

TRIBUTE TO THE CURIOUS KIDS' MUSEUM OF ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 2, 2004

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Curious Kids' Museum of St. Joseph, Michigan, which will celebrate its 1,000,000th visitor this year, as well as its 15th anniversary. This great educational museum is a treasure for the children of southwest Michigan, and I am very proud of the wonderful work it has accomplished over the years.

The Curious Kids' Museum began in 1987 as an idea shared by several local residents interested in alternative approaches to science education. Today it has over 100 hands-on educational exhibits and programs dedicated to stimulating the curiosity of children. The great many visitors of all ages that have had the fortunate opportunity to visit this museum have explored and gained awareness in the areas of science and technology, history, culture, and human perception.

The goal of the Museum's founders' was to establish a place where "children and families pursue their natural curiosity about the world through exploration and hands-on interactive exhibits, making learning fun and increasing self-esteem." I for one would like to say, and I know I am not alone, mission accomplished and surpassed. It pleases me to honor this great museum, and I know the next million visitors will be just as moved and inspired as the first.

INTRODUCTION OF THE HOUSE COMMISSION FOR ASSISTING DEMOCRATIC PARLIAMENTS RESOLUTION

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 2, 2004

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on February 26, my colleagues DOUG BEREUTER, DAVID DREIER, MARTIN FROST and I introduced H. Res. 543, a resolution establishing a House Commission For Assisting Democratic Parliaments.

This resolution would provide for the establishment of a commission in the House of Representatives to assist parliaments in emerging democracies. The legislative branches of governments of emerging democracies are largely comprised of new legislators who face the challenges of creating new democratic systems without the benefit of previous legislative experience. The legislatures of these fledgling democracies often lack the training, equipment, and resources they need to carry out their work effectively. For democracies to mature and to withstand cyclical turnover in government, strong government institutions—particularly national legislatures with appropriate infrastructure—are critical.

From 1990 through 1996, the House of Representatives, through a task force ably led by our colleagues MARTIN FROST and the late Gerald Solomon, provided equipment, tech-

nical assistance, orientation, and training to new parliaments in Central and Eastern European countries, including Albania, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, and Slovakia in an effort to develop and strengthen those institutions. The program was designed to improve the efficiency of parliaments and the professionalism of its members and staff, as well as to increase transparency and accountability. The "Frost-Solomon Task Force" not only served the United States foreign policy goal of helping to establish democratic institutions in other countries, but also developed significant goodwill in the countries in which it was implemented. As one who participated in the Task Force, I found our work immensely rewarding and was struck by the ways the parliamentary leaders we worked with looked to the U.S. Congress for inspiration.

Since its founding, the United States has championed the development of democracy around the world. This goal continues to be in the national interests of the United States. The House Commission For Assisting Democratic Parliaments would help emerging parliaments function effectively and responsibly, and would enable this body to champion democracy and representative government in a tangible way.

I invite my colleagues to join us in carrying on the work begun by the Frost-Solomon Task Force by cosponsoring the House Commission For Assisting Democratic Parliaments Resolution, H. Res. 543.

TRIBUTE TO JIM LUNN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 2, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to rise before you today to honor the lifetime achievements of a man from my district. For over thirty years, Jim Lunn, of Pueblo, Colorado has dedicated his life toward educating young musicians. Jim has been an outstanding teacher, and for his service, has recently been inducted into the Colorado Music Educators Hall of Fame. I would like to ask my colleagues in Congress to please join me in recognizing him here today.

Jim was nominated for this prestigious award by several of his colleagues, who recognized his dedication to helping children learn and appreciate music. Jim also volunteers his time to grade schools, choral concerts, local theaters and his church. Jim's love of music and his willingness to share his passion for it has been a blessing for his community.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to rise before this body of Congress to pay tribute to the life-long achievements and dedication of Jim Lunn. For almost forty years, Jim has devoted his life to fostering children's interest in music. Jim now joins his wife as a recipient of the award and they are only the second couple in Colorado to win this high honor. It is my privilege to offer my congratulations and gratitude to Jim for his continuing efforts to bring music appreciation to the Pueblo community and the State of Colorado.

CONGRATULATING MS. DIXIE TAYLOR-HUFF UPON HER RECEIPT OF THE AHCA JOE WARNER PATIENT ADVOCACY AWARD

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 2, 2004

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend, Dixie Taylor-Huff, for her years of selfless service and dedication to the health and welfare of all Tennesseans. Dixie, who hails from Lebanon, is the honored recipient today of the American Health Care Association's Joe Warner Patient Advocacy Award. This award recognizes civic leaders who have shown exceptional dedication to the welfare of elderly and disabled Americans and who have been especially successful in raising awareness of such issues among local, state, and federal policymakers. We are all grateful to Dixie for her outstanding efforts and applaud her national recognition.

