

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JERRY WELLER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 5, 2002*

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, on January 24, 2002, I inadvertently missed a vote because of an electrical failure in my office which caused the buzzer system to malfunction. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on this important legislation which amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish fixed interest rates for student and parent borrowers.

SIXTH GRADE ALL-STAR  
BASKETBALL EXCHANGE**HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of thirteen of my young constituents, and in recognition of the organizers of the Thirty-seventh Annual Potomac, Maryland/Windsor Locks, Connecticut sixth Grade All-Star Basketball Exchange, which took place this past weekend, February 1-3.

For the past thirty-seven years, the best sixth grade basketball players from Potomac, MD and Windsor Locks, CT have met to compete and to forge friendships that span 300 miles of Atlantic coastline. The exchange began in 1965 when two gentlemen, an Allegheny Airline pilot from Maryland and a Bradley Airport manager from Connecticut made a friendly bet on whose sixth grade basketball team was better. Every year since, parents and children from Potomac and Windsor Locks have contributed memories to the history of the exchange. This year, the weekend culminated in a Saturday night showdown at the MCI center, here in Washington. I can proudly announce to you that the game was won by the team from Potomac. The big weekend followed a January trip to the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts, where the boys got a chance to learn about the history and development of the game.

The Potomac team, coached by Rick Brown, consisted of Jamie Bloom, A.J. Brown, Brian Casey, Ben Chernow, Matt Grady, Mike Giannangeli, Ian Hendrie, Kyle Moshkin, Matt Nunez, Brendan Oldham, Colter Phillips, Blake Toll, and Ezra Weisel. The Connecticut team was coached by Mike Heneghan and Mike Barile. The team's players were Kevin Barile, Spencer Bernard, Kyle Cirillo, Bryan Doherty, Jose Forbes, Ryan Gilbert, Kevin Landry, Steve McVey, Geoff Oliveira, Tyler Pepin, Tim Quagliaroli and Matt Wadsworth.

In these days when the term "National Unity" seems to be heard on a daily basis, these boys and their parents have bridged a geographic gap and come together on the basketball court. While this tradition has been wonderful for each of its thirty-seven years, this year it serves a special role in reminding us all that while our country is vast and diverse, we need not a national tragedy to bring us together, but instead only a common interest.

I am proud of these athletic young constituents, their parents, and all those who have

gone before them to make this anniversary possible. Please join me in applauding these young people, and in wishing the organizers the best of luck in continuing to bring together the sixth graders of Maryland and Connecticut.

HONORING THE PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMITMENT OF KAREN  
PAPASODORA-COCHRANE**HON. J. RANDY FORBES**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, last week, the President in his state of the union address called upon all Americans to reveal the better side of their nature and to take time to contribute to their communities through a variety of volunteer activities. I rise today to honor a Chesapeake, Virginia woman who heeded that call long before it was made.

Karen Papasodora-Cochrane is an attorney and mediator, a loving wife and mother for four. But, she is also an active member of her community, volunteering her time, energy, and skills to a variety of causes. Since moving to Chesapeake in 1989, Karen has volunteered to help her neighbors most in need of assistance. She has offered her time raising money for the Chesapeake Care Free Clinic, serving meals to the homeless, and working at the Clothing Closet and Food Pantry at Kempsville Presbyterian Church. Karen has also given of her legal skills, providing pro bono services at the Chesapeake Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court to help victims of domestic violence and supervising a free legal clinic in a low-income community.

Furthermore, Karen has been an active participant in the civic process that keeps our democracy moving at its most basic levels. She has been an active member and leader in the Republican Party of Chesapeake and the Central Chesapeake Republican Women's Club for many years. Later this month, she will be honored by her colleagues for this commitment as Chesapeake's Grassroots Volunteer of the Year. I can hardly imagine anyone who is more deserving of this award.

We can all learn from her commitment and dedication to the principle of public service. I am honored to know her and to have had the privilege of working by her side for the betterment of the city I call home. Her energy has been an inspiration, and I feel privileged to have the opportunity to share her spirit with this chamber today.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CHARLES  
HANSEN**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the life and memory of Charles Hansen, a Colorado newspaperman and visionary whose life and dedication to his community is being inducted and honored by the Colorado Business Hall of Fame. Though Charles has passed away, I am honored today to bring his good deeds

and contributions to light before this body of Congress. Charles began his career in journalism and later was instrumental in establishing the gathering of the West's most precious resource, water.

