

contract with our veterans and we have to make sure that the check that was written never comes up insufficient funds!

Lastly, I would like to thank Ron Armstead, Executive Director who was instrumental in putting together this Braintrust. And I would certainly be remiss without thanking the members of our Congressional staffs Jolanda Williams, Daisy Hannah, Beverly Gilyard, and Nick Martinelli who worked so hard to make this event a success. Again thank you.

GOD is good, all the time. All the time, GOD is good.

And GOD Bless America.

30 YEARS LATER: REMEMBERING THE VICTIMS OF BLOODY SUNDAY

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2002

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in remembering one of the most tragic days in the history of Northern Ireland. It was on January 30, 1972, that British soldiers opened fire in a brutal show of force against Irish Catholic protesters which left 13 dead and a number of others wounded. Following the example of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the demonstrators had been engaged in a peaceful protest against a repressive system which deprived them of basic rights in their own country.

As a member of the House International Relations Committee who has visited Northern Ireland a number of times to monitor the Orange Order parades and document civil rights violations against the Catholic residents of Garvaghy Road, I understand the historical roots of the conflict and the intense passions of those on both sides of the divide.

The tragic events of September 11th in our own Nation have drawn us closer to the people of Northern Ireland and other countries where fear of violence and personal harm is a fact of daily life.

As we stand in solidarity with the people of Northern Ireland, I believe the United States should do everything in our power to ensure the success of the peace process which was moved forward through the work of former President Clinton's special envoy, Senator George Mitchell.

In order to continue progressing towards a future of peace and reconciliation, it is important that the disturbing questions of the past be put to rest. Therefore, the new investigation into Bloody Sunday must be far-reaching and complete. There remains a strong sense of outrage regarding the original inquiry into Bloody Sunday, when Lord Widgery's probe hastily concluded that the violence against unarmed civilians was justified.

Mr. Speaker, the history of our nation is intertwined with that of Northern Ireland, and it is fitting that as we remember the victims of Bloody Sunday and their families, we continue to support the cause of peace and justice in Northern Ireland.

IN HONOR OF HORACE SMITH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2002

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Horace Smith from my home State of Ohio who in many ways exemplifies the qualities of our great citizens. Horace Smith was a man greatly committed to our community and its people.

Mr. Smith, born August 12, 1917 in Knoxville, Tennessee, moved to the area 45 years ago. Among his honorable achievements, Mr. Smith received numerous awards as a Staff Sergeant serving in the U.S. Army during World War II. He received the medal for Good Conduct, the American Theater Medal, and Four Bronze Stars.

Horace Smith was dedicated to his job at Virden Lighting for 20 years before retiring in 1978. In addition to his strong dedication to his job, he committed his time to numerous organizations in Cleveland. Mr. Smith was a devoted member of the Morning Star Baptist church where he served as both a Trustee and Leader of Boy Scout Troupe No. 436. Furthermore, he was a member of the 32nd Degree Mason, the Shriners King Solomon Lodge No. 18, and Bezaleel Consistory No. 15.

While serving the people of Cleveland as their mayor, I was honored to have Mr. Smith as a member of the Cleveland Planning Commission. He served Cleveland in countless ways including over 30 years as Precinct Committeeman 8-B, a member of the Cuyahoga County), Democratic Party Executive Committee, and a member of the board of Directors of Glenville Y.M.C.A. Mr. Smith also volunteered his time with other local officials during political campaigns including former Congressman Louis Stokes, former Mayor Carl Stokes, and former Mayor Michael White. It has been a great honor for all of us to work with Horace Smith.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in celebrating the life of Staff Sergeant Horace Smith, a highly honored man devoted to our community for over 45 years. His achievements and service to the community, have earned him great respect by his family and all of us in the community.

HILLIARD DELIVERS "STATE OF RURAL AMERICA" SPEECH BEFORE PROGRESSIVE CAUCUS

HON. EARL F. HILLIARD

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2002

Mr. HILLIARD. Mr. Speaker, The State of Rural America is akin to most third world countries. I see poverty everywhere. The Alabama Black Belt, the Mississippi Delta and many reservations, are suffering in far greater degrees than the rest of America in this economic recession.

Agricultural America is suffering in a far greater degree than the rest of the nation. During the Great Depression of 1929, the Deep South suffered earlier than other parts of the nation and more severely.

The reasons for this suffering in rural America are many, but the lack of jobs and economic infrastructure are the primary reasons. Most Americans who live on small farms do not get their income primarily from them—they get it from jobs in the cities and towns, and there are too few jobs in rural areas, and when they exist, they tend to pay poorly.

