

for the small handful of Greek families that settled in Northwest Indiana. The name was later chosen to signify the importance of Saint Constantine, the Roman Emperor who permitted the freedom of practicing Christianity in the Fourth Century, as well as Saint Helen, Saint Constantine's mother, in their fight for the preservation of their heritage and Greek culture.

In 1913, the first worship services were held in a rented store building, and SS Constantine and Helen became the first Greek Church in the City of Gary. Following two years of leadership by visiting priests from Chicago, Reverend Nicholas Mandilas became the first permanent pastor for the church. In 1919, after years of traveling around the Midwest searching for financial help, and worshipping in tents in the dead of winter, the congregation's valiant and dedicated efforts led them to the opening of their first church building on Easter Sunday. Approximately 50 years later, another church building was constructed in Merrillville, Indiana and the Cultural Center was opened to the residents of Northwest Indiana.

Being a member of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA), Lodge 78, I am a strong advocate for the preservation and promotion of the ideals and morals of Hellenism throughout all of Northwest Indiana. Throughout its 90 years of service and dedication, Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church has offered the inspiration to be good citizens of the community, practice faith freely, and educate our youth so that the Greek heritage may never be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring and congratulating Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church as they celebrate their 90th anniversary. Their sincere dedication and devotion to the residents of Northwest Indiana deserves the highest commendation and recognition.

RECOGNIZING MEGAN LEFEVOUR FOR HER ACHIEVEMENTS AS A MEMBER OF MY STAFF

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Megan Lefevour, a very dedicated and enthusiastic member of my Washington D.C. Congressional Staff.

Meg has served my office for nearly two years, as well as serving as an intern for the Speaker of the House HASTERT. As a Staff Assistant, Systems Administrator, Legislative Correspondent, and Legislative Assistant, she has established a passion for working on the Hill. Meg holds dear the people she has worked with in her many roles as a Hill staffer.

I, and others, greatly value Meg's hard work and commitment. Constituents have grown to know her attention to detail, knowledge of many issues, and personal touch that should not go unrecognized. Her dedication to the Sixth District of Missouri has shown through over the past two years, which is evident by the appreciation of all she works with.

It is unfortunate for countless people that Meg will be leaving the Hill, as she has left

her unique stamp on many. I, as well as my office, wish Meg the very best in her future career with education and wish her and Chris all the happiness in their life together.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Megan Lefevour for her many important contributions to myself, my staff, all those she has worked with on the Hill, and for all those she has served. She will be missed by many.

HONORING ROBERT A. BOWERS

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert A. Bowers, a constituent of my Fifth Congressional District. Deputy Bowers, an honorable officer of the law, was recently named the 2003 Levy County Law Enforcement Officer of the Year by his colleagues and superiors and I want to take this opportunity before this body to honor him and to say a few words about why he is deserving of this important distinction.

Deputy Bowers has served the Levy County Sheriff's Office since October of 2001 as an officer in the Road Patrol Division and has been active in the "Buckle Up" program, ensuring safety on our highways by enforcing our state's seatbelt and child-restraint laws.

Deputy Bowers has been described by his colleagues as someone with a cheerful and professional demeanor, no matter what the situation or task at hand. His service to Levy County is in its early days and I believe he will continue to be an asset to the Levy County Sheriff's Office for many years to come.

Having law enforcement officers like him is what makes our roadways and communities safe and it is what inspires youngsters to continue in the profession of noble, honorable service to their neighbors.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in saluting Deputy Bowers and all officers of the law, for the work they do is invaluable and of immeasurable importance to our society and to our safety.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, due to excessive flooding in North Central, Central and South Central portions of Indiana, I was unable to be in Washington during rollcall vote Nos. 460–462. Had I been here I would have voted "aye" for rollcall vote Nos. 460–462.

TRIBUTE TO STEVE SHERWOOD

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand before this Congress and this nation to

pay tribute to an outstanding public servant from my district, Steve Sherwood. Steve is the Deputy Forest Supervisor in the White River National Forest who works hard to protect and maintain our beloved natural areas. Steve's service throughout the country has helped keep our national forests open to everyone, providing a variety of users with access to recreation.

