

her promotion to Chief Journal Clerk. And her dependability, endurance, faithfulness, and loyalty were proved by her 20 years of selfless public service to the House of Representatives.

Not only does Eve serve others at her job, but she also actively serves others in her private life as well. She is Head Verger of the Church of the Holy Comforter in Vienna, Virginia, and she has recently been invited to serve as Volunteer Verger at the National Cathedral. Also, Eve plans on returning to her activities in the community theater, which she has been unable to participate in due to the demanding schedule of the House.

An ancient Hebrew Proverb teaches that, "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches." To earn the "good name" spoken of in this Proverb, one must be committed to utmost integrity. Eve's unwavering commitment to integrity has rewarded her with a "good name." Moreover, Eve's shining inner character allows her to leave the House with truly significant "riches" worth far more than money or wealth—a legacy of 20 years of honorable service and an unscathed reputation of utmost integrity.

IN TRIBUTE TO EVE BUTLER-GEE,  
HOUSE JOURNAL CLERK, ON THE  
OCCASION OF HER FORTHCOMING  
RETIREMENT

**HON. MAXINE WATERS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 25, 2003*

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, the hard-working, dedicated employees who sit here on the dias behind the Well of the House are the heart and soul of this institution. Their sacrifice and service are the glue that enables the House to proceed with its business and that helps all of us to serve our constituents and the American people.

On a daily basis, the employees who sit on the dais are an invaluable resource to all of us who are privileged to serve in the House of Representatives. They serve all of us, without regard to party. Every day that the house is in session, and certainly when we have weeks as lengthy and as challenging as this one, we all surely have to admire the selfless devotion to service that keeps the House staff at their posts working to serve all of us.

Whether it is two or three o'clock in the morning during a heavy legislative week, or simply recording the proceedings on a routine Suspensions Monday, no matter what the challenges may be, our reading and journal clerks are always here to assist us and serve this institution.

It is all too rare that we say thank you for their hard work, their patience, their good humor, and their devotion to this body. Today, however, is a very special occasion and I want to take this time to thank and salute one of the giants of the staff of the House.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank and pay tribute to the House's Chief Journal Clerk, Eve Butler-Gee, who will be retiring when we adjourn at the end of this legislative week for our Summer recess. According to the Congressional Research Service, Eve is the first woman Journal Clerk in the history of the House of Representatives.

Ms. Butler-Gee and her three Assistant Journal Clerks are always on duty at the rostrum to ensure that the House meets its constitutional responsibility to maintain an official record of the parliamentary proceedings of the House. Eve has done a great deal to modernize Journal procedures and enhance the professionalism of the Journal clerks.

Eve began her professional career in the House while in her early twenties. She left the House in the middle of her working years to work for a charitable foundation, and then returned to the House in 1987 when then Minority Leader Bob Michel appointed her as the Minority Enrolling Clerk of the House.

In her tenure as the Journal Clerk, like all those who have preceded her and all those Clerks who will follow her, Eve has been a witness to history, to events of great joy, those of great sadness, events that often truly have changed the shape of our world. What remarkable stories she will take with her as she concludes her service!

I could use my time to review more of Eve's professional accomplishments, but those of us who are privileged to know her, and to experience her wisdom, her humor, her warmth and friendliness, know that Eve is so much more than her resume.

Eve has been a good friend to all of us and a person whose service has brought great credit upon this institution. I understand that Eve intends to spend her retirement traveling, enjoying her family, pursuing her interests in writing and community theater, and continuing active service with the Episcopal Church.

I value Eve's ability and her diligent service greatly. What I value even more is the friendship and warmth that she brought to all of her contacts with me, and, I know, with so many other Members.

So I conclude simply by saying: Thank you, Eve for your pioneering service, for your professionalism, and for your friendship. I wish you well and know that the future will continue to hold great things for you. Congratulations and Godspeed in your retirement.

ON THE FCC'S RULING CONCERNING  
UNBUNDLED NETWORK  
ELEMENTS

**HON. BOB GOODLATTE**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 25, 2003*

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, when Congress enacted the Telecommunications Act of 1996, it created three ways to spur telecommunications competition—the interconnection of competing networks, use of parts of competitors' networks, called unbundled network elements (UNEs), and the resale of the incumbents' retail services. Congress intended that UNEs and resale, or wholesale, prices be set to equal the retail cost, minus the avoided costs of not having to sell to the public, such as advertising.

However, when the Federal Communications Commission wrote the rules, it set rates for UNEs at a bizarre below-cost rate called TELRIC. Furthermore, the FCC allowed competitors to put all the UNEs together into a platform, called UNE-P. For all intents and purposes, UNE-P and resale are the same product. While the Congressionally mandated

rate for this service amounts to about a 20% discount, the FCC-created UNE-P price can have a discount of up to 55%.

