

The Donauschwaben's German-American Cultural Center and Consul General Michael Engelhard of the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany are honoring Mr. Miller for his 39 years of reporting German-American affairs for the Plain Dealer. In this period he has served as a columnist, reporter and assistant editor.

In 1990 Miller covered the lives of Germans, among other central and eastern Europeans, in the wake of the fall of communism. From this experience he wrote a series of articles entitled "Life After the Wall." This series won the 1991 National Writing Award of the First Catholic Slovak Union of the United States and Canada. Additionally the series was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize.

Miller was named German-American Journalist of the Year in January 1996 by the Federation of German-American Societies of Greater Cleveland. Miller also received the Distinguished Service Award from the National Journalistic Society's Cleveland Chapter in May of 1991.

Miller has also been recognized by numerous other ethnic groups. The Asian/Pacific Federation in Cleveland presented him with their Community Service award for his writings in 1989. In 1994, Miller became the first non-Greek to be awarded the Hellenic Award from the Greek Orthodox Church of North America and Canada. In addition Miller has received awards for his coverage of the Greater Cleveland German, Irish, Filipino, Italian, Vietnamese, Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Ukrainian, Latvian and Czech communities.

I ask you to join me in honoring William F. Miller upon his reception of this distinguished award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, January 29, 2002, I was unable to cast my floor vote on rollcall Number 5, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Res. 335, a resolution honoring the contributions of Catholic schools.

Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote 5.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO FRANKLIN AND JOY BURNS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Franklin L. and Joy S. Burns for their extraordinary contributions to their community and to their state. As residents of Colorado, Franklin and Joy dedicated their lives to improving Colorado by selflessly giving their time and energy to their jobs, their family and their community. Although Franklin has passed, it is impossible to forget his extraordinary accomplishments, and we are all tremendously grateful to Joy for all that she has done and for carrying on

Franklin's legacy of achievement, philanthropy and success. As we celebrate their induction into the Colorado Business Hall of Fame, it is an honor for me to pay tribute to such extraordinary people.

In 1938, Franklin, a Denver native, went to work the D.C. Burns Realty & Trust Company, which was founded by his uncle, Daniel Cochran Burns. The company was dedicated to providing affordable housing for low-income families, selling houses for only ten percent down long before the Federal Housing Authority came into existence. At the age of 28, Franklin became President of the company and began developing subdivisions and shopping centers in and around Denver. Under Franklin's leadership, the company developed more than 13,000 pieces of property totaling \$129 million.

In 1958, Franklin met Joy Steelman Colwick at a golf tournament at Cherry Hills Country Club, and by 1960, they were married. Joy immediately contributed to the success of her husband and his company and by the 1970s she was making quite an impact of her own. Having studied business at the University of Houston, she founded The Women's Bank, now known as the Colorado Business Bank, in 1976. She then remodeled the Hampshire House, which her husband's company had bought, and turned it into what is known today as the Burnsley Hotel, a Denver landmark. The hotel opened in 1985 and Joy remained involved with it, serving as President until 1993. She now serves as President of her husband's company, the D.C. Burns Realty & Trust Company.

Not only were Franklin and Joy extraordinarily successful in the business world, but they also made significant philanthropic contributions to their community, city and state. Franklin was active in a number of charitable organizations in Denver, including the Inter-County Regional Planning Commission, Mount Airy Psychiatric Center, the United Way and Mercy Hospital. Joy, too, has devoted a significant amount of her time and energy to the community. She has been a long-time volunteer at the University of Denver, serving as the Chair of the Board of Trustees and as the President of the University of Denver's Pioneer Sportswoman. In appreciation of her tremendous contributions to the University, DU named the Joy Burns Ice arena in her honor. Joy is also the founder of the Women's Foundation of Colorado, was the only female member of the Metropolitan Football Stadium Board and serves as President of the Sports-women Colorado Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Franklin and Joy Burns have, for over fifty years, made extraordinary contributions to the community of Denver through both their business and charitable endeavors. It is not only their unparalleled business savvy that I wish to bring before this body of Congress, but also their selflessness and love for their community. Though deeply saddened by Franklin's passing, I wish to extend my sincere congratulations to Joy on their joint induction into the Colorado Business Hall of Fame, and want to take this opportunity to thank her for carrying on her husband's legacy. We are proud of you both!

HONORING NANCY PELOSI

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in honoring my esteemed colleague, Representative NANCY PELOSI of California, and celebrating her election to the post of Democratic Whip of the House.

This is not just an important moment for Representative PELOSI, it is an historic moment for this great body, and a deciding moment for women in our country.

