

Connecticut. For over six decades she lived in a townhouse on East 49th Street in the Turtle Bay neighborhood near the United Nations headquarters. Even after she retired permanently to Connecticut, she remained a generous and loyal dues-paying member of the local community group, the Turtle Bay Association to the end of her life. Her efforts on behalf of the Turtle Bay community led local residents to name a garden in Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza on East 47th Street in her honor in 1997. Every year, on her birthday of May 12, the community continues to celebrate their pride in their illustrious neighbor's achievements and character with a display and a ceremony in her honor. Following the news of her death at the age of 96, the Turtle Bay Association and Friends of Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza immediately established a memorial in the Katharine Hepburn Garden in tribute to their illustrious and beloved neighbor, complete with photographs, candles and flowers.

Because of her notable achievements on stage and screen and her indomitable and distinctive presence, Katharine Hepburn's spirit and presence will live on forever. It is only fitting that we salute her remarkable life and career and recognize her as a great American.

IN HONOR OF THE CITY MISSION
OF CLEVELAND

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2003

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the City Mission for providing shelter, hope and faith to individuals and families within our Cleveland community.

The facilities, programs and services that were developed at the Mission in 1910 on Superior Avenue have evolved over the years, but the vision, assistance, compassion and faith have remained a constant source of comfort and hope for more than ninety years. Within the Mission walls, Reverend Peter Bliss, Reverend Robert Sandham, Executive Director Tim Campbell and the nearly forty dedicated staff members continue the Mission legacy of reaching out, empowering and uplifting the hearts, souls and lives of thousands of women, men and children every year.

The Mission's commitment to helping and healing every person that walks through the door is a true testimony to the power of faith, the reality of miracles, and the existence of angels and heroes that walk among us. The angels are those we call staff—the staff who've dedicated their lives to helping others get back in the game. The heroes are those who enter here—despite painful histories, despite illnesses and addictions, despite physical, emotional or financial devastation and despite fear. These heroes among us—the women, men and children of our community—reflect courage, dignity, wisdom, an unfaltering will to survive, a refusal to give up, and an unbreakable inner strength and faith as they rise up into the light of a brighter day.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor, recognition and gratitude of the City Mission of Cleveland—a sanctuary in our community. Faith and love abound within these walls, producing miracles everyday—healing the lives of all who enter here—and uplifting our entire community.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MRS. SKELTON

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2003

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker:

Dear Mrs. Skelton, Happy Birthday to You! Juanita Skelton, nee Juanita Katherine Campbell, was born on July 8, 1913, near Panhandle, Texas. She graduated from White Deer (Texas) High School in 1930. That year she was Vice President, Girl Favorite, Editor of the Annual, General News Reporter for the Weekly Newspaper, President of the Library Society, President of the Dramatic Club, and Yell Leader for the Pep Squad, and a guard on the women's basketball team. Of course there were only 13 members of her graduating class. She was referred to as "our seniors' most representative girl."

She graduated from West Texas State with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1934 and started teaching in Canadian, Texas. She married Hiram Bowmer Skelton on March 3, 1944, when she was 31 years old. They lived in Panhandle, Texas and she helped him run the movie theatre that the family owned. When her husband died, she moved with her son to Arlington, Texas in 1953. She resumed being a high school English teacher at that time. Mrs. Skelton went on to get her Master's in Speech Pathology from Denver University in 1956 and became the first speech therapist in the Arlington School District in 1956. She became the Coordinator of Speech Therapy in 1957 and the Coordinator of Special Education in 1965. She also became the first Director of Special Education in 1974. Mrs. Skelton retired in 1978 after 25 years with the Arlington School District.

During her years in special education, Juanita received the following recognition and awards: President of the Texas Association of Administrators in Special Education "Administrator of the Year Award for Outstanding Leadership;" Texas Council for Exceptional Children Award as the "Outstanding Contributor to Special Education." In 1989, the Mayor of Arlington, Texas recognized Juanita as the "outstanding senior citizen."

She moved to Fort Collins, Colorado in 1997.

Again, congratulations on your 90th birthday!

MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG
AND MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2003

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2003

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate Chairman THOMAS' willingness to clarify that FEHBP plans will be able to take advantage of the subsidies in H.R. 1. However, I have another concern that Federal employees are often treated differently from current Federal employees in ways that are not always equitable. For example, current employees are allowed to pay their health insurance premiums from pre-tax dollars; retirees are not. I know this concern is shared by a number of my colleagues, but specifically JO ANN DAVIS, Chair of the Civil Service Subcommittee. I am pleased Mrs. DAVIS will soon be taking up that specific issue in her subcommittee.