In February, the FCC reviewed its UNE rules and decided to keep the current UNE-P regime for the mass market. This was an unfortunate decision. Business plans built on regulatory arbitrage rarely last, they witness reciprocal compensation and are certainly not going to create new investment and new innovation. If the FCC wanted a truly competitive telecommunications market, based on sound economic principles, with strong companies and resulting jobs, it should have eliminated the UNE-P regime for the mass market in February.

IN HONOR OF JACK WITTEN

**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 25, 2003*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jack Witten, a man with a distinguished record of military and private sector service. Mr. Witten's career has spanned decades and encompassed a number of notable accomplishments in the field of aeronautical engineering. Mr. Witten has also had an accomplished personal life that I am sure his seven Eagle Scout grandchildren can attest to.

It was Charles Lindbergh's 1927 flight over the Atlantic Ocean that initially sparked Mr. Witten's interest in aviation. After that historic flight, Mr. Witten began spending much of his time observing local airport hangars and taking in Army air shows and national air races in his boyhood home of Illinois. He spent many a Saturday afternoon hitchhiking to the hangars and air shows with his cousin Tom.

In 1938, Mr. Witten quit his steeple-jacking job and joined the Navy Reserve. He was put on active duty at the Wright Reynolds Airport in Glenview, Illinois almost immediately. There, he and his fellow reservists maintained a fleet of 26 aircraft and trained a reserve squadron of 400 men. During the course of his service in the Navy Reserve, Mr. Witten instructed, developed, and reorganized training programs in aircraft maintenance and engineering for both pilots and ex-GI's.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Witten has also spent much of his career serving our area through his work for the Navy Bureau of Aeronautics at the Pax River Naval Air Station. Mr. Witten first came to Pax River in 1943, just six days after the air station was commissioned. He was able to realize his dream of both working and living on the Atlantic Coast when he and his family later moved to St. Mary's County. During his time at Pax River, Mr. Witten helped to establish aeronautical maintenance engineering as both a term and function.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Witten has had a number of other notable accomplishments throughout his distinguished career. He created the Aircraft Maintenance Officer category of military service, established the annual meeting of the Depot Aeronautical Engineering Superintendents, revised contract requirements for military hardware design changes, and conducted materials review of new aircraft designs. Mr. Witten also instituted the use of improved aircraft testing techniques and devices, such as the spectrographic analysis of engine oil to detect failing engines, now in worldwide use by

all militaries, and the use of high visibility paint to prevent collisions. Additionally, Mr. Witten made major revisions to the standard design specifications for naval aircraft to increase safety and reliability and to reduce maintenance man-hours.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Witten's lifetime of achievement and service deserves recognition. I know the members of the House will join me in thanking Mr. Witten for over 60 years of service to the military and to our local area. I rise now to congratulate him on this tremendous record of achievement.

TRIBUTE TO SGT 1ST CLASS  
CHRISTOPHER R. WILLOUGHBY

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 25, 2003*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, Sgt. 1st Class Christopher R. Willoughby of Phenix City, Alabama, died this past Sunday in Baghdad. Sgt. Willoughby was a member of the Army's 221st Military Intelligence Battalion based at Fort Gillem, Georgia, and was killed when the vehicle he was riding in rolled over. He is survived by his wife Jeanine and his two sons, Blake, 9, and Collin 16 months.

Chris Willoughby always wanted to serve his country, Mr. Speaker. An Auburn University graduate, Willoughby had just begun a promising new career in accounting when his National Guard unit was called to active duty. Like every other soldier, he dutifully left behind his young family to serve our country overseas.

Words cannot express the sense of sadness we have for his family, and for the gratitude our country feels for his service. Sgt. Willoughby died serving not just the United States, but the entire cause of liberty, on a noble mission to help spread the cause of freedom in Iraq and liberate an oppressed people from tyrannical rule.

We will forever hold him closely in our hearts, and remember his sacrifice and that of his family as a remembrance of his bravery and willingness to serve.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the House's remembrance on this day.

MEMORIALIZING MR. DANIEL  
VILLANUEVA HERNANDEZ

**HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 25, 2003*

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of a dedicated public servant, Daniel Villanueva Hernandez. Mr. Hernandez's unexpected passing on June 6, 2003 ended a life committed to his community, social justice, and most importantly, his family. The Bay Area has indeed lost an extremely great lawyer, who advocated for the rights of the less fortunate. His work and legacy will continue through the many lives he touched.

