

COMMEMORATING THE RETIREMENT OF CONGRESSMAN STEVE HORN, CALIFORNIA 38TH DISTRICT

HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to pay tribute to a dynamic Member of this institution who will be retiring at the end of the 107th Congress.

STEVE HORN came to Congress with a distinguished record. First serving as a political appointee in the Eisenhower Administration, and then working for Senator Thomas P. Kuchel, he came to this body with keen political savvy and a mind focused on service to the American people.

During his tenure as a legislative assistant in the Senate, he made valuable contributions to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Shortly after being named in 1986 as "one of the 100 most effective college presidents in the United States" given his work at California State University, Long Beach, he began his tenure as the Trustee Professor of Political Science at the same university.

I have had the pleasure of working with Congressman HORN for over six years as a member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, where I always found his insights thoughtful, his skills as a legislator focused and effective, and his care for his constituents genuine.

In 1998, the Congressman and I worked together on the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century—also known as TEA-21. Since then, we have worked together to integrate the interests of our nation's ports with the surrounding communities, made steps to address air quality concerns in these facilities, and most recently, worked together in a bi-partisan fashion to ensure the security of the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles.

Congressman HORN will be missed in these halls, and I will miss his friendship, and his warm, congenial manner in approaching each challenge. Thank you, STEVE, for your dedicated hard work and service.

CONGRESSMAN TIM ROEMER

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, Congressman TIM ROEMER, the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Select Education of the House Committee on Education and Workforce and proud member of the House Select Committee on Intelligence, will be retiring after 12 years of dedicated service to his constituents in Northern Indiana and to our country.

I rise today to acknowledge and applaud the interests and service of TIM ROEMER during his productive career in public service, and to wish him the very best in his future endeavors.

By way of background, TIM ROEMER was first elected to Congress from the 3rd Congressional District of Indiana in 1990. TIM grew up in South Bend, and though he went to col-

lege in San Diego, he returned home and received a masters and Ph.D. from the University of Notre Dame. He has dedicated his life to public service not only through his term as a U.S. Representative, but also through his time with former 3d District Representative John Brademas and Arizona Senator Dennis DeConcini.

In his tenure in Congress, TIM served as Co-Chairman of the New Democratic Coalition. While being a staunch believer in balancing the federal budget, he fought endlessly to support legislation that would improve the quality of education received by all children in our country. TIM was a strong advocate of federal special education funding and supported innovative programs like Ameri-Corp, Transition to Teaching, and charter schools. As a strong supporter of the war on terrorism, through his work on the Select Intelligence Committee, he called for efforts to better secure the American homeland and prevent future terrorist attacks.

I have had the pleasure and privilege of knowing and working with TIM for just over a decade. I do not expect his retirement from elective office to end either his public service or his significant contributions to our Nation. In fact, I have every expectation that TIM ROEMER will continue to be an active, thoughtful, and valuable contributor to public debate on critical national issues. I wish him and his family the best.

HONORING REPRESENTATIVE DAN MILLER OF FLORIDA UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM CONGRESS

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my retiring friend and colleague on the Government Reform Committee Congressman DAN MILLER, the distinguished Representative of Florida's 13th District.

Representative MILLER was elected to Congress in 1992 and in his five terms has accumulated a record of accomplishment as an advocate for his district and as a guardian of the hard earned tax dollars of all Americans.

Representative MILLER was born in Highland Park, Michigan. However, like so many of our State's citizens, he came to Florida as soon as he heard about it and, having graduated from high school in our great State, he thereby attained the status of "semi-native" Floridian.

As Congressman MILLER proudly told the voters throughout his five terms he is not a professional politician, in fact the only office he ever ran for was Congress. After winning a crowded primary his appeal as a candidate who focused on substance, not rhetoric, crossed party lines and he was routinely re-elected with 60 percent plus margins. Through his background as a successful entrepreneur and as a university professor he brought a unique skill-set to Congress, which will be sorely missed next session.

As I complete my first term in Congress I wish to thank Representative MILLER for his kindness and courtesy during my freshman year, he is a consummate gentleman. In addition to always maintaining an open door to a

freshman DAN MILLER and I share the unique bond of having been together on Air Force One on September 11, 2001. I shall always remember and cherish his encouragement, fortitude and calm in the face of the terrorist attacks that shook our country that day.

God bless you DAN and Glenda, I want to assure you that, while you may be retiring from Congress, your friends and colleagues recognize that the good work you have done here and for our great State of Florida will continue.

IN RECOGNITION OF A LIFETIME OF DEDICATION

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an individual from my district who provides quite an inspiration for each and every one of us on how to live, and how to work.

