

HONORING THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF CAL STATE SAN MARCOS

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2004

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate California State University San Marcos for its 15th Anniversary which will be celebrated on September 1, 2004. It is an honor to recognize the accomplishments and contributions that this university has made over the years for the City of San Marcos, and the San Diego region, and for the priceless opportunities it has provided for over 13,000 graduates.

Over the past 15 years Cal State San Marcos has grown from a small campus with classes held in rented space next to a furniture store to an accredited four-year institution that is the leader for higher education in the northern San Diego region. The creation of Cal State San Marcos resulted from more than 20 years of work by business and civic leaders who understood how important a university campus could be to the region. A leader among them was Assemblyman and later State Senator William A. Craven, who obtained initial state funding for the campus.

In 1990, President Bill Stacey, twelve founding faculty and key administrative support staff were hired and the campus consisted of 448 upper division students. As of today I am proud to say there are 7,777 student enrolled at Cal State San Marcos. I have closely observed the rapid growth of this institution and couldn't be more proud of its accomplishments. I have witnessed numerous campus facilities rise from the hillside where it was established, including their newest addition, the Kellogg Library.

I have worked closely with past presidents, including Dr. Alexander Gonzalez, who served the institution from July 1998 to July 2003, and is currently the president of California State University Sacramento, the sixth largest campus of the twenty-three California State Universities. His successor, Dr. Karen Haynes, has come to lead Cal State San Marcos from the Victoria, Texas, campus of the University of Houston, where she was president since 1995. With the exceptional vision and value of leaders like these two, a city that embraces collegiate excellence, and a community that prides itself on positive growth, it is only befitting that a successful institution of higher education emerge.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize California State University San Marcos for 15 years of collegiate excellence and the continuing role this institution plays in enriching the lives of students. This campus is fused with boundless optimism as it prepares to meet the higher education needs of a growing region. Happy Birthday Cal State San Marcos.

HONORING WILLIAMSTOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the students of

Williamstown Middle School who have received the Principal's Award over the past two academic years. The Principal's Award is given to students who have earned straight A's for at least one academic quarter, clearly an accomplishment worthy of notice.

As these young constituents have already realized, the importance of education should never be underestimated. These students have clearly shown their commitment to education and academic achievement, and are well on their way to becoming our nation's future leaders. I wish to congratulate these individuals for their firm dedication to learning, and urge them to continue along this path.

During the 2002–2003 school year the Principal's Award was received by the following sixth graders: Sequia Adams Ferebee, Jennifer Annarelli, Brittany Arnold, David Barbalace, Kevin Barger, Victoria Becker, Jordan Bonder, Gillian Bradley, Krista Butler, Ashley D'Ambrosio, Nicholas Davis, Francesca Dougherty, Tiffany Fanelli, Sarah Fauvell, Kayla Gennarelli, Daniella Genovese, Nicole Goldsmith, Chelsea Grahamslaw, Courtney Grim, John Lafferty, Daniel Lang, Matthew Leonardi, Dena Mahoney, James Maldonado, John McCormick, Kevin McDonough, Kimberly Nothstein, Steven Ray, Victoria Rocco, Jody Salvatore, Timothy Schipske, Jaclyn Stewart, Nicholas Stola, Katie Trotter, Chris Whipple, Ashley Wilkinson, Gabrielle Wurdarski. In the seventh grade the following students received the award: Erika Abel, Kristen Antonelli, Rachel Brown, Krisitin Capasso, Grace Ann Charles, Arielle Dibling, Christina Fucellano, Amber Hassan, Meeghan James, Jocelyn Jengehino, Amber Kane, Brian Kelly, Amanda Kimer, Brittany Kubat, Brian Lallier, Mandy Lei, Denay Morrison, Christine Oagar, David Ofoosu-Appiah, Daniel Palieri, Brielle Sneed, Michelle Talnagi, Frances Ulmer, Megan Wadsworth, Mark Washko, Tara Weeast, Collin Whipple. Eighth grade recipients included: Justin Abraham, Adam Brinkman, Heather Butler, Hollie Butler, Jamie Dougherty, Shady El Damaty, Eric Flinn, Angela Forjohn, Douglas Fuscina, Amanda Gregory, Lisa Guarrera, Josh Haynes, Anne Inacay, Robert Knecht, Sandra Lamplugh, Christopher Lewandowski, Anthony Lopez, Nicholas Marella, Anthony McCullough, Michael Mueller, Joseph Obraczewski, Frederick Powell, Niccolo Reggente, Kacey Richards, Sarah Sottile, Anthony Stola, Gerard Tigue, Michael Torres, Heather Vischoric, Amanda Williams, Arielle Williams, Laura Williams.