As a young newspaperman, Charles came to the town of Greeley, Colorado in hopes of furthering his career in journalism. His first job was working as a part-time reporter/editor for the Greeley Tribune, where he covered stories throughout the Western Slope of Colorado. Several years later, he bought several small local newspapers and combined their resources and created the "Greeley Republican." He further merged his resources with the Greeley Tribune in 1913 and successfully operated both endeavors as publisher and eventually as President of the "Greeley Tribune Republican Publishing Co."

Charles Hansen was a great cultural contributor to the region and was instrumental in bringing well known musicians and talent to the area. He was responsible for establishing the Greeley Philharmonic Orchestra, which enticed symphony orchestras from New York and Los Angeles to visit the state, as well as bringing in notables such as the John Philip Sousa Marching Band. As a member of his community, he was active in the Greeley Chamber of Commerce and dedicated his time and energy to the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy Districts. It was for his dedication to bringing water to the plains from the mountains that Charles will be most remembered.

As any Westerner knows, water is our most precious resource. The water in our state not only satisfies our human requirements, but also is necessary to provide moisture for our agricultural industries. Charles, well aware of the need for this resource, lobbied Congress on behalf of the region and secured funding for what came to be known as the Colorado-Big Thompson Water Diversion Project. The project not only satisfied northern Colorado's water needs but also became a model for aspiring agricultural communities throughout the world. His contributions to the project were later honored when a portion of the canal was named in his honor.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I have risen today to pay tribute to a patriarch of the State of Colorado. Charles Hansen dedicated his life to improving his fellow Coloradan's lives through contributions to his community, commitment to quality journalism, and dedication to providing his region with its most precious resource. I would like to take this time to congratulate his family on Charles' recent award and let them know that all his fellow Coloradans have benefited from his vision and sacrifice, which had made the region strong and viable today.

AMERICAN MACHINIST  
MAGAZINE'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 5, 2002*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of American Machinist magazine's 125th Anniversary, the oldest metalworking publication in existence.

Since 1877, American Machinist has been dedicated to informing readers about advances in manufacturing technology. This publication has evolved with the industry. American Machinist has documented the manufacturing industry's path from the worker to the machine, and now to computers and robotics.

This vital publication to the industry includes methods and practices of metalworking, cutting, forming, tooling, robotics, quality control, plant operation, and finishing. Its technical depth and cutting edge graphics to illustrate and support each concept separate American Machinist from all other metalworking publications.

American Machinist is written to provide management and engineers in the field of metalworking with the most up to date technological information and insight into the future of the industry . . . the intent of every issue is to help readers to increase production, cut costs and to stay competitive in the global market.

My fellow colleagues, American Machinist magazine deserves the highest respects for its role and dedication to advancing the manufacturing industry. Management within the industry rely on this magazine to find the most up-to-date information on their industry. I commend this long standing publication for its 125 years of work in the manufacturing industry.

TRIBUTE TO MR. STANLEY  
MARCUS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 5, 2002*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the passing of a great American, Mr. Stanley Marcus. During his lifetime, Mr. Marcus pioneered advances in the retail clothing market, helped make the Neiman Marcus department store a Texas institution and made substantial contributions to the social and cultural life of North Texas.

Mr. Marcus's father, aunt and uncle founded Neiman Marcus in downtown Dallas in 1907. Mr. Marcus graduated from Harvard University in 1925 and received a master's degree in business administration from Harvard's business school a year later.

In 1926, at the age of 21, he took over as the company's secretary, treasurer and director. He went on to become executive vice president, president, chairman of the board, chief executive officer and chairman of the executive committee. Mr. Marcus retired from the company in 1975 with the title Chairman Emeritus.

Stanley Marcus was part of the first generation to celebrate and to sell designer fashion in the United States. In the 1920s, Neiman Marcus was the first to offer personalized gift wrapping for customers and created the first weekly retail fashion show in the country. Neiman Marcus became the first retail apparel store outside New York to advertise in national fashion magazines.

His merchandising genius became legendary. Stanley Marcus believed in elegance, equating it with a keen understanding of appropriateness. He transformed a modest downtown Dallas shop into a world-renowned

synonym for quality. "Vogue" magazine in 1953 described the store as "Texas with a French accent." One example of his marketing prowess was the introduction of exotic his and-her gifts in 1960, which turned the arrival of the Neiman Marcus Christmas catalog into a major news story each year. Today, Neiman Marcus has 32 stores nationwide, from Honolulu to Boston.