To deal with this long-time suffering, Congress needs to concentrate on rural development like never before. We need to create increased incentives to bring industry and jobs to rural America. We must realize that small farmers and independent producers recycle wealth into their communities, while large, absentee farmers may not. Investments made in small and independent farmers and businesses stay in the rural areas and grow.

We need to increase educational opportunities there, so that the children do not hit dead ends in their development. We need to see that the children get fully nutritional meals—it is one of the cruelest ironies and greatest injustices in America that the children of farmers are often undernourished.

We need to increase programs that support cooperative arrangements between farmers, making them more sustainable as they work together, purchase and sell together.

Rural areas need micro-loans—they have small economies and the businesses are small. However, we need to make the micro-loans more usable, and the Small Business Administration's micro-loan program needs to be expanded to make the loans available up to \$50,000, rather than the \$35,000 cap, which is presently active.

The 8A program of the Small Business Administration has been essential in supporting business development in rural areas. It is in danger of being destroyed by the present administration, which has already published proposed rules which will make it unusable. We absolutely must defend the 8A program!"

NUTRITION

"The Food Stamp Program is one that provides a market to many farmers and nutrition to many poor people. The current minimum of \$10 is too low, and shows a lack of concern for the hungry Americans who live in the richest nation in the world. People on Food Stamps should get at the very least \$120.00 per month.

Further, the Food Stamp Program must be extended to legal immigrants. These workers are legally here, they contribute not only labor but also pay taxes to the American economy, and they should be able to access sufficient food for themselves and their children.

The Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC) should be funded sufficiently to meet the needs of the pregnant women and infants in this nation—this means that it must not be flat-funded in this recession, but expanded. However, the diet it provides, while necessary, is not sufficient in all ways, and is supplemented efficiently by the farmers market nutrition program, which makes available fresh fruits and vegetables necessary for the healthy development of our next generation. It must not be cut to make it seem that food stamps are being maintained.

Finally, we must deal with the crisis affecting black farmers. In 1910, at the worst of times for black Americans since slavery, 100,000 black farmers were landowners. Today there are only about 10,000 farms owned by black farmers—a drop of 90%! We

are finding that states have collaborated with rich farmers and with banks to scam black farmers out of their land, and Congress must deal with this. Not only must it cease, but farmers who have been cheated must be made whole. This is no worse than armed robbery!

Despite the settlement of the Black farmers class action lawsuit, *Pigford vs. Glickman*, which has cost the USDA millions to date. The Department is still making payments and civil rights violations still persist at the Department of Agriculture.

Little or nothing has been done to see to it that the discriminatory practices which led to this lawsuit have ended.

The administration has failed to hold the USDA accountable to producers, to the American people and to Congress. This must be fully resolved, and Congress should make sure that it is resolved.

I think our farmers are heroic, especially our small farmers. But they need more reliable allies, and Congress must join the battle fully. Our food, our children, and our Nation demand it."

PAYING TRIBUTE TO GOVERNOR
JOHN LOVE

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2002

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I rise today to pay tribute to and recognize the passing of a great statesman and national leader. On January 21, 2002, former Colorado Governor John Love, a leader and pillar of the State of Colorado and this nation, passed from us during the night at the age of 86. To many Coloradans, Governor Love will be remembered as a great statesman, but to those who knew him best, he will be remembered as John, a caring and kind soul always willing to lend a helping hand. I would like to take this opportunity, before this body today, to highlight Governor Love's many years of service to this nation.

Born in Illinois, John Love's family came to Colorado in 1919, settling in the city of Colorado Springs. Following high school, he entered the University of Denver, earning a bachelors and law degree by 1941. While the escalation of World War II waged on, John answered his country's call to service and joined the armed forces as a naval aviator. His exemplary service and courage in battle were rewarded with several Air Medals and two Distinguished Flying Crosses, the highest award bestowed to aviators in the arena of flight. Following the war, John returned to Colorado with his wife Ann, whom he married in 1942, and opened a private law practice.

In the years following the war, John stayed active in local politics, served as a member of the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce and the GOP Central Committee. Dissatisfied with Colorado's chief executive, and having no political office experience, John considered a bid to run for governor. In 1962, John entered the Colorado gubernatorial race and ran as the "citizen's governor" with a platform of growing the state economy and increasing educational opportunities. He defeated incumbent Steve Nichols, and became Colorado's 36th Governor.

