

TRIBUTE TO KEMMONS WILSON

HON. HAROLD E. FORD, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 13, 2003

Mr. FORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kemmons Wilson, beloved father, friend and businessman, who died February 12 at his home in Memphis, Tennessee at the age of 90. An innovative entrepreneur and benevolent philanthropist, Mr. Wilson is best known as the founder of the Holiday Inns hotel chain.

Kemmons Wilson was born in Osceola, Arkansas, but spent most of his life in Memphis, where he was well respected and well known for his business, community and philanthropic involvement. He traveled the world developing the hotel chain that made him an international business legend. Over the years he visited palaces and dined with royalty, yet he always stayed grounded. Kemmons Wilson kept the "common man" in mind because he always thought of himself as one. Mr. Wilson came from a background where he and his mother struggled greatly after the death of his father, and during the Great Depression they both worked hard just to survive. The desire to never be hungry again drove Kemmons Wilson to achieve.

On one fateful trip from Memphis to Washington, D.C. in the early '50s, Kemmons Wilson, traveling with five children in tow, found it impossible to find nice lodging where they wouldn't be charged extra for children. Frustrated but inspired, Kemmons Wilson founded the first Holiday Inn, vowing to provide average families with comfortable, affordable accommodations. Over the next fifty years, his bold vision, pioneering spirit and hard work made him a business icon, and his brainchild, Holiday Inn, changed the face of the hotel industry forever. Today countless locations and vacations later, the hotel chain Mr. Wilson founded is still helping families create lasting memories together.

Kemmons Wilson's generous, life-long philanthropy testifies to his devotion to family and community. Whether it was to his church where he was a member for 46 years, or to the University of Memphis where he built the only Hospitality and Resort Management school of its kind in the southeast, Kemmons Wilson gave joyfully and abundantly. He remembered how often he had been helped along the way, and he was glad to help others in return.

Mr. Speaker, Kemmons Wilson worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for families around the world, and he will be remembered not only as a business legend but also as a caring family man and devoted friend who always remembered his roots. I thank the speaker for allowing me to honor him today.

AFFORDABLE COLLEGE
EDUCATION ACT OF 2003**HON. ZOE LOFGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

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Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, in the State of the Union address, President Bush proposed

large tax cuts that primarily benefit the top 1 percent of taxpayers. According to the Congressional Budget Office, the President's tax cut and other proposals will constitute a majority of the projected \$2.1 trillion dollar debt. I object to this; Democrats object to this. But the President and the Republican Party have ignored these objections.

The President's plan to eliminate the corporate tax on dividends comprises the bulk of his proposed tax cut—\$364 of the \$674 billion dollar package—nearly 50 percent.

If the President wants us to cut \$674 billion dollars in taxes, we should do this right. We should promote a prosperous future for America. We should encourage the intellectual development of our nation's youth. We should focus on families, and students, and make college possible for everyone.

Consider the facts—From 1991 to 2001, college tuition grew faster than inflation and family income. According to the College Board, average tuition and fees grew by 38 percent at public four-year institutions and 37 percent at private four-year institutions. Over the same period, median family income increased by only 8 percent.

In the last year alone, public universities faced the largest single-year increase in 10 years. In my district, San Jose State University fees increased by 10 percent this year and could increase an additional 20 to 25 percent next year due to state budget cuts.

In addition, the burden of student loans continues to increase. Average student loan debt is now close to \$17,000, up from \$8,000 in just seven years.

We cannot let families and students continue to shoulder the burden of rising costs in higher education. This is why I am introducing the Affordable College Education Act of 2003, ACE.

ACE puts money back in the pockets of middle-class families who need help with college costs. It will allow American taxpayers to fully deduct college expenses, including tuition, fees, books, supplies, transportation, housing and meal plans. This bill will also help Americans saddled with student loan debt by allowing them to deduct all student loan interest.

ACE breaks down financial barriers and ensures what every family wants for their children: the opportunity for higher education. I urge you to support this bill and deal an ACE for American families facing the daunting costs of college.

TRIBUTE TO PAUL McENCROE

SPEECH OF

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize Mr. Paul McEncroe of Evergreen, Colorado. At this time, I would like to pay tribute to the life of Mr. McEncroe. Paul will be remembered as a man of great spirit, charm, and friendliness by all of those whom he knew.

Mr. McEncroe was born in 1922 in Chicago. Both Paul and his wife, Donna, attended

Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. During his early life, Paul worked as an office machine salesman in Chicago, San Diego, and Milwaukee, before he and Donna moved to Colorado. In 1965, they purchased the El Rancho Restaurant near Evergreen, Colorado. Paul was a friendly and likeable owner who greeted patrons at the door of El Rancho with his quick wit and a smile. Paul's wonderful personality helped him to win the 1977 Lakewood Sentinel's Man of the Year award. Paul and his wife continued to run the restaurant for more than twenty years until they retired in 1998.

As an avid bicycling enthusiast, Mr. McEncroe had not only enough energy to run a successful restaurant, but also spent countless hours involved in his community as well. He worked with the Colorado Philharmonic Orchestra Board, and was a member of the Saint Anthony Hospital Flight for Life advisory board. At one point in time, Paul also served on the Jefferson County School Board. Mr. McEncroe gave back to his community in countless ways, and will be remembered fondly for all of his hard work and dedication.

Mr. Speaker, it is with humble respect that I recognize Mr. Paul McEncroe before this body of Congress and this nation. He was an excellent man whose memory will live on in the lives of those he touched, especially his family. It gives me great pride to be able to honor such a man.

RETIREMENT OF COACH WILSON
TERRELL, JR.**HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 13, 2003

Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, for the past 41 years, Wilson Terrell has coached basketball for the Laurel City School District, influencing the lives of many of the young men within the community of Laurel, Mississippi. While some people remember him as a coach, I remember him as someone who enjoyed mentoring and teaching students as much as he loved the game of basketball.

Since the beginning of his coaching career in 1962, he has been a role model for many young men. He taught them how to respect others, how to take responsibility for their actions, and a discipline of hard work and accountability. He has been a strong asset to the Laurel City School District and the community.

During his time as coach he led the Laurel Tornados to several District Championships and to the State playoffs. Coach Terrell loved to win at basketball, but more importantly, he loved to see his students succeed in life. Wilson Terrell is truly a man of incredible character. As a former student in the Laurel public schools, I am honored to join with the entire community, and his former and current students and players, to wish him well in his retirement and to thank him for his invaluable service.