

This is an extraordinary and remarkable achievement.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in paying tribute to the children, teachers and principal at the Clement J. Zablocki Elementary School and commend their efforts in providing a standard of excellence in the field of education.

RECOGNIZING THE WOMEN IN THE LAW FORUM

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 2004

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues to recognize the Women in the Law forum being hosted by the Women's Caucus on October 6, 2004. At this forum, we honor the achievements of the first women Justices of the United States Supreme Court, the Honorable Sandra Day O'Connor and the Honorable Ruth Bader Ginsburg, for their pioneering achievements and service to our nation as members of the highest court in the land.

Justice O'Connor was the 102nd Supreme Court Justice to be named to the bench and the first female member of the Court. A quietly determined woman who blazed new trails for her gender, Justice O'Connor is a role model for all Americans. She has left a thoughtful and enduring mark on American Jurisprudence, which has been molded through her wisdom and strong character.

Justice Ginsburg, the 107th Justice to serve on the Supreme Court and second woman Justice to be named to the bench, has advanced the development of our Nation's jurisprudence in order to make our society more equitable for both women and men. Justice Ginsburg brought with her a career of advocacy and experience which she effectively utilizes to empower Americans who have been historically disadvantaged.

Today, women owe their success in the legal profession, in part, to the groundbreaking actions of the women who came before us. Pioneers, such as Belva Lockwood and Susan B. Anthony, defied stereotypes and it is on their shoulders we stand today. Justices O'Connor and Ginsburg continue in this pioneering tradition as women in the law, distinguishing themselves with brilliant careers and exceptional legal minds.

It is an honor for the Congressional Caucus on Women's Issues to recognize Justices O'Connor and Ginsburg for their achievements.

On behalf of the Congressional Women's Caucus leadership, Representative SHELLEY MOORE-CAPITO, Representative LOUISE M. SLAUGHTER, Representative HILDA L. SOLIS, and every member of the Women's Caucus, I thank Justice O'Connor and Justice Ginsburg for their courage, fortitude, and perseverance. They both serve as inspirations to every woman in America.

HONORING BOBBY SHERMAN

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 2004

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, on October 9, 2004, the Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation will recognize Bobby Sherman for his commitment and dedication to the Los Angeles County Reserve Foundation. He will be presented with the coveted "Twice A Citizen" Award for his extraordinary volunteer work.

Reserve officers are volunteers who supplement the deployment of full-time officers by performing a wide range of duties, including working as uniformed patrol officers, desk officers, detectives, chaplains and community-relations officers. During 2003, reserve officers donated 200,000 hours of service, the equivalent to more than 5 million dollars in officer salaries. The LAPD Reserve Officers live up to their motto; "To Be A Reserve Is To Be Twice A Citizen."

Bobby Sherman is one of the most successful and diversified figures in the entertainment industry. The first performer to star in three television series before the age of 30, he has gone on to earn a fine reputation not only as an actor and singer, but as a producer, director and composer as well.

His career success allows him to devote much of his time and energy to charitable and community activities. He is a certified EMT instructor, a technical reserve officer with the Los Angeles Police Department and a Reserve Deputy Sheriff with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. He has been named LAPD's Reserve Officer of the Year for 1999, received the FBI's Exceptional Service Award and is the Vice Commander of the Court Services Reserve Unit for the San Bernardino County Sheriff. For fifteen years, he has served as a medical training officer at the Los Angeles Police Academy, instructing thousands of police officers in first aid and CPR. Through The Bobby Sherman Volunteer EMT Foundation, he provides free first aid and emergency medical services at dozens of charitable and community events each year.

Bobby began his career on ABC's, *Shindig*, the first prime time rock and roll showcase. He starred for two seasons as Jeremy Bolt in ABC's *Here Comes the Brides* and then his own series *Getting Together*. He was a frequent guest star on the series *Murder, She Wrote* and *Frazier* and appeared in the motion pictures *Wild In The Streets*, *He is My Brother* and *Get Crazy*. His records include *Hey Little Woman*, *Easy Come Easy Go*, *Julie Do Ya Love Me?* and *Cried Like a Baby*, which along with others sold more than 10 million records and won seven gold singles and five gold albums. His Christmas album remains a perennial favorite and personal appearances sold out the Houston Astrodome and The Los Angeles Forum.

