

On July 12, 2001, Curtis R. Patterson, a customer service technician with Southwestern Bell Telephone and a member of the Communications Workers of America, Local 6225 of Waco, was on his way home from work when he came upon an automobile accident. A car driven by Margaret Ratliff had left the road and struck a wooden utility pole. The collision brought down power lines at the front of her car and fire broke out around the car from the sparks.

When Mr. Patterson arrived at the scene, Ms. Ratliff was trapped in her car. Patterson donned protective gloves and went to the passenger side of Ms. Ratliff's car, even as flames were spreading underneath it.

Entering the car, he cut the seatbelt that was holding Ms. Ratliff in the car and pulled her across the console and passenger seat to safety. Within minutes, the flames engulfed Ms. Ratliff's car and completely consumed it.

Ms. Ratliff was treated for third degree burns on her left arm, but recovered. She owes her life to Curtis Patterson.

This last December, Patterson was 1 of 22 individuals from throughout the United States and Canada to be recognized by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the Members of the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Curtis Patterson of China Spring on the receipt of the Carnegie Medal, and honoring him for his lifesaving act. He is an authentic Texas hero and we are indeed proud of him.

FOR THE FALLEN SOLDIERS

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following for the RECORD.

FOR THE FALLEN SOLDIERS

(By Amanda Escareno)

For the soldiers that fought the wars,
U.S. Army, Navy, Air force and the corps.
As you lie here deep beneath the ground,
there's not a single sound.

Now you lay here in a deep sleep,
While the others weep.

They know that when you died,
you were showered with pride.

You gave your happy lie,
with your kids and your wife.

Now we stand here above your grave,
and cherished all that you saved.

the tears cried is for the blood shed,
and the life that you led.

Let a salute be gave and the flight of a dove,
for America the land that you love.

HONORING TIM HANNEMANN ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, I congratulate my friend Tim Hannemann on his retirement as vice president of Northrop Grumman and president of its Space Technology sector.

Prior to the recent Northrop Grumman merger, Tim was president and CEO of TRW

Space and Electronics of El Segundo, having been named to that position in 1993—coincidentally when I was first elected to Congress.

Indeed, even before my first election, Tim and TRW helped educate me about the challenges facing the industry. Well-respected by his South Bay peers, Tim co-chaired my aerospace advisory committee and often hosted policy discussions with other local aerospace representatives as we worked to address tough economic times following sharp cuts in defense spending in the early 90's.

During the course of more than a decade, Tim and I worked on a strategy to diversify the local industrial base. TRW, for example, excelled in space science and became lead contractor on a number of important space-based satellites programs, including Mission-to-Planet-Earth, which helped map our globe, anticipate climatic changes, and identify weather patterns.

TRW was also a leader in developing commercial applications for technology it originally developed for the country's defense needs. To that end, I was proud to join Tim at the launch last year of Velocium, which designs and fabricates high speed components for fiber optic and wireless telecommunication applications. The company's products make use of advanced semiconductor manufacturing processes developed at TRW.

Tim joined TRW in 1969. From the start, he distinguished himself as a leader of TRW's technical and management team and should be especially proud of the talented and diverse organization of engineers, scientists and technical staff he assembled during his tenure. His employees are committed to the community in which they work and live and many actively participate in local chambers of commerce, school districts and environmental projects.

Every recent visit or phone conversation includes glowing reports about his grandchildren. Justin, the oldest, turns six this weekend and Tim's retirement will be a big present for that special boy.

Thanks, Tim, for your gifts to a fabulous company, to our community, and to me personally.

MUSIC PRESERVATION

HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the preservation of American creative culture. Librarian of Congress James H. Billington announced today the first annual selection of 50 recordings to the National Recording Registry. I am proud to congratulate my colleagues who supported the National Recording Preservation Act of 2000, legislation that made this historic moment possible. I worked diligently in shepherding this legislation through Congress with the help of then House Administration Ranking Member STENY HOYER, now Minority Whip.

Under the terms of the National Recording Preservation Act of 2000, the Librarian of Congress is charged with selecting recordings annually that are "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant." And the list of offerings is just that: cultural, historical, and aesthetic

jewels that tell the story of our beloved America. Congress created the registry to celebrate the richness and variety of our audio legacy and to underscore our responsibility to assure long term preservation of that legacy so that it may be appreciated and studied by generations to come. The creation of the registry, inspired by the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences (NARAS), is one part of the legislation that charges the Library of Congress with developing a comprehensive national recording preservation program, and first of its kind.