FEHBP currently does not provide different benefits for retirees and current employees—one simply is a member of FEHBP. I believe it is important this dynamic remain, once a Medicare prescription drug benefit is put in place. As Chairman of the Government Reform Committee, I look at this from an employer's perspective. We do not want private employers to drop the prescription drug coverage they provide for their retirees. H.R. 1 includes incentives so they will not do so. However, we as the Federal Government must lead by example.

Along with Chairwoman DAVIS, FRANK WOLF, and JIM MORAN, I have introduced legislation that simply states that Federal retirees will remain on par with current employees when it comes to prescription drug benefits. I regret we were unable to include this language in H.R. 1, but am grateful to have the commitment of Speaker HASTERT and Leader DELAY to bring this bill to the floor as soon as we return from recess.

IN HONOR OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE GEORGE E. FEDOR
MANOR

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2003

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the founding members, current administrators and residents of the George E. Fedor Manor of Lakewood, Ohio, as they celebrate their 20th Anniversary.

In 1979, Father Richard Ondreyka, Pastor of SS. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church, attorney George E. Fedor and local businessman Peter Shimrak brought together their personal and professional experience to form SS. C. & M. Haven, Inc., with the goal of constructing an apartment community for low-income senior citizens.

In May of 1983, Fedor Manor—a not-for-profit facility—opened its doors to welcome its first residents. For twenty years, the 145-unit structure has served as a place of comfort and care for our most treasured citizens—our elderly. Fedor Manor offers an array of social services focused on the emotional, social and physical well-being of every resident.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the Twentieth Anniversary of the George E. Fedor Manor. The founding members and their mission have created a structure well beyond mere bricks and steel—they've raised this building as a haven of comfort and peace—and a place where hundreds of seniors along Madison Avenue call 'home'. The collective commitment of staff and residents, woven with the mission of the founding members, has remained constant for two decades: To provide a secure and warm life setting for the seniors of our community. "Where, after all, do universal human rights begin? In small places, close to home."—Eleanor Roosevelt.

TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL
BRUCE ANTHONY CASELLA

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2003

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Bruce Anthony Casella, who will be appointed as Brigadier General in the Army Reserve and is an individual of great distinction, and we join with family and friends in honoring his remarkable achievements and expressing pride in this recognition that has been afforded to him;

Whereas, Bruce is a remarkable individual who has devoted his life to serve his country and to proudly protect the citizens of the United States and his unyielding energy and passionate spirit render him a key member of his community and a vital resource to our country;

Whereas, since his graduation from Colfax High School, where he graduated second in his class and lettered in Football and Track, Bruce has worked in varying capacities, providing crucial support to the military community and from his appointment to West Point by Congressman Harold Johnson, where he graduated with honors and received a B.S. degree in engineering and the rank of First Lieutenant, to his tours in Germany and Korea as a regular Army Captain, he has fought tirelessly for our country and its people through his contributions to the management and administration of the U.S. Army;

Whereas, in addition to these contributions, Bruce has received Master of Science degrees in Electrical Engineering and Systems Management and currently works for Agile Communications, Inc. as the Principal Systems Architect and his specific efforts are focused on providing information to the Army on system engineering, communications, networking, and modeling and simulations;

Whereas, I join today with his wife, Catherine, his daughter, Heather, and his sister, Paula, in their joy at this wonderful honor he will receive, knowing he is an inspiration to our country and a patriot in every sense of the word: Now, therefore be it

Resolved, Mr. Speaker, that we salute Bruce Anthony Casella and express admiration he will receive this wonderful and well-deserved honor and hope that others may recognize the immense service he has provided for the people of the United States.

HONORING LEROY RADTKE, JR.

HON. MICHAEL BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2003

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today to bring to the attention of our colleagues a true American hero who was honored in my congressional district recently.

Private First Class LeRoy Radtke, Jr. served our country with honor and dignity. He enlisted in the Marine Corps when he was 20 years old. He did so because he loved his country and he loved the Corps. He was proud to be a Marine and lived his life by a code that only Marines truly understand. He died saving a

member of his unit during a firefight in Vietnam. He was, in the proudest tradition of the Marines, ever faithful to his country and the Corps.

PFC Radtke left America as a young man with many hopes, dreams, and plans for the future. And although most of those plans went unfulfilled, he died being a soldier and fighting for the country he loved. PFC Radtke also left behind a family who loved him and who still grieves his loss. His mother, Dorothy, his sister, Peggy, and his brother, Karl, attended a ceremony this past weekend to add PFC Radtke's name to a memorial of veterans who died defending our country. This memorial, located in New Port Richey in my congressional district, stands as a lasting tribute to the brave men from Pasco County who gave their lives to guard our freedom.

