

Pennsylvania and Las Vegas. In 1978 Tommy and his group had the privilege of performing back up for Bobby Vinton at the Riviera during the PLAV convention. The Polka Towners recorded six 45's, eight LP's, four 8 tracks, three cassettes, and one CD. Aside from performing, Tommy co-hosted the Polka Show on WKCC and WSAM from 1974 to 1999. Presently Tommy performs with the Bay Area Concert, Midland Concert and the Vassar City Bands.

In addition to being a musical icon, Tommy is an outstanding father and husband. He has three children, Becky, Edward, and Mary. Tommy married Barbara, his wife and mother of his children in 1965. Barbara passed away in 1996. Tommy remarried in 2002, and his new bride is Dollene.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues of the 108th Congress to please join me in congratulating Tommy Reder on obtaining the State's highest honor for contributions made to the Polka Music Industry.

SEX TRAFFICKING ON THE RISE

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend the President for highlighting the issue of sex trafficking in his speech to the United Nations yesterday. I am pleased the Administration is focused on eradicating this appalling practice. Modern-day slavery and slave trading is an ugly practice and is increasing in countries around the globe. Millions of people worldwide are bought, sold, transported and held against their will in slave-like conditions.

This summer the State Department released its annual report highlighting countries with the worst records on trafficking. Some of these countries include, Cuba, Greece, North Korea, Sudan, and Turkey. Many countries that the United States does business with everyday are also on the tier 2 watch list. The United States should be particularly hard on these countries and demand that these countries make significant improvements and strengthen their anti-trafficking efforts. I share the President's commitment to work to end slavery.

Below is an excerpt from the President's speech:

There's another humanitarian crisis spreading, yet hidden from view. Each year an estimated 800,000 to 900,000 human beings are bought, sold or forced across the world's borders. Among them are hundreds of thousands of teenage girls, and others as young as 5, who fall victim to the sex trade. This commerce in human life generates billions of dollars each year, much of which is used to finance organized crime.

There's a special evil in the abuse and exploitation of the most innocent and vulnerable.

The victims of sex trade see little of life before they see the very worst of life: an underground of brutality and lonely fear.

Those who create these victims and profit from their suffering must be severely punished. Those who patronize this industry debase themselves and deepen the misery of others. And governments that tolerate this trade are tolerating a form of slavery.

This problem has appeared in my own country and we are working to stop it. The

PROTECT Act, which I signed into law this year, makes it a crime for any person to enter the United States or for any citizen to travel abroad for the purpose of sex tourism involving children. The Department of Justice is actively investigating sex tour operators and patrons, who can face up to 30 years in prison. Under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, the United States is using sanctions against governments to discourage human trafficking.

The victims of this industry also need help from members of the United Nations, and this begins with clear standards and the certainty of punishment under the laws of every country.

Today, some nations make it a crime to sexually abuse children abroad. Such conduct should be a crime in all nations. Governments should inform travelers of the harm this industry does and the severe punishments that will fall on its patrons.

The American government is committing \$50 million to support the good work of organizations that are rescuing women and children from exploitation, and giving them shelter and medical treatment and the hope of a new life. I urge other governments to do their part.

We must show new energy in fighting back an old evil.

Nearly two centuries after the abolition of the trans-Atlantic slave trade, and more than a century after slavery was officially ended in its last strongholds, the trade in human beings for any purpose must not be allowed to thrive in our time.

HONORING STEPHANIE FLOOD

HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Stephanie Flood of McHenry County, Illinois, in the district I am proud to represent. Stephanie is a remarkable 16-year old who suffered from cancer but was fortunate enough to have been cared for by the doctors and staff at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago. When Stephanie was nine years old, she was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Since her initial diagnosis, she has undergone radiation, chemotherapy, and four separate surgeries.

In the spring of 1997, when Stephanie was in fourth grade, she began having flu-like symptoms—headaches and nausea. The symptoms persisted for nearly three weeks. When she visited her pediatrician, he looked through her eyes and could see pressure on her brain. He immediately ordered a CAT scan of her brain, which confirmed that the pressure he saw was in fact a brain tumor. Her pediatrician then referred Stephanie and her family to Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago because he felt the hospital had the best neurosurgeons available.