J.E. Dunlap, Jr. is editor, publisher, and reporter for the Harrison Daily Times. At age 80, he continues to cover sports and other events and writes weekly articles for the paper. According to co-workers, he has an uncanny ability to just glance at a page of the paper before it is printed, and locate errors immediately.

Mr. Dunlap knows how to change with the times. He was instrumental in converting early typeset and printing facilities to modern press and computer equipment. He continues to work today with modern typeset computers, a laptop, and email.

He has received numerous journalism awards including the Distinguished Service Award presented by the Arkansas Press Association and he was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize, twice. In addition, he was cited by the Social Security Administration for effective and continued public service for keeping the public fully informed on Social Security issues. He says the honor he is most proud of was earning his wings as a Second Lieutenant during his service in the U.S. Army Air Corps in the 1940's.

About working at age 80, Mr. Dunlap says "there is great satisfaction in knowing that I can continue doing my job after 64 years." His advice to young people entering the workforce is, "be sure the job is something that you truly want to do and make every effort to fulfill the job requirements."

I would like to congratulate him on being named this year's Outstanding Older Worker of Arkansas.

AGAINST H.R. 4163—PROHIBIT AFTER 2006 THE INTRODUCTION INTO INTERSTATE COMMERCE OF MERCURY INTENDED FOR USE IN A DENTAL FILLING AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank you for holding this hearing concerning the risk of mercury poisoning from the

dental amalgam, which has been used for more than 150 years. According to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) there is "more significant human experience with dental amalgam than any other restorative material." Any adverse outcomes of mercury in amalgam would have first manifested in Dentists and their staff due to their daily exposure. The American Dental Association Health Foundation (ADAHF) have done research regarding the mean urinary mercury levels of dentists from 1975 to 2001 and have found that dentist urinary mercury levels are well below established limits for occupational exposure. Furthermore the American Dental Association (ADA) investigators have done studies and research to find any possible correlation between Kidney dysfunction and urinary mercury levels and found none.

In addition, the FDA through various U.S. Public Health Services (PHS) agencies reviewed claims of mercury exposure measurements and fetal mercury exposure and concluded that dental amalgam do not share the same toxicity characteristics of mercury and there is no evidence that individuals with dental amalgam restorations will experience adverse health effects from these restorations. Various disease organizations like The Alzheimer's Association, the Autism Society of America, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and the American Academy of Pediatrics have stated that there is no scientific evidence linking dental amalgam with any known disease or syndrome that the groups track. Other organizations like the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization, U.S. Federal Agencies and International Organizations and expert groups from Sweden, New Zealand, Canada and the European Commission have concluded that there

is no direct evidence that dental amalgam has an adverse effect on patient's health except with isolated cases of allergic reactions. Also it is safe and cost effective.

By banning dental amalgam and using alternative type of fillings will only place additional financial burden on low-income individuals and the special needs population. Most insurance programs, whether private or Medicaid, pay for the lowest dental cost restorative material and would not pay for alternative dental options. This will only result in an even higher dental disease rate and dental need among low-income and special needs populations.

In conclusion, dental amalgam is deemed as a serviceable, safe, cost effective restorative material, which is backed by scientific evidence and research approved by the ADA and FDA.

MOURNING THE DEATH OF DR.
JEANNE LAVETA NOBLE

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2002

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, when Dr. Jeanne Laveta Noble passed away on October 17, 2002, in New York City, the state of Georgia—and especially the city of Albany and the southwest Georgia region where she was born and raised—lost one of our great native citizens.

While Dr. Noble always remained close to her home town, returning often to visit with friends and family, she made contributions that were national and even international in scope as a noted educator, a fighter for human rights

and against poverty, a scholar and writer who published three books and countless articles, an Emmy Award-winning media commentator, and a Presidential appointee in three Administrations.

Dr. Noble was the eldest child of Floyd G. and Aurelia P. Noble of Albany, Georgia. She earned her undergraduate, Masters and doctoral degrees from Howard University and Columbia University, and completed further studies at the University of Birmingham in England. She first taught Albany State University, and later served as dean of students at Langston University in Oklahoma, as the first black woman to serve as a tenured professor at New York University, and as professor emeritus of the graduate school at the City University of New York.

She was named by President Johnson to head the Women's Job Corps of the President's Task Force on the War Against Poverty, and served on commissions named by President Nixon and President Ford. In addition to her prolific writing, she moderated and co-wrote an acclaimed show called "The Learning Experience."

Dr. Noble was involved in many civic and charitable activities, including serving as the 12th national president of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, the 200,000-member public service sorority that supports education, provides scholarships, boosts programs for young people, and promotes economic opportunities for all.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Noble's devotion to education and her service to humanity inspired everyone who knew her or knew about her. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and many friends.