

In an effort to meet people, Grieve said she started volunteering in the schools, where her children were attending. Through Girl Scouts and the PTO Grieve said she began feeling more at home.

Soon Grieve began volunteering at St. James Catholic Church, where her family still attends services. Other projects followed. Throughout all of it, Grieve said she remembered to follow in her mother's footsteps—a woman who made her own mark with church fundraisers and bake sales in West Virginia.

The most important rule her mother taught her? "You always send a thank you note and people will respond with your next fundraiser," she said.

CACS Center Coordinator Deb Biehler said Grieve, who has been volunteering with the agency for five years, is a force of positive energy.

"She can work circles around people," said Biehler.

Grieve raises at least three-quarters of the funds raised during Walk for Warmth each year. "We wouldn't have raised the money without her," said Biehler. "She's helped hundreds of people."

And then there are the little things, said Biehler, like volunteering to collect food bank donations every Sunday at St. James and picking up bread for the food bank at local stores when no one else can go.

Members of the Mason Kiwanis Golden K Club say Grieve is an asset to the community. The club's president-elect, Jim Day stated, "She has that rare gift for causing other people to share their time and funds with a minimum of resistance and a maximum of positive results. I am in awe at hearing about her achievements and of the wonderful good that she generates. People who possess her awesome ability and dynamic energy in motivating people in supporting worthwhile causes are very rare individuals."

Mason resident Don Jacot said Grieve's volunteer efforts are felt throughout the Mason community. "She is a trustee for the Fair City Golden K Kiwanis Club. She volunteers for the Signal Corps Operation Up Link for service men and women. She volunteers for the Book Buddies and Head Start. What energy."

Grieve said she is happy to help further good causes. "I know in my heart it makes me feel good," she said. "I get so much out of it. I think if people did it once they'd do it again too."

The staff of the Ingham County Community News is planning a luncheon ceremony in Grieve's honor on Tuesday, June 29 in Mason.

Mr. Speaker, we wish to extend congratulations to Shirley Grieve for her commitment to serving her community. We are honored to support her efforts and ask that our colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join us in recognizing their very worthy achievements.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MR. SIMING YANG

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of an outstanding student from my district, Mr. Siming Yang. Mr. Yang has the distinction of being honored as one of the more than 140 national winners of the 2004 Presidential Scholar Award.

The award honors graduating seniors that excel in their community, both in and out of the classroom. Each year, the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars selects the winners based on Academic and artistic success, leadership, and involvement in school and community.

Mr. Yang is invited to be honored in Washington during the upcoming Presidential Scholars National Recognition Week, which runs from June 19 through the 22. Mr. Yang and his family plan to travel to the Nation's Capital at that time, along with his most influential teacher, Mr. Ron C. Carda of Dakota Ridge High School.

Mr. Speaker, Siming Yang has demonstrated, through his academic accomplishments, his willingness to lead his peers, his community achievements, and his dedication, that he is worthy of receiving this honor. So once again, I recognize this young man's achievements before this House today, and I wish him all the best in his bright future.

CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH IMPROVEMENT ACT

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation that would improve access to dental coverage for our Nation's most precious commodity, children. As a former practicing dentist in my home state of Idaho, I have long been concerned about access to dental coverage for our most vulnerable citizens. While most Americans have access to the best oral health care in the world, low-income children suffer disproportionately from oral disease. Even as our Nation's health has progressed, dental caries or tooth decay remains the most prevalent chronic childhood disease. Millions of Americans, adults and children, lack access to dental care. In many parts of Idaho, as in many rural States, there simply aren't enough dentists within reasonable distance of some communities.

For people who don't have access to dental care, oral disease is almost 100 percent inevitable—albeit 100 percent preventable. This is particularly heartbreaking when it affects children. Recent demonstration projects have shown that with some Federal support, a little funding can go a long way toward ensuring that low-income children have access to good oral health care. My legislation, H.R. 4622, co-sponsored by Congressman JOHN DINGELL, would assist States in doing just that.

H.R. 4622 would not issue Federal mandates, but rather would provide support to States as they determine how best to improve access to dental care in their communities. I believe that States are the best arbiters of how to enhance access to care for their residents, with the understanding that for any such effort to succeed, it must begin by reimbursing dentists who participate in Medicaid and SCHIP at market rates.

