

in the State of California since 1972. He also is a member of ASCE and APWA.

David's tireless work and unwavering loyalty will long be remembered. His commitment to the excellence of the District has contributed immeasurably to the betterment of Riverside County. His involvement in the community makes me proud to call him a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that the District and many community members are grateful for his service and salute him as he retires.

**CONGRATULATING THE TAMPA
BAY BUCCANEERS FOR WINNING
SUPER BOWL XXXVII**

SPEECH OF

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 29, 2003

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I dare not say that it is with great pride that I rise today in support of the resolution offered by my good friend from Tampa, Mr. DAVIS. After all, I am a Miami Dolphins fan. However, it is with high regard, as well as a bit of shock, that I rise today to honor the Super Bowl XXXVII champion Tampa Bay Buccaneers. As a Floridian, I share in Mr. DAVIS' excitement. For who would have ever thought that the Buccaneers would ever make it to the Super Bowl, let alone win it?

But seriously, Mr. Speaker, all of us need to tip our hats in admiration of the accomplishments made by the 2002–2003 Buccaneer team. As I said to one of my staffers on Monday morning, "Yeah, Oakland didn't really show up to play, but could you believe the Bucs' defense?" Not since the Steelers' Iron Curtain defense of the 1970s has the National Football League seen a defense as dominating as the Tampa Bay defenses of the late 1990s through this past season. Credit must be given to those who deserve it, and the Buccaneer defense is where credit is due. The team's defensive leaders such as Warren Sapp, Simeon Rice, Greg Spires, Ronde Barber, John Lynch, Dwight Smith, and the Super Bowl Most Valuable Player, Dexter Jackson, are to be truly credited for leading the team that everyone wanted to win, but no one thought could, to a Super Bowl championship.

No pun intended, Mr. Speaker, but the buck didn't stop at Tampa's defense. The team's offense was equally impressive. Quarterback Brad Johnson, running backs Michael Pittman, Mike Alstott, and wide receivers Keenan McCardell, Joe Jurevicius, and Keyshawn Johnson were virtually unstoppable. Who would have ever thought that a team like the Buccaneers, built for defense but capable of an offensive explosion, would ever register 48 points against a relatively good Oakland Raider defense? I certainly didn't.

Additionally, I commend Tampa head coach Jon Gruden and his entire coaching staff, especially longtime Tampa Defensive Coordinator Monte Kiffin, for a job well done. As a Miami fan, I hope that Coach Kiffin finds his way into a head-coaching job out of the state of Florida. Frankly, the Dolphins and Jacksonville Jaguars are itching to regain the title of "Florida's Best NFL Team." Finally, I would be remiss if I sit down before honoring the work

that had been done by Tampa's previous coach, Tony Dungy. Coach Dungy built the Tampa team that won last weekend, and he is as deserving as anyone of credit for the Super Bowl victory.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I remind the gentleman from Tampa, Mr. DAVIS, that the greatest team in NFL history was a team that went 17–0 from a little city in South Florida that we call Miami. The 1972 Dolphins, now that team was perfect. Nonetheless, today is about the Buccaneers. Therefore, today, I congratulate the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for winning Super Bowl XXXVII. As for tomorrow, Mr. Speaker, well, go Dolphins!

IN HONOR OF DR. MARY EMILY
MILLER

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Mary Emily Miller of The Miller Farm, this year's recipient of the Special Family Business Longevity Award from the Delaware Small Business Development Center Network.

As you know, small businesses such as The Miller Farm, have always been extremely important to the economic vitality of each State and to our national economy. Small businesses account for the majority of all new jobs being created daily, and provide opportunities for millions of people to earn a living and provide financial stability for their families. Through Dr. Miller's guidance, The Miller Farm has distinguished itself as a leader amongst small businesses in Delaware by offering a valuable service and maintaining a high level of customer satisfaction.

Throughout my years in public service I have consistently counted Delaware's small businesses to be amongst the very best in the Country, and recognition of The Miller Farm by the Delaware SBDC Network, in my mind, confirms this belief.

Dr. Miller's accomplishments and innovative leadership in the small business community have placed The Miller Farm in a position to rise above and meet the challenges of the future; I commend her on her receipt of this award and wish her continued success.

HONORING J. "RICK"
RICCIARDELLI

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. J. "Rick" Ricciardelli, a former North Miami councilman, civic leader, and a great Floridian. Born in 1923, Ricciardelli joined the marines where he fought in World War II as a young man. Soon after returning from Europe, he became commander of the North Miami AMVETS, the first chapter in South Florida, and later became vice commander of the national veterans organization.

