

TRIBUTE TO THE ONONDAGA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL BOY'S FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 28, 2003

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Onondaga Senior High School Boy's football team for winning the New York State Class C championship title and in the process continuing a 26 game winning streak. The Tigers roared in the Carrier Dome, and once again brought home a State title.

This team, with a solid coaching staff and a strong network of fans, strove for perfection, and as a result, won their second consecutive championship title. The OCS Tigers were Class D champions last year, and came out Class C victors this year. They are the only team in 10 years to win consecutive titles in different classes.

This team should be truly proud of such a well-deserved victory. The strength and dedication they have displayed over the course of their football careers and throughout this electrifying season has made their school and entire community extremely proud.

On behalf of the entire 25th District of New York, I would like to congratulate the following champions: Hodges Sneed, Andrew Abbott, Ryan Hotaling, Justin Graham, Richard Bova, Adam Legg, Don Cummings, Matt Popov, Carl Runge, John Manley, Chad Amidon, Ryan Clifford, Dakota McCann, Mike Hart, Kyle Martin, Robbie Cormier, Dan Germain, Zach Carrington, Zach MacCollister, Brian Beacham, Todd Amidon, Marty Brunner, Jacob Cummings, Cory Dill, Richard Beak, Todd Gardner, James Sanford, Matthew Majewski, Thomas Brownell, Caleb Golembiewski, Dan Willis, Scott Campbell, Pat Neuman, Kurt Wasilewski, Aaron Johnson, Steven Tiss, Felipe Diaz, Brad Glaister, Adam Goodman, and Jesse Schneider; Coaches Bill Spicer, Paul Taylor, Jeff Pierce, Victor Zampetti, and Rick Bailey; Volunteer Coaches Dave Pierce and Steve Louis; Managers Jim Barry, Nick Gilbert and Luke Joyce.

CONGRATULATING BILL JONES

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 28, 2003

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bill Jones for 20 years of outstanding leadership and service to the State of California. A tribute was held in his honor on January 12, 2003, in Fresno, CA. Proceeds from the tribute will fund the Bill Jones Leadership Development Program in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology at California State University, Fresno.

In 1971, Bill Jones graduated from California State University, Fresno with a degree in agriculture business. Bill, who grew up on a farm on Mendota, CA, began his elected career by serving in the State Assembly for 12 years. While there, he coauthored the "Three Strikes and You're Out" anticrime law. He was elected Secretary of State in 1994 and re-

elected in 1998. As the State's chief elections officer, Mr. Jones set a goal of 100-percent voter participation with zero tolerance for fraud. His voter outreach programs targeted California's minorities and young people. Bill Jones is a nationally recognized leader of agriculture, trade, and water issues as well.

The Bill Jones Leadership Development Program will provide an educational opportunity for individuals to develop their leadership skills. The program will focus on undergraduate students while providing them service opportunities. Upon completion of this course, students will be able to identify key elements of their personal leadership style, have a working knowledge of relational leadership theory, and understand the role leadership plays in organizations and communities. This program honors Bill Jones, who himself played an important leadership role while at California State University, Fresno.

Bill and his wife, Maurine, have two daughters Wendy and Andrea. Mr. Jones is a native California rancher who continues to work his family-owned farm in Fresno, and is the first resident from the Central San Joaquin Valley to serve in a statewide office.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and thank Bill Jones for his dedication to and hard work on behalf of the people of California. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Jones many years of continued success.

DAN WADDELL—COMMUNITY LEADER

HON. CHARLES H. TAYLOR

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 28, 2003

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a gentleman who was devoted to his community and to civic service, Dan Waddell of Hendersonville, North Carolina.

Dan Waddell was born in Commerce, Georgia, on June 3, 1921. He was the son of John Daniel Waddell Sr. and Lillian Marie Vollrath. They moved their family to Hendersonville, North Carolina in 1930.

Dan attended Hendersonville city schools, graduating from Hendersonville High School in 1938. He attended Brevard Junior College and became a member of the football team. John transferred to East Carolina University and in 1941 quarterbacked the team, leading it to an undefeated season. When Dan died, on October 19, 2001, he was headed to the team's Special 60th Reunion Ceremony for the 1941 team.

Following graduation from East Carolina University, he entered the U.S. Army, becoming a B-17 pilot in the Army Air Corps. He flew 31 missions and was shot down over Belgium. For his service to America and in defense of freedom in World War II, he received the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Purple Heart.

After the war, he returned to Hendersonville and started a grading business, which he operated for more than 40 years. In 1960, he became president of Rasben Oil Company and he founded the Triangle Stop Food Stores in 1974. Also, he was the former president of Southern Burglar Alarm Company, which he

purchased in 1977. He became president of the North Carolina Petroleum Marketers Association in 1981 and in 1989 received the Will Parker award, the most prestigious award in the petroleum industry in North Carolina.

