

## TRIBUTE TO BALDWIN-WALLACE COLLEGE

## HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, OH, for their innovative program to assist single, teen mothers in obtaining a college education. Baldwin-Wallace College's commitment to assisting underrepresented populations with obtaining a higher education degree dates back to the founding of the institution in 1845. In keeping with that tradition, Baldwin-Wallace developed the Single Parents Reaching Out for Unassisted Tomorrows, or SPROUT, program in 1990 to recruit and retain students from "at risk" populations, knowing that education is the door to a future free from poverty, dependency, and oppression.

The College created the comprehensive developmental program for single parents and their children when it became clear that single parents drop out of college when the competing demands of child care, academics, and finances become overwhelming. Without a college degree, most single parents, primarily women, are unable to break the cycle of welfare and subsistence living. Given the availability of campus housing, day care, academic tutoring, counseling services, mentoring, and educational developmental programming, this cycle can be broken.

SPROUT provides single parents the opportunity to complete a college education consistent with their career and personal goals. Because of the continuing need across the State and the Nation for establishing an educational environment conducive and supportive of the parenting skills, home management skills, personal management demands, and financial resource requirements of single parents, the SPROUT program can serve as a demonstration project for a more extensive effort at developing education programs which offer academic options and opportunities encouraging academic and individual development of single parents and their children.

Students are selected to participate in the SPROUT program based on their financial need, past academic achievement, academic promise, and ability to adapt to community living. They must also be accepted to Baldwin-Wallace through the regular admissions program. Each participant is expected to complete full-time course work each semester while meeting the College's grade point average requirements.

Current welfare regulations requiring participants to engage in 35 hours of classroom study, work, educational programming, and counseling, or vocational training weekly and limiting participants to a total of 36 months force the SPROUT parent to take courses in the summer in order to graduate on time. Even in the face of these requirements, 70 percent of the students who enter the program will graduate. The students work no less than 12 hours per week at work study or off-campus jobs.

Each individual in the program receives career, academic, and personal counseling through the developmental programs that SPROUT offers including mentoring and internship programs. The College provides sup-

port services such as tutors, a learning center, a writing laboratory, and a computer center to help ensure the success of these students. Each mother and her child are provided with on-campus housing in a group living environment shared with three other families. Baldwin-Wallace College assists each woman with obtaining child care and additional living expenses.

Despite these strict requirements, the SPROUT parents are achieving academic success. In fact, the overall grade point average of the students in the SPROUT program is over 3.0.

Mr. Speaker, before I close I would like to tell you the story of one young woman who some of you may know. Lar'Mara O'Neal is a shining example of the success of the SPROUT program. She transferred to Baldwin-Wallace College in January 1998 with a newborn son. After graduating from Baldwin-Wallace in 1999, Lar'Mara went on to earn a graduate degree from the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve in 2001. She currently lives in Washington with her son, Steven, and has a fellowship through the Presidential Management Intern (PMI) program. Today, Lar'Mara is a Legislative Assistant with Representative STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES. This would not have been possible without the opportunity to attend college while raising her son through the SPROUT program.

I would also like to mention my friend, Julie Candela, the director of the SPROUT program, and praise her for her dedication and hard work. Mr. Speaker, I am not only impressed with Lar'Mara and her achievements but with the SPROUT Program because it is an ideal model of a successful Welfare-to-Work program.

Baldwin-Wallace College is dedicated to assisting these young student mothers as they face the many challenges on the path to self-sufficiency, personal responsibility, and academic success. I commend both the College and the SPROUT participants for their commitment and resolve to assure these young women have the opportunity for a better future.

## TRIBUTE TO JOHN H. APPLEYARD

## HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. JEFF MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of Pensacola's most cherished and dedicated citizens, whom over the course of his life has given an immeasurable amount of time and effort to the community that he has worked so hard to build. He has given nearly 1,000 speeches, written over 75 books, and taught over 500 lessons and classes tracing Northwest Florida history. A prolific writer and local historian, John H. Appleyard has dedicated his life to the Pensacola community and has become one of Pensacola's greatest assets.

Actively involved in the Pensacola community for the past half-century, Mr. Appleyard committed himself to the improvement of Northwest Florida. He served as president of the Pensacola Historical Society, the Downtown Rotary Club, and the PJC Foundation. In

addition, he has given his time to such positions as director of the Home Builders Association of West Florida, the Lions Club, and the United Way Foundation. In 1959 Mr. Appleyard founded the John Appleyard Agency, a Pensacola advertising and public relations firm, for which he has actively been a part of since its inception.

