

TRIBUTE TO MRS. SUSAN
LACOMBE

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2002

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding citizen of California's 27th Congressional District, Mrs. Susan LaCombe. Mrs. LaCombe has served on the South Pasadena Unified School District Board of Education for nearly seventeen years and has been a positive force in my Congressional District for much longer.

Mrs. LaCombe began her journey with the South Pasadena Unified School District Board of Education in May of 1985, fresh from volunteer stints as PTA President at Arroyo Vista Elementary School and PTA Council President. When she was elected to the board, her five children were all attending South Pasadena public schools, one of whom now teaches at Eagle Rock Elementary School in Eagle Rock, California.

The consummate board member, Mrs. LaCombe has worked with fourteen board members and four superintendents during her tenure, serving as board President three times. Under her leadership, some of the board's finest accomplishments include the transition of the junior high to a middle school program eleven years ago, the formation and bonding of today's administrative team under Superintendent Adelson, and the passage of the bond measure, Measure L, in 1995.

Mrs. LaCombe is most proud of her efforts to build an excellent administrative and teaching team, establishing exceptional training programs for the teachers, and maintaining the commitment to excellence in academic programs, "so that families continue to seek out South Pasadena as a wonderful place to live and send their children to the public schools."

The South Pasadena community she served for so long will truly miss her. At this time, I ask all Members to join me in extending congratulations to Mrs. LaCombe for her dedicated service to the South Pasadena community. I am sure that each person positively affected by Mrs. LaCombe's service will also join me in wishing her much joy in the years to come and thank her for her time, her energy, and her efforts.

TRIBUTE TO SPARKMAN HIGH
SCHOOL OF HARVEST, ALABAMA

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sparkman High School from Harvest, Alabama for winning the statewide "We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution" competition. On May 4-6, 2002, they will join more than 1,200 students from across the United States in Washington, D.C. to compete in the national finals. The "We the People . . ." program is the most extensive educational program in the country developed specifically to educate young people about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

These young scholars from Sparkman High School have worked diligently to reach the na-

tional finals and, through their experience, have gained a deep knowledge and understanding of the fundamental principles and values of our constitution. I want to congratulate these students on this outstanding achievement.

The "We the People . . ." program, administered by the Center for Civic Education, provides students with a working knowledge of our Constitution, Bill of Rights, and the principles of democratic government. The three-day national competition is modeled after hearings in the United States Congress. The hearings will consist of oral presentations by high school students before a panel of constitutional scholars. The students' testimony is followed by a period of questioning by the judges to explore their depth of understanding and ability to apply their constitutional knowledge.

It is inspiring to see these young people advocate the fundamental ideals and principles of our government in the aftermath of the tragedy on September 11th. These are ideas that identify us as a people and bind us together as a nation. It is important for our next generation to understand these values and principles that we hold as standards in our endeavor to preserve and realize the promise of our constitutional democracy.

The class from Sparkman High School is currently conducting research and preparing for their upcoming participation in the national competition in Washington, D.C. I wish these young "constitutional experts" the best of luck at the We the People . . . national finals. They represent the future leaders of our nation.

END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WEEK

HON. DIANE E. WATSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WATSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to commend Lifetime Television for all their efforts in putting together End Domestic Violence Week, and I thank you for inviting my colleagues in the Women Caucus to participate and lend our voices and support to this important cause. As we celebrate Women's History Month and commemorate International Women's Day tomorrow, March 8, we must applaud the progress women have made globally as we address the problems that continue to impede this progress.

The issue of domestic violence is a great concern. In the 32nd Congressional District of California, I have worked diligently with the Jenesse Center, the oldest sustaining domestic violence intervention program in South Central Los Angeles. I recently commended the Center, on the occasion of their 21 years of dedicated service to women and children.

While in the State Senate, one of my first pieces of legislation addressed domestic violence. I authored the first domestic violence training legislation, which required law enforcement officers to maintain a written report when responding to domestic violence calls. My concern was to make law enforcement sensitive to the cultural, social, economic and personal issues that complicate domestic violence cases. Today, California has implemented laws that remove the abuser from the

home and to provide assistance to the victim. But Mr. Speaker, domestic violence is more than a criminal offense, it is an attack on our families and our communities.

