

Linda Penner. Protecting the citizens of Fresno County, Linda is the current Director of Juvenile Probation and Adult Field Services for the Fresno County Probation Department. During her 27 year career she has worked to assist victims of crime in our community as a Victims' Advocate and Deputy Probation Officer. She has been recognized for her work with child sexual assault victims by the Sexual Assault Investigators Association and Fresno County District Attorney's Office. Linda's unprecedented commitment to the children of Fresno County is further demonstrated by her service to our schools as she serves on boards, commissions and committees serving both Clovis Unified and Fresno Unified School Districts.

Ruth F. Quinto. Ruth is the City of Fresno's Finance Director and City Controller. Some of Ruth's many accomplishments include decreasing citywide debt by \$23 million and laboring alongside Mayor Alan Autry in an effort to have the Governor's Office recognize the revenue needs of California's cities and counties. In 2001, Ruth achieved the status of "highest ranking Latina administrator" as Controller for the City of Fresno and received the "Latina's Achiever for Government" award in 2002.

Minnie Santillan. As the District Director for Assemblymember Sarah Reyes' 31st Assembly District Office, Minnie champions her work in the political sphere by proposing legislative ideas on issues such as Health Care, Education, Public Safety and many others. Minnie is dedicated to her community by serving as Board President of the Downtown Association of Fresno and spends her free time teaching tennis to underprivileged youths.

Patty Scroggins. Patty's efforts to establish Early Childhood Education Centers in the West Hills Community College District has created dependable childcare for children from birth to 5 years of age in the cities of Firebaugh, San Joaquin, Lemoore and several others. Her strong relationship with the State Department of Education has allowed her to offer free childcare to low-income families and she works relentlessly to provide ongoing parent education.

Cynthia A. Sterling. Fresno City Councilmember Cynthia A. Sterling made history in 2002 by becoming the first elected African-American woman to serve on that City Council. Since her inauguration, she has raised \$20,000 with her Hope for the Holidays turkey distribution and serves on Fresno's Interagency Housing Taskforce, which focuses on creating quality housing for all income levels and homeownership opportunities.

Carmen Villegas. Carmen is Director of Administrative Service for the Central Valley Regional Center and serves on numerous committees with the Department of Developmental Services. As a breast cancer survivor, Carmen annually travels to Washington, D.C. to review breast cancer research proposals and mentors newly diagnosed minority women who lack a much needed support system.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sylvia Disney, M. Margaret Hadcock MD, Teena N. Hagerman, Heidi Horton, Linda Penner, Ruth F. Quinto, Minnie Santillan, Patty Scroggins, Cynthia A. Sterling, and Carmen Villegas for receiving the 2004 Business Women of the Year Award. I invite my colleagues to join me in commending these outstanding women for their desire to improve the community around

them and in wishing them many years of continued success.

IN MEMORY OF MARGARET S. BROTHERS

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember my dear friend, Margaret Brothers.

Margaret was a loving wife to David, mother to Jessica and Gray, and servant of God, but to me she was first and foremost a trusted and loving friend. If I can convey but one overriding memory of Margaret, it is that she was always there for my wife Shirley and myself and for our family from the earliest days onward. As I embarked on my career in law, she was by my side. As I began my career in public service, she continued to serve in my law office and made the transition to my congressional office after my special election in 2001. During my legal career and in each of my campaigns, Margaret was always near, encouraging me and strengthening me with her God given abilities to comfort and guide.

Although her time with us was all too brief, I have a great sense of comfort knowing that she directly changed the lives of all she touched for the better both in and out of the office. Always the servant, Margaret worked tirelessly for the citizens of the 4th Congressional District of Virginia. Even when her own strength was diminishing and her own personal needs were increasing, Margaret fought to overcome her physical obstacles to be with her coworkers and to concentrate on serving others in need.

I will always remember her graceful presence, calm manner, warm smile, and joyful laugh, the qualities that enabled her to touch so many. Her witness to others has unquestionably impacted countless people who were fortunate enough to know her. Margaret's faith was a beacon of light shining out of the darkness to those in need searching to find their way. Her ability to touch the souls of others and show them the light was her calling and I thank God that she was a part of my life. While Margaret's loss to our office family and to me personally will be considerable, her never faltering faith and commitment to her Lord and Savior will continue to inspire all who knew her and serve as an inspiration and example to the next generation who must pick up her mission and carry it forward.

DANIEL CIRCELLI: SCHOLAR, ATHLETE, MERCHANT MARINE

HON. SHERWOOD BOEHLERT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate one of my constituents from Oneida County, Daniel J. Circelli, on his graduation from the United States Merchant Marine Academy, in Kings Point, NY. Mr. Circelli is the epitome of the Merchant Marine Academy's motto "Acta Non Verba"—"Deeds Not Words". He has excelled

in both academics and athletics, and has left a legacy at the Academy that will not soon be forgotten.