Arriving in North Miami with his family in 1947, Ricciardelli became involved in local

community projects and was elected to the North Miami Council in 1950. In addition to being an active council member, Ricciardelli also served as city judge and police commissioner. As a result of his dedication to his community, the bridge on Northwest 125th Street now bears his name due to his efforts in helping to build it.

In his professional life, Ricciardelli managed two very successful insurance companies, Underwriters Financial of Florida and Specialty Insurance Underwriters. In 1977, he served as chair to the Florida Insurance Fraud Committee, where he led a statewide operation to protect consumers and halt the practice of insurance fraud.

Not to be forgotten, Mr. Ricciardelli was devoted to his family and community. He was known to raise money for various charitable groups, and he was involved with the Boys Town of Italy. His exemplary work and his kind generosity afforded him the distinction of being knighted by the Italian government.

Mr. Speaker, it is indeed a special occasion to stand here and honor Mr. Ricciardelli. His commitment to the people of North Miami and to all Floridians serves as an example to us all.

Mr. Ricciardelli is survived by his wife Debbie, and daughters Peggy Appler, Nancy Corbin, Vikki McGowan, Denise Strniste, and Rikki Southworth. He is also survived by sisters Mary Webb, Gloria Fusco, and Virginia Papale.

**WELCOMING HIS MAJESTY KING
HAMAD BIN ISA AL-KHALIFA ON
THE OCCASION OF HIS VISIT TO
THE UNITED STATES**

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend a warm welcome to His Majesty Shaikh Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa, King of the Kingdom of Bahrain, on the occasion of his visit to the United States.

The ties between our countries have spanned more than a century, beginning with the establishment of the first American hospital in the region at the turn of the 20th century. When Bahrain became the first Gulf Cooperation Council member to discover oil, it was with the aid of American technology and expertise.

On January 1, 1949, an important alliance began between the United States and Bahrain with the establishment of the Navy's first command in the Middle East—Persian Gulf Area Command. On August 16, 1949, this command was renamed the Middle East Force. This was a vital outpost throughout the cold war and contributed to the success of democracy over communism. The Middle East Force ships were the first United States military units to take action following the August 1990 invasion of Kuwait when they began Maritime Interception Operations in support of United Nations Sanctions against Iraq.

In January 1991, with the beginning of Operation Desert Storm, the Middle East Force was absorbed into United States Naval Forces Central Command, which is responsible for all United States Military activity in the Middle

East and Eastern Africa. Today, United States Naval Forces Central Command and the United States Fifth Fleet consist of as many as 25 ships and 15,000 sailors and Marines.

I commend Bahrain for its demonstrated commitment to both regional and international peace and stability. I recently visited Bahrain with a congressional delegation led by Congressman DARRELL ISSA, and I found that this cooperative spirit is still evident in the Kingdom's support for U.S. Armed Forces serving in Bahrain.

Since King Hamad assumed the throne in 1999, he has steered Bahrain toward developing a diversified economy and transforming the country into a constitutional monarchy. The amended Constitution of Bahrain reinforces and guarantees the political equality of women and freedom of religion. Municipal elections were revived in May 2002, and a democratically elected parliament was formed in October of the same year. Significantly, women were for the first time active participants in these elections as both voters and candidates.

On the economic front, Bahrain has demonstrated a strong commitment to free trade, privatization, and a free market economy. This is reflected in its membership in the World Trade Organization. Over the past four decades, Bahrain has actively pursued an economic policy based on diversification that has led this country to prosper. Bahrain's success has earned its recognition around the world, and the country has been accorded the rank of freest economy in the Arab world by the Heritage Foundation's 2003 Index of Economic Freedom report, and 16th worldwide.

The success of these economic policies enables Bahrain to boast a variety of industries ranging from petrochemicals, refining, aluminum, and ship repair, to investment banking and international trade. Today, Bahrain is the regional base for various inter- and multinational firms and is the financial hub of the Arab world.

I commend King Hamad and the people of Bahrain for their considerable success, and for their strong support for our men and women in uniform. I look forward to continued strong relations between the United States and Bahrain.

