

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF
UNDERWRITERS LABORATORIES

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 2003

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the 100th anniversary of Northbrook, Illinois based Underwriters Laboratories Incorporated. For the past century, Underwriters Laboratories has been among the world leaders in providing global product safety assessment programs and services.

Since it was founded in 1903, Underwriters Laboratories has published more than 880 Standards for Safety—for products ranging from fire-rated buildings to information technology equipment to electrical household appliances. Beginning with Underwriters Laboratories' first Standard for Safety, the UL 10A for Tin-Clad Fire Doors, each standard is developed and maintained with input by UL engineers in conjunction with industry, government agencies, regulatory authorities, members of academia, and consumer advocates. Nearly two-thirds of UL Standards for Safety have been accepted by the American National Standards Institute as American National Standards. Underwriters Laboratories tells me that it remains responsive to external needs by participating in more than 200 international technical committees, serving in leadership positions on many, in an effort to actively enhance safety globally and pursue harmonization of U.S. standards with international standards.

Despite its tremendous growth and technological advancement, Underwriters Laboratories has remained faithful to its original mission: public safety. I am most proud to represent Underwriters Laboratories Incorporated. I congratulate them on this, the 100th anniversary of their inception, and I thank them for their innumerable contributions to standards development throughout our district and around the world.

TRIBUTE TO ALEX HOWARD

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to an outstanding citizen from my district. Reverend Alex Howard of Pueblo, Colorado recently announced his retirement from the Parkview Medical Center. His devotion, hard work, and humility inspire those around him, and his dedication to his friends and neighbors shows a spirit of charity all too rare in today's society. I am honored to recognize his many years of service here today.

Alex has been the Director of Spiritual Affairs for the Parkview Medical Center for 21 years. His service and ministry have been marked by two overriding ideals: uniting people and giving local youth moral and ethical guidance. Over the years, Alex has worked hard to bring people from different faiths, races, ages, and genders together, encouraging them to celebrate their common beliefs. He has also fostered enthusiasm and excitement

in the community's youth and encouraged them to strive to lead a good life. Alex has worked tirelessly to uplift and edify those who are in his charge, and though Alex is retiring from Parkview, he will continue his work as the pastor of St. Peter the Apostle Episcopal Church in Pueblo.

Mr. Speaker, Reverend Alex Howard is the kind of devoted spiritual leader our community looks to for guidance and inspiration. He has devoted 34 years to ministry and 21 years to Parkview Medical Center, and I know that his guidance will be sorely missed. I am honored to join with my colleagues today to thank him for his tireless work and to wish him the best of luck as he continues to serve the community.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF RON
BURTON

HON. DAVID L. HOBSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 2003

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Mr. Ron Burton, who passed away on September 13, 2003 in Massachusetts after a long battle with bone marrow cancer. As a long-time resident of Springfield, I can honestly say almost everyone in the city knew of Ron Burton, since he was one of the greatest athletes the city has ever produced.

Ron Burton's legacy extends beyond the 4,249 all-purpose yards and 19 touchdowns he amassed in 69 games with the New England Patriots. Burton was a two-time All-American at Northwestern University, but, as was noted recently in the Boston Globe, he was a Hall of Famer off the field by virtue of his postcareer philanthropic endeavors.

After their September 14th victory over the Philadelphia Eagles, the Patriots dedicated the game ball to Mr. Burton's memory. The Patriots also recently established the Ron Burton Community Service Award, which annually recognizes the player who makes the greatest impact in the New England community.

Mr. Burton was a Shriner, a Mason, and an Eagle Scout. He was a high-school All-American, a collegiate All-American and a member of the Northwestern University Hall of Fame. After his professional football career ended, Ron became an executive with the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company and a motivational speaker.

In 1985, Mr. Burton purchased over 300 acres of land in Hubbardston, Massachusetts and founded the Ron Burton Training Village, a sports camp for inner-city, underprivileged children. The camp not only trains youngsters physically and academically but also teaches them the value of love, peace, patience and humility. More than 2,000 youngsters have attended the camp, and have become better citizens as a result, many of whom have gone on to attend prestigious colleges such as Yale, Harvard and the Air Force and Naval academies.