Mr. Circelli earned a bachelor of science degree with a major in Logistics & Intermodal Transportation. He is USCG licensed as a Third Mate, Unlimited Horsepower, and holds additional certifications in Advanced Firefighting, Dangerous Liquids, Marine Electronics/Communications/Radar, Chemical Biological Radiological Defense, CPR and First Aid. Mr. Circelli was awarded the Michael Ricciardi Memorial Scholarship in 2004. He also received a Class of 2004 recognition for exhibiting exceptional leadership and outstanding character as a member of the Regiment.

Mr. Circelli's collegiate achievements extend beyond the classroom and onto the football field where he led the Mariners as a 4-year starting quarterback and 2-year Varsity team captain. He holds three school records, and was named First Team All Conference in 2002 and ECAC and FCC Rookie of the Year in 2000. Mr. Circelli was lauded by head football coach, Tim McNulty, as "the type of competitor that raises the level of play of those around him by his mere presence."

The Superintendent of the Academy, Vice Admiral Joseph Stewart, said that Mr. Circelli "represents all that is good about the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and he is an outstanding example for our regimental values of integrity, service, courage and respect." As a student at the Academy, Mr. Circelli served aboard bulk carriers, naval auxiliaries, and containerships. He was involved in delivering humanitarian aid to Pakistan and China and in supporting the U.S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean theater of operations. He also made numerous North Atlantic crossings to Europe and voyages to the Far East from California. Throughout his time at the Academy, Mr. Circelli proved that he is industrious, conscientious, highly motivated, and interested only in exemplifying the highest standards of moral integrity and leadership. Academy Training Representative, Commander J.C. Flumignan, described Mr. Circelli as "the best this Nation has to offer."

TRIBUTE TO EDWARD A. KELLY, JR.

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my long-time friend, Edward A. "Ed" Kelly as he is honored as the recipient of this year's Lloyd Ritter Community Service Award by the Volunteer Center of Burlington County.

Involved in more than 70 different service clubs, professional organizations and fraternal and charitable nonprofits through the years, Ed Kelly is a man of accomplishment, one who "gets things done."

During the past decade much of his effort has been in the area of veterans service and assistance to active-duty military at nearby McGuire Air Force Base and Fort Dix. Spending much time as a volunteer in Burlington County's Veterans Service Office, Ed continues to serve on Save McGuire and Fort Dix

Committees, is a member of Burlington County's Military Affairs Committee, and is a past State Chairman of the Employers Support of the Guard and Reserve organization.

Ed also has been active in the Burlington County Chapter of the Boy Scouts of America; the Congressional Medal of Honor Society; the Chapel of the Four Chaplains, who honored him with their Legion of Honor Award; and, the Knights of Columbus, who selected him for their Distinguished Citizen Award.

It is obvious to all who come in contact with Ed Kelly that he is a special individual, one whose caring and commitment to the community have led him through a life of volunteering his time and energies for the betterment of others.

For these reasons, it is fitting that he receive this prestigious honor. I thank his loving wife, Millie, for sharing Ed with the community.

CHANGING THE HOUSE RULE GOVERNING USE OF THE CONGRESSIONAL FRANK DURING THE PERIOD PRECEDING ELECTIONS

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. LARSON. Mr. Speaker, I introduced H. Res. 848 in order to conform the pertinent House Rule with the underlying statutory provision governing use of the congressional frank during the period preceding elections.

When the pertinent predecessor provisions of House Rule XXIV, clause 8, were originally adopted, the pre-election cut off was statutorily set at 60 days. However when the pre-election cut off was changed in 1966 to 90 days in the underlying statute, the House did not amend its rules to conform with that change. Thus the House Rule today is out of date.

39 U.S.C. 3210(a)(6)(A) currently reads, in pertinent part:

(6)(A) It is the intent of Congress that a Member of, or Member-elect to, Congress may not mail any mass mailing as franked mail—

(i) if the mass mailing is postmarked fewer than 60 days (or, in the case of a Member of the House, fewer than 90 days) immediately before the date of any primary election or general election (whether regular, special, or runoff) in which the Member is a candidate for reelection; or

(ii) in the case of a Member of, or Member-elect to, the House who is a candidate for any other public office, if the mass mailing—

(I) is prepared for delivery within any portion of the jurisdiction of or the area covered by the public office which is outside the area constituting the congressional district from which the Member or Member-elect was elected; or

(II) is postmarked fewer than 90 days immediately before the date of any primary election or general election (whether regular, special, or runoff) in which the Member or Member-elect is a candidate for any other public office.