The National Sound Recording Preservation Act of 2000, Public Law 106-474, created an advisory National Recording Preservation Board appointed by the Librarian of Congress, and consists of experts from organizations representing composers, musicians, musicologists, librarians, archivists and the recording industry. The National Recording Preservation Board in turn makes the selections of works to be included in the National Recording Registry. The National sound Recording Preservation Act of 2000 also created a fund raising foundation to restore and preserve the Library's music collection. All three components are conducted under the auspices of the Library of Congress, providing the necessary elements of a comprehensive program to ensure the survival, conservation, and increased public availability of America's sound recording heritage.

William Ivey was named Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Recording Preservation Foundation and was instrumental in creating the National Recording Registry when he was President of the National Endowment for the Arts. The foundation is a charitable and nonprofit corporation created by the Preservation Act to promote and ensure public accessibility of the nation's sound recording heritage. The foundation will accept gifts and administer a grants program to support sound preservation in archives throughout the United States. Ivey is past chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts and presently the Branscomb Scholar at Vanderbilt University. His work in this tireless effort is appreciated.

Included in the 50 releases are masterful brushstrokes on the canvas that is American cultural history. The list includes such groundbreaking recordings as the Edison Exhibition Recordings (Group of three cylinders): "Around the world on the Phonograph;" "The Pattison Waltz;" "Fifth Regiment March." (1888-1889); "Stars and Stripes Forever" Military Band. Berliner Gramophone disc recording (1897); Lionel Mapleson cylinder recordings of the Metropolitan Opera (1900-1903); Scott Joplin ragtime compositions on piano rolls. (1900s); Booker T. Washington's 1895 Atlanta Exposition Speech (1906 recreation); "Vesti la giubba" from Pagliacci-Enrico Caruso (1907); "Casey at the Bat" DeWolf Hopper, reciting (1915); "Down-Hearted Blues" Bessie Smith (1923); President Franklin D. Roosevelt's radio "Fireside Chats" (1933-1944); Billie Holiday's "Strange Fruit" (1939); Bob Dylan's "Freewheelin'" (1963); and Precious Lord: New Recordings of the Great Gospel Songs of Thomas A. Dorsey-Thomas Dorsey, Marion Williams, and 38 others (1973).

Great American poet Walt Whitman noted that: "Perhaps the best of songs heard . . . is the résumé of them, or any of them, long afterwards, looking at the actualities away

back past, with all their practical excitations gone. How the soul loves to float amid such reminiscences!" Mr. Speaker, with the release of these, the first 50 of the sound recordings preserved in the National Recording Registry, my soul is floating atop the marvel of what is to become of the National Recording Registry and the possibilities of cultural awakening for coming generations. Congratulations to all who are making this dream come true.

LOUISIANA RICE ECONOMIC
RELIEF ACT

HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Mr. JOHN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call the attention of my colleagues to the severe economic distress of the Louisiana agriculture industry. In particular, the Louisiana rice industry is facing disastrous economic conditions due to record low market prices coupled with storm damage from Hurricane Lili, Tropical Storm Isidore, and several additional severe storm systems. Without sustainable federal support for last year's losses, many rice producers, and much of the rural Louisiana economy, will not be able to withstand another year or hardship.

As we enter the final stages of negotiations for the FY 03 Omnibus Appropriations bill, I commend Senator COCHRAN and the supporters of agriculture disaster assistance in the U.S. Senate. However, unfortunately, it will take more than 42 percent of direct program payments to reverse the current economic disaster in South Louisiana. For this reason, I am reintroducing the Louisiana Rice Economic Relief Act, providing a \$2.42 per hundred-weight payment to rice producers across the state.

As Congress concludes discussion on an omnibus appropriations package, and we prepare to debate an economic stimulus package for our nation, I offer the Louisiana Rice Economic Relief Act as the cornerstone of economic stimulus for the rural agricultural economy of this region. We must keep in mind the distress of Louisiana's agricultural economy if we are serious about moving forward on a truly sustainable plan for our nation's entire agriculture industry, as well as the entire economy of the United States.

CONGRATULATING RUTH BASCOM
ON THE DEDICATION OF THE
RUTH BASCOM RIVERBANK
TRAIL SYSTEM

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Mr. DeFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and to congratulate Ruth Bascom of Eugene, Oregon. On January 31, 2003, the Eugene City Council will name a bicycle and walking trail system after Ms. Bascom to honor her for her determined advocacy, intelligent leadership, and inspired vision. The Ruth Bascom Riverbank Trail System is a testament to her indomitable spirit and her remarkable civic career.

