

Extraordinarily Well." I call upon my colleagues to join me in applauding the Paul VI and its dedicated administration, faculty, staff, and students.

JOIN IN SUPPORTING THE CALIFORNIA MISSIONS PRESERVATION ACT

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 20, 2003

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask my colleagues to join me in supporting the California Missions Preservation Act. This legislation, which would authorize \$10 million to repair some of our Nation's most important historical landmarks, promises to allow future generations to enjoy California's unique cultural heritage.

From San Diego to Sonoma, the missions of California dot the Pacific coast with beauty and tradition. They were constructed in the 18th and early 19th centuries by the Spanish government as a defense against Russians who, it was thought, desired to move south from the Bering Strait. Spain hoped the settlements would solidify its political authority, as well as extend its religious values into the New World.

Since the missions were built two hundred years ago, the Golden State has evolved from a sparsely populated frontier to the world's technological epicenter. The missions still stand, however, as a source of pride and tradition to all Californians. All 21 are California historical landmarks, and seven have national landmark status. The missions are the State's most popular historic sites, attracting an estimated 5.3 million sightseers last year. Some 745,000 of these visitors are schoolchildren. Mission visits are a valued part of California's fourth grade curriculum, as students build mission models and write research reports on this colorful aspect of California's history.

Mr. Speaker, my colleagues will no doubt be disappointed to learn that California's missions are in various states of decay and disrepair. At San Gabriel Archangel, east of Los Angeles, a termite-infested redwood beam crashed to the ground at the church's main entrance last year, forcing another five beams to be removed as a safety precaution. The beautiful mission at San Miguel has cracks in its façade that are large enough to fit several fingers. San Francisco's famous Mission Dolores is also slowly crumbling away.

Mr. Speaker, the passage of the California Missions Preservation Act, along with the significant fundraising efforts of the nonprofit California Missions Foundation, will enable us to preserve our State's historical legacy. I strongly encourage my colleagues to vote for its passage.

RECOGNIZING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADVANCED LIGHT SOURCE RESEARCH CENTER

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, this Wednesday, October 22, 2003, marks the 10th anniversary of

one of our Nation's premier scientific research centers, the Advanced Light Source (ALS), a Department of Energy facility located at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. The 9th District of California is the proud home of this remarkable facility and many of the scientists, students and administrators at the ALS are my constituents.

The ALS is a national user facility that generates intense light for scientific and technological research. It produces light in the x-ray region of the electromagnetic spectrum that is one billion times brighter than the sun. As one of the world's brightest sources of ultraviolet and soft x-ray beams—and the world's first third-generation synchrotron light source in its energy range—the ALS makes previously impossible studies possible.

The light is directed along 27 different beamlines toward experimental workstations, giving a wide range of researchers almost simultaneous access to the light source. This extraordinary tool offers unprecedented opportunities for state-of-the-art research in materials science, biology, chemistry, physics, and the environmental sciences. Ongoing research topics include the electronic structure of matter, protein crystallography, ozone photochemistry, x-ray microscopy of biological samples, and optics testing.

Since its inception in 1993, the ALS has been at the forefront of science. Among its many accomplishments, it has helped reveal how bacteria resist antibiotics, how inexpensive and efficient solar cells can be fabricated, and how strange substances like quasicrystals possess properties never before seen. And among the ALS's many distinguished users is Roderick MacKinnon, a biophysicist who recently won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry based in part on research conducted at ALS beamline 5.0.2. His prize-winning foray into the properties of ion channels in cell membranes could lead to potential treatments for diseases like cystic fibrosis, epilepsy, and heart arrhythmia.

In the future, the ALS will stay at the forefront of science thanks to the dedicated staff at Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory and the more than 1,200 scientists who each year travel from around the world to conduct cutting edge research.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the dedicated employees at Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory past and present who have worked so diligently to reap the full benefits of one of the world's great tools of science.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF GARFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 20, 2003

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor the 50th anniversary of Garfield Elementary School on October 16, 2003.

Garfield Elementary School, located in the heart of Springfield, currently serves approximately 335 students in kindergarten through sixth grade. In 1952, the Garfield School was established to meet the educational needs of

the rapidly emerging Springfield area of Fairfax County. First staffed with only seven teachers, Garfield conducted classes on the grounds of Franconia Elementary School under the supervision of then Franconia principal, Mr. James Robinson. The following year, in September 1953, Garfield opened its own school on Old Keen Mill Road, staffed with 18 faculty members and with Mr. Robinson as its first principal.

