

State of Arkansas. Later, President Clinton appointed him to the National Park System Advisory Board and twice named him to the President's Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

Friends and colleagues described Parker as dedicated and committed to "volunteerism." His leadership in preservation serves as an example to all of us at a time when our country faces new challenges that demand greater community involvement and public service.

Fittingly, in honor of his decades of work and dedication, the National Trust for Historic Preservation has recently bestowed upon him the prestigious National Preservation Award and declared him a "National Treasury." Parker Westbrook is a "national treasure," a true champion of a noble cause. His accomplishments will undoubtedly be admired and appreciated by this and future generations for many years to come.

YOUNG PEACEBUILDERS ACT OF 2002

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2002

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, the Young Peacebuilders Act of 2002 recognizes that our young people are our greatest resource and our future. It also recognizes that promoting international cooperation and increased mutual understanding—in effect, building peace—requires an investment in new generations of young people.

This legislation would offer young people from regions of conflict opportunities to develop strong character, integrity, and leadership skills, and would help them to learn about conflict resolution and communication. The bill is intended to instill hope—instead of fear—in the hearts of the world's young people, as well as in the hearts of Americans who are at a loss as to how to view the months and years ahead.

For 20 years, Representative UDALL was director of the Colorado Outward Bound School, where he saw first-hand how young people developed strong character and leadership skills by working in the outdoors. Outward Bound and similar programs in the U.S. could help international youth learn the value of working together to solve problems, as well as to help them avoid the cultural misunderstanding that have plagued their parents' generation.

The Young Peacebuilders Act of 2002 would establish a program in the Department of State for youth from regions of conflict. The program would provide for visits in the United States of 90 days or less for training in conflict resolution and mutual understanding. Training would be provided by non-profit organizations and other organizations as determined by the Secretary of State. The State Department, working in conjunction with the Attorney General, would establish criteria for eligibility for participation. The bill would authorize \$2 million for each fiscal year to carry out this Act.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBIN HAYES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2002

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, due to a scheduling conflict, I was unable to be present for rollcall Nos. 41 and 42. Let the record reflect that, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on each of these votes.

LIMITS FOR FARM PAYMENTS

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2002

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker are we going to have a vote of "yea" or "nay" on limits for farm payments?

I would first offer a quote by the President from last August, "There's a lot of medium-sized farmers that need help, and one of the things that we're going to make sure of as we restructure the farm program next year is that the money goes to the people it's meant to help."

The following is a dear Colleague sent out yesterday and signed by Representatives NICK SMITH, MARCY KAPTURE, JOHN HOSTETTLER, EARL POMEROY, EARL BLUMENAUER, DAN MILLER, DOUG BEREUTER, and TAMMY BALDWIN, and I quote, As the farm bill conferees begin deliberations, I ask for your help in bringing about meaningful federal farm policy with limits on how much money a farm can receive. As President Bush has said, we should work to send him a bill that directs support to those it was meant to help, namely small and mainstream family farms.

In response to the Dear Colleague letter dated February 27, 2001 from Representatives CHAMBLISS and BERRY, one thing should be made clear: there are no effective limits for price support payments farmers may receive in current law, or in the House-passed farm bill. When the \$150,000 limit is reached, any producer can continue to receive unlimited price support benefits through loan forfeitures and certificates. According to the Environmental Working Group's website (www.ewg.org) the top 5 recipients from 1996–2000 were: Riceland Foods, Inc. \$49 million; Farmers Rice Corporation, \$38.2 million; Harvest States Coop, \$23.8 million; Tyler Farms, \$28.2 million; Producers Rice Mill, Inc., \$19.8 million. Do we really want federal farm policy that gives unlimited support to huge farm operations?

Last October, the Smith payment limitation amendment was brought before the House under the 5-minute debate rule. Despite the time limit on debate and organized opposition, the amendment fell just 26 votes short of passage. However, payment limitations successfully moved in the Senate farm bill by a vote of 66–31. Now we must resist the efforts of those who seek to thwart our efforts to cap farm subsidies. Unlike what has been suggested, most states do not have a single farmer who would be affected by the limitations we are trying to establish.

If you have any questions or would like to sign on to the letter of Representatives POMEROY and BEREUTER requesting payment limitations, contact Representative POMEROY's office, Representative BEREUTER's Office, or Representative SMITH's office.

