

Chicago, Fr. George Clements, more than two decades ago. The concept of One Church, One Child is simple: it is a challenge to every faith community and congregation to adopt or foster one child. If every church, synagogue and mosque in America took up this challenge, the nation's foster care problem would be virtually erased overnight. My bill would provide grant funding for community and faith based organizations to recruit and train new foster and adoptive parents and to involve faith communities in building better lives for abused and neglected children in need of loving homes.

On this National Adoption Day, I am proud to honor the thousands of families across the nation who have opened their homes and their hearts to a foster child. And I look forward to the day when every child in foster care can count on finding a loving and permanent home.

### COMMEMORATING THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN

SPEECH OF

**HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 19, 2004*

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the distinguished Members of Congress from Texas who will not be among our number in the 109th Congress . . . and to thank these notable public servants for their service to the nation, to the House of Representatives, and to the great State of Texas.

In the next Congress we will be without the considerable talents of the following members: MARTIN FROST from Dallas, CHARLIE STENHOLM from Abilene, CIRO RODRIGUEZ from San Antonio, MAX SANDLIN from Marshall, JIM TURNER from Crockett, NICK LAMPSON from Beaumont, and CHRIS BELL from Houston.

All together, when the House reconvenes in January, the State of Texas—and the House of Representatives—will have lost 86 years of experience and seniority in tending to the people's business here in Congress.

MARTY FROST has been the dean of the Texas Delegation Democrats for a long time and is an extraordinary leader for us in Texas and as Caucus Chairman for the Democratic Caucus. His work on the Rules Committee led the House Democrats in fighting for the rights of the minority party in the legislative process.

CHARLIE STENHOLM is the dean of the House conservatives, a leading moderate whose fiscal discipline was stamped on budgets throughout the 1990s—the last time we ended our spending seasons with a surplus. This House—which desperately needs moderate voices now more than ever—will miss CHARLIE's influence. His work for the rural communities and farmers of the nation, from his seat as the top Democrat on the Agriculture Committee, will be sorely missed by all our rural states.

CIRO RODRIGUEZ, the Chairman of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, has been a forceful champion of the rights of Americans of Hispanic descent during his tenure in the House of Representatives. He has represented the interests of border communities in Texas, and his home city of San Antonio, with excellence and distinction.

MAX SANDLIN, an illustrious former East Texas judge, brought tremendous understanding and judgment to the debates in this House that come from his front line experiences with how the laws we make in Congress are practically applied beyond the beltway. He knew intimately how what we did here would affect people's lives.

JIM TURNER, a former state legislator and another much-needed moderate voice in Congress, understood how our work in Congress affects states, state budgets and practical policies. JIM's tenure as top Democrat on the Homeland Security Committee leaves a big hole in the influence of Texans in the sphere of the defining interest of our time.

In NICK LAMPSON's work on the Science Committee, he was a valuable advocate of Texas interests in the space program, which is the leading frontier of science for the nation and a reliable source of jobs and industry in our state. His work in the House will be sorely missed by both the nation and the state.

CHRIS BELL's experience as a city councilman provided an excellent view of how our work in Congress affected local governments, and his service on the Financial Services Committee in the House was valuable to the nation and Texas.

Mr. Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join me in offering our respect and our gratitude for the outstanding service to the nation by these 7 Members of Congress who left an indelible mark on this nation, within this chamber and for the State of Texas.

### THE FIRST "FORUM FOR THE FUTURE" WILL BE HELD IN MOROCCO

**HON. JOHN S. TANNER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, November 20, 2004*

Mr. TANNER. Mr. Speaker, ministerial-level representatives from at least 30 countries, including the United States, will gather three weeks from now in Rabat, Morocco for the first-ever "Forum for the Future" international conference on reform and development in the Middle East and North Africa. Parallel discussions will also be held between representatives of civil society and the business sectors from within these countries.

The "Forum for the Future" was established by the G-8 summit meeting in Sea Island, Georgia this past June as a permanent mechanism whereby the G-8 countries will engage in dialogue on political, economic, and social reform with the countries of North Africa and the broader Middle East.

In the words of the communiqué issued by the G-8 leaders on June 9, 2004, the "Forum for the Future . . . will root our efforts in an open and enduring dialogue . . . the Forum will serve as a vehicle for listening to the needs of the region, and ensuring that the efforts we make collectively respond to those concerns."

Indeed, Mr. Speaker, those "concerns" form an enormous agenda for this initial meeting in Morocco, as well as for all subsequent sessions.