Ruth Bascom has an impressive record of public service, with over thirty years of active participation. She has been Mayor and City Councilor; served as a member of the Alton Baker Park Advisory Committee, the Mayor's Bicycle Committee, and the Governor's Bicycle Advisory Committee; was president of the Youth Symphony Board and the League of Women Voters; and worked on a variety of campaigns dedicated to enhancing our community.

Ruth Bascom gets things done—and done well. She has helped shape Eugene and is directly responsible for the award-winning bike-way system. In her many civic roles, she tirelessly fostered the riverbank trail system through design, funding, and construction phases. Her wholehearted and unwavering support for a city-wide bicycle-pedestrian trail system rallied community members, elected officials, and staff to her vision.

The opening of the East Bank Trail completes the Ruth Bascom Riverbank Trail System. The project survived ups and downs and detours because Ms. Bascom focused considerable energy, enthusiasm, and ingenuity on its success and delivered the necessary plans, funds, and allies.

Ruth Bascom is an exemplary citizen activist. I am pleased to offer her the hearty congratulations and warm thanks she so richly merits.

HONORING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY
OF MCKENDREE COLLEGE

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 175th Anniversary of McKendree College in Lebanon, Illinois.

McKendree College is the oldest college in Illinois. Founded by Methodist pioneers on February 20 1828, McKendree College will mark her 175th anniversary on February 20, 2003.

In recent years, McKendree has experienced remarkable growth in both quality and quantity. In academics, The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching has selected a McKendree College professor as the Illinois Professor of the Year for 2002, Dr. Nancy Beck Young. The college has welcomed its first group of students from France as part of a new exchange program in the Business Division. In addition, the college faculty has grown 65 percent and includes professors well-published and recognized in their fields of expertise. McKendree has a nationally ranked Debate and Forensics Squad and boasts and outstanding teacher education program, one that has recently received re-certification, and the only one among six institutions, to receive the certification fully and without provisions.

McKendree's student body has also excelled in its 175 years of history. With approximately 1,300 students currently enrolled at the Lebanon campus, the student body has grown 67 percent in the past 10 years and the residential population has increased more than 300 percent. The current freshman class is the third largest in the history of the college, in-

cludes 22 valedictorians and has an impressive 3.7 GPA and 24 ACT. Currently, students from 15 different states and five countries are enrolled at McKendree College.

McKendree also has an athletic program that is gaining in national prominence. This year the men's basketball team has been ranked #1 nationally in the NAIA, the first time in the history of the college that an athletic team has earned a first place ranking. The college football team, now in its seventh season since its return in 1996 after a 45-year hiatus, played in the NAIA semi-finals, with an 11–2 record. McKendree's athletic director and men's basketball coach has been inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame, earning recognition as Coach of the Year and this year broke the record to become the winningest coach in NAIA history. In Track and Field McKendree athletes have won several national team championships.

McKendree College is a four-year, private, liberal arts college and is ranked by U.S. News & World Report as a Top Tier Midwest Liberal Arts College. For the sixth consecutive year, McKendree has been recognized as one of America's 100 Best College Buys. McKendree College has been referred to as "the fastest growing business in Southwestern Illinois". Dr. James M. Dennis is the 32nd president of McKendree College, inaugurated in 1994.

McKendree College, founded in 1828, has the distinction of being one of the first colleges established in Illinois. Acknowledging pride of her Scottish heritage McKendree was also approved as the first institutional member of the Clan Henderson Society of the United States in 1997.

Each year, students from McKendree College contribute to businesses, schools, and non-profit organizations in the region as interns, teachers and employees. The college has participated significantly in regional programs to enhance diversity education and to help prepare students from lower income areas for college. The college provides a wealth of cultural events to the community, hosting distinguished speakers, exceptional performers, and nationally ranked competitive athletic contests. They partner with many community groups and assume a leadership role to promote and enhance the benefits of the region.

McKendree College provides a high quality academic program, at the heart of which is a values-centered liberal arts education. The mission of McKendree College is to include students in the joys and challenges of intellectual inquiry and its staff and faculty are devoted to nurturing this experience both inside and outside the classroom. The college has grown significantly in the past seven years and has brought esteem and recognition to our greater community. They enjoy the reputation of a high quality academic institution, with competitive athletic programs, and the diversity of social and co-curricular programs that meet and challenge a wide range of interests.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 175th Anniversary of McKendree College in Lebanon, Illinois and to recognize its alumni both past, present and future for their contributions to the success of the University.