Over the past 50 years, this distinguished gentleman has received numerous honors and awards for his contributions to the Pensacola area. In 1955, Mr. Appleyard was recognized as the Jaycees Northwest Florida Young Man of the Year for his service with a variety of community organizations including the University of West Florida, Boy Scouts of America, and the YMCA, just to name a few. Continuing his efforts for the next 30 years, Mr. Appleyard was honored as the Chamber of Commerce-News Journal Pioneer Businessman of the Year in 1986 and awarded the Heritage Award of the Pensacola Historical Society in 1988. These are simply a few of the overwhelming number of awards and honors the Mr. Appleyard has received, a true testament to his dedication and commitment to the Pensacola community.

As well has being firmly entrenched in the activities of the Pensacola community, Mr. Appleyard has become one the foremost historians on the Pensacola area. He has penned a variety of books, both fictional and non-fictional, including classics such as "The Second Great Document" and "The Spanish-French Confrontation." Mr. Appleyard has also written several radio enactment plays and playlets.

Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, November 14, 2002, John H. Appleyard, along with the Pensacola community, will celebrate his 80th birthday. On this such occasion, we honor a great historian, businessman, and neighbor; one of Pensacola's greatest citizens.

## IN HONOR OF LUCY SANTANA FOR HER APPOINTMENT AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF GIRLS INCORPORATED OF ORANGE COUNTY

## HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lucy Santana of Santa Ana. On September 1, Lucy was appointed as Executive Director of Girls Incorporated of Orange County, an organization that strives to help girls and young women develop the values and skills they need to become productive and successful adults. She is the first Latina to head the local chapter of the national organization.

Her desire to help young Latinas in Orange County comes from her experiences in school as a young girl. Noticing that the boys were called on more frequently and received better opportunities in school, she learned from an early age the barriers young women face in getting an education.

Lucy refused to believe the message she was taught. She worked hard and became the first college graduate in her family. Her desire to help other young women in her community is truly an inspiration.

BRAVO ZULU TO COMMANDER  
DANIEL F. VERHEUL, USN

**HON. JOHN N. HOSTETTLER**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. HOSTETTLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Commander Daniel F. Verheul, United States Navy. CDR Verheul has distinguished himself by exceptional service as the Defense Intelligence Agency's Liaison Officer to the House and Senate Armed Services and Appropriations Committees from February 2000 to December 2002. Commander Verheul brought his wealth of tactical through strategic-level operations and operational experiences to bear in supporting the various defense committee's requirements for intelligence briefings and hearings.

Some of these briefing and hearings involved intelligence support for the Iraqi resolution authorizing U.S. forces into combat, Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, inquiries into the attack on the USS *Cole*, operations in the Balkans, Plan Colombia, "Desert Fox" attacks on Iraq, joint targeting and battle damage assessments for Operation Northern and Southern Watch, and organizing and co-ordinating a series of weekly classified intelligence briefs.

Commander Verheul is an outstanding action officer whose promotion of intelligence capabilities at all levels gained support in the Congress for increased intelligence capabilities and resources. Through his initiative, he organized a myriad of one-on-one briefs to inform key Congressional Members and Staff, enabling them to gain a better understanding of world crises, global threats, weapons and technology proliferation, foreign military capabilities, and support for administration policies and objectives.

Commander Verheul made numerous significant contributions to national-level military and civilian policymakers in support of funding and policy for intelligence operations and support activities. His contributions to the Congress, the Defense Intelligence Agency, and the Defense Intelligence Community are extensive and invaluable. His willingness to take on any task, and succeed, promoting camaraderie and purpose in every endeavor, reflects great credit upon himself, the Navy, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the Department of Defense, and the United States Congress.

In closing, I am proud to recognize CDR Verheul and his wife, LCDR Karen Verheul, U.S. Navy, Nurse Corps for their honorable service to our Nation. I join my colleagues in the House today in wishing them and their children Daniel and Jenny continued success and the traditional naval wish of "Fair winds and Following seas" as they transfer to their next assignments on the West Coast.

**HOMELAND SECURITY ACT OF 2002**

SPEECH OF

**HON. CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, when this Chamber considered predecessor legislation,

H.R. 5005, last July, I voted against its passage. As I have looked over the conference agreement reached with the other body, I do not see where this bill represents a significant difference over the original product. Therefore, I voted against the conference agreement for similar reasons that justified my vote on the bill.