HONORING REINHARDT COLLEGE

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2002

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, there are a select group of people who reach out to make the world a better place, and truly make an impact on the lives of others. Dr. and Mrs. Floyd A. Falany are two such individuals. They worked tirelessly at Reinhardt College for 25 years, to bring students, faculty, and alumni the best they could offer as an educational and collegiate experience.

Since first coming to Reinhardt in 1973, one of Dr. Falany's dreams was to bring a church to the campus. He saw that dream become a reality, when Reinhardt opened its doors to a new sanctuary in 1987. Aware of the importance of music and the performing arts, not only to a well-rounded educational facility, but also to a community, Dr. Falany's next goal became the construction of a state-of-the-art performance center. I am pleased to say that as of January 2002, Dr. Falany's second dream has also been brought to life.

The Floyd A. and Fay W. Falany Performing Arts Center was first announced in 1998, following the completion of its ambitious fundraising campaign. An anonymous donor contributed the center's name gift, asking it be named for the former Reinhardt president and his wife. It holds eight practice rooms, six classrooms, two rehearsal spaces, two production/control rooms, four dressing areas, a green room, storage space, 15 offices, and a 350-seat auditorium with seven balcony areas. Taking 14 months to build, the project ran a total of \$9 million. It houses both the music and communications departments of the college; the music department began holding classes in the building in January, and the communications and business school will join in the fall.

The first service was held in the center on Saturday, February 16, 2002, honoring the Falanys and the dedication of the center to the school. The next ceremony will be in April for the school's annual "Celebration Event," at which the college's trustees, advisors, alumni board, and ministerial association officers will meet to attend a performance by the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra.

I ask my fellow members to, please join me in congratulating Reinhardt College, on the successful completion of its new performing arts center, and in thanking Dr. and Mrs. Falany for their continued dedication to their work, to the students of Reinhardt College, to God, and to their community.

TRIBUTE TO RETIRING WENTWORTH MILITARY ACADEMY PRESIDENT

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2002

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this opportunity to pay tribute to Colonel (Ret.) Jerry Brown, former President of Wentworth Military Academy, for the service he has given to the academy for the last seven years.

Colonel Brown's time as president of the academy has been marked with many accomplishments. Some of Colonel Brown's achievements include orchestrating the building of new barracks and an accreditation visit by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association. Brown was also instrumental in forming the Wentworth Foundation, created to gather funds for capital improvements at the school.

As he prepares to spend more time with his family, I know that Members of the House will join me in expressing appreciation for his dedication to Wentworth Military Academy.

HONORING THE LIFE AND
ACHIEVEMENTS OF EDWARD
DURELL STONE

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2002

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Edward Durell Stone on the 100th anniversary of his birth.

Born in 1902, Edward Durell Stone attended the University of Arkansas before becoming one of the most celebrated architects in American history. He is famous for designing recognizable buildings including the Museum of Modern Art, The U.S. Embassy in New Delhi and the Amoco Building in Chicago. The latter still stands as the ninth tallest building in the world.

My colleagues here in Washington, DC are very familiar with one of his designs in particular, as many of them have enjoyed concerts, plays and performances at the Kennedy Center.

Stone left Arkansas for New York City, but eventually returned to design a number of notable buildings, including the University of Arkansas's Fine Arts Center, the Medical Center Hospital in Little Rock and the Pine Bluff Civic Center.

Today, Edward Durell Stone's family are in Fayetteville, Arkansas joining the University in celebrating his life and touring the house in which he grew up in. That house, the Walker-Stone House, is on the National Register of Historic Places and is now home to my Fayetteville District Office.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for the opportunity to honor Edward Durell Stone and I yield back the balance of my time.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO JAMES
BLAKE OF TIFFIN, OH, A TRUE
AMERICAN HERO

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2002

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize a true hero. Since September 11, the definition of a hero has changed dramatically. People who selflessly put their lives on the line for others have always been recognized as heroes, but their deeds are even more appreciated today.