During his three terms as Governor, John was responsible for increasing public support for secondary and higher education, improving health care, reducing state income taxes, eliminating the state property tax, and implementing economic policies that resulted in record growth for the state economy. His efforts drew national attention, resulting in an appointment to Director of the Energy Policy Office for the Nixon Administration, an office that would later become the Department of Energy.

Mr. Speaker, John Love was a great servant and patriot of this nation. His tenure as Governor, role as energy director, and self-sacrifice to defend his nation clearly deserves the recognition of this body of Congress and the thanks of a grateful nation. It has always been known that his greatest passion was his love and dedication to his family. John Love is survived by sons Dan and Andy, and daughter Becky. Ann, his wife and companion for over fifty years, passed from us in 1999. It is with a solemn heart that we say goodbye and pay our respects to a great statesman, and a patriarch of the State of Colorado. John Love dedicated his life to improving the lives of his fellow Americans, and he will be greatly missed.

TRIBUTE TO MR. GEORGE H.
SCHNARRE

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2002

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. George H. Schnarre for his service as the President of the San Bernardino Area Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Schnarre is an individual of great distinction, and we join with his colleagues, family and friends in honoring his remarkable service to the San Bernardino community. He has truly achieved the American dream while retaining a firm commitment to his community exemplified by his work with the Chamber of Commerce.

George Schnarre was born during the Great Depression to Missouri sharecroppers. In the 1940's the Schnarre family migrated to California setting down roots in the San Bernardino area. After graduating from San Bernardino High School, George began studies at Valley College, but they were cut short by the Korean War. George Schnarre answered the call of duty joining the United States Navy as a dental technician. Upon the completion of his duty to his country, George returned to his studies at the University of California at Riverside while working part time in the grocery business. Thus began George's career in the Southern California business community.

While working his way up in the grocery industry, George Schnarre earned his real estate license. After moving back to his roots in San Bernardino, George entered the real estate business full time. Eventually George began his own real estate firm, George H. Schnarre Inc. Real Estate. Over time George's firm grew to encompass 13 offices.

While George built his real estate firm, he always made sure there was time to serve his community and his industry at the local, state

and national levels. He obtained lifetime credentials to teach any real estate subject at the Community College level. Among numerous activities within the community, George participated in area little league and girls softball leagues, and is an active Rotarian, Mason, Shriner, and member of the San Bernardino Elks. George Schnarre's dedication to the community and expertise in the business culminated in his service as Director of the San Bernardino Chamber of Commerce as well as on four other local Chambers.

George Schnarre is not only a business and community leader, he is also a family man. We are joined in recognizing the accomplishments of this outstanding individual by his wife, Claudia A. Schnarre, son George W. Schnarre, daughter Cindy Schnarre Healy and grandson David Jones.

And so, Mr. Speaker, I join George's loving family, recognizing George's long and distinguished career in real estate, and we express admiration for his service to the San Bernardino Area Chamber of Commerce.

HONORING DAVE THOMAS

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2002

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, "the man who really counts in the world is the doer," President Theodore Roosevelt once wrote, "not the man who only talks or writes about how it ought to be done." Dave Thomas was the definition of a doer. He was one of the youngest soldiers to manage an Enlisted Men's Club for the U.S. Army, and his innate business acumen led to success after success, making him a millionaire by the time he turned thirty-five.

But truly successful people do not hoard their earnings or ignore the pain of others. Dave Thomas believed in civic responsibility and eagerly involved himself in the communities he called home. In Columbus, Ohio, where he founded Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers in 1969, Mr. Thomas supported financially and morally the Children's Hospital, Recreation Unlimited, and the Ohio State University Cancer Research Institute.

I worked with Dave Thomas to further the mission of the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, on whose Professional Advisory Board I have served since 1996. Located in Memphis, Tennessee, St. Jude was founded by Danny Thomas in 1962. It is one of the world's leading centers of research and treatment for life-threatening childhood illnesses, particularly cancer. Remarkably, no child pays for St. Jude's services. The American Lebanese Syrian Associated Charities raise the funds to cover all costs of patient care.

Dave Thomas served six productive years on the St. Jude's Boards of Directors and Governors, from 1978-81 and from 1994-97. Richard C. Shadyiac, Sr., St. Jude's National Executive Director, "recalled him as a very close personal friend of Danny Thomas." Mr. Shadyiac went on to say that "Mr. Thomas made major contributions and stock gifts to St. Jude's, especially in its early, formative years."

Most Americans know Dave Thomas from his television commercials. They embody his easy demeanor and engaging personality. Not