Since then, Garfield School has been renovated twice in order to better meet the needs of its students. First, in 1967–68 the library was refurbished, administrative offices were added, kindergarten and primary classes were created and a gymnasium was built. Later in 1989, a fresh look was added to the front of the building. And most recently in 2001, new state of the art windows were installed to help reduce the noise created by the ever-widening Old Keene Mill Road.

For the past 50 years Garfield has demonstrated great commitment to providing a high-quality learning environment for the students of Springfield. By placing emphasis on literacy, hands-on experience, critical thinking, cooperation, and cultural sensitivity, Garfield has exceeded all standards set by the Virginia Department of Education. Today, Garfield embraces a richly diverse cultural population and is known statewide for its language arts program. From humble beginnings, Garfield most certainly has emerged as an exemplary elementary school.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to congratulate Garfield Elementary School on their 50th anniversary and wish them continued success for the future. I call upon my colleagues to join me in applauding their dedication to excellence in the field of education.

IN MEMORY OF BARRY BERINGER, CHIEF COUNSEL FOR THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 20, 2003

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Barry Beringer, chief counsel for the House Committee on Science, who passed away 3 weeks ago.

Barry served the Science Committee for 14 years, under three different Chairmen. He had an immense store of knowledge about the history and jurisdiction of the Committee. He was an invaluable asset in guiding bills through the legislative process, which at times can be cumbersome and confusing. I was always confident that Barry's thoughtful, careful work on parliamentary procedures would result in high-quality legislation and proper procedures.

Prior to joining the Science Committee, Mr. Beringer served as associate undersecretary for economic affairs in the U.S. Department of Commerce. He was a graduate of Dickinson College and active in the Arlington County Republican Committee. I will always remember Barry for his high ethical standards, and his kind way of always putting others' needs before his own. Mr. Beringer was a consummate gentleman, always polite and considerate, and had a wry, but always funny, sense of humor.

I extend my heartfelt condolences to Barry's wife, Bonnie, and their children Francis and

Katie. He will be missed by all of us who were privileged to work with him.

IN MEMORY OF BARRY BERINGER

HON. SHERWOOD BOEHLERT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 20, 2003

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, I want to draw attention today to Barry Beringer, who served on the House Science Committee for over a decade and was the Committee's Chief Counsel for eight years.

Tragically, Barry was taken from us on September 29, after a courageous fight with pancreatic cancer. Until the very end, Barry was committed to the work of the Science Committee. He remained intimately involved even when he could not make it into the office. He acted as a mentor to our associate counsel through frequent telephone conversations, and he always wanted to do more, even as he was struggling with the fatigue and other ordeals of his illness.

Barry had an enormous impact on all of us who worked with him on Capitol Hill—both as a chief counsel and as a person. Barry served as chief counsel under three Chairmen, and that was no accident. Everyone who knew Barry knew that he could be relied upon for sound and proper advice, that he did not shade his answers. We also knew that he knew the Committee history backwards and forwards, that no one would have a better sense of how to make use of precedent. And, above all, we knew that no one knew more people on the Hill and had better relationships with a wide variety of colleagues. Barry could draw upon these relationships for information, for guidance, for assistance. In all his years on the Hill, Barry made only friends.

The strengths Barry had as a colleague grew out of the strengths he had as a person. He could draw upon so many friends on Capitol Hill because of the warm and decent person he was. Barry did not spend his time "networking" or building relationships for utilitarian purposes. He had a network simply because everyone who dealt with him liked him. They knew he was a caring person and a straightforward one. He treated everyone with respect. That is all too rare around the Capitol, and many of the notes we have received about Barry since his death pointed to his basic friendliness and decency.

But those of us who worked with him most closely knew that there was far more to Barry than just a pleasant congeniality. He was smart, funny, passionate, caring and kind. He pursued his interests in politics and history with fervor and good humor.

Yet there was nothing he cared about so much as he cared about his family. He talked often about his wife, Bonnie, and was as proud (and worried) as any parent could be about how his son Francis and his daughter Katie were faring. No one could know Barry without knowing about his family, and Fran gave a moving eulogy for his father.

