the betterment of Southern California. His involvement in community organizations makes me proud to call him a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that all of the residents and homeowners of Southern California are grateful for his service and salute him as his term comes to an end. I look forward to working with him in the future for the good of our community.

IN OPPOSITION TO H.R. 2155,  
SOBER BORDERS ACT

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 13, 2002*

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 2155, the Sober Borders Act.

While I support the intent of this legislation, I am concerned H.R. 2155 unnecessarily fails

to balance our need for safe driving on the borders with the interests of a safe and legal flow of people across the borders too and from the United States.

At a time when our border patrol officers and Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) inspectors face heavy workloads, H.R. 2155 would impose new duties unrelated to terrorism that could potentially overwhelm the resources and personnel available at our borders. In the wake of the September 11th tragedies, it is important that we allow INS agents and officials do to their jobs correctly and efficiently, without burdening them with new responsibilities normally assigned to state law enforcement agencies. We must be careful not to stretch the limited resources beyond INS's immigration and anti-terrorism functions.

I am also concerned that H.R. 2155 could be improperly used to target persons on the basis of race, ethnicity or national origin unless safeguards are added to prevent racial profiling. During mark-up of H.R. 2155, a sensible amendment was offered to monitor whether law enforcement uses their authority in a discriminatory manner to detain, test and arrest persons suspected of driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Unfortunately, this amendment was defeated and the bill brought before the full House contained no accountability measures to prevent racial profiling and provided no opportunity to address this issue further.

I believe this amendment was a modest request that would have made the underlying bill stronger. New authority (such as the new authority granted in H.R. 2155) that creates a risk of racial profiling should be accompanied by accountability mechanisms that measure whether profiling has occurred. It is important that in our pursuit for greater safety we do not violate the rights of certain individuals based merely on race, ethnicity or national origin.

I support measures that seek to reduce drinking and driving in America's communities and neighborhoods. But in these efforts we must be careful not to weaken existing law enforcement functions or violate the rights of the American people. Regrettably, H.R. 2155 does not meet these goals.

EXPRESSING SORROW OF THE  
HOUSE AT THE DEATH OF THE  
HONORABLE PAUL D.  
WELLSTONE, SENATOR FROM  
THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

SPEECH OF

**HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 12, 2002*

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great American and a great man—Senator PAUL WELLSTONE. The passing of Senator PAUL WELLSTONE creates a void that is impossible to fill—it is a tragedy for this nation and a personal tragedy for me.

PAUL WELLSTONE was a tireless fighter for what he believed in. He was a man whose honor is unquestioned, whose energy was infectious, and whose dedication to his country—and those ideals upon which it was built—was obvious in everything he did. PAUL WELLSTONE's passing robs voiceless Americans—the poor and disenfranchised—of one