

the "Big House" lunch table over a full platter of Minnie's fried chicken, and he had a huge lunch everyday," Mr. Mason said, referring to Mr. McKethan's home in Brooksville.

Mr. McKethan was a citrus grower and made his mark in one of Florida's major industries by helping to found the Florida Citrus Commission and by serving as director of Florida Citrus Mutual. From 1949 to 1954, he served as chairman of the State Road Board on which he had considerable influence over the development of communities throughout the state. According to the *Hernando Times*, some notable examples of the big road projects that took place with his urging include the Sunshine Skyway Bridge in St. Petersburg, the expansion of State Road 50 from Orlando to the Gulf of Mexico through Hernando County and U.S. 98 from Lakeland to the southern border of Citrus County. Mr. Hjalma Johnson joked at his funeral—with a certain degree of seriousness—that Mr. McKethan had a particular threshold for approving road projects, "They must be potentially beneficial to every Floridian—and they must either originate, terminate or go through Brooksville." (St. Petersburg Times) He served as the first chairman of the Southwest Florida Water Management District's governing board created to address chronic flooding problems in the region. At his funeral, Dale Twachtman who was the first executive director of SWFWMD was quoted in the *Hernando Times* recalling the first days of the agency in Brooksville when its final location was still in question. "But I and the staff never doubted for a minute that he would figure out a way to keep (SWFWMD) in Brooksville, and he did," Twachtman said. Sonny Vergara, Executive Director of SWFWMD, described Mr. McKethan's foresight this way: "He knew water would be a central concern for the future of Florida," Vergara said. "He saw water management as a comprehensive view." (Hernando Today)

He was also a man devoted to his church and to education.

He headed up the committee that selected St. Petersburg as the site for Florida Presbyterian College, now known as Eckerd College and was a generous supporter of his alma mater, the University of Florida, which named its baseball stadium after him. He also established the first endowed chair at UF and several football scholarships. Florida Athletic Director Jeremy Foley told *Hernando Today*, "This is a sad day for everyone that knew Mr. McKethan. The University of Florida has lost a great friend, the state of Florida has lost a great person. No one loved the Gators more than Mr. McKethan."

His tremendous generosity will certainly have a lasting influence throughout Hernando County and the state, but particularly in Hernando County. According to former State Rep. Chuck Smith of Brooksville, "He was a person who above everything else believed Hernando County was the only place on earth." (Hernando Times) Through his efforts, he helped to bring about the Brooksville campus of Pasco-Hernando Community College, the Brooksville-Hernando County Airport, the West Hernando/Staffordene T. Foggia Library, Alfred McKethan Park at Pine Island and the Alfred McKethan Civic Auditorium at the Hernando County Fairgrounds.

Brooksville lawyer Bruce Snow told *The Hernando Times*, "He was willing to share his

wealth in ways that people weren't even aware of." Len Tria, a former Hernando County Commissioner, recalled a surprise commission meeting attended by Mr. McKethan after the County applied to his bank for a loan for a new library. He told the Commission that the bank would not secure the loan. Tria told *The Hernando Times*, "My heart dropped. Then, he reaches into his inside coat pocket and said, 'However, I have a check here for \$200,000 . . . We want you to build that library.'"

Reporter Lara Bradburn of *Hernando Today* describes the personality of this fine man known as "Mr. Hernando County" in vivid detail. She writes: "It wasn't so much his stature; the fact that he owned more assets than most anyone in the county, or that his name is plastered on various parks, buildings and institutions. It was more in his demeanor and the personal way he connected with those around him. He was charming, dapper and undeniably cunning in business. He was the man who dined with presidents and governors, blue-collar workers and poor country preachers. Titles meant little, unless they were the means to an end. He was the quintessential Southern gentleman, was just as comfortable with the rich as the poor: always cordial, always interesting, always ready with a good yarn from the old days."

Mr. Mason agrees: "Despite his exceptional business and financial successes, he was a very real person who was interested in the well being of everyone he came into contact with and was always eager to help whoever he could."

Because of his generous and kind spirit, Mr. McKethan's legacy will forever live on in the hearts and souls of his many admirers and through the residents of Hernando County far into the future who will continue to enjoy the many facilities that he made possible during his lifetime. He was, and will always be, loved and appreciated for all the good he represented and for the lives he changed for the better. Whenever we donate to the Boy Scouts of America or our local church, we should think of Mr. McKethan. Whenever we go out of our way to help a neighbor in need, we should remember Mr. McKethan. Whenever we mentor a young person or help an up-and-coming professional trying to make it in business, we should remember the great legacy of Alfred McKethan. He trained and mentored many leaders in his day and as Mr. Hjalma Johnson said with great emotion as he quoted Sir Isaac Newton at his funeral, "If I have seen farther, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants. All of us will see farther because we stood on the shoulders of this giant. Mr. Chairman, you will be well missed and never forgotten." (St. Petersburg Times)

I would also like to submit for the record the below quotes showing the great love and respect that Alfred McKethan earned during his remarkable life. He certainly left a lasting impression in Hernando County and throughout the State of Florida that will remain for generations to come.

