

HONORING THE PANETTA
INSTITUTE**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Leon and Sylvia Panetta, both dedicated members of the Central Coast and Washington, DC communities. Specifically, I would like to address their efforts regarding the founding of the Panetta Institute, a non-partisan center for the study of public policy. Located at the California State University, Monterey Bay, the institute serves the entire CSU system, as well as providing insight and policy information for legislators around the country.

Soon after its founding in 1998, the Panetta Institute quickly became an integral contributor to the political community in a variety of media. One of the main focuses of the program is to equip today's young people with the practical skills of governance, all the while inspiring a life-long dedication to public service. In these efforts to develop ambitious and successful leaders, the Panettas have, in turn, provided legislators in California and DC with over 120 well-trained and informed interns. It suffices to say that, through their thoughtful and effective program, the Panettas have designed a quality system that greatly benefits both the student and legislative office. After working with students from the Panetta Institute in my office, it is clear that they are well oriented with the governmental process.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to commend Leon and Sylvia Panetta for their commitment to supporting sustainable progress in the 21st century by researching public policy and nourishing tomorrow's leaders. Their many contributions to all of us in office are invaluable. I am honored to represent the Panettas in Congress, as well as to hold the office that Leon himself held with dignity prior to my tenure.

CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF
CHRISTINA JENKINS**HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a pioneer in the field of cosmetology. Christina M. Jenkins, a resident of Cleveland Heights, Ohio who invented the process known as hair weaving, passed away recently at the age of 82.

A native of Louisiana, Christina Jenkins graduated with a bachelor's degree in science from Leland College near Baton Rouge, Louisiana in 1943. She began researching ways to secure wigs and hairpieces while working for a Chicago wig manufacturer in 1949. She moved to Malvern, Ohio near Canton and continued developing what she called the Hairweev process, which was designed for making hairdos longer and fuller by weaving extensions onto existing hair.

She received a patent in 1951 for her hair weaving method that continues to be used by

hairstylists around the world. Jenkins taught her technique to cosmetologists at Christina's HairWeev Penthouse Salon in Shaker Heights until 1993. She also conducted training sessions in Europe.

Once a process only used by entertainers and people with extreme hair loss, hair weaving has become a common practice allowing people to appear as though they were born with thick, luxurious heads of hair. Its popularity has made the hair weaving business a billion dollar industry.

Christina was married to popular jazz pianist Herman "Duke" Jenkins. To this union was born one daughter, Sheila Jenkins-Cochran.

On behalf of the people of the 11th Congressional District, I wish to commend Christina Jenkins. Her revolutionary contributions to the field of cosmetology have helped to boost the self-esteem of men and women across the world.

IN HONOR OF MIKE CHAPPELL

HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, as we wrap up this year's congressional work, I want to take this opportunity to salute and honor Mike Chappell, a native of McComb, Mississippi. He has been a trusted advisor, wise counselor, and valued assistant to me both during my work in service of Mississippi's Third District, and in my campaigns for that office.

Over the past seven years I saw Mike hone his natural political instincts and quick grasp of policy into a strong ability to shape and influence the debate and outcome of our work. He knows the "Four Ps" of congressional work: process, politics, policy, and personalities.

After my first election, he helped me open my congressional office and has served diligently each year since. But a few months ago he moved on to the private sector to work in the firm Fierce & Isakowitz, described by Fortune Magazine this year as "the most skilled practitioners of persuasion in Washington."

Mike has been a friend on whose advice I could always trust and whose instincts for policy and politics are the best in the business. He knows how the Hill game is played, he knows the players, and he has memorized the playbook. Fierce & Isakowitz has hired a great asset and while I certainly miss him, I am excited for his new opportunity.

Mike Chappell is an example of the type of political leadership Mississippi has to offer our country. His work has been a tribute to his parents, his community, his alma mater—the Golden Eagles of the University of Southern Mississippi—and his state. I also appreciate the sacrifice of his wife Angie as Mike put in long, hard hours in my office over the past several years.

I know while working in the private sector he will continue to advance and represent the values we share, those values he learned from his parents in McComb, those values he continues to exhibit in his advancement of positive policy here in our nation's capital.

Mike Chappell left a formative mark on the shape and operation of my office. We will miss his humor, wit, and passion for his work. But I thank him for his service to this office and to Mississippi.

IN MEMORY OF E.W. JOHNSON, JR.

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of E.W. Johnson, Jr., who passed away at the age of 72 on November 21, 2003. E.W. was born in Lafayette County where he spent his entire life. I am saddened to learn of his death and wish to recognize his life and achievements.

Born in Stamps in 1931, E.W. worked at Arkansas Power and Light Company. E.W. was no stranger to public service; those who knew him well say he was very active in all aspects of the Stamps Community. E.W. was chairman of Deacons at First Baptist Church, a member of the Lafayette County Quorum Court, and involved with the Stamps Rotary. E.W. was also a veteran of the United States Air Force. At the time of his passing, he was serving as Mayor of Stamps, a position he held for eight years.

I know E.W.'s death was especially difficult for his wife, Virginia Johnson, his sister, Martha Sue Robinson, and his great nieces and nephews, Diane Pennington, Lori Pennington, Josh Pennington, Laura Hill, Conner Hill, and Taylor Hill. I have kept them in my thoughts and in my prayers. While E.W. Johnson, Jr. may no longer be with us, his spirit and his legacy live on in the examples he set and the many lives he touched.

RECOGNIZING AARON SPENCER
WILLIAMS FOR ACHIEVING THE
RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Aaron Spencer Williams, 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 260, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Aaron has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the nine years Aaron has been involved with Scouting, he has earned 31 merit badges and has held numerous leadership positions, serving as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, and Librarian. Aaron also attended H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation for five years and is a Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say.

For his Eagle Scout project, Aaron constructed a mobile school supply store for Eastgate Middle School in North Kansas City, Missouri.

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