

Care Services, Incorporated, WCCCS, Inc. Since its inception as Great Brook Valley Child Care in 1972, the agency has been serving the after-school needs of children who live in the Great Brook Valley. Building upon its success with that first class of school-age children, WCCCS, Inc. has grown into an agency that serves nearly 300 low-income Worcester children in 5 locations. In order to reflect its mission, the agency changed its name to Worcester Comprehensive Child Care Services, Inc.

WCCCS, Inc. employs 65 staff members and is proud that its national association has accredited all of its teaching personnel and centers for the Education of Young Children, NAEYC. Some of the staff have been working with the agency since its inception, and many of the staff have 10, 15, and 20-plus years of experience. Many of the staff members are themselves WCCCS alumni, and many of their own children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren participate in the program.

WCCCS, Inc. is proud of its policies of providing entry-level jobs for a culturally and ethnically diverse staff, paying for their education and professional development, and offering excellent pay and benefits. The agency is a 501-C3 not-for-profit, and a volunteer board of directors leads it.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to commend the WCCCS, Inc. Board of Directors and staff for 30 years of dedicated service to the children of my hometown, Worcester, MA. I congratulate them as they celebrate the 30th Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors.

CONGRESSMAN SONNY
CALLAHAN'S RETIREMENT

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to our distinguished colleague, SONNY CALLAHAN, as he retires from Congress after 18 years of representing Alabama's first district.

Chairman CALLAHAN has dedicated most of his life to public service. In addition to his long and noteworthy career in the House of Representatives, he served in the Alabama legislature for 12 years and he has served his country in the Navy. I congratulate him on his remarkable record of service. I commend him for his proven dedication to his constituents and his countrymen.

Most recently, SONNY has served as the chairman of the Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee. In this role, he has had a direct, lasting, and positive impact on the basic infrastructure that enables America's economic might. Nearly every congressional district represented in the House, Mr. Speaker, has directly benefited from SONNY's leadership of this committee.

I have personally benefited from SONNY's leadership. His office in the Rayburn Building is next to mine. Because of his proximity, he has provided me with guidance and support in my first term in Congress. I am grateful, Mr. Speaker, for direct and positive impact Mr. CALLAHAN has had on me in his final term.

Our Nation is better off because of SONNY CALLAHAN's long and distinguished career. We

in Congress are better off for knowing him. I wish him well in his future endeavors, and I thank him for his accomplishments.

HONORING VIJAY MITAL

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the retirement of Vijay Mital, the City of Auburn, New York's Director of Planning and Economic Development. Vijay, who retires next month, has been a dedicated public servant in the Auburn community for 32 years. Having worked with this exceptional individual for 14 years, I can say he will be missed by all those who have come to know and respect his work.

If anyone can attest to living the American dream, it is Vijay Mital. He grew up near New Delhi, India before immigrating to the United States in 1970 at the age of 30. While visiting his sister in my hometown of Syracuse, Vijay came across an employment ad for an opening in Cayuga County's planning department. He applied for the job, was hired five days later, and as they say, the rest is history. He has worked for the county for 20 years and spent the last 12 years with the City of Auburn in his current position.

A humble and modest man, Vijay is the only Director of Planning and Economic Development the city's ever had. Here are just some of the extraordinary accomplishments of his career. Vijay and his staff have diligently worked to bring over \$50 million in state and federal aid for local projects. At one point, the Department of Housing and Urban Development awarded the city 19 consecutive grants. This is record at the agency that still stands today.

Upon learning SnyderGeneral, now McQuay International, was going to close its local plant and move elsewhere, Vijay led a city delegation to the company's headquarters in Texas. There, he convinced the company to stay open in Auburn saving 350 jobs. Since that time, the company has more than doubled its workforce, adding a new marketing division. Vijay has also been instrumental in developing the Stryker Homes and the Boyle Center senior citizen complexes, the Holiday Inn, and the new Falcon Park minor league baseball field.

As everyone can see, Vijay is truly an extraordinary person. I join his wife Nisha, daughter Seema, and son Mansha in saluting his lifetime of work for the people of Cayuga County and the City of Auburn. Vijay Mital has made a difference in his community and I wish him well in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO STANLEY T.
MATSUNAKA

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Stan T. Matsunaka and thank him for his contributions to the State of Colorado while serving as a

state senator. After serving his state for eight years, Stan is leaving the Senate Assembly to continue his political career in other arenas. It is with a great deal of respect that I pay tribute to him today, in front of this body of Congress, and thank him for his hard work and dedication while in office.