Steve came to the White River National Forest in 2000, moving from Washington D.C. to be part of the wilderness that he loves. He spends most of his time overseeing the White River's wilderness, recreation, and heritage programs. As an outdoorsman, Steve has a better understanding of the needs of our forests; he is often fishing and biking throughout the lands he protects.

When Steve is not at work protecting our public lands, he is at home with his wife Carolyn and his two children William and Jessica. Steve works hard in the hope that his children will have forests and wilderness areas to enjoy many years after he has gone.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Steve for his dedication, and it gives me great joy to inform this body of Congress and this nation of his hard work and devotion at the U.S. Forest Service. Thank you, Steve, for your hard work and dedication. Your commitment and involvement in our national forests will not be forgotten.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. HANK STRAM

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. VISCLOSKY. It is with great joy and enthusiasm that I wish to congratulate Mr. Hank Stram on his induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Hank Stram's path to football greatness began many years ago when he was an athletic standout at Lew Wallace High School in Gary, Indiana earning all-state honors as halfback. On Sunday, August 3, 2003, Hank Stram received the ultimate honor with his induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.

After graduating from Lew Wallace High School, Stram attended Purdue University on a football scholarship. He earned four letters in baseball and three in football for the Boiler-makers. His collegiate career was interrupted for three years of military service in World War II. During his senior year at Purdue, Stram received the coveted Big Ten Medal that is awarded to the conference athlete who best combines athletics with academics.

Immediately upon graduation in 1948, Stram joined Purdue's football coaching staff. He served 12 years as an assistant on the collegiate level, with stops at Southern Methodist, Notre Dame and Miami (Florida).

In 1960 he was named head coach of the Dallas Texans in the new American Football League. The rest is history. Stram guided the Texans to the AFL championship in 1962 and the team then moved to Kansas City and became the Chiefs. In Kansas City, Stram led the Chiefs to the 1966 and 1969 AFL Championships.

His 1966 Kansas City team played in the first Super Bowl, losing to the Green Bay

Packers. The highlight of Stram's illustrious coaching career came on January 11, 1970, when the Chiefs defeated the Minnesota Vikings, 23-7, in Super Bowl IV. He also led the Chiefs to playoff appearances in 1968 and 1971.

Stram coached 17 years in professional football and had a career won-lost-tied record of 136-100-10. His victory total is 11th on the all-time NFL coaches list. He finished his career with 2 seasons, 1976 and 1977, as head coach of the New Orleans Saints.

Hank Stram was known by his players and colleagues as being a truly innovative coach with ideas that inspired and motivated his players and all those who had the opportunity to work with him throughout his career. At the age of 80, Stram continues to provide motivation for area athletes. Every year, the Silver Bell Club, Lodge 2365 of the Polish National Alliance of the United States, hosts its Hank Stram—Tony Zale Sports Award Banquet to honor young athletes in Northwest Indiana.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending and applauding Hank Stram, a true sports hero who has achieved greatness. His lifetime of devotion to his players, fans, and family will truly be celebrated and remembered.

RECOGNIZING DANIEL T. GRIFFEN
FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF
EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Daniel Tyler Griffen, A Very Special Young Man Who Has Exemplified the Finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 374, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Daniel has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the 10 years he has been involved in scouting, he has earned 31 merit badges. Additionally, Daniel has held numerous leadership positions in his troop, serving as Den Chief and Troop Guide. Daniel also has been honored for his numerous scouting achievements with such awards as the Arrow of Light Award and Fire Builder in the Tribe of Mic-o-say.

For his Eagle Scout project, Daniel led a group of teens and adults in the cataloguing of about 300 graves in the Little Shoal Cemetery. The catalogue was then donated to the Clay County Archives for the use by the general public.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Daniel Tyler Griffen for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING DANIEL ANTIS

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Corporal Daniel

Antis, a constituent of mine residing in Levy County in my Fifth Congressional District. Corporal Antis, a hard-working corrections officer, was recently named the 2003 Levy County Corrections Officer of the Year by his colleagues and superiors and I want to take this opportunity before this body to honor him and to say a few words about why he is deserving of this noble distinction.

Corporal Antis began his career as a corrections officer in 1999 and came to work for the Levy County Sheriff's Office Jail Division in September of last year.