Dixie's leadership in the healthcare field and beyond has benefited countless lives in our great state. As the owner and operator of several skilled nursing facilities and home healthcare agencies, Dixie has long been a leader in the field of long-term health care. Her expertise has led several governors to seek her counsel by appointing her to various commissions and task forces dedicated to these issues. As the former president of the Tennessee Healthcare Association, and as a regional vice-president of the American Health Care Association, she has been a passionate and effective advocate for State and Federal policies to improve the quality of long-term care.

In addition to her work in health care, Dixie has served as a prominent civic leader in our district. As a trustee for both Cumberland University and Volunteer State Community College, she has been a vocal proponent of affordable high-quality public education. She is now the immediate past-president of the Nashville Women's Political Caucus and is treasurer of the Tennessee Democratic Party. I know that our colleagues in Tennessee value her greatly, and it is with the deepest respect and pride that I, on behalf of the people of the 5th District of Tennessee, seek to recognize this remarkable citizen.

Dixie, thank you again for your contributions to our great State and congratulations.

IN MEMORY OF SUSAN EATON

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 2, 2004

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my sadness on the tragic early death of Susan Eaton, a wonderful woman who had recently become a noted professor at Harvard University's Kennedy School, but had also spent many years as an effective advocate for the rights of workers, particularly low-paid workers, throughout this country. Susan died of complications from leukemia on December 30, at the age of 46. Susan was also the wife of another remarkable person—my friend, Marshall Ganz—who worked with Cesar Chavez 39 years ago to help create the United

Farm Workers union and who has continued doing pathbreaking organizing work over the last 39 years, as well as also becoming a Kennedy School professor.

I would like to submit for the RECORD an obituary of Susan Eaton, which appeared in the Harvard Gazette.

TEACHER, RESEARCHER ADVOCATE—A WHOLE LIFE

Esteemed Kennedy School faculty member Susan C. Eaton died Dec. 30 of complications from leukemia. She was 46.

Eaton was a tireless advocate for the rights of workers, both as a union organizer and in her teaching and research at the Kennedy School. Her husband and fellow faculty member Marshall Ganz expressed it well: "She was a deeply committed person, a person who walked the walk. She translated her values into action in her teaching, in her research, and in her public life."

Eaton, an assistant professor of public policy, completed her Ph.D. in industrial relations and organizational studies at the Sloan School of Management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She received her master's degree in public administration from the Kennedy School. Her research focused on challenges faced by low-wage workers, particularly women providing health care, and the role of work organizations, including unions, in addressing these challenges. Last summer, Eaton received a Robert Wood Johnson Award to study the links between quality of work and quality of care in the nursing home industry. Eaton's writings focused on work-family issues, women's roles in union leadership, union-management relations, and the role of management in the quality of nursing home care. She was editor of the online Civil Practices Network and contributed to several other industry journals and publications.

Prior to entering academia, Eaton worked for 12 years as a union negotiator, trainer, and manager for the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), AFL-CIO, and CLC.

She joined the Kennedy School faculty in 2000 and became a highly regarded teacher, whose human resources course, "Leading and Managing People Well," received consistently high marks, exemplifying the leadership model she tried to teach.

"Susan brought a heightened awareness of others to our community in her breadth of research and passionate dedication," said Kennedy School Dean Joseph S. Nye Jr. "She was a person who cared—about social justice, about her work, about her students, about her colleagues. While comfortable with the abstractions of social justice, she applied her concerns every day in the way she treated each of us as individuals."

Kennedy School Associate Academic Dean and Director of the School's Weiner Center for Social Policy Julie Boatright Wilson reflected on the loss of a colleague and a friend.

"Susan was a vibrant presence on the fourth floor of the Taubman building," said Wilson. "She had time for all of us, was interested in what everyone was thinking about and working on, and had advice and ideas and wisdom she willingly shared. Even more than what Susan did for us is what she did for the low-wage employees she had spent her life working with and working for. Everything about Susan's activities—her scholarship, her teaching, her day-to-day interactions—exhibited her commitment to improving the lives of those who provide the services we all need but for which we seem remarkably unwilling to pay a decent wage."