Mr. Burton said he wanted to open his training village "as a place where everyone loves one another."

Former Springfield mayor Bob Burton, who was Ron's brother, recently said, "Ron never forgot the town from which he came. He had

a strong love for Springfield, unlike others who have gone away and had success. He never forgot his hometown and the church to which he belonged."

Ron is survived by his wife, Jo Ann. They have five children, all of whom graduated from Northwestern University.

As the Congressman who represents Springfield in the U.S. House of Representatives, I offer my sincere condolences to the family of Ron Burton and pay tribute to his lifetime of achievements and his lasting legacy as an outstanding role model and citizen.

TRIBUTE TO DOROTHY AND
WAYNE TALLEY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to a remarkable couple from my district. Dorothy and Wayne Talley of Del Norte, Colorado recently celebrated their seventy-second anniversary. Dorothy and Wayne's extraordinary commitment to each other and to their family is an inspiration, and I am honored to pay tribute to them here today.

Dorothy and Wayne are blessed with eight children, twelve grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Through mutual respect and genuine affection, Dorothy and Wayne have maintained their union for over 70 years. Throughout those years, Wayne has pursued several careers, including selling tractors and transporting material for the Summitville mine. After retiring, Wayne continued to stay active, first selling cars, then starting a sewing machine repair shop. Dorothy worked hard to take care of their family.

Mr. Speaker, the dedication and devotion that Dorothy and Wayne Talley have shown to each other is truly an inspiration to us all. Since 1931, Dorothy and Wayne have supported and uplifted one another and have set a noteworthy example for their family and community. To spend over seven decades together is a rare testament to their love, and I am honored to join with my colleagues in congratulating Dorothy and Wayne and in wishing them many more wonderful years together.

TRIBUTE TO AARON PRESLEY

HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 2003

Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today before this great body to honor a fellow Mississippian who lost his life while helping millions of people here in the Washington-Baltimore area recover from Hurricane Isabel.

Mr. Aaron Presley was one of 100 Entergy Mississippi linemen who left family and friends and drove hundreds of miles from home to be a part of the force helping restore electrical service after the devastating storm. He loved his work and he especially loved to do his part to help storm victims get their daily lives back to normal.

On Saturday, September 20, while working in Pikesville, just outside of Baltimore, Aaron was killed when he came into contact with an energized power line that had been downed in the storm.

Aaron was a senior lineman based in Madison, Mississippi. A resident of Flora, where I now make my home, he was only 45 years old and had 25 years of service with Entergy. He leaves behind his wife, Kim, two children and two stepchildren, to whom we offer our sincere condolences.

As the D.C. area continues to recover from the devastation of Hurricane Isabel, let us never forget the sacrifices of all the men and women working with utility crews to restore our electric service. We must appreciate how dangerous their work is and be grateful for the job they do.

And let us never forget Aaron Presley, who sacrificed his life in the service of others.

CELEBRATING TAIWAN'S
DEMOCRACY

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 2003

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on Taiwan's forthcoming National Day, I wish to commend Taiwan for all its accomplishments, both economic and political. I wish to extend to President Chen and the people of Taiwan my congratulations.

Taiwan is one of the world's largest economies and our seventh largest trading partner. Its people participate and fully subscribe to the principles of freedom and democracy. The Taiwanese people have worked with the United States on issues ranging from endangered species to trademark infringements. They are also working with us to combat global terrorism. They look to us for cooperation, guidance and protection.

Peace and security in the Taiwan Strait is vital to the security interests of all nations in the area.

Taiwan has spent considerable sums of money helping African nations fighting AIDS and other infectious diseases.

Taiwan is a staunch friend and ally of the United States. On Taiwan's national day, I wish to affirm my friendship for Taiwan and its people.

TRIBUTE TO KAREN WADE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to a dedicated public servant. Karen Wade recently announced her retirement from the National Park Service. Throughout her many years of service, Karen has worked tirelessly to create and promote a bond between our Na-

tional Parks and the people they serve. For her years of service, I am honored to pay tribute to Karen here today.