While creating a retail empire was one of his greatest achievements, Mr. Marcus contributed to the lives of North Texans in other ways. He published books, wrote articles for the "Dallas Morning News", lectured, and founded the Stanley and Linda Marcus Foundation, which benefits endeavors of art and culture. He helped create the Dallas Opera and helped save the Dallas Symphony when it experienced financial difficulties. He was an art collector and connoisseur who defended the right of the Dallas Museum of Art to display controversial works. Even in his 90s, his civic devotion never flagged. Stanley Marcus is a recipient of Dallas's prestigious Linz Award, which is given for significant humanitarian and civic efforts.

I have a special place in my heart for Stanley Marcus. When I first ran for the Texas House of Representatives in 1972, I was working at the Veteran's Hospital in Dallas. Under the Hatch Act, government employees could not seek elected office. Mr. Stanley provided me a job and critical moral support during my campaign, and this opportunity gave me the political beginning that ultimately brought me to Congress.

Mr. Speaker, when we think about Neiman Marcus, we think about style, elegance, and a *joie de vivre*. Mr. Marcus epitomized these characteristics. His death on Tuesday, January 22, at the age of 96 is a great loss for the city of Dallas and the nation.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS' SUPER  
BOWL WIN

HON. RONNIE SHOWS

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 5, 2002*

Mr. SHOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the New England Patriots' outstanding Super Bowl victory this past Sunday. It was undoubtedly one of the most exciting Super Bowl triumphs in recent memory.

I commend the New England Patriots for the teamwork that enabled them to overcome the 17-17 tie score that held until the last seconds of the game. While the residents of New England deservedly claim pride for their winning team's feats, I am pleased that this team's success was also born from true Southern talent. Indeed, we are all Patriots.

In Mississippi we are quite proud of the fine contributions to the New England Patriots from Bobby Hamilton, of Columbia, who attended my alma mater, University of Southern Mississippi. I also wish to commend Grant Williams, of Oak Grove and Clinton, Terrel Buckley of Pascagoula and Antowain Smith, former student of E. Mississippi Community College. These men are fine athletes and outstanding citizens and exemplify how to succeed through dedicated teamwork.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in paying tribute to the New England Patriots' triumphant success on Super Bowl Sunday.

THE CAREER OF ALLEN D.  
FREEMYER

HON. JAMES V. HANSEN

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 5, 2002*

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today Mr. Chairman to honor and celebrate the career of one of my longtime staff members, Allen D. Freemyer. For nine years, Allen has faithfully served me, the people of Utah and our country as senior staff on the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Resources.

It is rare that a Member of Congress finds an aide with the combination of intellect, talent and commitment that Allen offers.

Allen served six years as staff director for the Parks and Public Lands Subcommittee—the largest and most active Resources subcommittee. During those years, he shepherded more than 500 bills through the subcommittee, the full committee and the House. Most are now law. In the 106th Congress alone, more than 100 Parks and Public Lands bills became law. His track record in the 104th and 105th Congresses was equally as impressive. With Allen's assistance, Congress enacted legislation that protects, preserves and enhances millions of acres of public land throughout our beautiful country. He accomplished this while simultaneously defending the rights and interests of landowners and local communities, recreationists and sportsmen. Many a battle has been waged in the Resources Committee in recent years. With Allen's guidance and political instinct we have been able to protect our cherished way of life in the West.

This past year, he served as the Chief of Staff of the Committee on Resources. He organized the Full Committee into the same legislative workhorse the subcommittee had been. Under Allen's guidance, the House Resources Committee reported 61 bills, more than almost any other House committee.

With Allen's help, we were able to pass the mammoth 1996 Parks Omnibus Bill, which created the Presidio Trust, an entirely new concept in parks management; the Concessions Policy Act of 1998 and The Securing America's Future Energy Act of 2001. Each of these bills has a profound and positive impact on the management of our nation's parks, public lands and resources. The energy bill, which codified President Bush's energy policy, sailed through the House on a strong bipartisan vote despite the long odds and predictions of its demise that persisted through the eleventh hour. Allen's veteran legislative skills deserve considerable credit for this victory.

His service has been unfaltering. His knowledge, expertise and manner has been exemplary. This year, Allen and I are both moving on to new challenges. Allen's service and talents have been very beneficial to me, the Resources Committee and the United States Congress.

I will miss Allen's wise counsel, legislative skill and political savvy. I wish Allen much success and happiness as he pursues new challenges. I am confident, the talent and tenacity he has shown for his work for nearly a decade here on Capitol Hill, will assure his continued success.

Allen good luck and God bless.