In the political sphere, the Forum aims to promote progress in the Middle East and North Africa toward the establishment of de-

mocracy and the rule of law, the protection of human rights and basic personal liberties, respect for pluralism and diversity, and the free exchange of ideas.

On the economic front, the Forum seeks to address the desperate problem of unemployment, as well as to expand the private sector within the Middle East and North Africa by means of encouraging entrepreneurship, expanded trade and investment, protection of property rights, and the combating of corruption.

Finally, on social policy, the Forum has targeted the problems of illiteracy and ignorance, by focusing on means by which educational standards can be raised and the accessibility to a good education can be broadened for men and women alike—that last point being especially crucial, as there are so many unresolved difficulties pertaining to the status of women which the Forum also wants to address.

Mr. Speaker, it is particularly appropriate that Morocco should host this inaugural meeting of the "Forum for the Future," because that country has been making great strides forward in all of these areas, and there is much that can be learned by studying the process of reform that is taking place there.

When the G-8 leaders launched the "Forum for the Future" last June, their communiqué spoke of a "partnership for progress and a common future" with the countries and peoples of North Africa and the broader Middle East.

Every Member who shares that goal—who believes that our own future and security as a nation may ultimately be dependent on the achievement of freedom, stability, and prosperity in a very troubled region—will want to thank Morocco for hosting this important international event, the "Forum for the Future," on December 11, 2004. And we look forward to a successful first step in what the G-8 leaders themselves have described as "a long-term effort . . . a generational commitment."

### DONALD G. BROTZMAN POST OFFICE BUILDING

SPEECH OF

**HON. MARK UDALL**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 19, 2004*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 5370 which will name the post office at 4985 Moorhead Ave in Boulder, Colorado the Donald G. Brotzman Post Office Building.

Mr. Brotzman served in this body during the Vietnam War and the Nixon era. Even though our country was highly divided, he rose above partisan politics and reached across the aisle to work in a bipartisan manner. In my opinion, he was the kind of public official we and future Members of Congress can look to as an example.

Born in Sterling, Colorado, Mr. Brotzman was an All Conference lineman at the University of Colorado in the 1930's. While attending CU-Boulder he joined the military and served as a first lieutenant with the 81st Infantry Division in the South Pacific.

When he returned to the United States he finished his degree in both business and law and opened a law firm in Boulder, Colorado. Between 1945 and 1954 he served in both the

Colorado State House of Representatives and Senate. In 1959 he was appointed by President Eisenhower as U.S. Attorney for Colorado.

In 1963, as the nominee for the Republican Party, he was elected to serve the 2nd Congressional District of Colorado in the U.S. House of Representatives. During his 5 terms in office he served on the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee. He was instrumental in the passing of the Indian Peaks Wilderness Act, a national program to help runaway youth and establishing a tax credit for higher education expenses. He also helped shape the Clean Air Act and the Public Broadcasting Act. Mr. Brotzman was an early champion of stronger environmental oversight at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal, and due to his efforts, the Johnson administration commissioned a scientific study which led to the eventual cleanup and closure of this site.

He was also one of the first members to call for an all-volunteer army and the end of the draft during the Vietnam War. After serving in Congress, Mr. Brotzman was able to assist in the establishment of the all-volunteer army when he was named Assistant Secretary to the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs by President Ford. He served in this position for two years and explained his job as making "the all-volunteer army work."

In the Colorado State Legislature, Congress and two Republican Administrations, Mr. Brotzman served our country and Colorado well. His dedication to acting on his conscience and working on both sides of the aisle to better serve Colorado made him a leader in Congress.

Donald Brotzman died in September at the age of 82. During his lifetime he admirably served both his country and the state of Colorado. I would like to thank my colleagues from Colorado for their support of this bill and Chairman DAVIS and Ranking Member WAXMAN of the Government Reform Committee as well as the leadership of the House for making it possible for the bill to be considered today. I urge the passage of this bill.

#### THE 2-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN HOSPITAL NURSES STRIKE

#### HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, November 20, 2004*

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, this week marks the 2-year anniversary of the strike of the nurses at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, MI, which began on November 14, 2002. This strike is now the longest nurses' strike in our nation's history.

Sadly, today many of these nurses have to travel to different communities to work. This strike has impacted local health care, and left a community divided. It needs to be resolved soon. This strike is even costing the hospital. NMH had an operating loss of over \$11 million dollars, largely because of \$14 million spent on replacement nurses.

Over the past 2 years, the hospital administration has shown clearly that its objection to bargaining demands by the striking nurses is not a matter of cost, but of opposition to union representation. The bottom line is these

nurses have voted twice for union representation, and they have a legal right to a contract. I will always support the right of employees to organize and to collectively bargain with their employers.