Let me say to my colleagues that I support the concept of a Department of Homeland Security. But the concept as transformed into H.R. 5005 is a good idea turned into a really bad legislation.

This bill divides the government from those who serve it—government employees. The 170,000 employees who will be incorporated into this new Department will be denied job protections that cover most all federal employees, even those under the Department of Defense. Under this bill, the President can strip employees of their union representation if the agency's mission or division they work for material changes, or if a majority of the employees within that unit work primarily with intelligence, counterintelligence or investigations related to terrorism. The Department would also be free to totally ignore employee or bargaining representative grievances of proposed changes in pay systems and personnel rules.

The personnel rules do not promote good management; they do not promote good government practices. In Election 2000, President Bush campaigned on the promise that he was a "uniter, not a divider." Now we see what an empty promise he has made of that campaign pledge. This bill will do much to divide government from its own federal workforce.

Another shortcoming of the bill is that it exempts manufacturers of anti-terrorism technology from liability. Proponents of this provision say it will make America safer. I say it only rewards corporate irresponsibility—a policy that our President and the loyal opposition seems to embrace.

Mr. Speaker, this is seriously flawed legislation, and that is why I cast my vote against the bill's passage.

**HONORING HENRY LEE PLAGE**

**HON. CLIFF STEARNS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate this opportunity to share with my colleagues a story of heroism and to honor the bravery of Lt. Commander Henry Lee Plage who lives in my hometown of Ocala, FL. During World War II, he and his crew saved dozens of men from the water of the Pacific after a raging typhoon sunk three ships.

Henry Lee Plage started his military career as a member of ROTC at Georgia Tech and he joined the Navy in 1937 after his graduation. Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, Lt. Commander Plage immediately requested sea duty. His first assignment was commanding a submarine chaser. With only 4 days to get ready, he assumed command of a crew of 55.

On February 18, 1944, the USS *Tabberer* (DE-418) was launched. She was commissioned on May 23, 1944, with Plage in command. By October the ship had joined Admiral Halsey's 3rd Fleet, helping to supply crucial air cover for General MacArthur's Land troops.

On December 17m 1944, the USS *Tabberer* was east of the Phillipine Islands along with the 3rd Fleet, scheduled to refuel, when the weather began to deteriorate rapidly. The reason, Typhoon Cobra was heading directly toward them.

The high winds and choppy seas prevented the USS *Tabberer* from refueling and by the evening of December 17th, the full force of the typhoon was upon them. The *Tabberer* had to fight extremely rough seas—and by the 18th sustained winds had reached about 145 miles per hour, with wind gusts up to 185 miles an hour. Before the Typhoon had moved through, the USS *Tabberer* had lost its mast and radio antenna. Three destroyers from the fleet, the USS *Hull* (DD-350), the USS *Spence* (DD-512) and the USS *Monaghan* (DD-354), had gone down.

About 9:30 p.m. on December 18th, the *Tabberer* rescued its first survivor from the water. It was then that Lt. Commander Plage learned that the USS *Hull* had capsized. Plage and the *Tabberer* immediately began an intensive search and rescue effort. These efforts continued for 3 days and nights. In all, the USS *Tabberer* pulled 55 men from the Pacific Ocean. All were from the USS *Hull* and the USS *Spence*.

Typhoon Cobra claimed nearly 800 lives. Only 92 survived, 55 of these rescued by the crew of the USS *Tabberer*. Lt. Commander Plage remained on sea duty after the war and gave the Navy 14 years of service before retiring in 1954.

It is an honor for me to share this story of heroism and survival and I ask you all to join me in commanding Lt. Commander Henry Lee Plage and the crew of the USS *Tabberer* for their dedication in saving the lives of 55 men from that terrible storm.

**A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF RICHARD H. FINAN**

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Richard Finan served the people of Ohio as a member of the Ohio State Senate for 30 years; and

Whereas, Richard Finan has served as President of the Ohio State Senate; and

Whereas, Richard Finan worked to restore and preserve the Statehouse and its annex; and

Whereas, Richard Finan has used his position within the Ohio Senate to help better the lives of thousands of people; and

Whereas, Richard Finan must be commended for his professionalism and his ability to motivate those around him by establishing a superb example; and

Whereas, Richard Finan's dedication and service will be missed by the entire state of Ohio.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in celebrating Richard Finan's years of service and retirement from the Ohio State Senate.