

his heart, not on his sleeve; he was a deeply moral man who disdained the outward trappings of feigned piety; he was the eternal optimist in an increasingly foreboding world.

He also believed that government was the instrument of the people, not its enemy, and that some of the worst errors a society could produce were sins of omission rather than sins of commission.

One might be inclined to think that today marks the end of an era—but that only happens when we bury both the body and the spirit—and we certainly aren't doing that today. There are today literally hundreds of young and middle-aged people who have been inspired by Jim's love of the little guy.

This legacy will never die.

And speaking of love and legacies, a subject that was nearest and dearest to Jim was his family. He spoke often, fondly and almost reverentially, of his mother and father, Mike and Alice Gillick Hanley; and, of course, he idolized Rita, Peter, Chris, and Jimmy, Jim, Patrick, Liza and Meg. It's often said that God never takes someone home, but what he sends a new light in his place. And so today, as Jim ascends that glorious staircase, we welcome his and Rita's newest heir, on month old Dylan Michael.

A part of Jim's other family is also present this morning—the team who worked side by side with him on behalf of the folks in Central New York. Tom DeYulia, Kate Ryan, Mike Kinsella, Bob Warne, Jim Ryan and several others. I know the thoughts I express are shared by each of them as well.

I would be remiss at this point, and I know Jim would be upset with me, if I didn't shift gears and include at least one humorous anecdote in my remarks.

As many of you realize, Jim was known affectionately on Capitol Hill as "Gentleman Jim." His civilized approach to everyone he met ran to the heart of his beliefs—the dignity of the individual.

Sometimes that philosophy took on comical overtones.

Jim knew that one of the highest forms of respect was remembering another's first name. He had a legendary reputation for that.

What many people didn't realize was that Jim had a slight impairment in one ear and so sometimes his hearing was skewed.

He remembered what he heard, but he didn't always hear names correctly.

One day at the Capitol, I was approached by an old friend, Dick Conlon, who was the staff director on one of the committees. He said, "John I have a favor to ask. Jim is always very gracious to me. He goes out of his way to stop and chat. But he invariably calls me Bill—and it's embarrassing—especially if someone else is present." I said I'd take care of it, and proceeded to explain the situation to Jim. Jim said, "I always thought his name was Bill." I repeated that it was Dick.

A week or so later Conlon stopped me again, and with a shrug of disappointment said, "Thanks a lot. Hanley came up to a group of us yesterday, smiled and stuck out his hand to me, paused for a second or two and, then said 'Hi, uh, Tom. Keep up the good work.'"

At this point, I think its time for me to depart gracefully. I have been blessed with the friendship and trust of one of God's truly fine men.

Jim, thanks for the chance to share in a beautiful life.

In your own words, "Till then . . ."

A LIFE OF SERVICE AND COURAGE

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a young man from my district who exemplified great courage while serving his country. Private First Class Ervin Dervishi was fatally wounded two weeks ago in Iraq when his unit was attacked by grenade fire.

Private Dervishi displayed his extraordinary commitment to fight for freedom and justice. Freedom and justice are the building blocks of democracy, and these values are the heartbeat of all immigrants, like Private Dervishi, who fight for our country every day.

Born in Albania, Private Dervishi came to America with his brother and his parents in search of a better life for their family. He quickly enrolled in his local high school and became a heralded athlete on the soccer field. Not merely settling for citizenship alone, Private Dervishi wanted to contribute to society. That's why he began participating in a two-year volunteer program called Young Explorers with the Waxahachie Police Department. At his memorial service, Private Dervishi's adviser for Young Explorers, Police Chief Nathan Bickerstaff, praised this young man for his enthusiastic nature and fascination with law enforcement. Police Chief Bickerstaff smiled as he recalled Private Dervishi telling him that someday he would become a police officer.

