

India, even those he knew only a short time. People loved Kesh for his honesty, intelligence and humor.

Kesh passed away on Thursday, November 13 after he appeared on CNN in a interview with Lou Dobbs where he defended India in the growing political issue of outsourcing. Keshavan is survived by his father and sister.

I ask all my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to a journalist, public servant and tireless community activist, Narayan Keshavan.

RECOGNIZING WOODS-VALENTINE MORTUARY'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Mr. SCHIFF. I rise today to honor Woods-Valentine Mortuary in Pasadena, California. Woods-Valentine Mortuary, one of the oldest African-American, family-owned and operated businesses in the twenty-ninth Congressional District, is celebrating its 75th anniversary on December 14, 2003.

The James Woods Funeral Parlor, located at 87 S. Vernon Avenue in Pasadena, was founded in 1928 by James and Annie Mae Woods. In 1950, after the death of Mr. Woods, his nephew Fred W. Valentine continued to run the business for Mrs. Woods. In 1954, Fred and his wife, Arzella, purchased the business and it became the Woods-Valentine Mortuary. The Valentines relocated the business to its current location at 1455 N. Fair Oaks Avenue in 1963 and built a new structure, which received a Pasadena Beautiful Foundation award for architectural design and color coordination.

Woods-Valentine Mortuary has a well-deserved reputation as a professional, compassionate and dignified business. The mortuary staff members serve the community not only by offering counseling and funeral services, but also by their immense community and civic involvement.

Fred and Arzella Valentine have served on the boards of many professional and civic organizations, such as the Los Angeles County Funeral Directors Association, the National Funeral Directors Association, the California Board of Funeral Directors, the Pasadena Altadena Links, and the Soroptomist Club. The Valentines are also members of many civic organizations including the San Gabriel Valley Black Business Association, the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce, the Pasadena Urban League, and are lifetime members and past board members of the Pasadena NAACP. In addition, the Valentines have sponsored Northwest Pasadena Little League teams for forty years, volunteered for many years in Pasadena's public schools and libraries, and contribute annually to many scholarship funds. They are also active in their church, Friendship Baptist Church.

Woods-Valentine Mortuary is truly a family-owned business. Fred and Arzella's daughters, Janyce Valentine and Gail Valentine Taylor, are part owners. Arzella's sister, Vannie Brown, Fred's brothers, Clifton Valentine (who died in 1999) and James Adkins, along with Laven Lanier, James Barker, Ernest Gomez, Lenston Marrow, James Ross, Leo Vaughn, Julius Henderson and Juan Wooden, are other

members of the "Woods-Valentine Mortuary family" who have greatly contributed to the success of the business.

I ask all Members to join me today in honoring Woods-Valentine Mortuary for its 75 years of dedicated service to the community.

HONORING N.A. "TURK" BAZ

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute and honor Turk Baz. I have known Turk for many years, and he is a testament to the service, dedication, and diligence to his listeners on the local radio by providing daily weather updates.

Turk, a veteran radio broadcaster and owner of WDEB FM/AM, has been a fixture in Fentress County, Tennessee, for many years. He was recently honored by the National Weather Service for his more than 20 years of service by presenting him with its John Campanius Holm Award. The annual award goes to 25 individuals among the agency's 11,000 plus volunteer weather observers: The award has been given since 1959.

One of his greatest qualities is his modesty. During the acceptance ceremony, he said he was accepting the award on behalf of his radio station's staff and the many volunteers who are part of the Fentress County Emergency Service Organization. Fentress Countians are blessed to have someone like Turk looking out for them.

HONORING THE STATE WINNER AND NATIONAL FINALIST FOR RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Monical's Pizza Corporation (Monical's) for being the State winner and national finalist for Recognition of Outstanding Commitment to the Community and being awarded the Restaurant Neighbor Awards. This is the 5th annual year for the award.

One day a week, for 17 weeks, youths participating in the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program receive an education on drug abuse resistance. Monical's saw this as an opportunity to help reach out to youths before drug addiction starts. Since 1990, the restaurant has handed out more than 200,000 free pizza certificates to children who complete the D.A.R.E. program—a contribution totaling more than \$1 million.

Monical's commitment to D.A.R.E. began with a simple collaboration with the Lincoln, Illinois, police department to donate pizzas to students who graduated from D.A.R.E. Today, Monical's extends this opportunity to every community D.A.R.E. program located near one of their 50-plus restaurants. This translates into a value of more than \$1 million. Students also receive a coupon for a Monical's Family

Pleaser so they can bring the entire family for a celebration of their graduation.