Without question the violence in our homes has contributed to the violence on our streets. It is contributing to health care costs that are escalating, and it is tearing apart our communities.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage you to work with the House and the Senate to continue funding programs that ensure the protection of women and children, provide adequate health care for domestic violence victims and to ensure that local law enforcement has the monetary resources to tackle this problem.

Let us rededicate ourselves to continuing the fight against domestic violence.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BECKY
MOWRER ON BEING NAMED OUT-
STANDING COMMUNITY CITIZEN
BY THE SHAVERS CREEK
GRANGE

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2002

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Becky Mowrer of Petersburg, Pennsylvania, on being named Outstanding Community Citizen by the Shavers Creek Grange. Becky was crowned as Huntingdon County's Dairy Princess last June. She was then named Pennsylvania State Dairy Princess in September. Becky has the honor of being the first Huntingdon County princess to also be named Pennsylvania State Dairy Princess.

Becky was chosen for the Outstanding Community Citizen award based on her leadership, her integrity, and her community involvement. The Shavers Creek Grange has been giving the Outstanding Community Citizen award annually for many years. The award is often given out to older recipients, but the grange members felt Becky was so deserving that they gave her the award, making her one of the youngest recipients. I commend Becky for being an active citizen in her community, and I wish her continued success in the future.

INTRODUCTION OF DUTY
SUSPENSION LEGISLATION

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2002

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce several duty suspension bills for materials used in the production of environmentally sensitive herbicides and insecticides that improve the quality of our lives.

These duty suspension bills lower the cost of producing these products thereby lowering the cost to consumers and helping U.S. industries compete in the global marketplace. When American companies make the active ingredients for these chemicals, there is a proper role for duties to exist. However, when the active ingredients are only made by foreign companies, we needlessly increase product costs for

American consumers by imposing duties on their importation. By introducing these bills, I am triggering a careful review of these proposals by the House Ways and Means Committee and the International Trade Commission to make sure there are no domestic producers of these active ingredients so no U.S. jobs will be negatively affected. In fact, these duty suspensions will make U.S. products more competitive, thus creating jobs in the U.S.

Mr. Speaker, let me take this opportunity to highlight the beneficial uses of the final products these chemicals will produce. Triflurosulfuron Methyl formulated product is used in the production of a postemergence herbicide for sugar beets. Postemergence herbicides have the advantage of low application rates. The herbicide is only needed if weeds emerge around the sugar beets. Many other herbicides must be applied ahead of time to prevent weeds from developing regardless of whether they would have emerged naturally, needlessly introducing toxins into the environment. Benzyl Carbazate is a general fruit and vegetable insecticide. It has the unique ability to kill certain pests while leaving beneficial insects unharmed. Furthermore, Benzyl Carbazate is well within the margins of safety to mammalian, avian, and aquatic organisms. Esfenvalerate Technical is used in the production of pyrethroid insecticide. This environmentally sound product has significant use in Integrated Pest Management (IPM) programs offering broad-spectrum insect control across a wide range of crops. Finally, the single active ingredient, (S)-methyl 7-chloro-2, 5-dihydro-2-[(methoxycarbonyl)

[4(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl] amino—carbonyl] indeno [1,2-e] [1,3,4] oxadiazine-4a-(3H)carboxylate and application adjuvants, produces a proprietary insecticide for use on cotton, vegetables and fruit. The formulated products demonstrate good efficacy on target insect pests while preserving beneficial insects and mites, and offer a very favorable environmental profile.

Duty suspension bills often pass with universal bipartisan support because they are common sense for consumers, for the environment, and for enhancing the competitiveness of our domestic industries. I urge support for these proposals after the appropriate committees and agencies have thoroughly vetted these measures.

INTERNET FREEDOM AND BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT ACT OF 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2002

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1542) to deregulate the Internet and high speed data services, and for other purposes:

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Chairman, I am in full support of H.R. 1542 including the Manager's Amendment, which includes an antitrust sav-

ings clause. That clause reaffirms that regulatory and antitrust laws play important but different roles in promoting competition in the telecom industry. The Telecommunications Act of 1996 governs the transition of local telecommunications from a heavily regulated environment historically dominated by incumbent carriers to a competitive environment in which new entrants and incumbents compete vigorously with each other. The 1996 Act imposes on carriers special duties that do not exist under the antitrust laws and compels them to take actions firms in an unregulated environment would not undertake. Antitrust laws serve a different function. They protect competition by preventing firms from entering into agreements that prevent or restrain competition. They also prevent firms from unlawfully obtaining monopoly power or unlawfully extending existing monopolies into new lines of business. There should be no confusion about the differences in these laws or the roles they play in bringing the benefits of competition to American consumers.

