

IN HONOR OF HAROLD BROWN

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 3, 2003

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend Harold Brown. Harold is celebrating his 30th anniversary as chief executive officer at Prairie du Chien Memorial Hospital.

Wisconsin's second oldest city, Prairie du Chien, is a town of 5,500 people that is rich in both history and culture. Located on the beautiful Mississippi River, Prairie du Chien works hard to maintain its pioneer heritage. Memorial Hospital, a model for rural hospitals around the country, is a 40-bed facility that receives approximately 1,800 admissions and 6,600 emergency room visits each year. Under Harold's guidance, Prairie du Chien Memorial Hospital has won both national and state awards for its exemplary service.

My friend Harold has brought an enormous amount of leadership to his position at the hospital. He has been a small and rural hospital administrator for 37 years and was previously a health care consultant and medical education administrator for 6 years. He has received numerous awards, most recently the Governor's Exemplary Employers Award and the Wisconsin Children's Trust Fund Award, both in 2002. In 1988, Harold received the Louis Gorin Award for Outstanding Contribution to Rural Health Care by the National Rural Health Association. Continually awarded the Employee of the Year Award by the employees of Memorial Hospital, he also received the Community Distinguished Service Recognition Award for 25 years of service.

From 1985 to 1990, Harold worked hard to provide new services for the elderly at Memorial Hospital. He developed and implemented certified hospice and rural regional hospice, as well as day care for the elderly. He helped establish an independent living program for seniors, as well as meals-on-wheels service. Further, Harold was instrumental in starting elderly apartment housing, as well as a companion care program.

In 1990, Harold expanded Memorial Hospital's service to the community to include, among other programs, child day care, expanded rehab services, athletic training, parish nursing, and personal care.

A longtime member of the Wisconsin Hospital Association, Harold is also a part of the National Rural Hospital Association, serving as the group's president in 1996. He is also a board member of the Rural Wisconsin Hospital Cooperative, an organization that includes 26 rural hospitals. A member of the AIDS committee, Harold is involved with Shared Health Services, a corporation providing services to 400 hospitals and nursing homes.

Harold continues to take an interest in Prairie du Chien. A highly active member of the community, he is a member of the City Planning Council, the Special School Board Committee, and the St. Peter's Lutheran Church Council. His service has not gone unnoticed; in 1997, Harold was awarded the Volunteer of the Year Award by the National Rural Health Association. He received the Prairie du Chien Area Chamber of Commerce C.F. LaPointe Award in 1999, an honor that is given annually for service to one's community. He has committed himself to not only the healthcare

needs of Prairie du Chien but to its other needs as well.

Harold's service to the state of Wisconsin and the community of Prairie du Chien has been tremendous. He has dedicated much of his life to providing quality health care and has touched many lives along the way. Harold is truly a man of great service, and I feel privileged to call him a friend.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAYOR PAUL JADIN

HON. MARK GREEN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, today before this house I'd like to recognize and honor Mayor Paul Jadin, whose exceptional leadership and commitment to the citizens of Green Bay have strengthened our community, and set a superb example for our future leaders.

Paul's dedicated service as mayor spanned 8 years. During that time, he helped our struggling downtown find new life, eliminated a score of government inefficiencies, revitalized our neighborhoods, and showed our business community that it makes sense to reinvest in a city like Green Bay.

As a friend and colleague, I am sad to see Paul leave. However, I know that his constituents are very grateful for the tremendous contributions he has made to our community throughout his tenure. Green Bay is a strong community with an exceptional work force, a proud history, and a wholesome tradition. There's no question Paul has kept Green Bay on that path.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor and pleasure to recognize today the extraordinary service of Mayor Paul Jadin. On behalf of my constituents, we say thank you, and we wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

REINTRODUCTION OF AMERICANS ABROAD LEGISLATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 3, 2003

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce legislation that would require a test census of Americans abroad in 2004. There are approximately 3 million to 6 million private American citizens living and working overseas, and many of them continue to vote and pay taxes in the United States. These citizens help increase exports of American goods, because they traditionally buy American, sell American, and create business opportunities for American companies and workers. Their role in strengthening the U.S. economy, creating jobs in the United States, and extending U.S. influence around the globe is vital to the well-being of our Nation. From a test census, we will learn methods and ways to count Americans abroad accurately. The legislation's goal is to include, if possible, all of these missed citizens in the 2010 decennial census.