Private Dervishi moved to Fort Worth and joined the Army's 4th Infantry Division in Fort Hood, Texas, after graduating from Western Hills High School. After deployment to Iraq, Private Dervishi showed exemplary combat skills and was present at the capture of Saddam Hussein. He was laid to rest with military honors, and Brig. Gen. Robert Crear presented the family with two distinctive posthumous decorations—the Purple Heart and Bronze Star—for their son's service. High-ranking officials of the Albanian government, including President Alfred Moisiu, have also recognized Private Dervishi's mark in the world by conferring the Golden Eagle Medalion on Private Dervishi. This award is rarely given, but it marks Private Dervishi as a martyr for freedom and peace for two countries.

Private Dervishi is remembered by his family and peers as a true friend who was devoted to family and country and dedicated to the causes of justice, freedom, and peace.

Private Dervishi understood more about freedom in his short life than many will in an entire lifetime. He lived an extraordinary life, rich with love, laughter, and pride. As a Member of Congress, I rise today to acknowledge Private Dervishi and his family for their sacrifice and service to the cause of freedom and the war against terror.

In his eulogy, Police Chief Bickerstaff vowed to carry a photo of Private Dervishi as a reminder of his ultimate sacrifice, saying "he will always be a hero in my eyes."

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Dervishi family. May you be strengthened and comforted in this devastating time.

IN RECOGNITION OF JACK T. GENTRY

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a man who has distinguished himself in southwest Missouri by his commitment to improving our manufacturing sector and expanding our markets abroad. Jack T. Gentry of Springfield, MO, is a builder, creator, innovator, and motivator. He has worked aggressively to give manufacturers a voice in their community and government. Ten years ago, he was the driving force in creating the Springfield Area Manufacturers Association (SAMA), the region's first manufacturer's association, and then served as its president. In September 2002, SAMA broadened its focus to include 40 manufacturers throughout southwest Missouri, and the name was changed to the Southwest Area Manufacturers Association. Today the organization represents more than 60 manufacturing companies.

The association's mission and Jack Gentry's aim is to represent the economic, political, educational, and social interests of southwest Missouri area manufacturers and their employees, while promoting the betterment of the local economy and the environment, as well as the well being of the manufacturing industry in southwest Missouri.

Jack Gentry has always been ahead of manufacturing trends and issues. More than a decade ago, Jack and the Manufacturing Association began taking action on issues that are center stage in manufacturing today. With his leadership, the Association developed awareness programs about how to find, create, and train a literate labor force. The association contributed \$37,000 to public schools for technology and provided career awareness opportunities for high school students by hosting plant tours, internships, and school-to-work initiatives. In 1993, Positronic Industries, Jack's company and a founding SAMA member, began working with the U.S. Department of Labor and Ozarks Technical Community College to develop company-paid apprenticeships in order to meet the need for a skilled workforce. To date, 128 employees have completed their training in nine areas and received Department of Labor certification.

The association also initiated discussion about the impact of taxes, workers' compensation, and health care costs on the manufacturing sector with government leaders. It was the first time in southwest Missouri that manufacturers spoke with a unified voice about their concerns.

Positronic Industries, founded by Jack in 1966, embodies his manufacturing philosophy—work smart, expand markets, keep ahead of trends, and deliver a reliable, dependable product. The bedrock of that philosophy is a workforce of skilled employees. Positronic employs 800 individuals worldwide manufacturing high performance, high reliability electronic connectors in ten facilities located throughout southwest Missouri, Puerto Rico, France, and Singapore.

In the face of adversity, Jack has demonstrated repeatedly both his commitment to his employees and his refusal to quit. When the Positronic plant in Rogersville, MO, was

destroyed by fire in 1983, Jack promised to rebuild and put the 200 employees back to work quickly. He kept his promise. In 6 weeks, the plant was back in full production with full employment. In the two decades that followed, Jack's superior management skills enabled Positronic to flourish in an unpredictable economic environment.