During the 2003–2004 school year the following students of the sixth grade received the award: Emilie Albert, Douglas Blankenship, Amanda Branda, Stephanie Bradley, Jessica Bullman, Jamie Cattell, Mia DiFilippo, Amber Endres, Mariel Enriques, Caitlin Graham, Joseph Gratton, Brandon Harner, Amy Harrington, Juliet Jengehino, Ashley Jones, Sarah Kee, Sean Kryston, Shannon Listman, Rachel Maiorano, Jessica Martinez, Robert Mele, Carly Moffa, Briana Molino, Nicholas Randazzo, Gabrielle Richardson, Jade Richardson, Christopher Rotella, Corrie Sellers, Veronica Shevlin, Jacob Sprengle, Caitlin Stewart, James Stewart, Jennifer Stief, Andrew Sudler, Amanda Tran, Alexander Vickers, Keyanah West, Alyssa Worstell. Seventh grade recipients included: Brittany Arnold, David Barbalace, Jordan Bonder, Gillian Bradley, Michelle DeCraene, Francesca Dougherty,

Tiffany Fanelli, Sarah Favell, Danielle Genovese, Robert Giarnone, Jr., Courtney Grim, Jason Irlieh, Charlotte Kirkby, Kelli Kleinsmith, John Lefferty, Daniel Lang, Dena Mahoney, Kevin McDonough, Kimberly Nothstein, Sheeaa Rastogi, Steven Ray, Tanya Roberson, Victoria Rocco, Jody Salvatore, Nicholas Stola, Katire Trotter, Crystal Uzdevenes. Recipients in the eighth grade were: Keleofa Bernard, Kristin Capasso, Grace Ann Charles, Jamie Curran, Christina Fucellaro, Antonio Inacay, Brian Kelly, Michael Kessler, Amanda Kimex, Melissa Kortman, Julian Magner, Daniel Palmieri, Julianne Smith, Sharon Sudarsanan, Magan Wadsworth, Mark Washko, Tara Weeast, Collin Whipple.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me in recognizing the Principal's Award recipients of Williamstown Middle School. Their accomplishments are truly deserving of national commendation.

CELEBRATING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN WEEKLY NEWSPAPER

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2004

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a treasured institution in the Armenian-American community and in my Congressional District, the "Armenian Weekly Newspaper" which is celebrating its 70th Anniversary of publication this year.

Since 1934, the English-language Armenian Weekly has been published by the Hairenik Association of Watertown, Massachusetts, located in my district. The Association also publishes the Armenian Weekly's parent publication, "The Hairenik," which is the longest running Armenian-language newspaper in the world.

Mr. Speaker, this past April we gathered to commemorate the Armenian Genocide, one of the darkest chapters of World War I, and what is sometimes called the "Forgotten Genocide." The Armenian Weekly plays an invaluable role in helping all of us to remember that tragic period, but more importantly, to celebrate the lives of the survivors and their wonderful and enduring culture.

In September of 1919, President Woodrow Wilson spoke of his vision of a future Armenia. He said, "Armenia is to be redeemed . . . So that at last this great people, struggling through night after night of terror, knowing not when they may come out into a time when they can enjoy their rights as free people that they never dreamed they would be able to exercise." Since the rebirth of the Armenian nation following the collapse of the former Soviet Union, the Armenian Weekly has run numerous stories on issues and events affecting the politics and economy of the Republic of Armenia, and the efforts of the Armenian-American community to support its struggle to survive and prosper.

Mr. Speaker, two of our most cherished freedoms in the United States are freedom of speech and freedom of the press. For seventy years now, Armenian-Americans have been

celebrating those freedoms through the Armenian Weekly Newspaper. In addition to its extensive coverage of news events of interest to the Armenian-American community, over the years, the paper has printed numerous short stories, essays and poems. For example, the stories that initially brought noted Armenian-American writer and playwright William Saroyan to national attention were first published in the Armenian Weekly.

I congratulate Editor Jason Sohigian and everyone associated with this remarkable publication and I wish the Armenian Weekly Newspaper many more years of service and success.

RECOGNIZING MAJOR GENERAL MICHAEL P. WIEDEMER, U.S. AIR FORCE, DIRECTOR OF THE DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY AT FORT LEE, VIRGINIA, FOR HIS SERVICE AND DEDICATION

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2004

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Major General Michael P. Wiedemer, Director of the Defense Commissary Agency, for his loyal service to the United States and Virginia's Fourth District.

Major General Wiedemer's dedication and loyalty to the advancement of our district and the nation as a whole is to be commended. He has played an instrumental role in overseeing the growth and preservation of the military's worldwide commissary system since he assumed command in August 2002.