These laws are compatible and complementary for two reasons. First, they promote the same goal: vigorous competition in the marketplace. Second, to the extent that any potential inconsistencies may arise in the administration of these laws, antitrust courts resolve them through well-established antitrust doctrines recognizing that general antitrust laws will not be enforced in a manner that undermines the requirements of regulatory laws crafted to deal with specific industry situations. This savings clause does not repeal any portion of the antitrust laws or antitrust doctrines adopted by the courts under those laws.

Neither this Act nor the 1996 Act change the manner in which the antitrust laws are enforced by antitrust enforcement agencies and courts. Rights, duties and remedies under the antitrust laws are preserved and not diminished in any way. Also preserved are the traditional antitrust defenses, exemptions, and immunities crafted by the courts to balance antitrust and regulatory objectives for more than 100 years.

This savings clause does not overrule any portion of the Seventh Circuit decision in the Goldwasser case. This savings clause is fully consistent with the learned opinion in that case.

By not modifying antitrust laws, rights, remedies, defenses, exemptions, immunities, and procedures, we make it plain that antitrust courts should continue to do what they have always done—manage potential conflicts between the administration of antitrust and regulatory laws on a case-by-case basis with due regard for the intent of Congress in establishing specific regulatory processes. This savings clause achieves that effect.

IN HONOR OF ROBERT "BOB"
HODGES

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2002

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today I speak in honor of an incredible man: A man who is believed to be our Nation's old-

est veteran, a man who in 1918 joined the military so that he could serve our country during WWI, a man who worked from the time he was 8 years old, a man who has served his community well, and a man, who, above all else, has loved the Lord his God with all his heart, mind and soul. That man is Mr. Robert Hodges, of Stonewall, North Carolina. I am proud, honored and, quite frankly, privileged to speak in his honor today on the House floor.

Mr. Hodges has led a remarkable life. Considering he has seen the turn of two centuries, recounting all of his milestones would take hours. Instead, I will attempt to highlight just a few of the high points in Mr. Hodges life.

Mr. Hodges was born on June 18, 1891, in a small community called North Creek, just between Bath and Belhaven, North Carolina. His grandparents were slaves, and his mother, born into slavery, was later freed in New Bern, NC. At the age of 8, Mr. Hodges began working, just as his parents had done.

In 1918, Mr. Hodges joined the United States Army where he proudly wore the uniform of heroes as he served in France with the 702 Stevedore Battalion. A lifelong Eastern North Carolinian, Mr. Hodges returned to Beaufort County after his discharge where he married Malinda Boyd.

After moving to Pamlico County, Mr. Hodges worked his way from bookkeeper, to farm foreman, to landowner of a farm of his very own. He continued to work the land until his eyesight forced him to retire in the 1950's. His retirement, however, did not keep him from participating in his community. Mr. Hodges has remained a vital part of his hometown in Stonewall, North Carolina and his church home of Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church. Church has been a part of Mr. Hodges' life since he was a young child. Growing up, young Robert used to walk 12 miles to church and back . . . barefoot.

Some of you may ask, "What is the secret to Mr. Hodges long and healthy life?" Well, my friends, I must tell you I believe it is the scripture verse he has clung to for so many years. Mr. Hodges says he gives God the glory for his long life, claiming the 5th commandment as his own. The verse reads, "Honor thy father and mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." Mr. Hodges' life has certainly been very "long upon the land." His very history, quite frankly, illustrates what it means to live a life pleasing to the Lord, and to in turn see His blessings.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, let me say that Mr. Hodges joins so many of the men and women who served our Nation during wartime and asked so little in return. And today, those people who know him best are here to honor him, not only for his service to our great Nation but for the incredible impressions he has made on the lives of so many people as husband, father, grandfather, and a citizen of North Carolina.

It is because of the dedication and heroic courage of men like Robert Hodges that we can enjoy the many freedoms of this great land. On behalf of a grateful Nation, please accept my deepest appreciation.