At the same time, Jack gave his time and energy to benefit those following in his manufacturing legacy. During his service on several boards and agencies, he has offered the government invaluable advice on policy and practices. Over the course of his career, Jack has served as a Technical Advisor on Electromechanical Components for Electronic Equipment to the International Electrotechnical Commission, which sets worldwide standards for electronic equipment, and as the Secretariat of the International Electrotechnical Commission committee. In addition, he has been appointed to the Industry Sector Advisory Committee, which establishes policy for imports and exports for electronic components and was chairman of the Rectangular Connector Committee for the Electronic Industries.

Jack Gentry is a member of the President's Council of the National Association of Manufacturers and a strong advocate for American goods in the international market. He will be honored for his work and leadership by the Southwest Area Manufacturers Association on February 18, 2004, and awarded lifetime honorary membership in SAMA as President Emeritus.

These honors are a fitting tribute to Jack Gentry's untiring effort to advance manufacturing, expand markets and improve the economies of southwest Missouri and the United States.

HONORING KOINONIA FOSTER HOMES, INC.

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Koinonia Foster Homes, Inc., for their hard work and dedication on behalf of thousands of children and families who are in need of their services. A great example of their efforts will be taking place as they sponsor a community-wide, interdenominational Honorary Pastors and Wives Luncheon on February 17th in Fresno, CA.

In 1982, Koinonia Foster Homes, Inc., was founded by Miriam Golden who had previously fostered over 37 abused and neglected children in addition to raising her own four natural children. "Koinonia" is a Greek word that means to communicate relationship and fellowship, which entails that their staff and foster parents relate to children from a position of trustworthiness, dependability and a deep moral commitment. Koinonia Foster Homes is a State-licensed, nonprofit organization that works in cooperation with county social service agencies that remove children from their homes due to abuse and neglect and then refer them to Koinonia for placement in a foster home. Once referred to the program, Koinonia places these children in agency-certified homes where they receive love and guidance from caring, committed and trained foster

families, as well as therapeutic services provided by master's-level social work staff.

Koinonia Foster Homes' mission is to provide the highest quality treatment foster care program available for children, youth and their families. Regional offices throughout California and Nevada support over 1,000 foster children, utilizing approximately 500 certified foster families. Koinonia's largest program is its Therapeutic Foster Care Program which provides treatment-based foster care to children between the ages of birth through 18 years of age who have been removed from their homes. Other programs include Residential Group Homes, The Crisis Resolution Center, The Day Treatment Program, and Bridgehaven which is a co-ed transitional housing program for youth ages 18–20. Koinonia Foster Homes is regarded as a leader in the care of at-risk children and the recruitment of new foster homes.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Koinonia Foster Homes, Inc., for the hope and compassion that they have provided for our children and communities. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing them many years of continued success.

GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE

HON. JOHN W. OLVER

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit for the RECORD and draw my colleagues' attention to the attached statement that was recently issued by a bipartisan group of 156 mayors from across the country regarding global climate change. These mayors represent more than 46 million people in local communities ranging in size from 700 people in LaConner, Washington, to more than 4 million in Houston, Texas. The mayors state: "Mayors from across the U.S. are concerned about the impacts of global warming on our communities. Many of us are actively pursuing reductions at the municipal level, but know it will take leadership at the national level to slow the rate of global warming. We urge the Federal Government to focus attention and policy efforts on this critical issue."

I encourage my colleagues to read the attached statement in its entirety. The mayors' statement serves as a reminder that Congress must get serious about addressing greenhouse gas reductions to minimize the impact of global warming already felt across our country. I look forward to working with my colleagues to address this important issue.

U.S. MAYORS' STATEMENT ON GLOBAL WARMING 2003

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Global warming poses significant threats to communities across the country. We are already feeling impacts in the form of heat waves, shrinking water supplies and snow pack, increased rates of asthma, floods and storms, and coastal erosion.

The scientific community is very clear in its warning—we must act now to signifi-

cantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions below current levels or we will quickly reach a point at which global warming can not be reversed. This issue requires an effective response from the U.S. Federal Government.

