

came to New Haven to study at the Yale School of Music and our great City has never been the same. Throughout his career, he has blended both his passion for music and his love for teaching—bringing his own unique magic to performances and classrooms alike.

For nearly five decades, Willie Ruff and his collaborator and pianist, Dwike Mitchell, have enchanted audiences across the globe with the sweet tones of his French horn and bass. The duo has accomplished much in their time together, perhaps most notably for introducing jazz to both the Soviet Union and China. Perhaps even more impressive is that Mr. Ruff mastered Russian and Chinese—his seventh and eighth languages—so that he could bring the international language of music to them in their own tongues.

In addition to his outstanding achievements as a musician, Mr. Ruff has been a professor of music and Afro-American studies at Yale University for over thirty years. As the founder of the Duke Ellington Fellowship, he is also credited with bringing legendary jazz musicians to New Haven to teach at Yale and in the city's public schools. His work in establishing this unique program has brought the likes of Duke Ellington, Dizzy Gillespie, Pearl Bailey, Charlie Mingus and Ahmad Jamal among others, to perform for more than 150,000 city schoolchildren—providing an extraordinary opportunity for children who would not otherwise have the opportunity to experience such wonderful artistry.

I have often spoke of my firm belief in the importance of educating our young people in the arts in any medium. Over the course of his career, whether through his inspirational melodies or his dedication to teaching, Willie Ruff's generosity and commitment has touched the lives of thousands—making a real difference in their lives. I am honored to join with Albertus Magnus College as they bestow upon him an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters in recognition of his many contributions to our community.

AMENDING THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DESIGNATION OF CRITICAL HABITAT IN HAWAII

HON. PATSY T. MINK

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 20, 2002

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, on May 2, 2002, I introduced H.R. 4656, which calls on the government to produce scientific support for the taking of 99,000 acres of land on the island of Kauai as critical habitat for the protection, preservation, and rehabilitation of specific endangered species.

The Endangered Species Act calls for a recovery plan for the preservation of each of the endangered species prior to the designation of critical habitat. I have read the 1998 so-called recovery plans for the endangered species on Kauai and found that the basic plan for all were to fence in the areas, keep the pigs, goats, rats, and other animals out of the area, keep the alien plants that are encroaching the areas under control, and to harbor the seeds, germplasm, and plants at the National Tropical Botanical Gardens. I hardly consider this a

"recovery" plan. My conclusion is the Fish and Wildlife Service, FWS, merely produced a textbook variety plan for all the species and drew arbitrary lines around the sites and came up with a compound consisting of 99,000 acres, nearly one third of the island of Kauai.

My bill merely seeks compliance to the Endangered Species Act by requesting scientific basis for each designation of the critical habitat for each species, endangered or threatened. Further, it asks for peer review by the National Academy of Science of both the recovery plan as well as the final designation.

With H.R. 4656, I do not seek an exemption for Hawaii. All I seek is fairness.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING RICHARD SCHOOL

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 20, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, whereas, Richard School has reached the safety milestone of One Million Miles driven without a preventable accident; and

Whereas, Richard School has been awarded the rank of "Individual Million Mile Safe Driver", a rank of accomplishment reached by only a few professional drivers; and

Whereas, Richard School must be commended for his service to the community, providing safe transportation on our nation's highways;

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District in recognizing Richard School as a recipient of the Individual Million Mile Safe Driver award.

BOYER GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 20, 2002

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the Boyer Graduate School of Education as it continues its efforts to obtain accreditation by accrediting bodies recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

The School, which offers a Doctor of Education program, was founded in 1999 and relocated to California's 46th Congressional District in 2001.

The mission of the Boyer Graduate School of Education is to offer distance learning educational opportunities at a reasonable cost to qualified English-speaking applicants throughout the world. The school has a particular focus on adults, employed on a full-time basis, and for those whose place of residence, travel requirements, or finances are constraining factors.

The mission of the institution is accomplished through a course of instruction presented on a directed independent study basis supplemented by short-term focused seminars leading to a Doctor of Education degree. While material and instruction are presented primarily through indirect methodology, program content and academic standards are consistent with, and comparable to, regionally

accredited resident programs in the same discipline at the same degree level.

The institution acts to fulfill the purposes of the Doctor of Education Program through appropriate coursework, coupled with continuing direction, evaluation of student progress, and regular assessment of student learning outcomes, by qualified faculty.

