

LOCAL MUSICAL TRIBUTES FOR
SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

HON. WILLIAM L. JENKINS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. JENKINS. Mr. Speaker, as our nation continues to heal the wounds from the losses suffered on September 11, 2001, I have personally received numbers of phone calls, e-mails, and letters from East Tennesseans offering suggestions, words of support, and prayers for all Americans dealing with this tragedy. Mr. Jerry White, a teacher from Hampton, Tennessee composed a song titled "Freedom Didn't Fall." In addition, Dr. Charles L. Walter from Johnson City, Tennessee enclosed a hymn titled "When Sudden Terror Tears Apart." Having been moved by these musical compositions, I wanted to share these lyrics with the Congress in order that others may read these uplifting and comforting words.

FREEDOM DIDN'T FALL—MR. JERRY WHITE

We took a mighty hit that day, brothers hear the call.
Buildings crumbled to the ground, but freedom didn't fall.
Today our hearts are heavy, we share the grief you bear.
Evil bounds through the world, we've turned to God in prayer.
America must be strong this hour, rays of hope through perils and fright,
A light of love for freedom, shining brightly through the night.
Innocent souls passed on that day, they are martyrs to the cause.
We must be devoted to fight and never stop to pause.
It will be hard to find the enemy to fight.
This may be the final chance for the whole world to unite.
We must stand firm to eradicate evil from our home,
And stand as models to the world no matter where we roam.
Why did this happen here, we ask? The answer's plain to see.
They terrorize for naught, but strike fear in you and me.
These were evil deeds, the acts of evil men.
We must resolve and affirm that this will never occur again.
Firemen, policemen, volunteers have answered freedom's call.
Dedicated sacrifice in this land of sacred law.
The heroes in the plane of Air Flight Ninety-Three,
Have set the tone of sacrifice for all of us to see.
Yea, we took a mighty hit today, now Americans hear the call
Buildings crumbled to the ground, but freedom didn't fall!

**WHEN SUDDEN TERROR TEARS APART—THE
REV. CARL P. DAW**

When sudden terror tears apart the world we thought was ours, we find how fragile strength can be, how limited our powers.
As tower and fortress fall we watch with disbelieving stare and numbly hear the anguished cries, the pierce the ash-filled air.
Yet most of all we are aware of emptiness and void: of lives cut short, of structures razed, of confidence destroyed.
From this abyss of doubt and fear we grope for words to pray, and hear our stam-

mering tongues embrace a timeless Kyrie.

Have mercy Lord, give us strength and peace and make our courage great; restrain our urge to seek revenge, to turn our heart to hate.

Help us to know your steadfast love, your presence near as breath; rekindle in our hearts the hope of life that conquers death.

**TRIBUTE TO ROBERT BYRNE
JESSUP**

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to a Fellow Marine, Robert Jessup, who passed away on April 7th, 2002.

Robert Byrne Jessup was born January 4, 1942 in Washington, DC. He attended Washington and Lee High School and George Washington University. He was honorably discharged after serving in the US Marine Corps from 1960–1964 as a Lance Corporal, H&S Co., 2nd Shore Party Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, FMF, Camp LeJeune, NC. He was awarded two Good Conduct Medals.

Mr. Jessup worked for Eastern Airlines from 1964 to 1974. He married Caroline Mary Gerard on November 19, 1966 in Alexandria, VA. They moved to Gaithersburg, MD, where he began a career with the General Electric Corporation. While at GE, he was instrumental in the development of the MARK 3000 System.

In the true spirit of a United States Marine, he served his community throughout his life. He was involved in numerous community activities, serving on the Board of Directors for his neighborhood and the Gaithersburg Board of Appeals. He was a football, baseball and basketball coach for his children and a Boy Scout Leader in Troops 207 and 494.

He is survived by his wife; his children, Bill, Rick and Dana; five grandchildren, two brothers, his mother and many other relatives and friends. He was a beloved father, husband, son, grandfather and friend who loved to play games with his family from cards to Trivial Pursuit. Friends remember the Jessup home always as one of boisterous activity, laughter and joy.

Robert Jessup's ideas about serving others live on in his children. His sons work in federal law enforcement; his daughter cares for senior citizens who do not have family to care for them in the Denver area.

It is an honor to share this farewell tribute with my Colleagues.