H. Res. 848 provides a conforming amendment to make Rule XXIV, clause 8, consistent with the underlying statute. What follows is the pertinent language of the statutory change:

Amendment to the 60 day rule—1996—Subsection (a)(6)(A)(i). Pub. L. 104-197, Sec. 102(a)(1), inserted “(or, in the case of a Member of the House, fewer than 90 days)” after

“60 days”. Subsection (a)(6)(A)(ii)(II). Pub. L. 104-197, Sec. 102(a)(2), substituted “90 days” for “60 days”.

The text of H. Res. 848 follows:

H. RES. 848

Resolved, That clause 8 of rule XXIV of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended by striking “60” and inserting “90”.

REDUCING CERTAIN SPECIAL ALLOWANCE PAYMENTS AND PROVIDING ADDITIONAL TEACHER LOAN FORGIVENESS ON FEDERAL STUDENT LOANS

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, the Taxpayer-Teacher Protection Act is the right thing to do at the right time. As I said, this closes the loophole for lenders billing the 9.5 percent floor on special allowance by prohibiting this billing on loans from bonds that have been refunded, refinanced, extended, matured, retired, or defeased, on or after October 1, 2004 and before January 1, 2006. Also prohibited is the billing of 9.5 percent floor special allowance by the holder for all loans sold or otherwise pledged, refinanced or transferred to another holder as defined in the Higher Education Act (HEA) on or after October 1, 2004 and before January 1, 2006. While it does allow for limited billing on recycled loans, that billing is permitted only on loans financed by pre-1993 tax-exempt bonds, or within such tax-exempt refunded bonds done prior to October 1, 2004, and only for the duration of these bonds. These prospective changes take a major step in closing the window to these subsidies for loan providers. This bill redirects the savings realized from this change to one of this country's greatest resources—highly qualified teachers. This bill also allows Congress to continue its work on the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act to ensure any permanent changes made to this issue are done so with open debate and clear consideration of the students we want to assist in reaching their higher education goals.

A TRIBUTE TO WALTER D. KREUTZEN ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. CHRISTOPHER COX

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. COX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a Californian whose dedication to the betterment of southern California has never wavered. Wally Kreutzen, retiring this month, will leave behind a remarkable legacy: A 51-mile network of toll roads he helped to propose, finance and build.

Wally has over 30 years of combined public and private sector experience. He started his professional career working for a major U.S. oil company, and transitioned to the public sector where he worked for the citizens of Costa Mesa and Irvine.

In 1989, Wally began as executive vice president—Finance and Administration for the

Transportation Corridor Agencies, TCA, joint powers agencies charged with building new urban toll roads in Orange County. In that role, he coordinated the development of the initial plans of finance for the Foothill/Eastern and San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridors, which resulted in the issuance of over \$2.7 billion in toll revenue bonds. Wally made it a priority to rely on alternative financing methods to build highways instead of relying on State and Federal gasoline taxes—the first time such innovative methods had ever been used in California.

In 1997, Wally was appointed chief operating officer of the TCA, and in January 1999, he became chief executive officer. He has been responsible for all planning, construction, financing, and operations associated with the Foothill, Eastern and San Joaquin Hills toll roads, used by 290,000 drivers every day—and saving them an estimated 21 minutes per trip.

Wally has an undergraduate degree in Political Science and a masters degree in Public Administration from California State University, Fullerton. He is a former instructor for the University of California Irvine. He is active in a number of organizations dealing with public/private transportation partnerships and with the funding and maintenance of public infrastructure.

On behalf of my colleagues, let me join the many friends, coworkers and admirers in wishing Wally Kreutzen nothing but the best in his retirement. He leaves behind an enormously positive legacy for Orange County's residents.

HONORING MR. RONALD VOORHEIS

HON. THADDEUS G. MCCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. MCCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Mr. Ronald Voorheis upon his retirement after 48 years of service to the citizens of the Charter Township of White Lake, Michigan.

Ron's roots in White Lake date back to 1840 when his great-great grandfather bought more than 300 acres of land. The Voorheis family farmed the land until the 1970s when Ron's father retired from farming. Nineteen acres remain in the Voorheis family today.

Ron was appointed Township Treasurer in 1956, a period when White Lake Township had a population of 4,000 and was governed by a five-member, part-time board. The fire department was volunteer, the chiefs were part-time, and there was no central dispatch. The wives of the firemen took turns in answering the fire calls from their houses. The police officers were paid just \$1 per year.

Since then, the population of the township has grown to more than 30,000 citizens. Many of the farms are gone, and the main two-lane highway is a now a four-lane highway with a beautiful boulevard. The fire department and the police department are staffed with full-time professional firefighters and police officers. Ron has been a member of the leadership team guiding the growth of the township, helping to ensure the quality of life for all of the residents.

While Ron will be admired for his leadership and contributions to White Lake Township far