CORPORATE ACCOUNTABILITY

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, it appears that the Congressional investigating and hearing process is over for the racketeering corporations of the nation. With all three branches of the government now controlled by Republicans, the world's most costly coverup can be finalized. Enron, Worldcom, and all of the rest have proved that crime can pay huge profits. As a member of the 108th Congress I beg that we at least be allowed to discuss these serious thefts on the floor of the House. But, alas, the Republican majority through a tyranny of rules changes has cut off the opportunity for free speech on the floor. We are forced to keep the dialogue alive through "guerrilla" communications among ourselves. The following two poems comment on corporate morality.

CORPORATE CREDO 1

Greed is great,
Less harmful than hate,
Not the business of the state,
Each sucker deserves fat bait.
For the economy's sake
Protect our freedom to take
From any investor on the make.
Pension funds we can feed
To the belly of great greed,
Old guys never really need
Too much green evil weed;
It's a handout risk free;
Social Security we guarantee—
401K's must take a chance,
The market is the ultimate romance.
Greed is great,
Not the business of the state,
Each sucker deserves fat bait.

CORPORATE CREDO 2

The corporate board meeting fee—
A check to cash with greedy glee,
Payment for presence at a silent tea,
Reward for stuff you didn't see;
All the bored can cop a plea:
Shareholder swindling is a shame,
Good members just sign their name,
Accountant culprits bear all the blame,
The SEC behaves too tame.
The corporate board meeting fee—
A check to cash with greedy glee.

TRIBUTE TO TIDAL WAVES

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the AYSO, Culver City, Region 19, Boys U12 Division team, Tidal Waves. Headed by the superb leadership of Coach Steve Salazar and Assistant Coach Alfonso Espinoza, Tidal Waves finished the season undefeated. Coach Salazar and Assistant Coach Espinoza knew how to get things done. Their tireless commitment, boundless energy, no nonsense coaching and clear sense of direction are responsible in a large measure for the Tidal Waves success.

Team members Austin Mott, Gregory Salazar, Henry Best, Joe Best, Mychal Cooper, Matthew Galvan, Austin Brasher, Giovanni Espinoza and Robin Clarkson played hard, tough competitive soccer. They gave their best effort at every practice. The players displayed a passion about improving their individual skills equal only to their determination to improve as a team. With every game played, they exceeded the skill of the game before. Tidal Waves always demonstrated good sportsmanship.

The enthusiasm and zest for soccer expressed by the team was matched by the commitment and support of the parents. The parents of Tidal Waves dedicated time and energy and keep the team's spirit high.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in saluting Tidal Waves for their outstanding achievement in the 2002, AYSO Region 19, Boys U12 Division, Culver City.

THE POVERTY TRAP STUDY ACT OF 2003

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the Poverty Trap Study Act of 2003. Although we have moved millions of families off welfare and into work, the road to advancement and self-sufficiency remains a difficult challenge. For a long time I have been concerned by the disincentives to working hard, earning more money, and even getting married, that we have created over time through the many support programs that provide assistance to lower income families. Too often a low-income household will find that, despite a rise in earnings, the family is actually worse off than it was beforehand.

One by one over the decades we have created programs to help the poor as we have perceived needs for housing assistance, nutritional assistance, health care, etc. At some income level these programs had to be eliminated or phased out. Unfortunately, as each program was designed individually without regard for the cumulative effects, we ended up phasing out all of them over the same income range, generally just above the poverty level. Tax liability also begins around the same income level. As a result, many working families in the income range of about \$12,000–\$30,000 lose a dollar or close to it in taxes and lost welfare benefits for each additional dollar income they earn—a combined marginal tax rate over 100 percent! Specifically, a family with two children in this income range pays 30 percent of income as rent if they are in subsidized housing, loses 21 percent of additional income to the EITC phaseout, 24 percent to the food stamp phaseout, 15 percent to the federal income tax, 7.65 percent to the employee share of FICA and, depending on the state, around 3 percent state income tax.

It's time for Congress to look at welfare and tax policy for low income families in a coherent fashion instead of the hit or miss piecemeal approach we have been employing. My legislation would create a commission to examine the cumulative effective marginal tax rates for low income families with children in a cross section of states, measure the effects, and make recommendations to fix the problem.

HONORING FRANK A. URSOMARSO,
SR. AND FRANK A. URSOMARSO,
JR.

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Frank A. Ursomarso, Sr. and Frank A. Ursomarso, Jr. of Union Park Automotive Group, Inc., this year's recipients of the Family Business of the Year Award from the Delaware Small Business Development Center Network.

As you know, small businesses such as Union Park Automotive Group, Inc., have always been extremely important to the economic vitality of each State and to our national