Many local governments across the country have made it a policy priority to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. As mayors, we know that actions that promote energy conservation and efficiency, sustainable transportation (such as expanded mass transit, alternative fuel vehicles, and bike and pedestrian safety amenities) and reduce solid waste also reduce greenhouse gas and criteria pollutants emissions and bring a host of benefits to our communities. These actions reduce financial waste for local governments, businesses and citizens; they make our communities more livable; they increase spending and economic investment in our communities; and they increase the quality of life for current and future generations.

In addition to these benefits, two other reasons have recently emerged that put reducing greenhouse gas emissions at the top of the policy priority list. The first is energy security. Switching to cleaner energy sources, practicing conservation and maximizing energy efficiency will ease U.S. dependence on foreign fossil fuel-based energy, and at the same time improve local air quality and public health.

The second driver is the simple fact that the people in our communities are calling on us as elected leaders to address global warming. A public mandate is emerging in cities and towns across the country calling for governments at all levels to protect the global climate.

As Mayors responsible for the well being of our communities, we urge the federal government to maintain, enhance and implement new domestic policies and programs that work with local communities to reduce global warming pollution.

Initial Signatories: Mayor James Garner, Hempstead NY; Mayor Ed Garza, San Antonio TX; Mayor R.T. Rybak, Minneapolis MN; Mayor Vera Katz, Portland OR; Mayor Dick Murphy, San Diego CA.

STATEMENT SIGNATORIES

Name	City and state	Population
Dan Coody	Fayetteville, AR	58,047
Jim Daley	Little Rock AR	181,133
Patrick Hays	North Little Rock, AR	60,433
Beverly Johnson	Alameda, CA	76,259
Bob Ornelas	Arcata, CA	16,651
Tom Bates	Berkeley, CA	102,743
Stacey Murphy	Burbank, CA	100,316
Stephen Padilla	Culha Vista, CA	200,000
Mike Nixon	Cloverdale, CA	7,150
Janet Kurevers	Cotati, CA	6,700
Roberta Cooper	Hayward, CA	144,721
Leah Gold	Healdsburg, CA	11,522
Roosevelt F. Dorn	Inglewood, CA	112,580
Beverly O'Neil	Long Beach, CA	461,522
Keb Kearsley	Malibu, CA	12,575
Dennis Kennedy	Morgan Hill, CA	33,556
David Smith	Newark, CA	43,043
Jerry Brown	Oakland, CA	399,484
Dena Mossaf	Palo Alto, CA	61,200
Davic Glass	Petaluma, CA	54,548
Tom Pico	Pleasanton, CA	67,724
Jonathan Sharkey	Port Hueneme, CA	21,845
Grace Vargas	Fialto, CA	91,873
Irma Anderson	Richmond, CA	99,216
Armando Flores	Rohnert Park, CA	42,236
Heather Fargo	Sacramento, CA	407,018
Peter Kikus	San Anselmo, CA	12,378
Judith Valles	San Bernardino, CA	185,401
Dick Murphy ¹	San Diego, CA	1,275,112
Willie Brown	San Francisco, CA	776,733
Ron Gonzales	San Jose, CA	894,943
Shelia Young	San Leandro, CA	79,452
Marty Blum	Santa Barbara, CA	92,325
Emily Reilly	Santa Cruz, CA	54,593
Richard Bloom	Santa Monica, CA	84,084
Sharon Wright	Santa Rosa, CA	147,595
Craig Litwin	Sebastopol, CA	7,750
Julia Miller	Sunnyvale, CA	131,760
Dan Walker	Torrance, CA	137,946
Ray DiGiulio	Ventura, CA	9,157,540
Jeff Prang	West Hollywood, CA	35,716
Helen Klanderud	Aspen, CO	5,914
William R. Toor	Boulder, CO	94,673
John Fabrizio	Bridgeport, CT	139,529