Active in community affairs in Hendersonville, Dan became a member of the First United Methodist Church, where he attended the Roy Johnson Bible Class. Dan also served his church as chairman of the board of trustees and finance committee member. He was also a member of the board of directors of Pardee Hospital. Dan held many other offices including the following: Exalted Ruler of the Elks Club, president and board member of the Hendersonville Country Club, chairman of the Tree Board, member of the Hendersonville County Environmental Advisory Committee, member and board member of the Greater Hendersonville Chamber of Commerce, member of the Merchants Association, president of the Partners for Economic Progress, member of the Kiwanis Club, and cofounder and member of the Hendersonville High School Alumni Association. Dan ran for City Council in 1999, and fought diligently and fairly for many customers and as an advocate for local business interests.

Dan was married to the former Claire Reaben of Hendersonville, who passed away in 1995. The former Jan Rouse of Hendersonville, North Carolina became John's second wife. His son, Hall and his wife Sonja live in Hendersonville, North Carolina. John's daughter, Sharon Johnson and her husband, Steve live in Hendersonville, North Carolina. John has four grandchildren, Christa Waddell, Beau Waddell, and Emily Johnson, all of Hendersonville, North Carolina, and Erin Johnson of Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. William J. Waddell, his brother, lives in Prospect, Kentucky. His sister Cynthia Armstrong of Waxhaw along with three stepsons, Chuck, Turner, and Randy Rouse and their families live in Hendersonville, North Carolina. In addition to his several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Dan Waddell served his family, his community and his Nation. Dan Waddell—truly a member of the "Greatest Generation."

INTRODUCING THE CONGRESS 2006 COMMISSION ACT

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 28, 2003

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Congress 2006 Commission Act. My bill establishes a congressional commission to examine the current size of the U.S. House of Representatives and recommend to this body, if applicable, a size increase. Additionally, the Commission is directed to examine and consider alternatives to the current method by which Representatives are elected. Methods such as cumulative voting and proportional representation would, without doubt, result in a more diverse House of Representatives, as well as greater participation in the legislative process by Americans of all shapes, colors, and backgrounds.

Under the Constitution, the size of the House of Representatives can be as small as 50 Representatives and as large as one Representative per 30,000 people, or the equivalent to 9,380 Members, based on the 2000

Census. In fact, every decade from 1790 to 1910, following the release of the census, the House of Representatives passed apportionment acts, increasing the size of the House to reflect population increases as well as the introduction of new States to the Union. The current House size of 435 was established in 1911. Congress passed a law in 1929, setting the size limit at 435. The House's size was temporarily increased to 436 in 1959, and 437 in 1960, when Alaska and Hawaii were admitted to the Union, respectively. But in 1961, the size of the House was reapportioned back to 435.

In the past 90 years, U.S. population has more than tripled, but the size of the House of Representatives has remained the same. In the past 90 years, four States have joined the Union, but the size of the House of Representatives has remained the same. In the past 90 years, the United States has become the second most underrepresented democracy in the entire world, but the size of the House of Representatives has remained the same. In fact in the past 90 years, Congress has addressed permanently increasing the size of the House of Representatives only once.

When I was first elected in 1992, I represented roughly 589,000 South Floridians. Today, each of us now represents nearly 663,000 or 12.5 percent more people than 10 years ago. In 1982, each Member of the House represented about 534,000 and in 1972, the number was a mere 482,000 or 38 percent fewer people than today. This means that we represent well over 100,000 more people today than did our predecessors—and some Members still serving today—20 years ago. Frankly, at some point Members in this body are going to have to accept reality and begin asking, "As Representatives, are we as effective today as the Representatives of the 1970s when they had fewer people to represent?"

Mr. Speaker, the 108th Congress is the third Congress that I have introduced this legislation, and in light of the 2000 biennial census, it is clear that, to better serve our constituents, we should represent fewer. Indeed, the effect that an increase in the size of the House of Representatives will have on the American political system is obvious. Increasing the size of the House will result in a reduced amount of campaign spending, smaller congressional districts, more personal interaction between Members of Congress and their constituents, and most importantly, better representation for the American people.

I ask my colleagues for their support and cosponsorship of this bill, and I urge the leadership to bring it to the floor for an immediate vote.

IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM EDWARD DAY

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 28, 2003

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I inform the House of the death of Mr. William Edward "Ed" Day of Lebanon, MO.

Mr. Day was born in Windyville, MO, on October 30, 1926, son of Henry G. and Gertie M.