H.R. 4622 would: Provide financial incentives and planning grants to help States improve their Medicaid programs. States must first create a comprehensive plan for improving the delivery of dental services, and they must also adequately reimburse dentists for

children's dental services; Offer grants to expand the availability of dental services in health professional shortage areas. Grants would be made available to dentists who practice in federally designated dental shortage areas if at least 25 percent of their patient-base receives assistance under Medicaid or SCHIP. Grants would also be available to qualifying community health centers, State public health departments, Indian tribes/tribal organizations and accredited dental education programs; Ensure that States provide some level of dental benefits through SCHIP; Offer States the option to use their SCHIP funding to provide dental coverage to children in families who have medical but not dental coverage and meet SCHIP income-eligibility requirements; Expand School-Linked Dental Sealant Programs to include eligible school-linked public or non-profit organizations and Indian tribes that are under contract with an elementary or secondary school to provide dental services to school-aged children.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation is but a small step forward toward the goal of ensuring that every child in America has good oral health, but it is a necessary first step. I ask all my colleagues to join with me in supporting H.R. 4622.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I was absent attending meetings in my Congressional District in Ohio and missed the votes on rollcall No. 276, on H. Res. 591, designating Community Banking Month; rollcall No. 277, on H.R. 4363, the Helping Hands for Homeownership Act; and rollcall No. 278, on H. Res. 660, Congratulating Randy Johnson with the Arizona Diamondbacks on pitching a perfect game.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall No. 276, "yes" on rollcall No. 277, and "yes" on rollcall No. 278.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 276, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF GEORGE C. MARSHALL INSTITUTE

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the George C. Marshall Institute here in Washington, DC on their 20th anniversary this June.

For the past 2 decades, the Marshall Institute has tirelessly promoted the use of sound

science in making public policy and has provided Congress and the public with valuable assessments of recent scientific advances and trends. By stressing fact-based assessments of science, the Marshall Institute has helped policy makers make wise decisions in contentious areas such as climate change, defense, bioterrorism, and civic environmentalism. I ask that all of my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me in honoring this institution, which has provided an invaluable service to the policy-making community for the past 20 years, and in wishing them all success in the future.

TRIBUTE TO VIC JENSEN

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of Riverside County, CA, are exceptional. We have been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Vic Jensen is one of these individuals.

Vic Jensen will retire after 34 years of service as office manager of the Department of Motor Vehicles' Winnetka, Hemet, Corona, and Norco field offices on June 26, 2004.

Vic Jensen was born in Sacramento, California, on January 27, 1937. He and his wife, Isabel, have been married for 40 years and have one daughter, Julie Kim. Vic served in the United States Navy for 4 years, before moving to Norco in 1981 and quickly becoming involved in a variety of community activities, including: Board Member and President of the Norco Chamber of Commerce for 9 years; Commissioner of the Norco Streets and Trails Commission for 7 years; Numerous positions—President, Secretary, Zone Chairman, and Regional Chairman—over 14 years with the Norco Lions Club; Chairman of the Sight and Hearing Board for the Norco/Corona Unified School District; and Member of the Citizen's Advisory Committee for the California Rehabilitation Center.

Recognition of Vic's contributions include the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, Assemblyman Ted Weggeland, State Senator Raymond Haynes, and former California Governor Pete Wilson, for his work as President of the Norco Chamber of Commerce in 1996. Additionally, he has received the Abdul Award for his work with Canine Companions, the Lyda Smiley Award for his work with the Norco/Corona Unified School District in obtaining glasses for children in need, and the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award in 1997 for all of his accomplishments as a member of the Norco Lions Club.

Vic also spends countless hours in perfecting his passion for golf, golf, and more golf. Whenever a chance arrives he is fine-tuning his game.

Mr. Speaker, Vic's tireless passion for community service has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Norco, California. He has been the heart and soul of many community organizations and events

and I am proud to call him a fellow community member, American, and friend. I know that many community members are grateful for his service and salute him as he retires from professional service, but not from community service.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARION BROADHEAD OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Marion Broadhead and her work as a member of the Sterling McClellan Post 142 of the American Legion Auxiliary. This organization, which is dedicated to humanitarian programs for veterans, young people, and the community, has a strong team of women working together for the betterment of citizens lives.