This year, we celebrate the 85th anniversary of the swearing in of Jeannette Rankin of Montana to the Congress. Representative Rankin, the first woman elected to Congress, and a leader of the women's suffrage movement, would, indeed, be pleased and proud to see NANCY PELOSI ascend to her position of leadership in the House. And she probably would have asked, "What took you so long?"

We've never had a woman whip. We've never had any woman in one of the top leadership positions in either house of Congress.

In the race, NANCY got encouragement from unexpected places. The elevator operators, the high school pages in the hallways, the wait staff in the dining room, were whispering, "Go NANCY, Go" as she walked past.

They cheered because they saw in her a little bit of themselves—people who, traditionally, have no seat at the table or in the back room. Every time a woman or a person of color or a person with a disability enters the halls of power, they bring with them the multitudes of people whose voices, typically, are not heard.

By being in those halls, in those Chambers, in those boardrooms and backrooms, and on the podium, we make those places look a little bit more like America.

As women we bring our life experiences to the job. We can effect change because we prioritize issues as we know them, as we understand them. And because of that, having a seat at the table matters. Having a seat at the head of the table matters even more.

NANCY PELOSI brings a woman's perspective to the House leadership and it is long overdue. She also brings her keen intelligence, her political savvy, her deep-seated principles, her energy, and her desire to make our world more decent and democratic.

NANCY PELOSI now makes the leadership of our great House of Representatives look a little bit more like America and we are all better for it.

TRIBUTE TO JESSE FAYE FIELDS

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to commemorate the life, community service, and family devotion of Jesse Faye Fields, the mother of my good friend and former congressional colleague, Jack Fields, Jr. Mrs. Fields recently passed away at the age of 76. With her late husband, Mrs. Fields owned and operated Rosewood Funeral Homes and Cemeteries in Humble, TX, for several decades. Together they built the business into one of the

most successful cemeteries in the area. They had a special ability to comfort and console others in their time of need.

Mrs. Fields was a true child of Texas. She was born in Pearsall, TX, and graduated from Aldine High School. The eldest child in her family, she helped raise her siblings after her father died when she was 9. Nothing in her life was more important to her than her family. An example of her loving spirit can be found in her custom of cooking dinner for her family and other relatives after church each Sunday.

Mrs. Fields touched numerous lives through Rosewood. But she touched even more as a respected citizen of the community, church attendee, and as a family beacon. Her love and steady direction served as an inspiration to her children, and with Jack, made her the mother of an esteemed U.S. Congressman. Jesse Faye Fields will be remembered as a devoted wife, loving mother, and cherished citizen of her community.

STRONG STUDENT VISA SYSTEM CRITICAL TO NATIONAL SECURITY

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member wishes to commend to his colleagues the February 4, 2002, editorial from the Omaha World-Herald entitled "Loosey Goosey Borders IV."

This editorial is one in a series of editorials published by the Omaha World-Herald which illuminate why it is entirely appropriate for the U.S. to enact strict immigration laws and, subsequently, to actively enforce those laws. Specifically, this editorial focuses upon the student visa system.

Indeed, the U.S. should be pleased that its higher education system attracts many foreign students, and, while it is important to continue the student visa system to bring vibrancy and diversity to universities and colleges, those interests must continuously and consistently be balanced against U.S. security interests. Failure to do so could place American lives at risk to terrorist attacks—among other threats—committed by those in the U.S. fraudulently under the guise of educational purposes.

Even with the strictest possible enforcement of visa controls, the system will always be susceptible to visa fraud. However, that does not mean that the U.S. should throw up its hands in surrender and throw open its borders.

[Omaha World-Herald, Feb. 4, 2002]

LOOSEY GOOSEY BORDERS IV

Slow progress is made in controlling foreign student visas.

Progress on tightening up the United States' free-and-easy borders has been slow but steady since Sept. 11—not spectacular, but at least things are moving.

Before the terrorist attack, student visas were issued to foreign nationals, some of whom came to this country and, in essence, disappeared into the general population. The Immigration and Naturalization Service didn't check whether they actually went to school or whether they left after their education was done.

Things changed on Sept. 11. Security became a greater concern. The INS is setting

up a computer system to track student visa holders. The agency has been struggling with a system for years, but it appears that it will be in place, INS officials said, by 2003.

The tracking system is not without its critics. A group dealing with foreign students withdrew its opposition after the September attack, but many individual schools have expressed the concern that a tracking system will discourage foreign students.