Karen began her career with the National Park Service as a seasonal radio dispatcher at Mesa Verde National Park near her native Cortez, Colorado. Karen went on to her first permanent post in 1978 as a Trail Coordinator with the Appalachian Trail Project. Over the years, Karen has held many positions in the Park Service, including Superintendent of Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine in Baltimore, Guadalupe Mountains National Park in Texas, Wrangell-St. Elias National Park in Alaska, and the Great Smokey Mountains National Park in the southeastern United States.

In 1999, Karen became the Regional Director for the Intermountain Region. In that position, she oversaw parks in eight western states, including Colorado, and was entrusted with such treasured national parks as the Grand Tetons, the Grand Canyon, Yellowstone, and her beloved Mesa Verde. Throughout her career, Karen's work has not gone unnoticed. She has received many awards and accolades, including Superintendent of Year for Natural Resources, a Southeast Region Award for her work at the Great Smokey Mountain National Park, and the Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Achievement Award.

Mr. Speaker, Karen Wade has dedicated 25 years to protecting and promoting our national parks. Her tireless work has ensured that future generations will be able to enjoy the beauty and splendor of our national parks. For her dedication and years of service, I am honored to join with my colleagues in paying tribute to Karen here today. I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF
CARMEN ZAPATA

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 2003

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Carmen Zapata—a visionary Latina whose influence is felt in every aspect of the arts.

As one of the first Latinas to perform on Broadway, Carmen Zapata is an artistic innovator. An actress, producer and proponent of Spanish and English bilingual theatre, she has changed the face of culture in Southern California.

A leader in the Latino and arts communities, Carmen Zapata's passion for theatre led her to co-found the Bilingual Foundation of the Arts. As president and producing director for this Los Angeles-based non-profit, she has helped produce over eighty bilingual plays across the State of California and abroad.

The Bilingual Foundation of the Arts has brought theatre and entertainment into inner-city schools in my district and the greater Los Angeles region, exposing students to a new creative outlet, and providing a pipeline for young Latino talent.

Ms. Zapata's dedication to the Latino community has also led her to share her knowledge and experience in teaching the craft of acting and production at area theatre programs.

Furthermore, she has served on the board of a variety of civic organizations, including the United Way, the Mexican American Opportunity Foundation, the KCET Community Advisory Board, and the City of Los Angeles Mayor's Committee on the Arts.

Ms. Zapata is also a leader in the international Latino arts community. An honored translator of Spanish plays, she has been knighted by his Majesty Juan Carlos of Spain for her contributions to Spanish language and culture. In addition, she continues to shape Latino arts and entertainment and the next generation of Latinos with her popular PBS children's program, "Villa Allegre."

For these achievements, it is my great pleasure to recognize Carmen Zapata's contributions as the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce honors her with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

On behalf of Latinos everywhere, I congratulate Carmen Zapata and thank her for her dedication to giving Latinos a voice in the arts.

TRIBUTE TO TERRY TICE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great enthusiasm that I rise before you today to honor an outstanding citizen from my district. Terry Tice of Telluride, Colorado is a remarkably giving person who focuses many of his efforts on assisting the town of Telluride and his fellow citizens. It is my privilege to pay tribute to Terry before this body of Congress and this nation for his positive role in the community and for his philanthropic spirit.

Terry has lived in the Telluride area for over thirty years, operating the Telluride Trappings and Toggery with his wife Susan. The Toggery not only offers local high school kids employment during their breaks, it also provides numerous scholarships to high school graduates. In addition to his business, Terry has served on the town council for four terms and helped implement the Town Charter. He has been a member of the district school board and volunteered a great deal of his time to various community causes.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to stand before you today and recognize Terry's many attributes and dedication to his community. Terry's graciousness has recently prompted the Telluride Foundation, an organization centered around community philanthropy, to name him citizen of the year. I join the Telluride Foundation in congratulating Terry for his award. I would also like to thank him for his numerous contributions for the betterment of his community.