Since the beginning of this strike, I have visited the nurses on the picket lines, met with the hospital administration, and held a town hall meeting in Petoskey.

I have worked well with NMH over my 12 years in office and I have visited their facilities numerous times. It is time to bring back the experienced nurses who provided quality care at NMH for so long, and I urge the NMH administration to join the nurses and agree to binding arbitration or any other independent means so the community can move forward and heal.

Every employee has the right to collectively come together, to unionize if they choose, and to address employment concerns with their employer. When labor disputes polarize the parties and negotiations break down, it is the responsibility of community residents and leaders to let each side know how they feel and to encourage both sides to stay engaged in meaningful discussions to resolve their differences. Any strike, any disruption of employment of any industry, divides and hurts the very fabric that composes any community. The NMH strike has torn at the very heart of the Petoskey area. It is time to end the division and reconcile the community, beginning with NMH.

#### SONNY'S GRILL ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, November 20, 2004*

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, Mr. BURR, Mr. BALLENGER and Mr. COBLE join me in recognizing December 13, 2004 as the 50th Anniversary of Sonny's Grill in Blowing Rock, North Carolina.

Half a century ago, on December 13, 1954, the late Sonny Klutz opened the door for a small-town eatery on Blowing Rock's Main Street. For five decades that three table, eight stool restaurant has been the eating and meeting place for locals, tourists and after school children. Only the sweet potato pancakes, ham or sausage biscuits, livermush, hamburger and other variety of country cooking surpass the wonderful mixture of Sonny's Grill's customers and conversations.

With a storefront suspended in time, whatever Sonny's lacks in decor is made up in the warmth of easygoing folks who work and dine there. On the edge of the magnificent Blue Ridge Mountains, in the center of a beautiful small town, Blowing Rock, Sonny's Grill, and the good fellowship it has provided for half a century, is at the heart of what makes America great.

Congratulations to Sonny Klutz's widow, Mrs. Lavaughn Klutz, manager Robert Cheves and all the wonderful staff and patrons of Sonny's Grill on this special occasion.

TRIBUTE TO EDWARD M.  
AUGUSTUS, JR.

#### HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, November 20, 2004*

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, today we will close another chapter in the history of this great institution when we adjourn the 108th Session of Congress. The end of every session is always an occasion to pause and reflect, however that is especially true for me today because it also marks the last session that I will have the special privilege of Ed Augustus as my Chief of Staff.

To a great extent, all of us in elected office ultimately succeed or fail based upon the people we choose to surround ourselves with. As a former congressional staffer, I know well where the heavy lifting is done in meeting the daily demands of serving the public and discharging the duties of this office. With that in mind, I consider myself truly blessed to have had Ed Augustus as my Chief of Staff for these past six years. During that time, I have routinely relied on his wise counsel, depended on his keen instincts and trusted his good judgment in directing all aspects of my congressional office.

I have called on Ed to perform some extraordinary tasks during his tenure. In each and every instance, he has performed magnificently. Most notably, he coordinated President Clinton's historic visit to the City of Worcester, Massachusetts in 1998 and then the federal relief efforts for the same city following the tragic death of six firefighters a year later. Ed was also instrumental in resolving two very difficult labor disputes that threatened nursing care and public transportation for thousands of Central Massachusetts residents, and played a pivotal role in promoting numerous economic development initiatives that are right now improving the quality of life for families all across my congressional district.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to being an exceptional Chief of Staff, Ed Augustus is one of the most thoroughly decent people I know. He possesses a boundless reservoir of compassion and a genuine desire to help those in need. He is a devoted son, loving brother, proud uncle and the most loyal friend a person could ask for. And so, while I am sad to see him leave his position on my staff, I am gratified to know that he will be serving an equally important purpose in the future.

On January 5, 2005, Edward Michael Augustus, Jr. will be sworn in as a member of the Massachusetts State Senate, and instantly that distinguished body will be made better by his presence. The people of the Second Worcester District could not have found a more able and dedicated public servant to represent their interests on Beacon Hill if they had searched the world over. In fact, all citizens of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts stand to gain immensely from the tremendous contributions Ed will undoubtedly make to public discourse and debate in our great state. School children in particular will soon discover an eloquent and powerful champion for the cause of improving public education all across the Commonwealth.

Mr. Speaker, Ed Augustus will be a great leader in the Massachusetts Legislature because he has entered politics for the right reason—to help people. I believe public service is