Recognizing the importance of accreditation to the credibility of the institution, I urge the accrediting bodies to review the Boyer Graduate School of Education, its faculty, and curriculum in an objective and timely manner.

HONORING SISTER MARY FAITH GEELAN AS SHE RECEIVES AN HONORARY DOCTORATE OF HUMANE LETTERS FROM ALBERTUS MAGNUS COLLEGE

HON. ROSA L. DELAUR

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 20, 2002

Ms. DELAUR. Mr. Speaker, is with great pleasure that I rise today to join Albertus Magnus College in congratulating Sister Mary Faith Geelan as she is awarded an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters. Sister Mary Faith was born and raised in New Haven and later entered into the Dominican Sisters of Saint Mary, Albertus' founding order, where she currently serves as prioress—leading the 300-member international congregation.

The daughter of former U.S. Congressman James Patrick Geelan, Sister Mary Faith followed his example of public service throughout her life. A teacher, principal, administrator, social worker, and spiritual leader, Sister Mary Faith has generously dedicated her life to making a difference in the lives of others. As a teacher and administrator, she touched the lives of thousands of children, providing them with a strong academic foundation on which to build their futures. In her role as a social worker, she worked in family therapy, bringing families closer together and helping to strengthen the bonds between them. Her good work with children and families is a reflection of her continued commitment to enrich the community.

First and foremost, Sister Mary Faith has committed herself to service within the Dominican Sisters of Saint Mary. Their mission is to fulfill the motto of the Dominicans—"to contemplate and to give to others the fruits of contemplation." Past president of the Dominican Leadership Conference, vice chairperson of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, Region VI, member of New York City's Dominican Academy, Mohun Health Care Center, Ohio Dominican College, and Albertus Magnus College—Sister Mary Faith certainly continues to exemplify the Dominican motto. Her dedication, generosity, and commitment are unparalleled and her good work continues to inspire others throughout the Order.

In joining Albertus' founding order, Sister Mary Faith found a way to use her chosen path to benefit her hometown community. Albertus Magnus College has been fortunate to have Sister Mary Faith Geelan as a member of their Board and I am honored to join with them today as they bestow upon her an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters in recognition of all of her good work.

IN HONOR OF THE ORATORIO SOCIETY OF QUEENS

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 20, 2002

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to The Oratorio Society of Queens on the occasion of its 75th anniversary.

As one of the oldest performing arts institutions of Queens, The Oratorio Society has established itself as a leading chorus group in the County. Since its establishment in the Spring of 1927, its membership has grown in number and programs have increased in quality.

Among its many accomplishments, The Oratorio Society of Queens offers outlets for the interests of amateur musicians in the community; assists local schools with their musical programs and development; promotes an appreciation of classical music in the community; and contributes to the overall quality of life in Queens County by providing the residents of New York's premier borough with first-class cultural entertainment.

Practicing and performing without interruption through the Great Depression and briefly interrupted during World War II, this choral society illustrated early on its commitment to providing quality entertainment to the borough of Queens. Through diligent work, and with beautiful voices, the choral group has helped countless New Yorkers forget about their troubles and live life as usual during some of our nation's most trying times.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the members of The Queens Oratorio Society and to pay tribute to an organization that has made Queens a much richer and more enjoyable place to live. I ask that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me now in congratulating The Queens Oratorio Society President, Ardelle Donohue, Artistic Director, David Close and all members, both past and present, on their 75 years of enriching the lives of the people of Queens.

HONORING DR. RICHARD D. NICHOLS, ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 20, 2002

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Richard D. Nichols on the occasion of his retirement from the Henry Ford Health System.

Dr. Nichols began his career with the Henry Ford Health System on July 1, 1967, when he became a member of the Otolaryngology. He received both his undergraduate degree and medical degree from the University of Michigan. Dr. Nichols completed his internship and General Surgery residency at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor and graduated from his Otolaryngology residency from the University of Michigan in 1967.

In 1971 Dr. Nichols was named Chairman of Otolaryngology, one of the youngest physicians to chair a clinical department at Henry Ford Hospital. He has continued to be a pio-

neer in his field. Dr. Nichols performed the first cochlear implants at Henry Ford Hospital.

Dr. Nichols has a wide variety of clinical interests, but is best known for his expertise in salivary gland disease and tumors of the head and neck. He has excelled in his department, but Dr. Nichols' leadership extended to the administration of both the medical staff and hospital. He also played a major role in establishing the first medical staff compensation committee, serving as chairman for many years.