Recently the Sterling McClellan Post 142 of Pompano Beach, Florida, honored Ms. Broadhead as their five-time president, and current chaplain with the Unit Member of the Year Award. Ms. Broadhead was honored at an annual Memorial Day Parade and Picnic in Pompano Beach. Former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno, along with members of the community and some surviving veterans, joined in this celebration.

Ms. Broadhead has led in the effort of community service by volunteering weekly in South Florida. Broadhead, who is a breast cancer survivor, spends her days visiting North Broward Medical Center, Trinity Community Church, St. Lawrence Chapel, and the Veterans Hospital in Miami.

Mr. Speaker, the benevolent and generous spirit that Ms. Marion Broadhead, in combination with the Sterling McClellan Post 142, has shown to the communities of South Florida is one that I would like to celebrate. Individuals like Ms. Broadhead help in building unified and strong communities in America.

PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I was not able to speak on the floor Wednesday, June 9, 2004, regarding the passing of former President Ronald Reagan. However, I would like to submit to the RECORD an article from Cleveland Plain Dealer written by local columnist Sam Fullwood on Tuesday, June 8, 2004.

PRESIDENT REAGAN: A BAD LEADING MAN

I never liked Ronald Reagan.

I didn't like him as a B- movie star in eye-wash like "Bedtime for Bonzo," a 1951 movie in which the future president of the United States was upstaged by a chimpanzee.

I didn't respect him for turning away from President Franklin D. Roosevelt, whose New Deal policies helped lift Reagan's own family out of the depths of the Great Depression.

He was a hypocrite who started out as a Democrat and proud union man but turned

Republican after he became rich and famous in Hollywood by pretending to be a common man.

But it was as president that I disliked Reagan most. Actually, the way he announced his decision to run ruined any chance of redemption.

On Aug. 3, 1980, the former California governor went to Philadelphia, Miss. Of all the places in this great nation, Reagan chose the infamous town where the bodies of three murdered heroes of the civil rights movement—Michael Schwerner, Andrew Goodman and James Chaney—had been found in 1964. He never mentioned them or civil rights in his announcement speech.

Instead, on that hot, summer day in Mississippi, he stole a line from Strom Thurmond's 1948 segregationist campaign.

"I believe in states' rights," Reagan said.

I haven't been able to stomach him ever since.

Of course, a great many people loved Reagan for his optimism and never-say-die confidence in this nation. I tip my hat to him for that.

But judging from the accolades following news of Reagan's death, at 93, last weekend, many people only note the best about the 40th president.

I remember the downside, too.

Much of the bad that has happened in America's public life started with the Reagan Revolution. Racial polarization widened during his two terms in the White House.

Reaganism let loose a sense of entitlement and lawlessness among corporate executives, spawning that famous line by actor Michael Douglas in his 1987 movie, "Wall Street." Said Gordon Gekko, "Greed is good."

Before Reagan, the national GOP contained moderates and conservatives in equal measure. After his rise to power, the relatively liberal Rockefeller wing of the party was clipped, leaving only the red-meat conservatives and intolerant Christian fundamentalists.

And that wasn't the worst of it. Reagan and his powerful allies poisoned the nation against government. Out of misguided populism, he threatened to starve the federal government out of existence.

Such a notion was impossible. But it didn't prevent Reagan from overseeing record deficits, rampant unemployment, desperate homelessness and rising poverty. Meanwhile, he spent liberally on military hardware, which helped end the Cold War.

Little is said about how he waged war on this nation's poor people. Reagan loved to tell stories, and he invented whoppers about "welfare queens" and "people on welfare driving Cadillacs to cash food stamps."

Reagan understood the power of an exaggerated metaphor. He used his movie-honed skills to inspire affluent Americans and to scapegoat poor ones.

It was mostly smoke and mirrors, honed from a life and career lived in La-La Land. I am saddened by his passing, but I can't indulge in the fiction that he represented the best of our national character. He didn't.

First and everlasting, Reagan was a bad actor.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, on June 18, 2004, I missed rollcall Vote No. 275. Rollcall