

and well-protected environment, and that it is not necessary to threaten or damage the environment to meet the energy needs of Californians. Fred has been a strong advocate of energy conservation and efficiency programs, in addition to developing programs to encourage households to generate their own electricity with renewable energy. In March 2000, Fred's bond measure, Proposition 12, the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act was passed. In drafting the Marine Life Management Act, Fred brought together sport and commercial fishermen, environmentalists, and scientists to address the question of how to be good stewards of our ocean resources.

Fred Keeley understands that the greatest of all of California's resources are its people, and that state, federal, and local governments should do all they can to invest in these people by investing in their education. The Central Coast is home to excellent institutions of higher education, many of which have formed partnerships with the research facilities located around the Monterey Bay. One of the ways Fred is helping college students and their communities is by addressing the need for student housing. Fred also works on behalf of younger students through his efforts to create a high school in Watsonville, and on behalf of our youngest students, through his efforts to improve availability of funding for the Healthy Start program.

Term limits will force Fred Keeley to leave the California State Assembly, and his talent and vision will be sorely missed. However, I know that he will continue an active contributor to the communities of Central Coast, as he did in his years as a Member of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, and as my Chief of Staff when I served in the California State Assembly. I am proud to call Fred Keeley a friend, and happy to honor him for his commitment to public service.

HONORING SUSAN PETERS

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2002

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend Susan Peters as she retires from over 37 years of educating children of elementary grade levels one through three. Susan has taught at Neil Armstrong Elementary School in Diamond Bar, California for 30 years and has been in the Pomona Unified School District for 33 years. She has even had the rare opportunity to teach the children of former students. Formerly, her first four years were in the State of Michigan.

In her years at Neil Armstrong, she took the lead role in organizing the school library and bringing it into the 21st century. Susan, with her team teacher Toby Kahan, has instituted the AR reading program and set it up on computers for the entire school. She has always been available to serve on many different committees, both school and district-wide. Susan holds a Masters Degree in Education specializing in reading.

Susan's departure will be a great loss to her school and to the children she teaches. She

has stated that from the time she was a small child she knew that she was to be a teacher, and she succeeded in that dream. This is a great and very dedicated educator whom I congratulate for her years of outstanding commitment to our children as she goes into retirement.

HONORING REVEREND DR. ZAN
WESLEY HOLMES, JR.

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2002

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the career of one of Texas' most beloved and honored spiritual leaders, the Reverend Dr. Zan Wesley Holmes, Jr., who retires this month as Senior Pastor of St. Luke "Community" Methodist Church in Dallas. Reverend Holmes has been a friend and spiritual mentor to me—and to so many others in the world—throughout his decades of service to our community. This evening he is being honored for his extraordinary service with an Official Tribute orchestrated by the friends and family members he has touched over the years.

Reverend Holmes is a man of unshakable faith, great wisdom, and bountiful kindness. He has been a pillar of the Dallas community for more than 45 years, working tirelessly to stabilize and mobilize our neighborhoods and improve the quality of life for all North Texans. By giving of himself so generously, he has helped to strengthen our families and our spiritual faith, promoted justice and equality, and helped create economic opportunities that has made Dallas a more diverse city to live.

First and foremost, Reverend Holmes has been a spiritual beacon for the Dallas community. As a young man attending Huston-Tillotson College, he accepted his calling to the ministry and embarked on a path that has uplifted so many of us over the years. In 1956, Reverend Holmes moved to Dallas to attend Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology. He became a professor in the same department in 1974, inspiring generations of ministers since that time.

Throughout his pastoral career, Reverend Holmes has achieved many milestones. He helped found Hamilton Park United Methodist Church in Dallas. In 1968, Reverend Holmes rose to District Superintendent in the West Texas Conference of the United Methodist Conference when segregation called for a separate African-American governing body of the United Methodist Church. After the Methodist Conference integrated in 1970, Reverend Holmes' term as District Superintendent carried over into the unified conference and he proudly served on behalf of people of faith of all colors.

Shortly thereafter, Reverend Holmes was appointed Minister of St. Luke Methodist Church in East Dallas. He came at a time when the church only had 50 members, and through his leadership, the congregation has grown to more than 5,000 members. He brought to St. Luke the desire to build a city-wide congregation that embodied a strong commitment to community outreach. After his

installation as pastor, the word "Community" was added to the church's name at his insistence. In keeping with this sense of community, Reverend Holmes has brought many of his seminary students to St. Luke for their pastoral internship, making it a training ground for many well-known pastors who preach around the world today.