Bobby's autobiography *Bobby Sherman:—Remembering You* has been on several best-seller lists. He built and maintains a 24-track digital recording studio where he composed, arranged and performed the musical scores for many television programs and videos. He lives in San Fernando Valley and is the father of two sons, Christopher and Tyler.

Bobby is a stellar example of the statement "to protect and serve." We can only say a

simple and heartfelt thank you to Bobby Sherman and to all the men and women who courageously protect and serve the citizens of America.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING OPPRESSION BY CHINA OF FALUN GONG IN UNITED STATES AND CHINA

SPEECH OF

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 4, 2004

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I strongly support H. Con. Res. 304, expressing the sense of Congress regarding oppression by the Government of China against the Falun Gong in the United States and in China. I urge all members of Congress to support this important legislation.

The United States must stand up for basic decency and human rights and for men and women who are being persecuted on account of their religious or political beliefs. As a congress, our policy must be a policy that helps promote human rights and freedom, not a policy that sides with dictators who oppress their own citizens.

H. Con. Res. 304 calls on the Government of China to stop the harassment of Falun Gong practitioners in the United States, calls for the immediate release from detention of all prisoners of conscience, and calls on the Attorney General to investigate reports that Chinese officials in the United States have committed illegal acts while attempting to intimidate Falun Gong practitioners.

Those who are persecuted for their religious or political beliefs around the world are encouraged when the United States speaks out on their behalf. America must be true to its founders and continue to stand up for basic decency and human rights. Thomas Jefferson said the God who gave us life, gave us liberty. Every man and woman—with inalienable rights. Those are the rights, not just for those who are blessed to be Americans, but for every man, woman and child in this world.

I call on every member of Congress to vote in favor of this important resolution.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MISSOURI TEACHER OF THE YEAR, LINDA EISINGER

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 2004

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this opportunity to congratulate Mrs. Linda Eisinger for receiving the Missouri Teacher of the Year Award.

Mrs. Eisinger was born on October 8, 1951, in Independence, Missouri. After graduating from Raytown High School, she attended Central Missouri State University where she graduated in 1973 with a degree in Elementary Education. In 1977, she received a Masters degree in Education from Central Missouri State University.

Mrs. Eisinger has been a teacher for over three decades, and this year she begins her

27th year as a teacher in Jefferson City. Currently, she is a third grade teacher at West Elementary School in Jefferson City.

Last spring, Mrs. Eisinger was chosen from more than 100 applications as the Jefferson City District's Teacher of the Year. Then, out of a group of six teachers competing for the State honor, she was chosen as the Missouri Teacher of the Year. As Missouri's Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Eisinger automatically will be entered in the National Teacher of the Year Competition.

Mr. Speaker, once again, I wish to extend my congratulations to Mrs. Linda Eisinger. It is with great pride that I honor her for being named the Missouri Teacher of the Year.

OXI DAY SPEECH

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 2004

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join the Hellenic-Americans and Philhellenes in my district and throughout the country in celebrating "OXI Day (No Day)," which falls on the 28th of October. This year marks the 64th anniversary of a very important day in Hellenic history, the day on which brave Greek patriots said "No" to fascism, "No" to injustice, and "No" to slavery.

For those individuals who lived through that momentous period and their descendants, many of whom live in the 14th Congressional District of New York, "OXI Day" is more than a memory: It is the embodiment of Hellenism and its highest ideals.

On October 28, 1940, a terrifying sound went up throughout all Greek cities and towns, the sound of sirens and klaxons announcing the invasion of Greece by the Nazis. Walls that before had echoed only with the tolling of church bells now reverberated with the din of alarms.

At a time when Europe was descending into the inferno of another world war, the people of Greece did not panic. Men went calmly to their closets and retrieved their military uniforms and weapons. Women went about their necessary tasks, and the children assisted as they were able. With level-headed determination and steadfast resolve, the citizenry of Greece mobilized against the coming invaders and delivered their resounding "No!" to the Axis aggressors.

On OXI Day, the people of Greece chose the harder path, the path of resistance. If they had opened their gates to the invaders, much bloodshed and many deprivations might have been avoided. That brave generation of Hellenes, refused to submit to oppression, even at the cost of their homes, their land, and their lives. They chose to fight and even to die so that their children and the children of other nations might live in liberty. Theirs was an act of self-sacrifice that clearly proclaimed the humanitarian ideals of their Orthodox Christian faith and their ethnic heritage.