One of my constituents fits this description, James Blake from Tiffin, Ohio. Three days

after the Christmas 2001 holiday, Mr. Blake, a truck driver for Fry Foods, and his son, Zach, were traveling on Interstate 80 in Pennsylvania, returning home after a trip to New York City. Over his CB radio, he heard of an accident ahead of him caused by a snow squall. When he and his son came across the accident scene, they saw that it involved a tanker truck that was loaded with powdered iron, an extremely flammable substance. Debbie Weeda and her three children were wedged in their car under the tanker. Her car on fire, her youngest trapped, she screamed for help. Mr. Blake reacted without regard for his own safety, running to the burning car to save Dominick, age 1, who was trapped in his car seat. On his first try, he was unable to extract the child. Wielding his pocketknife, he returned a second time and cut the restraints that trapped the infant. Having extricated Dominick from the burning car, the children, their mother and the Blakes fled the scene just before the tanker exploded.

Mr. Speaker, James Blake is a true hero. Today, at a time when the forces of evil have threatened our way of life, Mr. Blake exhibited the American spirit. I thank Mr. Blake, his son, and the countless fire and rescue personnel who put their lives on the line for others. Mr. Blake, you are a truly selfless American.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JAMES T.
MCCAIN

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2002

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a lifelong friend and mentor, Mr. James T. McCain of Sumter, South Carolina. "Nooker" as he is affectionately known, is an extraordinary man who has contributed greatly, not only to his community and state, but the entire nation. He started his professional career as an educator. But his most lasting contributions were made as a civil rights activist. An accomplished author, his long-standing commitment to the struggle for equality is legendary throughout the nation. He is married to the former Ida M. Channault of Georgia, and they have three children.

Nooker was born on March 8, 1905 in Sumter, South Carolina, where he resides. He graduated from Morris College in Sumter, and continued his education in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where he received a Masters of Education Degree from Temple University. His talents were displayed over subsequent years as an outstanding educator. He held positions as a teacher, principal, college professor, registrar and dean. The Negro Educational Review nationally recognized Mr. McCain's unique abilities in 1952 when he was named Runner-up in a nation-wide Classroom Teacher of the Year project conducted.

In addition to his incredible contributions as an educator, Mr. McCain has dedicated his life to seeking full citizenship, civil rights and absolute equality for minorities in our country. Through his participation in such civil rights efforts as the sit-ins, Freedom Rides and picketing during the sixties, Mr. McCain displayed his willingness to put the good of the people ahead of his own safety. He served as Field Secretary and Director of Organization of the

Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) for nine years. His affiliation with CORE called for him to courageously work in numerous communities throughout the South during the turbulent 60's when civil rights activities were hazardous work. He later served as Director of the Citizenship, Education, Scholarship, Education and Defense Fund for Racial Equality in South Carolina.

Mr. McCain has made his mark on the civil rights movement, not only through his actions, but also through his publications. He was an inductee into the University South Caroliniana Society, and has contributed countless volumes on the civil rights movement to the South Carolina Library. He is co-author of the publication, Political Strength: How to get it, a guide to effective community action.

Throughout his life, "Nooker" has been active in many facets of his community. His past and present professional and civic affiliations include Associate Director, South Carolina Council on Human Relations; President and Treasurer, Palmetto Education Association; Vice Chairman, South Carolina Economic Opportunity Board; Coordinator Sumter Black Political caucus; Charter President, Sumter Branch of the N.A.A.C.P.; 1st Vice Chairman, Wateree Community Actions, Inc.; Boy Scouts of America; Lay Advisory Board, Sumter High School; Sumter County Council on Aging, and the Governor's Council on Human Affairs for South Carolina. He is a recipient of the Order of the Palmetto, the highest honor that a South Carolina Governor can bestow on an individual. He has also been recognized as the Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year for South Carolina. Mr. McCain continues his community involvement as a trustee emeritus of the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in wishing my first baseball coach and lifelong political mentor—Mr. James T. "Nooker" McCain—a Happy 97th Birthday which, God willing, he will celebrate on Friday, March 8th. I wish him good luck and God-speed.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO RALPH
NEWBY

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2002

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize a truly dedicated teacher at Otero Junior College, Mr. Ralph Newby. Ralph has dedicated countless hours to helping others understand and succeed in the field of computer studies at OJC. He has gone far beyond what is required in the classroom and touched the lives of his students in such a profound way that he was recently named OJC Teacher of the Year. Mr. Speaker, I feel that it is only appropriate during this moment of distinction for Ralph that we, as a body of Congress recognize his efforts.

For fifteen years, Ralph has remained dedicated and committed to his students in their pursuit of computer studies. He has consistently kept up on the ever-evolving world of computers in order to give his students the best skills for their future jobs. He is known to his colleagues and his students for his loyalty, his willingness to be involved in their lives and