

every state. I have promised the people of the 4th District of Minnesota that I am committed to working in Congress for essential programs like newborn hearing screening. I hope my colleagues will join me in this commitment to improving the quality of life for our nation's children, families, and communities.

QUOTES ABOUT MR. ALFRED
MCKETHAN

HON. KAREN L. THURMAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Mrs. THURMAN. Mr. Speaker, U.S. Sen. BOB GRAHAM: "... a legacy unmatched by any other."

U.S. Sen. BILL NELSON: "Alfred McKethan was not just a leader—he was a doer."

Gov. Jeb Bush, "Alfred McKethan was larger than life, ... a monumental contributor to this state."—Hernando Today

Congresswoman KAREN THURMAN, "His mantle was sharing with everyone else. The mantle he left behind is the people he left behind."—Hernando Today

Mr. Hjalma Johnson, Dade City banker: "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."—Hernando Times

Mr. Colin Campbell of the Virginia Military Institute, where Mr. McKethan began his college career: "Mr. McKethan loved to empower young leaders."—Hernando Times

Rev. Don Lawson, pastor of Brooksville's First Presbyterian Church: "Alfred McKethan was a powerful man of insight and vision. But from my perspective, he had a humble heart."—Hernando Today

Former University of Florida President John Lombardi: "He represented the very best of the spirit of our alumni. ... He's just one of our heroes."—St. Petersburg Times

Retired State Senator Ed Price Jr. from Bradenton: "He was a very friendly person, but he could get hard-nosed when the occasion allowed for it."—St. Petersburg Times

Banker Marion G. "Bubber" Nelson of Panama City: "He just had a good way of talking and enthusing somebody and developing ambition. There were no crazy things about him."—St. Petersburg Times

Former Brooksville State Rep. John Culbreath, now a Tallahassee lobbyist: "Alfred for his lifetime was really the pulse and the heartbeat of Hernando County."—St. Petersburg Times

Chuck Smith, a former state lawmaker from Brooksville: "Alfred McKethan was an excellent politician. You're not an excellent politician if you're mean to people or make them mad."—St. Petersburg Times

Jim Talley, editor of the defunct Brooksville Sun-Journal newspaper: Mr. McKethan "by style and demeanor symbolized Brooksville's yesteryear, caught in the mid 20th century, though he prided himself on always looking 'out yonder.' He left his mark, and it was a big one."—St. Petersburg Times

University of Florida's Athletic Director Jeremy Foley: "His passion for the university and this program ... there was no bigger Gator. I'm going to miss him immeasurably. ..."—St. Petersburg Times

Norm Carlson, a longtime UF assistant director of media relations: "He had the ear of everybody."—St. Petersburg Times

Former Gators football coach Steve Spurrier once said: "When you talk of Gator spirit and love for the university, Alfred McKethan embodies what that is all about."—St. Petersburg Times

Brooksville lawyer Joe Mason, Mr. McKethan's nephew: "His influence is everywhere you look. Probably no one in the last half-century has had as much of an impact on the community as he has had."—St. Petersburg Times

Jim Kimbrough, who married Mr. McKethan's daughter, then took over as head of SunTrust Bank/Nature Coast, said: "It's been a privilege to be at his side professionally."—St. Petersburg Times

County Commissioner Chairwoman Nancy Robinson: "Alfred McKethan was an icon and a visionary. He'll be missed."—St. Petersburg Times

Robert Buckner, Mr. McKethan's oldest grandson: "He kept up with what was going on in Hernando County."—St. Petersburg Times

Jane Padgett, an assistant principal at Hernando High and a distant relative: "I think he has always been keenly interested in the welfare of this county and its place in the state."—St. Petersburg Times

Oma Lee Vance, worked with McKethan at the bank for nearly 40 years: "His door was always open. He was just a very compassionate person, considering his standing in life and the community."—St. Petersburg Times

Gene Manuel, owner of Coastal Engineering: "He's one of the few people that I ever knew in my lifetime who would do something for you without expecting anything in return."—St. Petersburg Times

Dominick Cabriele, chairman of the Hernando County Democratic Party: "Mr. McKethan was a lifelong Democrat and a steadfast supporter of the Democratic Party and its principles. ... His loss is irreplaceable."—St. Petersburg Times

Len Tria, vice president of Coastal Engineering and former Hernando County commissioner: "He never forgot his roots. His motto was, 'You build your community, you build your bank.'"—St. Petersburg Times

IN HONOR OF FRANK HARRIS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Frank Harris on the occasion of his 80th Birthday.