Mr. Speaker, not only has Dr. Nichols had a deep impact within the Henry Ford Health System, but he has also been recognized for his contributions to teaching. He was instrumental in creating the first regular specialty rotation at Henry Ford Hospital for students from the University of Michigan.

Mr. Speaker, as Dr. Nichols leaves the Henry Ford Health System, and in honor of his many professional achievements, I would ask that all my colleagues rise and salute his service to the people of Southeast Michigan.

INTRODUCING A BILL REGARDING PRESIDENTIAL GIFTS

HON. PATSY T. MINK

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 20, 2002

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, today I introduce a bill to help eliminate the appearance of quid-pro-quos that always arise when the President accepts a gift.

The President of the United States accepts over 15,000 gifts every year on behalf of the people of the United States. These gifts are expressions of goodwill and a sign of respect for the office of the Presidency. Surprisingly, the President may accept gifts from citizens with little government oversight.

Federal employees who receive gifts must abide by the Ethics Reform Act of 1989. Representatives and Senators must follow the code of ethics established by their respective Ethic Committees. The President should have a similar code regarding all domestic gifts.

My bill will cover the President and First Lady by the gift rules currently used by Senators. Under my bill, the President or the spouse of the President may accept a gift that has a value of less than \$50. Other gifts will be accepted on behalf of the United States and will be treated as the property of the people of the United States.

I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this bill and help eliminate even the appearance of impropriety that could come from accepting gifts.

HANK STRAM-TONY ZALE AWARDS

HON. PETER J. VISCOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 20, 2002

Mr. VISCOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to announce that the Silver Bell Club, Lodge 2365 of the Polish National Alliance of the United States, will be hosting the 29th Annual Hank Stram-Tony Zale Sports Award Banquet on May 20, 2002, at the Radisson Hotel in Merrillville, Indiana. Four-

teen outstanding Northwest Indiana High School athletes will be honored at this notable event for their dedication and hard work. These exceptional students were chosen to receive the award by their respective schools on the basis of academic and athletic achievement. All proceeds from this event will go toward a scholarship fund to be awarded to local students.

This year's Hank Stram-Tony Zale Award recipients include Sandra Bolles of Lake Station Edison High School, Michael Cieslak of Highland High School, Meredith Cusic of Lowell High School, Adam Itczak of Hanover Central High School, Jeremy Krzekotowski of Bishop Noll High School, Lisa Matie of Hobart High School, Katie Mosca of Hammond Morton High School, Rebecca Nelson of Lake Central High School, Craig Olis of Merrillville High School, Ryan Orzechowicz of Crown Point High School, Brandon Powell of Griffith High School, Francis Raycroft of Whiting High School, Kristy Siminski of Portage High School, and Anne Wirtz of Andrean High School.

The featured speaker at this gala event will be Mr. Mike Adamle. A Chicago NFL star turned broadcaster, Adamle serves as Sports Director for CBS 2 News. He joined the station in the fall of 2001 and covers sports for the evening newscasts. Adamle's Chicago roots date back to 1968, when he came to the "Windy City" to play football for Northwestern University. After Adamle graduated in 1971, he went on to play for the Kansas City Chiefs (1971-72) and the New York Jets (1973-74), before returning home to play for the Chicago Bears (1975-77). Adamle has been recognized for excellence in journalism throughout his career. His many honors include the Illinois Associated Press Award for "Best Feature" (2001), a Peter Lisagor Award for outstanding sports coverage (2001), and two local Emmy Awards for his coverage of the Chicago Auto Show (2001, 2000).

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my distinguished colleagues to join me in commanding the Silver Bell Club, Lodge 2365 of the Polish National Alliance of the United States, for hosting this celebration of success in sports and academics. The effort of all those involved in planning this worthwhile event is indicative of their devotion to the very gifted young people in Indiana's First Congressional District.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING TIMOTHY L. CURRY

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 20, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Timothy L. Curry has devoted himself to serving others through his membership in the Boy Scouts of America; and

Whereas, Timothy L. Curry has shared his time and talent with the community in which he resides; and

Whereas, Timothy L. Curry must be commended for the hard work and dedication he put forth in earning the first Eagle Scout Award for Troop 257 since 1944;

Therefore, I join with Troop 257 and the entire 18th Congressional District in congratulating Timothy L. Curry as he receives the Eagle Scout Award.