Eaton's teaching earned her enormous respect from students while her research

brought attention to the issues that touched her heart. "She demonstrated that nursing homes and hospitals could both do better by their workers and improve the quality of care simply with better management practices. Much of her work spoke to the dignity that both caregivers and patients seek and deserve. This readily generalizable lesson seems so terribly important in this increasingly marketized era," said David Ellwood, Scott M. Black Professor of Political Economy at the Kennedy School.

Eaton was co-winner of the 1996 Margaret Clark award of the Institute of Gerontology for the paper "Beyond Unloving Care: Linking Nursing Home Quality and Working Conditions." Her other recent writings included: "Career as Life Path" in "Career Frontiers: New Conceptions of Working Lives," edited by Maury Peiperl et al. (Oxford University Press, 2000); "Work and Life Strategies of Professionals in Biotechnology Firms," *Annals of the American Academy of Science*, March 1999; and "Pennsylvania's Nursing Homes: Promoting Quality Care and Quality Jobs," Keystone Research Center, April 1997.

In addition to Ganz, Eaton is survived by her father, William J. of Washington, D.C.; her mother, Marilyn, of Alexandria, Va.; and her sister Sally Misare of Castle Rock, Colo.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD HOPKINS

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 2, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise before you today to pay tribute to the life of an extraordinary American from my district. Rich Hopkins from Durango, Colorado passed away last November after a remarkable life. Rich was a beloved husband, father, colleague and sportsman who will be missed and I think it is appropriate that we take the time to recognize his contributions here today.

Rich began his tireless service to his community and country by entering the Navy after his graduation from Grand Junction High School. After an Honorable Discharge, Rich attended college and received his Law Degree from the University of Colorado. During his long and distinguished career as a lawyer, Rich helped to establish groundbreaking case law in the area of domestic relations.

Rich had a full and vigorous life, whether he spent it with his loving wife Susie and his children and grandchildren, or with his friends, "The Money Boys" out on the golf course. Even after his formal studies were over, Rich always had a passion for the pursuit of knowledge, spending the last years of his life writing a novel.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to the life of Rich Hopkins. Rich was a patriot, husband and father and made a tremendous impact on all that were fortunate enough to know him. The Durango community and the State of Colorado will truly miss him. My thoughts are with his loved ones during this difficult time of bereavement.

RECOGNITION OF DAVID E. SCHAFFER'S SERVICE

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 2, 2004

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, It is my honor to recognize the Congressional and public service of David E. Schaffer upon his retirement.

David provided outstanding, professional leadership and service as a member of the House Aviation Subcommittee staff since 1984. He became Majority Counsel and staff director of the Subcommittee in 1995 and was instrumental in passing twenty major aviation bills during his time on Capitol Hill.

As Chair of that Subcommittee, I believe the Congress and the American People have benefited not only from his decades of public service, but also from his untiring efforts after the attack on our Nation on September 11, 2001. Indeed, we were privileged to have David's experience and talents as we developed legislation to secure our national aviation and transportation systems.

I have been fortunate, along with Full Committee Chairman DON YOUNG, to also have David Schaffer lead our staff efforts as we worked to replace AIR-21 with a new four-year federal aviation authorization bill.

David Schaffer's service to Congress, the aviation industry and our country spans more than a quarter of a century. As he retires from federal service, we wish him every future success.

I thank David Schaffer for his tremendous assistance to me and our Aviation Subcommittee, for his loyalty and commitment to good government, and most of all for his friendship and professional work over the years.

BOWIE ELKS WELCOME GRAND EXALTED RULER OF THE B.P.O.E. TO MARYLAND

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 2, 2004

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, on March 26, 2004, Bowie Lodge Number 2309 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks will welcome Amos A. McCallum of Saco, Maine, Grand Exalted Ruler of the Grand Lodge of Elks to Maryland at a luncheon to be held at the Bowie Lodge on March 26, 2004.

My long-time friend Judge Gerard F. Devlin will serve as the Master of Ceremonies and I regret that my duties here in this House will not permit me to attend and join with my many friends in the Bowie Elks in welcoming this distinguished guest to our State. Initiated in the Biddleford-Saco lodge in 1963, Grand Exalted Ruler McCallum rose through the chairs in his native Maine to eventually hold the high office he now occupies with such distinction.

Space would not permit me to list all of the many charitable philanthropic activities individual lodges and the Grand Lodge participate in, but suffice it to say that no fraternal organization does more for people than the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks.

I salute the Grand Exalted Ruler Amos A. McCallum and hope he enjoys typical Maryland hospitality in his visit to our State.