Frank Harris was born and raised in Boston, MA. He left Boston when he joined the army. After completing his military service he moved to New York. He has served St. Barnabas Episcopal Church for 40 years. He is very active in his church. He has been an usher, he is on the vestry, and he is in the Brotherhood where he has worked as the secretary and treasurer for over 20 years. In addition to his work in the church, before retiring, Frank worked for Con Edison for over 20 years in Brooklyn and Buchanan, New York. He has been happily married to Annie Harris for 44 years.

As a proud father and a loving husband, he and his wife have three children, two adopted and their natural son, Kirby.

Mr. Speaker, Frank Harris has lived a life of hard work and dedication to his church, his family and community. As such he is more than worthy of receiving this recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable man on his 80th Birthday.

RECOGNIZING TAYLOR G. MARK
WARD 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, Taylor G. Markward of Middle Point, Ohio, who recently accepted his appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Taylor will soon graduate from Van Wert High School. During his high school career, he has maintained a high grade point average, and is a member of the National Honor Society. He is an accomplished athlete, earning varsity letters in football and basketball. And, he has clearly demonstrated his leadership ability, serving as Vice President of the Student Body, President of the Key Club and as a captain of the football and basketball teams.

Taylor Markward can be very proud of his many accomplishments. He is a credit to his family, his school, and his community. By accepting his appointment, Taylor 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 Taylor Markward 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.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
SUPERINTENDENT SHARON
JONES OF THE FREMONT UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sharon Jones on the day of her retirement as superintendent of the Fremont Unified School District in Fremont, California.

For 37 years, Sharon Jones has served the Fremont Unified School District and the community of Fremont as a teacher, vice principal,

principal, Director of Elementary Education, and Superintendent.

Sharon Jones attended the Fremont Unified School District from elementary school through high school. Her success in giving back to the community is evident in the visionary educational programs she has directed and the high level of student achievement that has resulted from her years at the helm of the school district.

A leader who makes quality education her first priority and achieves excellence through teamwork, Sharon Jones is recognized among her peers as a mentor. She is a strong advocate of providing respectful treatment of all students and staff in a harassment-free environment.

In her long and distinguished career, Sharon Jones has ensured balanced educational program equity and led successful bond campaigns. She served as Chief Labor Negotiator for the Fremont Unified School District, and was a weekly reading mentor to students at an elementary school in the district.

A recognized leader in the educational field, Sharon Jones is the author of outstanding textbooks in English and social studies. She received the PTA's highest award, the Golden Oak Award, in February 2002. She received the Ann Lord memorial award for the 1995–1996 school year, in honor of her leadership, courage, encouragement, support, and care. She is also the recipient of the 1988 California Education Award, the Rotary Foundation's Paul Harris Fellow Award, and the Certificate of Commendation from the California Association of Teachers of English Executive Board.

I am honored to join the colleagues of Sharon Jones in commending her for her many years of dedicated and exemplary service to the Fremont Unified School District. Her commitment to honesty, integrity and trust in education is truly an inspiration to all.

INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

SPEECH OF

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, Congress can perform a great service to the American taxpayer, as well as citizens in developing countries, by rejecting HR 2604, which reauthorizes two multilateral development banks, the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the Asian Development Fund (AsDF).

Congress has no constitutional authority to take money from American taxpayers and send that money overseas for any reason. Furthermore, foreign aid undermines the recipient countries' long-term economic progress by breeding a culture of dependency. Ironically, foreign aid also undermines long-term United States foreign policy goals by breeding resentment among recipients of the aid, which may manifest itself in a foreign policy hostile to the United States.

If Congress lacks authority to fund an international food aid program, then Congress certainly lacks authority to use taxpayer funds to promote economic development in foreign lands. Programs such as the AsDF are not

only unconstitutional, but, by removing resources from the control of consumers and placing them under the control of bureaucrats and politically-powerful special interests, these programs actually retard economic development in the countries receiving this "aid!" This is because funds received from programs like the AsDF are all-too-often wasted on political boondoggles which benefit the political elites in the recipient countries, but are of little benefit to the individual citizens of those countries.