At Children's Memorial Hospital, Stephanie and her family met with Dr. Tomita and Dr. McClone who immediately planned for her surgery. At the time, her parents were struggling with their small business and had let their health insurance lapse. Dr. Tomita, however, insisted that Stephanie would have the best care available. They said the tumor was at the base of her brain stem. This extremely dangerous tumor could have left her blind, deaf, paralyzed or handicapped due to the tumor's

close proximity to her nerve endings. Dr. Tomita carefully removed the tumor. After weeks of struggling with math due to memory loss associated with the brain tumor, Stephanie soon found herself getting straight A's in math class. She then went through six weeks of radiation treatments after the operation. Her radiologist, Dr. Marymount, skillfully administered the radiation, with Stephanie's only hair loss being where her incision was located.

Unfortunately, Stephanie's tumor was an ependymoma, meaning it would eventually grow back. Three years later, when she was 12 years-old, something showed up on her routine MRI again. Dr. Tomita performed another surgery, but he and her Oncologist, Dr. Goldman, decided to try a new type of chemotherapy in an attempt to get rid of the tumor once and for all. The chemotherapy was called Temazolamide, and Stephanie was one of 17 other people ever to use it.

Unfortunately, the tumor returned again, and Dr. Tomita suggested a new type of treatment, Gamma Knife radiation. Stephanie thought she would try this treatment which would be much easier than another brain surgery again. A team of doctors screwed a metal plate into her head with hundreds of little holes. They then sent radiation directly into the area where the tumor was located, hoping to shrink it.

The Gamma Knife procedure was successful in helping shrink the tumor for a short period of time, but another MRI eventually showed its regrowth. Dr. Tomita and Dr. Goldman suggested another new type of treatment called Intrabeam Radiation for Stephanie, who was only the fourth patient in the nation to ever use it. The tumor was again removed by Dr. Tomita, and the remaining cancer cells where the tumor originated were irradiated. Thus far, it has been eight months, and Stephanie is extremely hopeful that this final procedure will rid her of the tumor permanently.

Stephanie is extremely fortunate to be under the care of such wonderful doctors. She is also very proud to be part of a brand new study in hopes that she will help other children who suffer as she did. Cells from her tumor were actually taken from her tumor and are currently being studied at the Children's Research Center in Chicago in order to discover how and why the tumor continued to regrow. Without Children's Hospital, this incredible story would not have been possible.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to extend my support to Stephanie and the many other children who are fighting such difficult battles. I commend Children's Memorial for all of the work they have done for her. I would also ask that we continue to work hard to support children's hospitals in order to save more children just like Stephanie. It is my hope that with continued research into new lifesaving treatments, children all over the country will be given the precious gift of life.

75TH BIRTHDAY OF MR. JAMES WYNNE HART

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to commemorate the 75th birthday of Mr. James Wynne Hart.

Born on September 10, 1928 Mr. James Wynne Hart has dedicated much of his life to spreading the word of God. For over thirty years, Mr. Hart served with distinction as a minister of the United Methodist Church. Having served pastorates in Vonore, Kingsport, Chattanooga, Knoxville, Tennessee, and in addition Bluefield, Virginia, Mr. Hart has been an integral part of the spiritual life of these communities.

Despite his retirement from the Ministry, Mr. Hart continues to be active in his church, the Clyde United Methodist Church in North Carolina. Currently, Mr. Hart resides in Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, with his beloved wife of 51 years, Mrs. Frances Cobb Hart.

A graduate of Emory and Henry College in Abingdon, Virginia, Mr. Hart pursued and completed post-graduate studies at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to commemorate this man of conviction, principle, and God, on such a joyous occasion. I ask you to join me in congratulating Mr. James Wynne Hart on his 75th birthday, and in wishing him and his wife, many more years of happiness and accomplishment.

CONGRATULATING THE COAST
GUARD HOUSE RESTAURANT
AND RESTAURANT: PROV/ATOMIC
CATERING FOR EARNING THE
2003 RESTAURANT NEIGHBOR
AWARD

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor two restaurant operators in Rhode Island's second district that have been awarded the prestigious 2003 Restaurant Neighbor Award. The Coast Guard House Restaurant in Narragansett and Restaurant PROV/Atomic Catering in Providence were recently recognized by the National Restaurant Association for their remarkable community involvement in addition to their commitment to quality food. The current economic situation makes these generous contributions even more important, and Rhode Island restaurants and small businesses are stepping in to help. Seventy-eight restaurants from forty-three states earned the Restaurant Neighbor Award in 2003, and I am pleased that two were from my home state.