Barry's loss will be hardest, of course, on his family. But those of us who worked with him all these years will also always have him in our minds and hearts. We still look for Barry when we have a question, and are caught up short by his absence. We tell a joke and wait

to hear his laughter, or his quip in response. We look to him to show us how to behave well in difficult situations, and have to rely instead on the memory of how he acted. But that memory will be kept with us and will help us always.

Barry was, among so many other things, a devoted and model public servant. I know this body will mourn his loss and feel his absence for years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE OF DUPAGE

HON. HENRY J. HYDE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 20, 2003

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Sunil Chand as the new President of the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. Dr. Chand, who began his new duties in July, is only the fourth president to serve at the college since it opened its doors in 1967.

Dr. Chand's career includes teaching and administrative leadership positions in India, his homeland, and in England and the United States. He earned his B.A. and M.A. in English at St. Stephen's College in Delhi, India, where he later taught English. He earned his Doctorate of Literature at Kent State.

Dr. Chand held a variety of positions at Triton College in Illinois, including Dean of Arts and Sciences. He also served as Vice President of Academic Services at Richmond College in London, England, before serving as Executive Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs at Cuyahoga Community College District in Cleveland, Ohio. From there, he moved to his new position at the College of DuPage.

Therefore, I take great pleasure in welcoming Dr. Chand to the Sixth Congressional District of Illinois, and I wish him and the College of DuPage continued success.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. MARGARET WILLIS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 20, 2003

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased and honored to recognize the valuable services of Mrs. Margaret Willis, as she retires as a director of the Northeast-Midwest Institute. For the past 9 years, Margaret has provided commonsense leadership by arguing effectively for policies that protect the environment and provide valuable comfort and dignity for those who are less fortunate. She has also served as the Northwest-Midwest Institute's treasurer and has been very active on several committees of the organization.

Margaret Willis is from Chesterton, IN, and has formerly served as both a member of the Porter County Council, as well as a board member and officer of the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District. While serving as a Democrat County Council member, Margaret was also a liaison to the Porter

County Health Board. She has been a true leader within my Northwest Indiana community by serving as an editor of the Chesterton Tribune, as well as several other local community organizations.

Before her dedicated work in government service, Margaret was the founder of the Indiana Coalition Against Sexual Assault within her community, which was the first support group in Porter County. She has given her time and efforts selflessly through many generous avenues. She has also served on the Chesterton Adult Learning Center Advisory Board, the Porter County League of Women's Voters, as well as the Porter/LaPorte County AIDS Task Force and the Duneland Sierra Club.

Mr. Speaker, I have personally served as vice-chair of the Northeast-Midwest Congressional Coalition. The Institute and Coalition provide many valuable information resources to both Republicans and Democrats. They help to ensure that the region's lawmakers advance Great Lakes restoration, brownfield redevelopment, as well as many other very important environmental issues. I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join with me in congratulating and applauding Margaret Willis for her sincere dedication and guidance to not only the Northeast-Midwest Institute, but for her lifetime of hard work and leadership to all members of her community.

OCTOBER SCHOOL OF THE MONTH

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 20, 2003

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, it's with great pride that I announce McVey Elementary School in the East Meadow Union Free School District as School of the Month in the Fourth Congressional District for October 2003.

The principal of McVey Elementary School is Dr. Rita Meyerowitz, Ellen Waldron is the Assistant Principal, and the Superintendent of Schools is Dr. Robert Dillon and its three Assistant Superintendents are Leon Camp, Lou DeAngelo, and Lynn Manouvrier. McVey Elementary School has over 832 students in grades kindergarten through grade 5, with over 100 dedicated staff members.

McVey Elementary School recently completed commemorative September 11 gardens, which is why, with their continued strong curriculum, I have chosen McVey as school of the month. Since 2001, the students have been taking part in the planting and caring for the gardens. The gardens were given names by the students and stones were engraved with patriotic names. The gardens allowed the opportunity for the students, and faculty, to remember the lost in their own way while constructing a memorial. Students gave much time and dedication towards this project and although some of the students have moved on to middle school, the garden will be there as a reminder of their work and more importantly as a tribute to those who lost their lives.

The learning begins in Kindergarten. McVey Elementary School has an activity called "Dino-dig." This allows the students to learn about the history of dinosaurs and fossils while having fun. Education is about learning