Born and educated in Colorado, Stan has long held an interest in politics. As a student at Fort Morgan High School, Stan was elected student body president. He is known as a devoted father of three, and a loving husband. Stan has gone beyond the walls of the Capitol to serve his fellow citizens as a valued member of the community. He has led Boy Scout troops, Odyssey of the Mind teams, and coached his children's athletic teams for years. He has also served as a member and chairman of the Namaqua School Accountability Committee, the Thompson Valley Preschool, Hospice, Loveland Daycare Center and the Loveland Sertoma Club. Stan also acts as a deacon and elder in his church, and is well respected by his community.

Stan was elected to the State Legislature in 1994 and again in 1998 and has dedicated countless hours to his work. He currently serves as President of the Senate, chair of the Education Committee, and a member on the Public Policy and Planning and Senate Services committee. During his time as a state senator, Stan has worked on the issues of education, housing and government finance.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to bring to the attention of this body of Congress, the service of Stan Matsunaka. His contributions to his state and constituents through his many years of public service are an example for our state. His service and commitment should serve as serve as an example for us all, and I wish him the best of luck in the future.

REMEMBERING UKRAINE'S
FAMINE

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, this Saturday, Ukrainians around the world will honor the millions that died in the man-made famine created by Josef Stalin's Soviet government. In 1932-33, citizens of Ukraine, the northern Caucasus and the lower Volga River regions died as a result of Stalin's implementation of forced collectivization. The heaviest losses occurred in Ukraine, where an estimated 7 to 10 million people perished.

This artificial famine was instituted to break the spirit of the Ukrainian farmer and force them into collectivization. Stalin was determined to crush Ukrainian nationalism and to do so required an ethnic cleansing of the most horrific nature. The task took the form of a man-made famine where the quota for grain from Ukraine was brutally increased. The extraordinarily high quota resulted in a severe grain shortage, effectively starving the Ukrainian people.

Additionally, the peasants were threatened if they did not perform the work expected of them and the Soviet government issued a decree stating that anyone found hiding food products or produced materials would be shot.

The end result was a demoralized and depleted Ukrainian ethnic population. Stalin covered up this genocide so effectively that little

was known of this horrific event. However, the Ukrainian Government has exposed Stalin's atrocities by issuing a decree stating that the fourth Saturday of November is designated as the national memorial day for the millions of victims of the 1932–33 famine. This day of observance reminds us that freedom does not come easy.

I join those in mourning and aid their cause in expanding the world's acknowledgment of this horrific event in Ukraine's history. Furthermore, I support the Ukrainian community's action to erect a monument to the victims of the 1932–33 Ukrainian Famine-Genocide in Washington, D.C.

This monument will serve as a reminder of the sacrifices the Ukrainian people endured for their freedom and the knowledge of this horrible crime will spread and stimulate the fight for freedom all over the world.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN BOB CLEMENT

HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, as the 107th Congress comes to a close, I want to take this opportunity to pay tribute to a dear friend of mine.

For the past two years, Congressman BOB CLEMENT and I have had the privilege of working together as Chairman and Ranking Member of the Transportation Subcommittee on Railroads. I affectionately describe BOB as my partner on the Subcommittee because we have worked so well together and approached every situation in a bipartisan way. Our relationship embodies the true spirit of bipartisanship, the type of open and honest discussions that other committee heads should envy. This level of cooperation is a direct result of BOB's admirable character and collegial personality.

Always the gentleman, BOB has been a pleasure to work with and his presence will be sorely missed on the Subcommittee next year. He has been a champion of a national passenger rail system and was instrumental in securing the passage of legislation to increase the pensions and benefits of retired railroad workers and their widows. His commitment to providing the necessary resources for mass transit is second to none and his overall passion for improving our country's transportation systems is irreplaceable.

I congratulate BOB on a distinguished career in the U.S. House of Representatives and I wish him and his family the best in their future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING NAN SHELBY WELLS

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Nan Shelby Wells on her retirement after 26 years with Princeton University.