Mr. Jessup is being interred today, May 1, in Arlington Cemetery. Semper Fi.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

HON. FRANK MASCARA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. MASCARA. Mr. Speaker, on April 30, 2002, I was absent for personal reasons and missed rollcall votes numbered 117, 118 and 119. For the record, had I been present I

would have voted "aye" on rollcall votes 117 and 119 and "nay" on rollcall vote 118.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

HON. DAVID WU

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. WU. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation that would renew two important provisions of the Higher Education Act, which are set to expire on September 30, 2002.

The first expiring provision, Section 428G(a)(3), allows schools with cohort default rates below 10 percent to disburse a loan in a single installment for any period of enrollment that is not more than 1 semester, 1 trimester, 1 quarter, or 4 months.

The second expiring provision, Section 428G(b)(1), allows schools with cohort default rates below 10 percent to waive the requirement that first-year, first-time borrowers loan proceeds be withheld for 30 days.

Each provision was part of the 1998 HEA reauthorization law (H.R. 6). The decision to sunset both provisions was due to a combination of PAY-GO budget pressures and a wish by the HEA reauthorization conferees to revisit each provision's efficacy in reducing regulatory burden while maintaining the integrity of the federal loan programs.

These goals have been met. Not only has regulatory burden been reduced, but costs also have been reduced for schools and lenders.

Further, there is no evidence that adoption of these provisions has caused any increase in default rates at participating schools or increased costs to the government. In light of the reality that both provisions benefit students and do not increase loan defaults, it is important that we extend both provisions permanently.

Expiration of these beneficial provisions not only will place unnecessary administrative burdens on schools, but also will disadvantage students. The first provision allows schools the flexibility, especially in the case of students attending summer sessions and graduating mid-year seniors, to disburse the proceeds of their loan in a single payment, and is just a commonsense administrative decision.

The second provision allows school to disburse a loan to their first year students so that they may have access to their funds to purchase books and supplies, pay housing costs, and other associated educational expenses. Without extension of this provision, many students, due to their inability to purchase textbooks and acquire housing for 30 days, fall behind in their studies and may dropout. This process may paradoxically drive up default rates.

Additionally, failure to renew these provisions would cause administrative disruption for schools. Schools would need to revise policies and procedures, counseling activities and student disclosure and related materials, and reprogram computer systems. These activities would need to be completed prior to the beginning of the award year on July 1st. Consequently, legislative action should be completed as soon as possible but no later than June 1, 2002.

Failure to renew these provisions would lead to unnecessary disruption of financial aid office activities and significant costs to revise system operations. A similar administrative disruption and costs would be visited upon lending institutions.

A college education is becoming increasingly more expensive. These two important provisions make it easier on the student to receive financial aid in a timely manner. Not only is it important that we maximize federal assistance in student financial aid, but we must ensure that the process is not overly burdensome on students or schools.

Renewing these provisions would not only make the daunting task of finding financial aid easier for students. And the cost to the federal government would be minimal.

I urge my colleagues to join with me in renewing HEA Sections 428G(a)(3) & (B)(1) so we can continue benefiting students and avoid disrupting financial aid operations.

HONORING JOHN McCORMICK,
CHICAGO TRIBUNE PAGE EDITOR

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to John McCormick, winner of the American Society of Newspaper Editors (ASNE) 2002 Distinguished Writing Award for Editorial Writing.

John McCormick is the deputy editorial page editor of the Chicago Tribune. He joined the Chicago Tribune editorial board in 2000 and was promoted to deputy editor the following year. Prior to joining the Tribune, John worked for several years as the Chicago bureau chief for Newsweek magazine.

On April 12, 2002, John was awarded the 2002 Distinguished Writing Award for Editorial Writing at the ASNE annual convention in Washington, D.C. John has proven his astute writing abilities in various editorials for the Tribune including topics ranging from the September 11th attacks to the poignant circumstances surrounding the death of a Chicago police officer.

ASNE judges stated the following comment on John's abilities as a writer by saying, "he won the editorial writing award for his eloquent commentary on topics including September 11th as well as veteran sacrifices that would be cheapened by efforts to sell the naming rights to a renovated Soldier Field. In a classic editorial writing style, McCormick is a strong advocate without being preachy."

John is joined in this recognition by his wife Dawn and their two sons, who reside in LaGrange Park, Illinois.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring John McCormick on his achievements and wish John many years of future success.

LOYALTY DAY

HON. MICHAEL FERGUSON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. Speaker, on July 18, 1958, the United States Congress passed

Public Law 85-529 and designated May 1 of each year as "Loyalty Day." I am pleased to join my fellow Americans today in confirming our allegiance to the United States of America by celebrating this important occasion. Now more than ever, it is vital that we stand together as a nation and remain committed to the common good of our people.

