

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF LOCAL BROADCASTING FOR PUBLIC STATION KVCR

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, the residents of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties in Southern California are in a very unique position when it comes to television stations. The Los Angeles broadcasters are close enough to provide all the local coverage we can receive. But they consider most of our news too far away to cover.

For the past 40 years, the only broadcaster that has continuously served the people of San Bernardino and Riverside counties has been KVCR, the public television station operated by the San Bernardino Valley Community College District. They have provided news, focus documentaries, features and creative programming that have often been the only source of local broadcasting for an area that includes nearly 2 million people.

Forty years of providing the only public broadcasting to such a large area would be worth celebrating even if this was the only service provided by KVCR and the community college district. But the station's other role may be even more important: It is an access point to the world of broadcasting for a student body that is among the most diverse and hard-working in Southern California. The graduates of this program have moved on to many of the commercial and cable broadcasters throughout our region and the nation, and they in turn have served as role models and mentors for other minority communities and other cities.

In fact, Mr. Speaker, KVCR was the first TV station in the nation to be owned and operated by a public community college, and it has instructed tens of thousands of students via educational broadcasts and remains an essential component of the college district. The station is a national pioneer in the use of television for direct instruction intended for viewing in the area's classrooms, in the workplace, or conveniently in the homes of students.

Mr. Speaker, KVCR-TV is a vital link in educating the new and existing workforce for tomorrow's business needs. And it remains the only broadcaster providing local news and public interest reports, as well as serving the diverse needs of our community. I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating General Manager Lew Warren and the San Bernardino Community College District board for continuing to provide this valuable public service.

COMMEMORATING THE 69TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UKRAINIAN FAMINE

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 69th anniversary of the Ukrainian Famine of 1932 to 1933.

The Famine was engineered as part of Stalin's genocidal policy toward the Ukrainian people, and resulted in the deaths of at least 7 million innocent men, women, and children. Though these deaths were covered up and denied for decades by the government of the former Soviet Union, the truth surrounding these tragic events have been documented by witnesses and survivors, as well as investigative works like Robert Conquest's *Harvest of Sorrow* and the report of the Congressional Commission on the Ukraine Famine.

I recently received a letter from Dr. Walter Lyzohub from Redford Township, MI. He wrote to tell me that he was a survivor of the Famine, but that the Famine took the lives of his sister, Wira, as well as his brother, Iwan. His sister and brother were age 10 and 9, respectively. Dr. Lyzohub also enclosed a family photograph taken in 1929, just 3 years before the onset of the Famine.

For Dr. Lyzohub and other survivors of the Famine, these tragic events are not just a footnote in history. They are as real as the faces in this photograph of two children who died so needlessly. We honor the memory of Wira and Iwan Lyzohub, and all the victims of the Ukrainian Famine of 1932 and 1933. It is important that we remember their lives and their deaths, and work to ensure that food is never again used as a weapon.

Mr. Speaker, as we commemorate the anniversary of this man-made tragedy, we join with Ukrainian-Americans and Ukrainians around the world in always remembering the victims of the Famine.

HONORING GORDON HASKELL

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember a very special man, Mr. Gordon Haskell, a resident of Santa Cruz, CA, who passed away on October 4, 2002. Gordon dedicated his life to community service, promoting social justice, and advocating for democratic principles. It is my honor to stand in this House and acknowledge Gordon's life and his legacy to California's 17th Congressional District.

Mr. Gordon Haskell was born the youngest of 10 children August 15, 1917, in Plovdiv, Bulgaria to Edward Haskell, a second generation American Protestant Missionary, and Elisabeth Frolich Haskell of Enenda, Switzerland. At the age of 16, Gordon settled in California where he attended Voorhees School for Boys, Occidental College, and later graduated from the University of California at Berkeley. Gordon worked for 9 years as a locomotive fireman on the Southern Pacific Railroad while active as a union organizer in the Independent Socialist League. He later moved to New York to serve as editor of the ISL's newspaper, Labor Action. After a number of years with the ISL, Gordon moved on to become Director of development for the American Civil Liberties Union in New York. In 1969, Gordon met his future wife, Rachel, as she stirred lemonade at a peace rally in St. Louis. Gordon and Rachel spent much of their 32 years of marriage in Santa Cruz, CA.