A CELEBRATION OF YOUTH IN HONOR OF CLAIRE MARGARET SMITH OF MICHIGAN

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 3, 2003

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the birth and life of Claire Smith, born to our son Brad and his wife Diane on February 2, 1992. It was in this year on my birthday, November 5, that I was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives; 1992 was the international space year and my first committee assignment was Science.

It is for Claire, and for all our children and grandchildren, that we in Congress continue to push the boundaries of science, invention, and technology, so that their lives, will be better and more productive in the years to come.

My wife Bonnie and I join with Claire's other grandparents, Neville and Jennifer Monteith from Kitchener, ON in celebrating this young life and all the opportunities we have through science to make the future better for our legacy, those children and grandchildren like Claire Smith.

HONORING GREGORY HAWKINS FOR HIS ACHIEVEMENT OF 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 Gregory Hawkins, 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 66, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Gregory has been very active with his troop, participating in such Scout activities as Camp Geiger, Camp Bartle, and 45 nights of camping with his troop. Additionally, Gregory has earned 33 merit badges for activities and projects he has participated in. During his time with Troop 66, he has been involved in over 112 hours of community service that the troop has performed.

For his Eagle Scout project, Gregory landscaped an area next to Clinton County Middle School. He moved a tree and constructed and installed five benches for the middle school students to use.

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

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF THE CREDIT UNION

HON. DOUG OSE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 3, 2003

Mr. OSE. Mr. Speaker, in 1953, the roots of Heritage Community Credit Union were planted. This year the Credit Union, and all those

who enjoy its unique service, celebrate its 50th Anniversary.

It was 1953 when seven civilians working on Mather Air Force Base recognized a need for better financial service on base. Each member contributed \$5 to form what was then called Mather Civilian Credit Union. In 1962 the Credit Union merged with another military credit union to form Mather Federal Credit Union.

In an effort to increase membership the Credit Union added products and services such as mortgage loans, Priority Line Audio Response, and a Telephone Services Department. In 1992, the Credit Union merged with Electrical Workers #340 Credit Union to add 1600 new members. In a third effort to expand membership the Credit Union merged with Proctor & Gamble Employees Federal Credit Union, which added another 1600 new members.

On December 14, 1998, Mather Federal Credit Union members voted to convert to a State chartered community credit union. Membership eligibility was again broadened to include anyone living or working in Sacramento County and the name was changed to Heritage Community Credit Union.

It is no surprise that the Credit Union has received "Business of the Year," "Federal Credit Union of the Year" and "The Best Small Business to Work for in the Sacramento Area." The Credit Union has devoted countless hours and financial support to local charities and philanthropic causes. The Credit Union has used its rapid growth and increased recognition to serve not only its members but also the entire community.

Our community is indeed proud of Heritage Community Credit Union and its history. And I am proud to congratulate the members and staff as we celebrate its 50th Anniversary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday April 1, 2003, I meant to vote "yea" on rollcall vote No. 96.

I support H.R. 1412, the HEROES Act of 2003, a bipartisan bill recognizing the contributions of our men and women in uniform serving in the Middle East.

Hundreds of thousands of the United States military personnel have been called upon to serve in active duty for "Operation Iraqi Freedom." Some of our troops serving in this conflict are student reservists who were called up from their college campuses to serve their country, many of whom receive financial aid to help pay for their college education. While many other active military personnel are paying back their student loans.

The Act extends waiver authority to the Secretary of Education to ensure that members of the Armed Services and students are not punished financially as a result of their voluntary service to our country at time of war, or a national emergency.