In 1979, Nan founded the University's Office of Government Affairs and later moved it to

Washington as one of the first university offices to be located there. For more than two decades, Nan made friends for Princeton in Washington and has represented the University on a broad range of issues, always ready to be helpful to Members of Congress and their staffs, as well as officials in the executive agencies.

A champion of higher education, especially graduate education, Nan played a central role in the creation and funding of the Education Department's Jacob Javits Fellowships, and she has been a leader in strengthening the National Science Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

For her entire career at Princeton, Nan has been an advocate for research and development and especially for the national fusion energy research program, and particularly for the excellent work that has been done at the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory. She has worked hard to educate policy makers and to establish and maintain strong support from the U.S. Congress and the Department of Energy for the Laboratory's mission.

When I was with the Plasma Physics Laboratory, I worked closely with Nan for ten years and know her to be a great advocate for education, for investment in our country's future prosperity, and for a compassionate humane society, and especially for Princeton University.

I know that all members who have worked with Nan join me in wishing her all the best as she retires from Princeton University and undertakes other activities.

TRIBUTE TO ABEL J. TAPIA

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the contributions of a true statesman from the State of Colorado, Abel J. Tapia. Abel has given four years of his life to the Colorado State Legislature as a Representative, a position that is simply his most recent in a long line of service to his state and fellow citizens. Abel is now leaving the State House, and I am honored take this opportunity to thank him for his service.

After a successful engineering career, including graduate work at the Graduate School of Business and John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, Abel switched gears, and embarked upon his political career. He ran for the Pueblo School District 60 School Board and he served there for eight years, helping the people of Pueblo drastically improve their public school system. He took on leadership positions on the board, serving as vice president for three years and as president for two years. In 1998 Abel took his service to the state level. As a member of the Colorado State House of Representatives, Abel has continued his long-standing dedication to the Pueblo area and its people. He is a member of the Legislative Council and is the Chairman of the Democratic Caucus, and also serves on the Finance and Appropriations Committee.

Abel is also a valued member of the Colorado community, both as a person and as an

entrepreneur. He has long served Colorado through his engineering firm, Abel Engineering Professionals, which has been honored numerous times for its dedication to excellence and service. Abel is also known throughout his community for being a devoted husband and loving father of three, as well as a grandfather.

Mr. Speaker, I am quite sure that Abel's leadership and hard work will be sorely missed in the State House of Representatives, and I thank him for all that he has done for the great State of Colorado. I am honored to bring his accomplishments to the attention of this body of Congress, and wish him all the best in the future. His hard work and dedication truly embodies the spirit of the State, and it is with a great deal of pride that I thank him for his many years of public service.

IN HONOR OF EUNICE BREAZEALE

HON. MARTIN FROST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Eunice Breazeale, a lifelong Texas resident celebrating her 100th birthday this week on November 17th.

Over her lifetime, Eunice has seen America and the world change around her again and again. Yet, through it all, one constant in her life has been her love of education. I know of very few people who have two high school diplomas—but Eunice does! Due to the demands of World War I, Eunice's high school dropped its senior year, and she graduated as a junior. She later returned to complete one last year—thus earning her second diploma.

All that education must have lured her into teaching, because she enrolled in Baylor Female College in September 1922 to become a certified teacher, and subsequently obtained a position in the Mt. Olive CSD of Mills County, Texas. So began her 29-year-long career as an educator.

Yet, as she taught, pursued a higher education for herself, and raised a family of her own, Eunice found time to lend her talents to service, and quickly became a leader in her community. Among her accomplishments, Eunice helped start the Teachers' Retirement in Texas, served as Adult Sunday School Superintendent for 10 years and Children's Sunday Coordinator for 2 years. She also worked in the Baptist W.M.U. for 27 years while holding a number of offices, worked in the PTA for 25 years, and played piano for the Kamay Baptist Church for 10 years. Even today, Eunice is active in her community and church.

Mr. Speaker, as Eunice's friends and family gather this weekend in Lampasas, Texas, I know my colleagues will join me in honoring this remarkable woman. I salute Eunice Breazeale today, and wish her a very happy 100th birthday with many more to come.

WOMEN'S EQUALITY AMENDMENT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, on the day when we have elected the first even, highest-