Since first being commissioned in the U.S. Air Force over 30 years ago, Major General Wiedemer's devotion to duty has reflected the highest standards of the military profession. After four years of service, he served as Chief of Data Automation as part of the 347th Tactical Fighter Wing on the Moody Air Force Base in Georgia. He has served on numerous airbases throughout the United States. His military education is extensive and includes Squadron Officer School, the Air Command and Staff College, Defense Systems Management College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Major General Wiedemer also holds a Bachelor of Science degree and a Masters degree in Industrial Management.

Major General Wiedemer's decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Medal, Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with Three Oak Leaf Clusters, an Air Force Commendation Medal, and the Defense Superior Service Medal.

Major General Wiedemer has shown tremendous commitment and devotion to his country. Today we recognize him for his unwavering patriotism and dedication to both his profession and the American people.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Major General Michael P. Wiedemer.

CONGRATULATING MR. JEROME W. WATSON ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2004

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and honor that I congratulate Mr. Jerome W. Watson on his retirement from United Steelworkers of America Local Union 1066. Jerome has spent nearly 35 years dedicating his life to the interests of Local Union 1066 as well as his community in Northwest Indiana. His career at Local 1066 has allowed him the opportunity to touch the lives of numerous people.

Jerome Watson has accomplished many visionary goals throughout his career. Before joining Local 1066, Jerome admirably served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War until his honorable discharge in 1969. He began his career at Local 1066 as a Grievance Committeeman in 1976. After being hired by United States Steel as a Motor Inspector Expanded, Jerome faithfully served Local 1066 on the Classification Committee, By-Law Committee, Institute for Career Development Local Joint Committee, Legislative Committee, and as Editor/Chair of the Banner Newspaper Committee. He was Grievance Chairman of Local 1066 from 1985–1991 and again in 1996–2003, and he served as the President from 2003–2004.

Not only has Jerome Watson had many positive accomplishments throughout his career at Local 1066, he has also actively contributed to his community through participation in various programs aimed at improving opportunities for the people of Northwest Indiana. Jerome participated in the successful negotiations that resulted in the Ivy Tech/United States Steel craft articulation agreement, which allowed graduated apprentices and trainees to obtain Associates Degrees through credit allowed for previous relevant training and additional Ivy Tech core classes. Along with his many other accomplishments, Jerome has received numerous awards and certificates, including the Q1 award for Union Involvement from Ford Motor Company, the Labor award from the A. Phillip Randolph Institute. He was honored with the awards of merit for Local Union 1066 Banner Newspaper for best local union coverage, best regular column, and best U.S.X. 1986 "lockout coverage." Jerome received certificates of approval from the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, and the Ivy Tech State College program of Electrical and Mechanical Degree Program.

Jerome has demonstrated his loyalty by his outstanding service to Local 1066 and his community through his hard work and self-sacrifice. Although Jerome has served on numerous Committees and has dedicated his time to Local 1066, he has never neglected to provide support and love to his family. Jerome and his wife Linda have one son, Jerome Jr., and a daughter, Tina.

Mr. Speaker, Jerome Watson has given his time and efforts selflessly to the people of Northwest Indiana throughout his years of service. He has taught every member of Local 1066 the true meaning of service to all members of the Northwest Indiana community. I respectfully ask that you and my other distin-

guished colleagues join me in congratulating Mr. Jerome Watson for his outstanding contributions to Indiana's First Congressional District. I am proud to commend him for his lifetime of service and dedication.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4766) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Chairman, I would like to comment for the record regarding yesterday's passage of the Maloney Amendment to H.R. 4766, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2005.

The Maloney amendment, which was adopted yesterday by the House by voice vote, stated that no funds may be used to keep a contraception drug as prescription-only if it has been determined to be safe and effective without a doctor's supervision. Let the record state that there is not an oral contraceptive that has been determined to be safe and effective without a doctor's supervision. Current law already requires FDA to make products available over the-counter only when they are found to be safe and effective.

On May 7, 2004, the FDA rejected an over-the-counter application from Barr Pharmaceuticals for the morning after pill because and I quote: "... we have concluded that you have not provided adequate data to support a conclusion that Plan B can be used safely by young adolescent women for emergency contraception without the professional supervision of a practitioner licensed by law to administer the drug." The petitioners for over-the-counter status could not prove that the drug was safe and effective without a doctor's supervision. It is important to note that the Maloney amendment has no effect on current law and merely restates current FDA law and policy regarding prescription drugs and over-the-counter drugs.

I am concerned that my colleagues on the Democratic side of the aisle are attempting to use this amendment to chastise the FDA for its refusal to allow morning-after birth control pills to be sold without a doctor's prescription. I understand that the FDA is being lobbied heavily by the business community and social liberal groups for acceptance of Plan B and other over-the-counter pills that would seek to terminate a pregnancy. I'm encouraged that the FDA is willing to place the concerns of public health above other considerations and I am hopeful that the FDA will continue to resist pressure from these outside interests.