Corporal Antis has been described by his colleagues as someone with a quiet but professional demeanor, and his arduous work and drive have not gone unnoticed by his peers. His ambition and "can-do" attitude won him the promotion to his current position as a corporal only 7 months after joining the Levy County Corrections team.

He is truly an asset in every way to his colleagues and to the Levy County Sheriff's office.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in saluting Corporal Antis and all officers of the law, for the work they do is invaluable and of immeasurable importance to our society and to our safety.

TRIBUTE TO SUE O'BRIEN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I rise today before this body of Congress to honor the memory of a great citizen. Sue O'Brien passed away peacefully on August 6, 2003 after battling cancer. Sue was the respected and well-liked editor of The Denver Post's opinion page and a long time figure in public policy. As Colorado and the larger community mourn her passing, I would like to pay tribute to her memory.

Sue was born on March 6, 1939 in Iowa, settling in Denver with her first husband, Jim Hautzinger, and their children in 1961. Sue was a stay-at-home-mom who was busy with the League of Women Voters, Young Democrats, and the drive for school desegregation and fair housing.

Sue began her career in the media in 1968 when she reported on the riots at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago for KTLN/KTLK-AM radio. Through the years, Sue worked as an anchor and political reporter for local and national television and radio. Sue was a pioneer for women in news management when, in 1976, she became the news director for KOA-TV and radio in Denver. In 1995, Sue became the head of The Denver Post opinion page. She took her job very seriously and gave great thought to everything that crossed her desk. Sue was always fair and always forthright, and her colleagues respected her ability and integrity.

Politicians in both parties respected Sue as well. She worked for two governors and was routinely consulted by Republicans and Democrats alike. Sue painstakingly examined every issue and always gave her honest and candid opinion. On a personal level, I hold Sue in high regard. I always enjoyed speaking with her about the issues of the day, and several

years ago, Sue was my personal guest in the House gallery for the President's State of the Union Address. She had a strong set of values and cared deeply about helping people, qualities that will be sorely missed.

Mr. Speaker, Sue O'Brien was a person whose hallmark was fairness and integrity. She was a committed idealist who worked every day to make the world a better place. Sue had great love for her family and tremendous pride in the accomplishments of her children. She was a master journalist who never faltered in her attention to detail. Sue O'Brien was a great American, a great journalist, and, most importantly, a great person. I join with my colleagues today in honoring her memory and her life.

AMENDING TITLE XXI OF THE SO-
CIAL SECURITY ACT REGARDING
THE STATE CHILDREN'S HEALTH
INSURANCE PROGRAM

SPEECH OF

HON. W.J. (BILLY) TAUZIN

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2003

Mr. TAUZIN. Mr. Speaker, the House will unanimously pass a bi-partisan bill, H.R. 2854, which will dramatically improve uninsured children's access to health care. This bill reflects a compromise negotiated with the other Chamber, which is supported by Senators GRASSLEY and BAUCUS, along with Health Subcommittee Chairman MIKE BILIRAKIS, and Ranking Members JOHN DINGELL and SHERROD BROWN.

H.R. 2854 will provide states with \$2.7 billion to fund their SCHIP programs. The State Child Health Insurance Program is an extremely successful program that has enabled states to provide health coverage to over 5 million previously uninsured children. Under SCHIP each state gets a specified annual allotment of Federal dollars to be used to pay for children's health care, which the state can draw on for up to three years.

Due to initial delays that many states encountered in establishing their SCHIP programs, significant percentages of several states' allotments from fiscal years 1998 through 2001 have gone unused. H.R. 2854 will allow these states to retain a portion of these funds to enable them to provide additional coverage to uninsured children. Under H.R. 2954, states will be able to retain fiscal year 1998 and 1999 reallocated funds through the end of fiscal year 2004 and allows states to retain 50 percent of their unspent allotments for fiscal years 2000 and 2001.

In addition, the bill also allows ten states that had been unable to spend all of their SCHIP allotments because of high Medicaid income eligibility levels to use up to 20 percent of their SCHIP allotments to pay for providing coverage for eligible children.

RECOGNIZING CHULA MORI

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, it is, with a heavy heart that I rise today to pay