Mr. Speaker, I urge this body to identify and recognize other companies in their own districts whose actions have so greatly benefitted and strengthened America's families and communities.

CAPT GEORGE A. WOOD—A NATION MOURNS HIS LOSS

HON. SHERWOOD BOEHLERT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, the people of New York's 24th Congressional District and America suffered a terrible loss on November 20, 2003. U.S. Army Captain George A. Wood, originally of Marcy, New York, died while valiantly serving his country in the War in Iraq. He paid the ultimate price to ensure our liberty. He gave his life so that the people of Iraq could live without repression and fear—and he gave his life so that Americans could feel safe to live their lives under a blanket of freedom. That freedom comes with a high price and we are eternally grateful for his dedication and commitment to the ideals that we hold dear.

Captain Wood personified the qualities and dedication that make our U.S. military the greatest armed forces in the world. As a young man in the Mohawk Valley, Captain Wood excelled in both academics and athletics. He was known as a "history buff," going on to earn a bachelor's degree from the Ivy League's Cornell University. He continued his education by earning master's degrees at both State University of New York-Cortland and State University of New York-Albany. Captain Wood's athletic endeavors led him to captain the Notre Dame Junior-Senior High School football team in his senior year. He hoped to one day share his love of football as a coach at the West Point Military Academy.

Captain Wood was assigned to the Army's 4th Infantry Division based in Fort Hood, Texas. He was killed while on patrol when his tank rolled over an improvised explosive device.

I ask my colleagues in the House, and all Americans, to extend our prayers and sympathy to his wife Lisa and their 3-year old daughter Maria, Captain Wood's mother and stepfather Maria and Michael Babula of Marcy, New York, as well as the rest of his family. Together we honor this fallen American hero.

NATIONAL CONSUMERS LEAGUE PRESIDENT LINDA GOLODNER ENDORSES INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 3139, THE YOUTH WORKER PROTECTION ACT

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, as you are aware, at the start of the 20th century the state of child labor conditions in our country was so deplorable that it was not uncommon for children to be working 60 or 70-hour weeks

in the hardest forms of labor—in our nation's mines, mills and in the farm fields. It was these conditions that the National Consumers League was created to alleviate.

Through the hard work and dedication of its members, the National Consumers League was able to secure the passage of the Fair Labor Standards Act in 1938. This monumental legislation has been the backbone for ensuring that American workers are treated fairly and humanely. Specifically, the legislation enacted sweeping reforms to the use of child labor in our country that were designed to prevent the exploitation of youth workers.

In the 60 years since the passage of this extraordinary legislation our economy has changed dramatically. It is appalling to learn that in our great country, the occupational injury rate for children and teens is more than twice as high than it is for adults. In fact, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) estimates that every year 230,000 teens are injured on the job. I am certain that all of my colleagues will agree with me that these statistics are a national disgrace and are totally unacceptable for a civilized, advanced society such as ours.

That is why I introduced H.R. 3139, the Youth Worker Protection Act, a bill that will modernize America's child labor laws. I am also honored to report that in 2003, just like 1938, the National Consumers League was instrumental in the drafting of this legislation and I am confident that with their support we will be successful in securing its passage.

I am delighted that Linda Golodner, President of the National Consumers League and a tireless advocate to advance progressive change in our country was standing next to me when I introduced the Youth Worker Protection Act. Her eloquence on the need for reform to our nation's child labor laws should be shared with our Congressional colleagues, Mr. Speaker, and I therefore request that her statement be placed in the Congressional Record.

STATEMENT OF LINDA GOLODNER

Thank you for coming today. I'm Linda Golodner, president of the National Consumers League and co-chair of the Child Labor Coalition. I am joined today by Congressman Tom Lantos and Maggie Carey from Beverly, Massachusetts.

More than one-hundred years ago, Florence Kelley, first executive secretary of the National Consumers League, led a national effort to press Congress for tough laws to protect working children. Her goal was achieved in 1938 with the passage of the Fair Labor Standards Act, which includes child labor provisions. The Act addresses child labor and the workplace realities of the early 20th century—not the early 21st century. The early reformers would I am sure find it inconceivable that these hard fought child labor laws have not been revisited since that time. Updates to the Fair Labor Standards Act are long overdue. Our nation's most vulnerable workers—many of whom are too young to have a driver's license—deserve 21st-century protection from unsafe and inappropriate working conditions.

The National Consumers League and our more than 40 member organizations in the Child Labor Coalition have been working since for almost 15 years to protect the health, education, and safety of working minors. We have advocated for stronger child labor enforcement and for higher penalties for those who violate the law—especially those that result in a young worker's serious

injury or fatality. We have focused on child labor reform that reflects the realities of today's workplaces and today's educational needs.