Beyond his work in the pulpit, Reverend Holmes has been a tireless leader in the fight for fairness and equality in the Dallas-Ft. Worth Metroplex. While becoming one of Dallas' true visionaries, his work has helped to strengthen the voices and representation of African-Americans, as well as Hispanic Americans in many sectors of our community.

When I first considered running for the Texas House of Representatives in 1972, Reverend Holmes stood by my side and encouraged me. His wise counsel helped me to make the decision to run in that first election, which launched my 30-year legislative career. Throughout my career, I have been privileged to rely on Reverend Holmes for support and advice as well as for his friendship.

He has also played a pivotal role in bringing up other Texas African-Americans into elected office, and has met the call to office himself. Reverend Holmes worked on the campaign for the first elected African-American Texas State Representative Joseph Lockridge. After Representative Lockridge was killed in an airplane crash, Reverend Holmes was asked to fill his unexpired term. Reverend Holmes then ran for election and served two full two-year terms as a Texas State Representative. As an elected official, Reverend Holmes fought to create single-member districts, which ensured that African American and Hispanic voters would have more representation. Many, many other African American political leaders have ascended to public service from his guidance and teaching.

On any given day, hundreds of people in the Metroplex leave their homes to participate in programs spearheaded by Reverend Holmes. Believing that the church must be involved in the education of our youth, Reverend Zan Holmes and his late wife of 43 years, Dorothy, created the Zan W. Holmes, Jr. Scholarship Program, which has raised more than half a million dollars to help send deserving young people to college. At the end of each grading period, Reverend Holmes has reviewed the report cards of the children in his congregation. One by one, students have lined up outside his office to speak to Reverend Holmes about their grades and the challenges they are facing. These are the kind of personal touches that we have come to know from Reverend Holmes—and one of the great qualities we will dearly miss.

Mr. Speaker, for all of these accomplishments, and for so many others that are too numerous to list here, I am proud to rise in honor of Reverend Dr. Zan Wesley Holmes, Jr. and to express my gratitude for his many years of selfless public service. He is truly a role model and leader in our global community, and though we will miss hearing his words of wisdom and faith coming from the pulpit each Sunday, we congratulate Reverend Holmes as he moves on to new spiritual journeys.

TRIBUTE TO DR. CHARLES W. ESTUS, SR.

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2002

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated educator and sociologist, Dr. Charles W. Estus, Sr., who has recently retired from his position as Director of the University Transportation Center at Assumption College.

Dr. Estus has had a long and distinguished career in academia. He has taught sociology since 1962, and he has spent 34 of those 40 years teaching at Assumption College where he was named Professor Emeritus in 2000. He has written on many subjects including the sociology of religion and the history of Swedish-Americans. Along with his study of Swedish-Americans, Dr. Estus sits on the Board of Directors of the Swedish-American Historical Society.

In addition to a long career in the classroom, Dr. Estus also worked to promote education through Assumption College's University Transportation Center, serving as its founding director. Created under the Transportation Equity Act in 1999, the Center's mission is to develop an understanding of the relationship between transportation and the environment. The affects of transportation on the environment are becoming increasingly clear in the 21st century, and Dr. Estus deserves praise for helping to bring this message to his community.

Mr. Speaker, I am certain that the entire House of Representatives joins me in congratulating Dr. Estus for his work as an educator and wishes him the best of luck in retirement.

A SALUTE TO MAIMONIDES HEBREW DAY SCHOOL OF THE CAPITAL DISTRICT AND MRS. HOPE GOLDMAN BERGER NATHAN

HON. MICHAEL R. McNULTY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2002

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, Monday, June 10th is the 22nd Anniversary of the Maimonides Hebrew Day School in my congressional district in Albany, New York. This year's recipient of the Dr. Morton Berger Memorial Award is Mrs. Hope Goldman Berger Nathan.

On Monday, the Maimonides Hebrew Day School of the Capital District, an exemplary pre-K through 12 educational institution affiliated with Torah Umesorah National Association of Hebrew Day Schools, will hold its Annual Scholarship Dinner marking 22 years of outstanding Orthodox Jewish education with outstanding secular education for Jewish youth of the Capital Region.

The School is named after Moses Maimonides, a sage rabbi, teacher, and physician who created the first comprehensive code of Jewish law—and serves a role model for excellence.

In this age of unprecedented challenges, especially in the wake of the catastrophic attacks

upon our nation on September 11, 2001, our young people need the optimal moral, religious, and secular education to prepare them for a challenging future.