In conclusion, HR 2604 authorizes the continued taking of taxpayer funds for unconstitutional and economically destructive programs. I therefore urge my colleagues to reject this bill, return the money to the American taxpayers, and show the world that the United States Congress is embracing the greatest means of generating prosperity: the free market.

CONGRATULATING THE STUDENTS OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, ARKANSAS ON BEING SELECTED TO REPRESENT THEIR STATE AT THE NATIONAL HISTORY DAY COMPETITION

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the students from two cities located in Crawford County, Arkansas. These students will represent the state of Arkansas at the National History Day competition in June at the University of Maryland. There are six students from Van Buren High School and six students from Alma High School. There are also two students from Van Buren Middle School and two students from Alma Middle School.

These students were selected among the best in Arkansas in the categories of historical documentary, historical performance, historical exhibit, or historical paper. They have spent the last several months researching their topics as they related their projects to this year's national theme: Revolution, Reaction and Reform.

It is admirable in today's society to see young people willing to go the extra mile to improve their academic skills. These students will now have an advantage as they prepare themselves for college. Their respective teachers also deserve our respect today. They have proven that excellent teaching must go beyond the 8 to 3 school day. Mary Beth Duncan, Toney McMurray, Erin Mills, Beth Graham, Julia Cottrell, Brad Ball and Teddy McMurray are fine examples of the best in the teaching profession. Their encouragement and dedication has encouraged these students to strive to excellence and be successful in their endeavors.

On behalf of the 3rd Congressional District of Arkansas and the U.S. House of Representatives I would like to recognize Mandy Blair, Alayne Chanthaseny, Erin Gatling, Maegan Gray, Katie Fingerhut, Ashley Helms, Natalie Harris, Russell Moore, Chase Phipps, Zach Thomas, Dustin Seaton, Andrew Simpson, Elizabeth Watkins, Colby Webb and Cameron Word for their outstanding work and wish them luck in the upcoming National History Day contest.

TRIBUTE TO OREGON NATIONAL GUARD

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the citizen soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 186th Infantry of the Oregon National Guard as they prepare to embark on an overseas deployment as part of Operation Noble Eagle.

Last month the men and women of the 1–186th conducted Soldier Readiness Processing as part of their home-station mobilization, and soon they will leave their homes in southern Oregon to receive theater-specific training at Fort Carson, Colorado before continuing on to the Sinai region of Egypt. There they will take part in the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) peacekeeping mission in that troubled region of the world before returning to their families and loved ones in early 2003.

Mr. Speaker, this mission represents the largest deployment of the Oregon National Guard since World War II, when the "Fighting Jungeleers" of the famed 41st Infantry Division patrolled the jungle trails of New Guinea. While this time Oregon's citizen soldiers have been called to keep peace rather than make war, I have every confidence that the dedication they will bring to this mission will be no less than that of their predecessors more than a half century ago.

Mr. Speaker, the deployment of the 1–186th is significant for a number of reasons, not the least of which is that this is only the second time a reserve-component unit has been called upon to perform the Sinai mission. During their deployment, Oregon's guardsmen and women will ensure the freedom of navigation through the Strait of Tiran at the southern entrance to the Gulf of Agaba. The task force will be responsible for the operation of checkpoints, reconnaissance patrols and observation points along the international border separating Israel and Egypt.

Mr. Speaker, as these brave Americans travel to the Holy Land to serve as peacekeepers, it is fitting that we recall the book of Isaiah, which reads, "I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then said I, 'Here am I; send me.'" Like Isaiah of old, citizens of this great nation have always stepped forth to answer the call of their leaders, and this tradition continues today.

Mr. Speaker, volunteering for the National Guard takes a special kind of sacrifice. It means working 40 or 50 hours a week in a civilian job and then spending the weekend training, drilling, cleaning equipment, going to the field, and preparing for the day when you are called upon to play a vital role in our nation's defense. As this deployment demonstrates, it means putting your life on hold for months or years at a time—saying goodbye to your spouse and your children and the comforts of civilian life to serve the United States under conditions that are often less than ideal. This is a duty that the men and women of the Oregon Guard undertake without complaint and without question, never shirking from the responsibility they have accepted. Patriots all, the citizens soldiers of the 1–186th is a unit as