Gordon devoted his life, both personally and professionally, to social and economic justice and equality. His early dedication to social justice evolved into a dogged determination to work in his own communities for obtainable and sustainable political and social change. Gordon was a tireless petitioner of his local, State, and Federal Government. He was a frequent, and always welcome, visitor to my Santa Cruz office, often dropping by to deliver mailings, news articles, or simply to make sure I was aware of the latest concerns of our local community. His experience as a writer and editor was frequently put to good use, as Gordon was often chosen to pen letters and resolutions on behalf of local democratic clubs and the Santa Cruz County Democratic Central Committee. In fact, just weeks before his passing, Gordon contributed to a passionately written resolution condemning the possible war in Iraq.

I could always count on Gordon to attend every town hall and public meeting I held. He consistently asked the tough questions, sometimes praising his elected representatives, but never shy about voicing his concerns. Gordon's life-long dedication to participating and petitioning his government should be commended and celebrated. Though I, and countless others, will surely miss Gordon, his unflagging pursuit of justice and equality will be a lasting tribute to the Santa Cruz community, and an example for us all.

Gordon is survived by two children, Guy Haskell of Bloomington, IN, and Elisabeth Haskell of Sacramento, CA; 3 stepchildren, Garry Fathman, Anthony Fathman, and Mary Fathman-Thomas; 10 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; and his wife, Rachel. Mr. Speaker, it is truly my honor to recognize the life and accomplishments of Mr. Gordon Haskell.

IN HONOR OF PROFESSOR DAVID PAGNI FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS AND DEDICATION TO THE STUDENTS 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 Professor David Pagni from California State University, Fullerton. David, a math professor from Cal State Fullerton received a grant in the amount of \$6.5 million from the National Science Foundation. It is the largest grant ever awarded to a Cal State faculty member.

David will be using the funds from this grant to head a team of professors and teaching coaches to show teachers how to teach advanced math at Orange County high schools and their middle school counterparts over the next 5 years. The hope is that better math instruction in middle school will better prepare students for advanced math classes in high school.

I am very proud of David for his achievement and dedication.

TIM SCHMIG: AN ADVOCATE WITH INTEGRITY

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Tim Schmig of Burton, MI, for his work on behalf of the Michigan Association of Christian Schools, Inc., and for his years of service representing the interests of Michigan with elected officials throughout the State and nationwide. I have worked closely with Tim during my tenure in Congress and have greatly appreciated his input on a wide range of issues.

I first met Tim in 1993 when he stopped in to see me while I was meeting with constituents at the courthouse in Bad Axe, MI. As I recall, Tim had some issues on his mind and we had a worthwhile discussion that provided me with some additional information to consider. Since that time, I have kept in contact with Tim, often soliciting his perspective as I pondered legislative matters and public policy decisions. Likewise, Tim often called on me at my office in Washington, DC, or back at home to give me his views. In addition, I have always been impressed with Tim's conveyance of his opinions in Op-Ed pieces and in Letters to the Editor.

As the executive director of the Michigan Association of Christian Schools and during his previous job with the National Right Your Congressman organization, Tim has earned respect and garnered influence on both sides of the political aisle. Lawmakers have come to trust Tim and rely on his knowledge of the issues and his well-informed advocacy on a variety of issues. He truly has earned both the respect and influence he has in the halls of Congress and in the Michigan Legislature.

A 1984 graduate of Bob Jones University, Tim has made a personal and professional commitment to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He and his wife have been married for 22 years and they have three daughters, Sarah, Rebekah and Hannah.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in praising Tim Schmig for his dedication and commitment to promoting Christian schools. He is truly doing the Lord's work and should be commended. I am confident that Tim's reputation for integrity and hard work will win him influence with elected leaders for many years to come.

IN HONOR OF SAM COOKE, LEGENDARY SINGER AND SONGWRITER

HON. EARL F. HILLIARD

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. HILLIARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to the late Sam Cooke, a gospel and soul music performer whose vocal delivery laid the foundations for the rise of soul music today. He utilized his talents as

a performer, business entrepreneur, and civil rights activist to break down the color lines of segregation.