Every year, owner Deborah Kelso oversees the Coast Guard House's donations of more than \$30,000 to community causes including the Rhode Island Food Bank, South County Hospital, Sisters of the Poor, Johnnycake Center, March of Dimes, and Seniors Helping Others. The main event over the last ten years has been the restaurant's lead sponsorship of

Concerts on the Beach, the annual Rhode Island Philharmonic concert on the Narragansett Town Beach. The Coast Guard House hosts a pre-concert reception and fundraiser, which raises more than \$10,000 to help offset the cost of the event. This concert provides 30,000 families an opportunity to enjoy beautiful music in an extraordinary setting.

Restaurant: PROV and Atomic Catering, both owned by Stoli Management, are equally deserving of this recognition. Thanksgiving at Restaurant: PROV is an annual tradition for many families. Every year, 1,000 low-income individuals who might not otherwise have a meal are treated to a free Thanksgiving celebration with all of the usual fixings. In addition, employees, led by Executive Chef/co-owner Kevin Millonzi, served more than 400 meals to relief workers, volunteers, and victims' families in the wake of the deadly fire at the Station nightclub in February 2003. Stoli Management also donates time and food to Chefs for Cystic Fibrosis, the annual Zoobilee, and Providence Fire Fighters.

Kelso and Millonzi's beliefs in volunteerism and giving back the community are applicable in their own lives as well as the way they run their restaurants. The commitment to giving of these two companies is an inspirational model, and I hope more businesses around the country follow their lead and contribute to their own communities.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF JACOB
E. DAVIS II

HON. SHERROD BROWN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to pay tribute to the life of Jacob E. Davis II, a model of hard work, commitment, and community service, who passed away on August 29. Jacob's exemplary career began in college as a student at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. After graduating cum laude, he served four years in the U.S. Navy and another seven in the Navy Reserves. He worked for Gov. Michael DiSalle of Ohio and former U.S. House Speaker Sam Rayburn before earning his law degree in 1963 from The Ohio State University. In 1963, Jacob Davis joined the law firm of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease in Columbus, Ohio, and was appointed Partner in 1970. After seven years managing the firm's Washington office, he returned to the firm's Columbus office and to the city he considered his home.

Throughout his career, Jacob remained committed to his community and his church. He was active in the First Community Church, serving in many leadership positions, including Chairman of the Board of Trustees. He was a

member of the Columbus Mayor's Human Rights Commission and the Franklin County Veterans Memorial Board. As Secretary of State, I appointed him to the Ohio Elections Commission in 1990, where he served admirably.

Jacob E. Davis II left an indelible mark on his community and those close to him. I extend my condolences to Sallie, his loving wife of 36 years, his family, and all those who will treasure Jacob's memory.

RECOGNITION OF WSIU/WUSI-TV

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate WSIU/WUSI-TV, the public television stations serving southern and southeastern Illinois on their switch to digital technology.

I have seen first hand the enormous challenge it is to not only commercial television stations but to public broadcasters to convert to digital programming. However, public stations are taking the lead and using digital technology for education.

Such is the case with WSIU/WUSI by sponsoring and developing these worthwhile programs: PBS Kids will offer Ready to Learn programming and afterschool specials. Chalkwaves will offer K-12 classroom instruction. Adult education will be improved. The Illinois Channel, a CSPAN-style broadcast bringing Illinois state government to the people, will become available.

I want to wish WSIU my sincere congratulations on the switch to digital this Sunday. I am sorry that I cannot join them in person but want to acknowledge their service to the people of Illinois.

Congratulations from us all to WSIU/WUSI Channels 8 and 16!

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. FRANK W. BALLANCE, JR.

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

Mr. BALLANCE. Mr. Speaker, I could not be here to vote on Tuesday, September 23, 2003, as I was touring the 1st Congressional District, meeting with Federal, State, and local officials and my constituents as they recover from Hurricane Isabel. Had I been present, on rollcall vote No. 509, I would have voted "aye"; on rollcall vote No. 510, I would have voted "aye"; on rollcall vote No. 511, I would have voted "aye"; and on rollcall vote No. 512, I would have voted "aye."