Born in 1944 to Ignacio and Maria Hernandez in Texas, Daniel traveled with his family across the Southwest as migrant farm workers. Every summer, his family would trav-

el to Santa Clara County to pick prunes. From his experience as a migrant worker, he learned the values of hard work, determination, and the importance of education.

It was his father who made certain all nine children, including Daniel, graduated from high school. Daniel exceeded his father's dreams by attending San Jose State University, where his activism flourished, and he became a fiery leader. Daniel's goal during his life was to ensure others had access to the same opportunities he enjoyed.

At San Jose State University, Daniel started the organization called Student Initiative. As the leader of this organization of Latino students, Daniel became a leading voice for the rights of minorities. At this time in history, our country was engaged in the Vietnam War. Many of his friends were being drafted into the combat, and it was clear to Daniel that the underprivileged were not given equal treatment. Daniel did not stand on the sidelines. With passion and conviction, he organized students and led demonstrations against the war.

Knowing the importance of education, Daniel worked on enabling more Mexican American students to attend college. Through his creation of another organization, the Mexican American Student Confederation, he brought 200 students into the college system in one year alone.

Emboldened with the desire to make a difference, Daniel brought together students from different campuses across California to fight against discriminatory practices. He spoke out on the issues of poverty, civil rights, and affordable housing, and on many occasions, he civilly disobeyed laws that were unjust to Mexican Americans and the less fortunate.

Daniel reached out beyond the college campus, in order to work with United People Arriba. Through the organization, he helped bring a medical clinic and 193 affordable housing units to the predominantly Latino East Side of San Jose.

It was through the encouragement of his wife, Jessie Serna, that he decided to pursue a career in law. He had the ability and the heart to truly make a difference. He attended and earned his law degree from Golden Gate University.

During the 22 years he practiced law, Mr. Hernandez would represent the poorest people, and would take on the most difficult of cases. To him no case was hopeless. Knowing that a person was imprisoned falsely was a matter Mr. Hernandez could not accept. He made certain his clients were equally represented before the court of law.

In addition to decades of service fighting to protect the rights of the less fortunate, Daniel dedicated countless hours to the Mexican American community through his services as a community activist and mentor. He was, for example, an effective advocate for the Pro Bono Project. The Pro Bono Project allowed future lawyers to contribute their services to the poor in need of legal services. Mr. Hernandez was a mentor to many future attorneys through his service with the Pro Bono Project.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the loss of a friend. I have had many opportunities to meet with Mr. Hernandez, and what amazed me most about him was his dedication and determination to help others. The passion and love he had for public service will be missed by all of us. The Bay Area was fortunate to have Mr. Hernandez as an activist, family

man, and friend. I am personally fortunate to represent a district that Mr. Hernandez touched with his courageous works.

CONGRATULATIONS TO KFLR ON  
THE OCCASION OF THEIR 25TH  
ANNIVERSARY

**HON. TRENT FRANKS**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 25, 2003*

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, American Founder Benjamin Rush once said, "The only foundation for a useful education in a republic is to be laid in religion. Without this there can be no virtue, and without virtue there can be no liberty . . ."

Listener-supported KFLR has been educating and communicating the gospel of Jesus Christ to listeners throughout Arizona for 25 years. The commitment of Family Life Radio to communicating the message of Christianity through the spoken word and through music has been unwavering. Each day KFLR strikes a chord of hope in many listening hearts that will continue to resonate throughout eternity.

I could never count the moments listening to KFLR that have dispelled discouragement and lifted my own heart. Family Life Radio truly is a family in Arizona, and I have been profoundly blessed to be part it.

Congratulations, KFLR, on your silver anniversary. May you continue to shine for another 25 years in such a way that "all may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

IN HONOR OF NATIONAL MARINA  
DAY

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 25, 2003*

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of House Resolution 323, honoring the goals and ideals of National Marina Day.

In every State in the country, marinas provide millions of Americans the opportunity to enjoy our greatest national treasure, our waters.

Marinas today are working with their communities to increase knowledge of the importance of our rivers, lakes, and oceans in our communities, and to provide opportunities for people from all areas and walks of life to experience our waterways firsthand.

The Marina Operators Association of America has designated August 9, 2003 as National Marina Day, and is using this opportunity to encourage Americans to learn more about their waterways and how they can be enjoyed safely while protecting the environment.

Across the country, marinas employ more than 140,000 people at more than 12,000 locations.

Marinas are often at the center of efforts to convert underused waterfronts into exciting cultural, recreational, and commercial areas that highlight the potential of a community.

National Marina Day exists to highlight these contributions, encourage community