Sweaney Day. He graduated from Windyville High School in 1944 and went on to answer his call to duty. Ed served his country in World War II with the U.S. Army and was stationed in Japan shortly after the end of the war. He came home and attended Draughn Business College in Springfield, MO. Not long after this, he was united in marriage to Barbara Jean McCain on May 29, 1948. They were blessed with four wonderful children, two daughters and two sons.

Mr. Day began his career in the oil business with Ozark Petroleum Company, which later became Skelly Oil. Skelly Oil took he and his family to Springfield, Joplin, and Kansas City. Mr. Day and a longtime friend of his, Will Bradley, decided to quit the oil business in 1969 and start their own business. Their new business was called B & D Truck Port and Restaurant in Lebanon, MO, and had been serving customers for the last 33 years.

Along with his successful business, Mr. Day was very active in his local church, First Christian Church. He served as chairman of the board, Elder Emeritus and he and his wife were members of the Pairs and Spares Sunday School Class. He was also closely involved in the Lebanon community. Ed was a Lebanon ambassador, a member of the Lebanon Chamber of Commerce, served on the board of directors of the Lebanon Country Club and the Lebanon Park Board. He was a past president and co-chairman of the Government Affairs Committee of the National Association of Truck Stop Operators in Washington, DC, with his friend Mr. Bradley, for many years.

Mr. Speaker, Ed Day was a valuable leader in his church and community. He was a genuine human being who would give you the shirt off of his back. I know the Members of the House will join me in extending heartfelt condolences to his family: his wife, Barbara; his two daughters, Barbara and Mary Catherine; his two sons, Mike and Patrick; and all of his grandchildren.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF CONGRESSMAN FRANK CREMEANS

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 28, 2003

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Congressman Frank Cremeans, former Representative of Ohio's 6th Congressional District, a District neighboring mine. Frank, a friend to many of us in the Chamber, passed away at his home on January 2, 2003.

Frank was born in Cheshire, Gallia County, Ohio on April 5, 1945. He graduated from Kyger Creek Local in Gallipolis; received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Rio Grande; and Master of Arts from Ohio University. He was an entrepreneur, a teacher, a school administrator, and a public servant.

Frank ran for Congress in 1994 and was elected to the 104th Congress, where he served the citizens of the 6th Congressional District with principle and vigor. He sought to restore the bonds of trust between the people and their elected Representatives by signing the Contract with America. Frank was a fiscal conservative, and cared deeply about constituent service.

Mr. Speaker, throughout the strenuous campaign and term in Congress, Frank Cremeans had the strong support of his loving wife, Carol, and children, John, Cari, and Leigh Ane. Family was always of great importance to him. Frank leaves a legacy of achievement in the arenas of business, education, and government. Through his successes, he touched many lives. We remember him today and offer our sincere condolences to his family.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD (DICK) NUGENT UPON HIS RETIREMENT AS REFUGE MANAGER FOR THE JOHN HEINZ NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE AT TINICUM, PA

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 28, 2003

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Richard (Dick) Nugent, upon his retirement as Refuge Manager for the John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge at Tinicum, Pennsylvania. Dick has served the United States Government for more than 35 years, including the last 25 years at Tinicum. I was pleased to work with Dick Nugent to make the dreams of this unique National Wildlife Refuge a reality, promoting conservation and a cleaner, healthier environment for both wildlife and the citizens of the greater Philadelphia region.

The history of Tinicum Marsh, the largest remaining freshwater tidal wetland in Pennsylvania, goes back to the first settlements in the region in 1634. Swedes, Dutch, and English diked and drained parts of the marsh for grazing. At that time, the tidal marshes measured over 5,700 acres. The rapid urbanization since World War I reduced tidal marshes to approximately 200 acres. The remnant of this once vast tidal marsh is protected by the Refuge. Throughout his government career, Dick Nugent has been an environmental champion and a respected public servant. His selfless contributions are most deserving of our recognition and I am honored to bring forth his particular accomplishments at the Tinicum Refuge before this body and our nation today. The following list represents just some of what Dick has done:

Involved with the Refuge's master planning process and land acquisition efforts during the 1970s and 1980s.

Assisted in the planning, designing, and construction of the Refuge's maintenance complex and Cusano Environmental Education Center.

Instrumental in the increasing of the Refuge staff from 4 personnel to 14 full-time positions, several internships, a Refuge Friends' Group consisting of over 200 members, and a large cadre of volunteers.

Worked with the Environmental Protection Agency and other service staffers for the past two decades in assessing the contamination status of the Folcroft landfill, prior to it becoming a component of the lower Darby Creek Area Superfund Site.

Involved with the cleanup and natural resource damage assessment of Sunoco's 192,000-gallon oil spill on the Eastern portion of the Refuge that occurred on February 5, 2000.