Security trumps that concern. So long as a student visa is the gateway to an easy and unmonitored existence in the United States for people whose motives might be other than scholarship, this is a security matter. If keeping tabs on foreign students discourages a few from coming to the United States or inconveniences a college's administration, too bad.

Besides the INS system, the Senate is expected to join the House soon in passing legislation that, among other things, would forbid the issuance of student visas to anyone from a country that sponsors terrorism unless the State Department investigates and approves the individual.

Some local INS offices are on the ball, too. Omaha-based INS officials, for instance, have been in contact with colleges and universities within their jurisdiction. But not all INS offices across the country have been as aggressive.

Better monitoring of guests to discourage those who would abuse the privilege is not onerous or unreasonable. Rather, these precautions are sensible and understandable in light of the credible threat terrorism poses to Americans. The faster security can be improved, the better for the nation.

MASSACHUSETTS SECRETARY OF STATE JAMES JAJUGA'S ELO- QUENT TRIBUTE TO HIS MOTHER

HON. MARTIN T. MEEHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I was saddened last week to learn of the death of Sophie Jajuga, the mother of my good friend James Jajuga, the Secretary of Public Safety for Massachusetts and a former State Senator.

At the funeral service for his mother on February 5 at St. Lucy's Church in Methuen, Massachusetts, Secretary Jajuga delivered an eloquent tribute to his mother that deeply touched me and all others who were present. He described in vivid terms the lifelong love and support that Mrs. Jajuga gave to her family.

Secretary Jajuga's beautiful eulogy to his mother should be of interest to all of us. I ask for unanimous consent to submit it to the record:

Good morning, on behalf of my entire family, I want to thank you for attending this beautiful service here at St. Lucy's this morning, as well as for the many kindnesses you have extended to me and to both the Bednez and Jajuga families over the past few days. I would also like to thank Fr. Loscocco for his support and guidance during this difficult time and for celebrating today's mass, and Camille Peters for her beautiful voice and organ playing.

I was asked by my family to share with you some thoughts about my mother, Sophie, and am both humbled and honored to do so with you now.

In life we tend to take some things for granted. One of these things is that our mother will always be there for us, in good

times and, especially, in bad times. No one shares a child's happiness, pain, or sorrow, more than his or her mother. No one understands more how a child is feeling—really feeling deep down inside—than his or her mother.

My mother, Sophie, was a wonderful mother to me and to my two sisters, Jane and Mary. We grew up in Haverhill and moved to Lawrence. Some of us took that move better than others, but that is a story for another day . . .

A story I would like to share with you today that exemplifies the kind of person my mother was is this: When we were young children things would disappear from our house, "things" like clothes, dolls and toys, and, of course, my favorite jacket that I had only worn for a short period of time. Finally, mother told us that she had been sending our personal belongings to our relatives back in Poland because, in her own words "they need them more than you do!" When we came home from school or play, we never knew what would be missing next, and if we really valued something we knew we better find a very good hiding place to keep it safe from mother's reach.

Mother called all of us "Honey" or "Dear" and when she did call us by name it was usually someone else's name. In fact, for a while there I really wasn't sure whether my name was "Jimmy", "Stanley," or "Eddie," because she called me all three names regularly! She continued to do this with the grandchildren and great-grandchildren as well.

My mother loved us all—her children, her grandchildren, her great-grandchildren, her brothers, Stanley and Eddie, her sister, Helen, and her many dear friends. Sophie's love knew no bounds. She loved to laugh, and she especially loved to spend time with her grandchildren and her great-grandchildren. She used to play cards with the grandchildren, a variation of the game of poker called "No Peek." A game where no one was supposed to look at the cards. But of course she would always peek. They'd call her on it all the time, but she would swear that she only saw one card, when they knew she had seen them all. But they always let her get away with it.

I asked everyone in the family, including the grandchildren, what they felt were mother's strongest attributes. By unanimous proclamation they all agreed her greatest strengths were her kindness, her generosity, and her thoughtfulness.

My mother never had a bad word to say about anybody. She was always there ready to help out whoever needed it. She did not—could not—say no to anyone, no matter what was asked of her and regardless of her own situation. She shared whatever she had with others unselfishly. She never asked for anything in return.

She was a gentle woman.

She went out of her way to show she cared, always putting family and friends first even before herself.

Today, we say goodbye—for now—and though we are all deeply saddened by her untimely passing, we are comforted in our firm belief that she is in a better place, reunited with our father and with those members of our family who have gone before us.

Ma, thank you for a lifetime of memories that we will cherish forever. Thank you for always being there for all of us. We love you, we miss you, and we all look forward to playing "No Peek" with you again someday.

God bless you, Ma, and God bless you all.