As we speak, the courageous men and women of our Armed Services stand firm across the world, protecting our freedom from all those who threaten its existence. Like their predecessors who fought for our nation in years past, today's service men and women need our support and require our loyalty.

However, Loyalty Day should not be confined to support of our military. The spirit of Loyalty Day can extend throughout our daily lives. Strong devotion to our country can be shown through service to fellow citizens and participation in government. By voting, by fighting for a cause and by helping your community, you are showing loyalty to our nation by honoring the virtues our great country was founded on.

An organization exhibiting the true essence of Loyalty Day is the Bay Leaf Post No. 6807 Ladies Auxiliary in Garwood, New Jersey. I commend the ladies of Post No. 6807 for their continuing support of veterans in the 7th District of New Jersey. Their actions to benefit veterans stand as an example of true loyalty to our nation. Organizations such as this are instrumental in keeping the American spirit alive by serving and remaining devoted to our great country.

Today, I commend all the Americans celebrating Loyalty Day and congratulate all those who have served and continue to serve our great country.

HONORING WILLIAM J. KEATING
AS HE RECEIVES THE 2002 METROPOLITAN AWARD

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor William J. Keating, a friend, valued constituent and distinguished former Member of this House, who will receive the Metropolitan Club's 2002 Metropolitan Award on May 21, 2002. Recipients of this prestigious honor are citizens of the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky area who have exhibited extraordinary effort toward improving the lives of our community's residents, and have significantly bridged the gap between Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky.

A native of Cincinnati, Bill Keating has a very long list of accomplishments. As former congressman, newspaper publisher, successful businessperson and judge, his influence can be seen in nearly every major civic project in this area in the past fifty years, including downtown development, arts, education and sports.

After graduating from St. Xavier High School, where he was an All-American swimmer, Bill enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served during World War II. He returned home and earned two degrees (bachelor's and law) from the University of Cincinnati in just four years. He was admitted to the Ohio bar in 1950,

began practicing law in Cincinnati and helped to found what has become a major Cincinnati law firm in 1954.

Bill's name has been virtually synonymous with public service since 1957, when he became assistant attorney general for the state of Ohio. In 1958, he was appointed judge of the Hamilton County Municipal Court, was elected to that court in 1959 and was presiding judge from 1962 until 1963. In 1964, Bill was elected to the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas, where he served until 1967. For two terms, Bill was member of Cincinnati City Council, from 1967 to 1970. First elected to the House of Representatives in 1970. Bill served with distinction in the Ninety-second and Ninety-third Congresses representing the First District of Ohio.

Following his Congressional service, Bill moved into journalism and joined the Cincinnati Enquirer, where he was president and publisher. Later, he serves president of the Gannett Central Newspaper Group, chairman of the Cincinnati Inquirer, executive vice President and general counsel of Gannett Company, Inc. and chief executive officer of the Detroit Newspaper Agency in May, 1986.

Bill is a proven leader. He has been active with numerous causes in our area, including the Cincinnati Business Committee, the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, the Cincinnati Arts Association, and the Bid Development Committee for Olympics 2012. In 2001, he was awarded the covered title of Great Living Cincinnati by the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce.

All of us in the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky area congratulate Bill Eating on receiving the 2002 Metropolitan Award, the latest acknowledgment of this remarkable device to our region.

SIXTH DISTRICT IS HOME TO
FOUR STATE ROUNDBALL CHAMPS

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. COLBE. Mr. Speaker, the University of Maryland just won the NCAA college basketball championship, we are deep into the NBA pro basketball playoffs, and the nation's high schools recently completed their basketball tournaments. During this basketball season, I am pleased to report that the Sixth District of North Carolina is the proud home of four state champions—three girls' teams and one boys' squad.

North Carolina is known nationally as a hotbed of basketball—both from a playing standpoint as well as a spectator sport. We know basketball in the Tar Heel State. That is what makes this season so special for the folks back home. We have not one, not two, not three, but four state champions. It has been a special season and one that is worthy of recognition in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

We begin with the Ledford Senior High School girls' basketball team because the Panthers completed a perfect season with a win in the title contest on March 15. The Panthers finished the year 32-0 with a surprisingly easy 73-51 victory over Tarboro High in the 2-A championship game. In fact, every win this year was by double digits; no one could touch the Panthers of Ledford High.