IN HONOR OF CALLISTA YATES
NANCE

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Callista Yates Nance on the occasion of her 90th Birthday.

Callista Yates was born and raised in Chadbourn, North Carolina. She was one of six children born to Willis and Gloria Yates. She had two sisters and three brothers. She attended the Johnson High School in Chadbourn. She married Willie Rufus Nance and together they had thirteen children. Callista was never overwhelmed by her large family. In fact, she opened the doors of her home to her children's friends and treated them as if they were her own children.

In addition to Callista's family obligations, she was also very active in her church and her community. She taught Sunday school for years and served as a deaconess in the church. She is loved throughout the community for her kindness and generosity. She is known as "ma" or "grandma" throughout the community. Others attribute her open door policy to one of her favorite sayings, "in God's eyesight we are all equal".

Sadly, her husband, Willie, died when he was only 60 years old, but Callista has never failed to persevere. She has always been known for her beautiful smile—a trait that she passed on to her luckiest children.

Mr. Speaker, Callista Yates Nance is a beacon in her community, in her church, and in her family. She has spread joy for her first 89 years and I expect she always will. As such I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable woman on the occasion of her 90th Birthday.

RECOGNIZING BRYAN F. SIEBENALLER ON HIS APPOINTMENT
TO THE U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize my constituent, Bryan F. Siebenaller of Bascom, Ohio, who recently accepted his appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Bryan will soon graduate from Hopewell-Loudon High School. During his high school career, he has maintained a 3.9 grade point average, ranking high in his graduating class. He is an accomplished athlete, earning varsity letters in football, basketball and track. And he has clearly demonstrated his leadership ability, serving as President of the Student Council and as President of the National Honor Society.

Bryan Siebenaller can be very proud of his many accomplishments. He is a credit to his family, his school, and his community. By accepting his appointment, Bryan is accepting a unique challenge.

The Academy is the pinnacle of leadership development for the United States Army. As a member of the U.S. Corps of Cadets, he will

face a most demanding academic curriculum and physical regimen. He will live, study and prepare in an environment where strong leadership thrives, individual achievement is expected, and personal integrity is demanded.

Mr. Speaker, General John W. Vessey, Jr. once wrote, "The Nation's ability to remain free and at peace depends in no small measure on whether we will continue to inspire our youth to serve."

I am confident that Bryan Siebenaller has the character and ability to excel at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him well as he begins his very important service to our nation.

THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF
OAKLAND STATEHOOD

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the City of Oakland. One hundred and fifty years ago, on May 4, 1852, the City of Oakland was incorporated. It is my great privilege to represent the Ninth District of California, which includes Oakland, a city that has played a vital role in the history, economy, and culture of the wonderful state of California and the nation.

The City of Oakland has cultivated a rich history in the last 150 years. The city offers ethnic diversity, intellectual ferment, and economic vitality, and has made a wide array of contributions to science, technology, literature, the arts, and business.

Oakland emerged as a major commercial and transportation center in the heyday of the California Gold Rush of 1849. It became a crucial transit point from the San Francisco Bay to Sutter's Mill and the Sierra Nevada foothills. Oakland dramatically expanded after the tragic San Francisco earthquake of 1906 as Californians sought firmer ground. The city's population significantly increased again during the World War II, when thousands of Americans came to the City to work in the busy shipyards, the Oakland Army Base, and the Naval Air Station in Alameda.

As the city grew, so did its commitment to progressive activism. Individuals stood tall for their rights and organized others to follow suit. Individuals such as Cotrell Lawrence Dellums, a Pullman porter and a Bay Area representative for the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, began organizing fellow African-Americans to join the union in 1925, when Oakland was still strongly linked to the passenger rails. As the head of the Alameda County NAACP, he helped the AFL-CIO consolidate its membership by delivering the support of Black railroad workers and members of the NAACP, and was among the first to organize voter registration campaigns in the district. C.L. Dellums' spirit of activism has remained alive in Oakland throughout the years.

Two-time Socialist Party Candidate for Mayor and Call of the Wild author Jack London called Oakland his home for nearly thirty years. From this city, London wrote many of his vivid evocations of the Far North. The East Bay's sometimes chilly climate may have

helped inspire some of his more picturesque depictions of life in the Yukon. Today, Jack London Square bears Oakland's famous son's name, a beautiful waterfront business and shopping area, representing both tradition and the economic vitality of the city.