As part of the Maimonides Dinner, Hope Goldman Berger Nathan will be presented with the Doctor Morton Berger Memorial Award. This award was established in loving memory of her husband, Doctor Berger (of blessed memory), in recognition of his outstanding leadership on behalf of Jewish education and Jewish communal life in the Capital Region and New York State, until his untimely death as a crime victim of a drunk driver.

Since arriving in Albany with Doctor Berger over 42 years ago, Hope Goldman Berger Nathan has raised three wonderful children, Linda, Howard and Allen—who themselves have excelled in Jewish and secular education and community service.

Mrs. Nathan has rendered invaluable service to Jewish education and communal life including but not limited to Maimonides Hebrew Day School of the Capital District, The Hebrew Academy of the Capital District, the "Vaad Hakashruth" (Board of Kosher dietary laws), Congregation Shomray Torah, Congregation Beth Abraham Jacob, Temple Israel and its Camp Givah, and Congregation Beth Emeth.

Mrs. Hope Goldman Berger Nathan, with her beloved husband, Tom Nathan, continues to play an active role in community service.

I also proudly extend my highest regard to Maimonides School President Yisroel Bindell, the School's Rosh Yeshiva, the esteemed Rabbi Israel Rubin, and all of the administrators, staff, teachers and students, and offer them my best wishes for continued success.

A TRIBUTE TO ROBERT S. HARGRAVES

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2002

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Robert "Bobby" Hargraves, a distinguished Arkansan, attorney, and life-long Democrat who died on June 1st at the young age of 55.

Bobby's notable career in law began after he graduated from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville in 1973. He then moved to Hot Springs with his wife, Joanie, to begin a 29-year law practice. In those 29 years, he has served as an Arkansas Bar Examiner and has twice served as a Special Justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court, in addition to serving as a special Circuit Judge and Chancery Judge.

But Bobby did much more for his community than uphold and defend the law; he was an exemplary citizen who cared a great deal for children, and he focused much of his work to better their lives and their futures. He served as Garland County's first Juvenile Referee and President of the Arkansas Juvenile Judges Association. He established the juvenile justice program in Hot Springs, and he founded the Ouachita Children's Center dedicated to providing emergency shelter and support services for abused, neglected, and troubled youth.

Bobby was an avid gardener and outdoorsman, a devoted family man and member of the Episcopal Church, and a pillar in the Hot

Springs community. He was a close, personal friend of President Bill Clinton.

I know this is a difficult time for Bobby's wife, Joanie, their sons, Lucas and Jacob, his mother, Jean, his brother and two sisters, and all of his many friends and relatives whom he loved dearly. I am keeping all of them in my thoughts and prayers.

While Bobby Hargraves may no longer be with us, his spirit and his legacy live on in the many lives of those he touched.

TRIBUTE TO RUBIN AND SHARON PIKUS

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2002

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to recognize the outstanding service of Rubin and Sharon Pikus. They are exemplary members of the community, devoting much of their time to numerous volunteer organizations.

I would also like to recognize the accomplishments and service of their daughters, Andrea Hirsch and Marcy Katz, and their sons-in-law, Charles Hirsch and Jeff Katz.

The Nassau County Coalition Against Domestic Violence is honoring these exceptional individuals for their service to the community.

Sharon Pikus first became involved with the Coalition Against Domestic Violence while she co-chaired the Commission for Women's Equality of American Jewish Congress. The Commission helped countless women and children on Long Island by educating the community about the plight of abuse victims.

Rubin Pikus has been an activist in housing related issues on Long Island. He is also a Board Member of the Nassau County Coalition Against Domestic Violence. His involvement has brought a wealth of business and housing knowledge to the organization.

Charles and Andrea Hirsch, in addition to their duties as the parents of two children, commit time, energy, and resources to the Coalition.

Jeff and Marcy Katz, the proud parents of Miles Katz, have successfully balanced their personal and professional lives with involvement in the community.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Rubin and Sharon Pikus for their life-long service to their community. I also commend Charles and Andrea Hirsch and Jeff and Marcy Katz for ensuring the continuity of this unselfish commitment to the betterment of others.

D-DAY VETERANS

HON. JOHN B. SHADEGG

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2002

Mr. SHADEGG. Mr. Speaker, on this, the 58th Anniversary of D-Day, I address the House to honor 6 heroic Arizonans.

This past Monday I had the pleasure of awarding Don Benford, Joe Cicchinelli, Archie Dixon, Frank Kirinich, Mike Mills and Richard Thim the "Jubilee of Liberty" medal and a certificate of thanks from the French government for their outstanding bravery, valor and extraordinary service to the liberation of France.