Born in Clarksdale, Mississippi on January 22, 1931, Sam Cooke was one of eight sons of a Baptist minister. As a young teen, Cooke joined the church choir and performed with a gospel group called the Highway QC's. During the 1950's, Cooke toured with the group Soul Stirrers and achieved significant success with gospel songs including Touch the Hem of His Garment and Nearer to Thee.

Cooke crossed over in 1956 and made his secular debut single, Loveable. The single, You Send Me, sold two million copies and made him a star. A series of notable hits followed over a span of seven years—Wonderful World, Only Sixteen, Everybody Likes a Cha Cha, Chain Gang, Cupid, Sad Mood, Bring It on Home to Me, Twisting The Night Away, and A Change Gonna Come.

Cooke died at the peak of his career in December of 1964. The music pioneer still remains a major presence today as his legacy lives in the hearts of fans.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating the legendary Sam Cooke for his tremendous contributions as a soul and gospel artist, entrepreneur, and freedom fighter.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR JOSE RAMON BACA

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to Major Jose Ramon Baca, who is a very special individual to me. He was truly appreciated and loved by all who were fortunate enough to know him.

Jose "Ray" Baca was born in Las Nutrias, New Mexico, to Alberto and Josefita Peralta Baca on March 19, 1940, and grew up in Albuquerque's South Broadway neighborhood. Ray graduated Albuquerque High School in 1958, and continued his education at the University of New Mexico. He graduated from the University in 1962 with a B.S. in chemical engineering and was a member of the Tau Beta Pi National Engineering Honor Society. After graduating, Ray married Victoria Morales in San Antonio, Texas on July 16, 1966. Together they raised their two sons, Rafael and Arthur.

Once joining the Air Force, Ray's ambition, brilliance, and passion poised him for success. During his 20-year career in the Air Force, he worked as a launch officer for the Atlas Missile Project in Roswell and in Turkey. He received a Masters of Science degree in 1968 in nuclear engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. He also worked as a staff scientist at McClellan Air Force Base in California and later at the Air Force Missile Command in Washington, D.C.

His yearning for knowledge led him to return to the University of New Mexico. In 1987 he received a M.A. in History and Southwestern

Studies and was a doctoral candidate in history. His dream was to continue to research and write about his native state.

Ray passed away on June 6, 2002 surrounded by his loving family. He was preceded in death by his father, Alberto Baca and sister, Viola Baca, and is survived by his wife of 35 years Victoria Baca; sons Rafael and Arthur; mother Josefita Baca; and sisters Dolores Padilla, Priscilla and Anna Mae Baca. His family, innumerable friends and community will miss him greatly.

He will be remembered as a loving and generous husband, father, son, brother, and friend. He valued his family above all things, and supported and encouraged them in all stages of their lives. He instilled in his children a strong sense of family, love, and respect, and he encouraged them to excel in their education. He was an exceptional, compassionate and motivating individual.

And so Mr. Speaker, I submit this loving memorial to be included in the archives of the history of this great nation.

HOMELAND SECURITY ACT OF 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the bill to create a Department of Homeland Security (DHS). I was one of the first members of Congress to call for a Department of Homeland Security and a reorganization of the various elements of the government that provide our nation's security—from national defense to border defense.

I support this bill because of the overwhelming need for our nation to recognize our challenges in the new defense environment of the 21st Century. We were vulnerable to a degree we did not anticipate on September 11, and it is incumbent upon Congress and other government leaders to stand up to the challenge and find ways to make our country safer.

I wish Congress had seen fit to take more control of the personnel decisions to be made in the labor sections of the bill. Whenever we vest all authority in one person we weaken our democracy. We are also weakening this department from the beginning by asking its employees to adhere to rules separate from those rules that govern other government employees.

Despite its shortcomings, however, we are well past the time to re-focus our energies on a new organization for our government to protect our borders and our citizens.

I thank the leaders of the House and Senate for their hard work on this bill. I also thank the Democratic Caucus for recognizing the importance of this issues and forming the Democratic Caucus Task Force on Homeland Security. This task force paved the way for nearly all the good ideas incorporated in this bill.