While H.R. 1412 is a necessary and appropriate step, we should also recognize that Congress should be doing more to provide relief to our active military personnel. We should

take additional steps such as allowing military personnel to defer their student loans while they are on active duty, so that military personnel would not be charged interest on their student loans for the duration of their active duty. We must do everything that we can to recognize and to reward the sacrifices of the courageous men and women who are fighting in "Operation Iraqi Freedom."

A CELEBRATION OF YOUTH IN HONOR OF EMILY BEATRICE SMITH OF MICHIGAN

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

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Thursday, April 3, 2003

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the birth and life of our second grandchild, Emily Smith, born on March 9, 1989 to our son Brad and his wife Diane.

The year of her birth was a time of change for America and the world. A new President, George Bush Sr., took office. More importantly it was the year that the world ushered in a new era of peace. On the second of May, Emily Smith was a just a few months old, but her future would be changed forever. It was in 1989 that the Berlin Wall fell and forty-five years of conflict and fear were soon behind us. It was a new era of prosperity, potential, and peace.

As we stand here today decisive moments confront us, but we have the opportunity to give Emily Smith, and all our children and grandchildren, the peace that we knew in 1989. It is my hope that by our work and decisions today we can give them peace for tomorrow.

My wife Bonnie and I join Emily's other grandparents, Neville and Jennifer Monteith from Kitchener, ON, in celebrating this wonderful person.

JWOD PROGRAM

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 3, 2003

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, for the past 64 years the Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Program has empowered Americans who are blind or severely disabled by providing them with a diverse set of employment opportunities. Today 38,000 disabled Americans are realizing their potential by working in their local communities across the country under this program. These Americans are proud to provide federal and military customers with a wide array of SKILCRAFT and other JWOD products and services. The JWOD Program prides itself on delivering high quality products and services at a competitive price in the most convenient way possible.

Some of the product categories offered by the JWOD program include office supplies, military specific, safety, maintenance, repair, medical-surgical, janitorial-sanitation, and customization. The services that are provided to the federal and military customer include but aren't limited to call center and switchboard operation, military base and federal of-

fice building supply centers, CD-Rom duplication-replication, data entry, document imaging and grounds care.

I rise today in support of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Program and the opportunities it provides for an underemployed population of hard working Americans. Furthermore, I urge my colleagues to purchase SKILCRAFT and JWOD products from the House-Senate Stationary stores not only because of their quality and value, but also because of the socioeconomic benefits that can come from supporting the program. By purchasing these products and using these services we are enabling more disabled Americans to have the opportunity to become taxpayers. Today in Runnemede, New Jersey, X blind Americans are employed under the JWOD Program and are producing X items or services for us, the federal customer.

The JWOD Program is administered by the Presidentially-appointed Committee For Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, with much assistance from National Industries for the Blind (NIB) and NISH, which serves people with a wide range of disabilities. More than 650 local nonprofit agencies associated with NIB and NISH employ people who are blind or disabled to produce the quality products and offer the services authorized for sale to the federal government under the JWOD Program.

The JWOD Program is a great illustration of a successful partnership that has the ability to continuously grow with the changing procurement environment within the federal government.

The Javits-Wagner O'Day Program works for America.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO DR. GERALD E. WOOD AS HE TAKES THE HELM AT DEFIANCE COLLEGE

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 3, 2003

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay special tribute to Dr. Gerald E. Wood. Tomorrow, Dr. Wood will be inaugurated as Defiance College's 17th president. He has spent his entire life "writing, reading and doing" to have an opportunity like the one that has been placed before him. Dr. Wood would tell you that his involvement in higher education "is a calling, not just a job."

Dr. Wood has spent the better part of his life focusing on the values that he holds the most dear. His core values are the liberating experience of learning and the importance of community. These principles will serve him and the Defiance College community very well as he officially takes the reigns from outgoing president, Dr. James Harris.

Dr. Wood is keenly aware of the good things that happen at Defiance College. Given his credentials for this position, I have no doubt that he will expand upon the successes at Defiance College, ultimately taking the institution to a new level.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Wood was not looking for the opportunity to make a change in his career, rather this opportunity came to him. An official working with Defiance College matched his credentials with the college in terms of experience and commitment in general and, in