People often forget that the families of our men and women in uniform make many sacrifices while their loved ones are worlds away fighting for us. This is especially true for families of Vietnam veterans. Many veterans of the Vietnam War returned home not to the admiration and reverence they deserved, but to scorn and ridicule from those who opposed the policies of our nation's leaders. They deserved much better. So did the families of those soldiers who did not return safely.

I am humbled to show my gratitude, and that of the House of Representatives, to PFC Radtke and his family. I hope these words will remind them that our country endures only because of people like PFC LeRoy Radtke. America is forever indebted to him. I hope that this small gesture will comfort them when they think of his loss that summer thirty-six years ago.

May God bless his family and may He continue to watch over the United States of America.

REMARKS AT TRUMAN PRESIDENTIAL MUSEUM AND LIBRARY

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2003

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I had the privilege to deliver a few remarks at the opening ceremony of the new Korean War exhibit at the Truman Presidential Museum and Library in Independence, Missouri. My remarks are set forth as follows:

CONFLICT AND CONSEQUENCE: THE KOREAN WAR AND ITS UNSETTLED LEGACY

Thank you for inviting me to be with you today for the opening ceremonies of this important new exhibit at the Truman Library. I am humbled to be here, particularly as we honor those who served our country so nobly during the Korean conflict.

This library is a monument to the legacy and achievements of Harry S. Truman and we are blessed to have this renowned resource here in Independence. The Truman Library, and all of our Presidential libraries, are dedicated to the preservation of our nation's historical heritage, as repositories of Presidential papers and memorabilia. As far as I'm concerned, the mission of this Library—particularly its educational function—has never been more important, and the exhibit the Library opens to the public today is especially timely.

I have to admit, and I'm sure this will come as no surprise to anyone, that I am

very sentimental about one of the artifacts on display in this exhibition. You see, my father, Ike Skelton III, was an attorney in Lafayette County and became a friend of Truman's when they met on September 17, 1928. The occasion was the dedication of the Pioneer Mother Statue—the Madonna of the Trail—located in my hometown of Lexington, Missouri.

They kept up this acquaintance, corresponding periodically, so it seems right in character that my father, a fellow veteran of World War One who served on the USS *Missouri*, sent a telegram to President Truman after the President decided to fire General Douglas MacArthur, letting him know that he agreed with the decision and pledging his continued support and that of Truman's friends in Lafayette County.

This momentous decision—reaffirming the supremacy of civilian control of the military—is full of the drama that makes our history fascinating. And I hope that for others who see this document, this personal note to the President from one of his Missouri friends, it will be meaningful as well.

I know that with the library professionals and historians in the audience I am preaching to the choir, but I am a big believer in the power of history, as was Harry Truman. Truman was an avid reader and student of history. My friend, the late Congressman Fred Schwengel, told me about meeting Senator Truman in 1935 while Schwengel was a college student in Missouri. Truman advised him that to be a good American, "...you should know your history."

That story is consistent with my experience. I well remember taking a group of grade school students to visit the Truman Library in 1963, and though President Truman was of advanced age, he spoke to them in the library auditorium about American history and the Constitution. He wanted young people to learn as much as they could about America.

I do my best to encourage people, particularly young people, to study history. I have embarked on a school visit program I call "History Matters", which gives me the chance to talk about the importance of history whenever I visit schools. I also recently issued a 50-book national security reading list, which is heavy on biographies and histories, including the books I recommend to Members of Congress, military officers, and anyone interested in learning about character, leadership, and military art.

Why do I believe it is so important to keep up our efforts to promote a broad knowledge of history? Let me share this with you for a little perspective. The college student interns who are working in my office this summer were only about 8 years old in 1989 when we witnessed the end of the Cold War with the fall of the Berlin Wall. This major event, as well as the many other significant events and crisis points of the Cold War, are far removed from them. By no fault of their own, they did not experience these events the way many of us did.

It took 50 years of national commitment to see the collapse of communism in the Soviet Union and the Eastern Bloc. But in spite of the cessation of hostilities in Korea in 1953, U.S. troops still deploy to South Korea to deter invasion from the North. The totalitarian regime of North Korea continues to rattle sabers and threaten not only the future of peace on the peninsula but peace in the region and the world.

Today's college students have lived long enough to experience missile threats from North Korea, including nuclear threats. In spite of the prosperity of the South, and in spite of the passage of more than 50 years, many of the issues splitting the Korean Peninsula are still with us. This exhibit, which