Young people who choose to have after school jobs should not have to compromise their education to do so. Yet, many do. Under the Fair Labor Standards Act, a 16- and 17-year-old can try to juggle as much as 40 hours of work per week, in addition to their 30 hours of school. Combined, this is more work than is expected of most adults in this country. Whether short-sighted about their own education or facing coercion from employers, many young people work too many hours. Studies show that when teens work over 20 hours a week while school is in session that their grades go down and often alcohol and drug abuses escalate. Many work well over 20 hours a week in after-school and weekend jobs.

Teen worker injuries are also escalating. The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health has raised estimates on youth worker injuries from 200,000 in 1992 to 230,000 in 1998. Every year, between 60-70 young people die in the workplace. Outdated child labor laws—written in the 1930s—cannot and do not adequately protect our nation's young workers from workplace hazards.

We have high expectations for the passage of the Youth Worker Protection Act. Our highest expectation is that passage of the bill will lead to fewer injuries, fewer deaths, and remove the too often scenario of a youth's first job being his last job. I will leave it to Congressman Tom Lantos to tell you how.

We have high expectations that the passage of the bill will put youth employment in its proper place—as a positive first experience in the world of work. But the first job of any young person today is education—Education that will prepare that teenager to be a productive worker tomorrow.

No teenager expects that they will get hurt on the after-school or weekend job. And, as a nation, we are not assuring young people that the law protects them from harm in the workplace. The passage of the Youth Worker Protection Act would be a step in the right direction. But for now, it is the National Consumers League commitment to teen workers and their parents to arm them with information they need to think twice when choosing that job. Check out www.nclnet.org/childlabor for new materials about laws that do exist and how to avoid dangerous work, including NCL's five worst teen jobs.

This fall, nine American families won't enjoy the back-to-school festivities as usual. Nine families are mourning the deaths of their children over this last summer. The cause of death? Workplace injuries. Every 30 seconds, a young worker under the age of 18 is injured on the job. On average, every five days, one of the injuries is fatal.

Such losses are indefensible. Especially deaths from workplace injuries, which could have been prevented with stronger laws protecting young workers and stronger government commitment to enforcement and prosecution under the law.

HONORING THE HONORABLE
ALSON H. SMITH, JR.

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, Mr. WOLF and I rise today to honor former

Delegate Alston H. Smith, Jr., an outstanding citizen of Winchester, Virginia, who, for nearly half a century, has served his community and country.

Delegate Smith's successful career began in 1954 when he cofounded Shenandoah Foods 2000, a major employer for the Shenandoah Valley. He served on the boards of both Jefferson Bankshares and First Bank, playing a critical role in assisting the economic development of western Virginia.

Delegate Smith also faithfully served in the Virginia House of Delegates for over 20 years, where he was a Democratic leader and tireless advocate of public education. He was instrumental in the development of the Winchester/Frederick County area, bringing critical improvements to his beloved Shenandoah University.

Delegate Smith not only dedicated himself to the Winchester/Frederick County area, but also worked to bring progress to the entire Commonwealth. For nearly a decade, he served the interests of the coalfields of Virginia as chairman of the House Mining and Mineral Resources Committee.

Delegate Smith certainly has recognized that the surest way to make a difference is to begin in his local community. Additionally, he generously has donated much of his personal time to improving economic development opportunities and education for all Virginians. Delegate Smith loves the Valley and loves Virginia. All of Virginia extends their heartfelt thanks for his continuing role in improving the lives of our children, families, and seniors.

Mr. Speaker, the life and service of this Virginian serves as a shining example to all who wish to improve education and opportunity through civic and community involvement. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding Delegate Smith.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO KAROL
SACCA

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

of colorado

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to rise and pay tribute to an outstanding educator from my district. Karol Sacca from Carbondale, Colorado has dedicated her life to the betterment of young people and I am proud to call her contributions to the attention of this body of Congress and our nation.

Karol has been a teacher for a quarter of a century. She has spent the last eighteen years at Roaring Fork High School, where she is currently the school's librarian. In this position, Karol's endless enthusiasm and tireless dedication to her students has resulted in many accomplishments.

Karol created a student media center at Roaring Fork High School and also spearheaded the creation of many innovative reading programs as well. Karol's voluntary reading programs have attracted the participation of over half of the school's students. This level of student participation is a testament to Karol's ability to connect with her students. Karol's ability and conviction have earned her the respect of educators statewide. She is currently one of four finalists for Colorado's Teacher of the Year Award.