London was not the only cultural icon to grace Oakland's streets: Robert Louis Stephenson, Ishmael Reed, and Gertrude Stein lived in Oakland, and all enriched our literary heritage.

As a sea, air and rail port, Oakland is at the hub of California trade. The maritime port stretches across nineteen miles of San Francisco Bay. One of the largest ports on the West Coast, the Port of Oakland is today second only to New York in terms of container terminal space. It is a primary sea terminal connecting the western United States to Asia, South America, and Europe. Like the seaport, the airport also represents a crucial link in the chain of intrastate, interstate, and international commerce. The Oakland Airport was also the starting point in 1937 for Amelia Earhart's ill-fated round-the-world flight.

Historic landmarks in Oakland include the Dunsmuir House, Mills Hall located on the Mills College campus, the Paramount Theatre, the USS *Hornet* (CV-12), and several buildings designed by architects Julia Morgan and Bernard Maybeck. Additional landmarks in the district include the C.L. Dellums Train Station, the just-opened Chabot Observatory and Science Center, Children's Fairyland (Walt Disney's blueprint for Disneyland), Jack London Square, Lake Merritt, Oakland's Chinatown, and the Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building.

Three of Oakland's annual events were recently placed as a "Local Legacy" in the Library of Congress' Bicentennial celebration. These events are the Dia de los Muertos, The Black Cowboys Parade and the Festival of Greece. I am proud that these events are recognized by the Library of Congress as a local legacy.

With a century and a half of history behind it, Oakland now stands at the brink of a new century and a new millennium. As we move forward into the future, we must continue to celebrate our diversity, remember our past, and refute Gertrude Stein's famous Oakland lament that "there was no there there." There is a there, there, and for a hundred and fifty years there has been. Congratulations to the people of Oakland on 150 years of history and tradition.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
CAPTAIN RONALD E. HUNT OF
THE FREMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, on May 4, 2002, the Fremont Police Department will celebrate the retirement of one of its finest officers, Captain Ronald E. Hunt.

In his 32-year law enforcement career, Captain Hunt has gathered law enforcement expertise in a wide variety of subjects, published a report, and created and managed a renowned program to keep sex offenders away from children.

Captain Hunt served his entire career with the Fremont Police Department. He joined the force in 1969 as a Police Officer in the Patrol Division, and through hard work and dedication, was promoted to his current position as Police Captain in 1986.

Captain Hunt held a remarkable and varied number of positions within the Fremont Police Department. After serving six years as a Police Officer, he was assigned as the temporary report review Police Sergeant in the Operations Division on August 3, 1975. On January 12, 1976, he was appointed Police Sergeant in the Operations Division. He was assigned to the Investigative Section on January 8, 1978, and then to the Patrol Section on January 6, 1980, being selected as the PACT Section 2 Advisor on January 31, 1980.

He was chosen to join the C-CAP Tactical Action Team on May 17, 1983, and was appointed Supervisor of the Communications Unit in the Services Division on August 5, 1984. He was then appointed Police Lieutenant in the Operations Division on December 31, 1984, and Day Shift Watch Commander of the Operations Division on January 5, 1986, before being promoted to his current position as Police Captain on July 16, 1986.

On January 15, 1989, Ron Hunt was assigned as Commander of the Information Section of the Services Division, and was then assigned as Commander of the Patrol Section in the Operations Division on January 13, 1991. He was assigned to the Investigative Services Division on January 10, 1993, to Support Services on January 24, 1995, and to command the Traffic Services portion of Investigative/Traffic Services on July 1, 1996. He was transferred from Patrol to Investigative Services on January 13, 1997, and to the Support Division on July 2, 2000.

Captain Hunt holds P.O.S.T. Basic, Intermediate, Advanced, Supervisory, and Management Certificates, and also earned a Master of Science Degree in Management on June 10, 1995, from the California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.

He graduated from Command College Class 19 on January 13, 1995, and his paper, "The Role of the First-Line Patrol Supervisor in a Medium-Sized Police Department by the Year 2004" was accepted for publication. He completed the Leadership Fremont program in June, 1998.

The recipient of 73 commendations, he led the completion of the new police facility, which opened in 1995. On several occasions, Captain Hunt has served as Acting Police Chief, and was a valuable member of many Fremont police "Baker to Vegas" running teams as well as the Special Olympics Torch Run.

Under Captain Hunt's leadership, the Fremont Police Department's Megan's Law database program became an outstanding success. Captain Hunt was responsible for creating the Internet database, which allows parents to monitor where convicted sexual offenders live. This program has one of the highest rates of inquiry in the state, and has been copied by many other police departments.

I am honored to join the colleagues of Captain Ronald E. Hunt in commending him for his many years of dedicated and