Demonstrating poise under pressure, the heroes of that period fought against tyranny and delayed the Axis onslaught in the Balkan Peninsula. The Greek nation which said "OXI" contributed to the eventual downfall of the Fascist powers in Europe.

This year the Hellenic community is celebrating another great moment in their history,

having successfully hosted a magnificent and peaceful Olympics at a time when terrorism imperils every public gathering. The smallest nation to ever host the Olympics, Greeks once again showed that they always rise to the occasion.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting the heroes of OXI Day. In their brave words and deeds we see all of the highest virtues of Hellenic heritage: Passion for justice, courage at a time of trial, unity in the midst of conflict, and willingness to sacrifice one's life for the good of others. On this day, we thank Greece for saying "OXI."

RECOGNIZING ROBERT T. "TOM" FLESH

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 2004

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, on October 9, 2004, the Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation will recognize Robert T. "Tom" Flesh for his untiring and committed efforts on behalf of his community, the county of Los Angeles, and the State of California. He will be presented with the coveted "Twice A Citizen" Award for his extraordinary volunteer work, as well as his long record of dedicated support and service to the law enforcement community.

Tom is the Vice Chairman of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Youth Foundation, an organization dedicated to the creation and implementation of effective programs for at-risk children and active intervention with their development. He also serves on the LA County Sheriff's Office Foundation, and he is on the Board of Directors of the Sinai Temple in Los Angeles. For many years, he served the West Los Angeles Little League as a commission, coach, and held offices on the Board of Directors. In addition, he is a member of the Board of Councilors in the School of Gerontology at the University of Southern California, the State Bar of California, a USC Associate, a member of the Los Angeles Business Council and many other professional and charitable organizations.

Mr. Flesh is a Public Member and President Emeritus of New Motor Vehicle Board of California. Tom was originally appointed by former Governor Pete Wilson and later reappointed by former Governor Gray Davis. Among his many accomplishments was the creation of a forum for industry manufacturers and dealers to dialog and exchange ideas in an effort to foster good relations. The forum has received national attention and has now been replicated in several states.

Tom's community leadership began in Los Angeles, where he attended local public school, graduating from Palisades High School and the University of Southern California. Later he attended Loyola Law School where he graduated with a Juris Doctorate Degree in 1975.

Tom started his career with Thrifty Oil Company, where he rose to the level of senior Vice President/General Counsel. Today, he is President and CEO of Safety Investment Company and Community Asset Management, a national real estate acquisition, development and management company emphasizing man-

ufactured housing communities. The company has been in business since 1989.

Tom Flesh and his wife, Judy, live in Los Angeles. They, along with four children, Daniel, Jacqueline, Jamie and Michelle make community and civic endeavors a priority in their lives.

Because he exemplifies all that is right with our nation's grassroots volunteer efforts, I am pleased to have the opportunity to recognize Tom Flesh for his dedication, compassion and commitment.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL MICHAEL SMITH ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE 440TH AIRLIFT WING

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 2004

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, October 23, 2004, the 440th Airlift Wing will be honoring its Commander, Colonel Michael L. Smith, as he enters retirement following an illustrious thirty-three year career in the Air Force and Air Force Reserve.

Growing up in the cornfields of Iowa, Colonel Smith looked to the sky and dreamed of flying and serving his country. He pushed himself academically and entered United States Air Force Academy as a cadet in 1967, distinguishing himself as a student in engineering management. Following graduation, he attended pilot training, served actively in the Air Force for four years, and then transferred to the Air Force Reserves where he utilized what he learned at the academy by serving as an advisor to the director at the Headquarters of the Military Airlift Command and Air Force Reserves.

For the past nine years, he has become a fixture in Milwaukee as the 440th's Commander. He has trained his base and troops to be ready for any challenge that may come. Committed to the Air Force motto, "integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all [the members] do," Colonel Smith has shown himself to be an embodiment of those core values and has expected the same from those who serve with him.

Although Col. Smith is leaving his current post, he will continue to serve the men and women of the Armed Forces as an Ombudsman with the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, ensuring that Wisconsin National Guard Members and Reservists receive the necessary support from their employers.

The same precision, enthusiasm and skill he shows when flying and leading the Airlift Wing will be useful when he is pursuing his other passions: golf, woodworking and photography with his wife Joni, and children, Brett and Abigail.

It is with both great appreciation and sadness that I join the 440th Airlift Wing, his family, and Milwaukee area as a whole in thanking Col. Michael Smith for his 33 years of exemplary service. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.