

Girl Scout Troop to honor Kathy Cloninger, the new Chief Executive Officer of Girl Scouts of the USA. Kathy is fully deserving of the mark of distinction that Girl Scouts of the USA has placed on her as new CEO. She is a proven and respected leader.

Ms. Cloninger has a wonderful, long, and highly regarded history in Girl Scouting. For decades she has been a steadfast advocate for girls. Kathy comes to Girl Scouts of the USA from Cumberland Valley Girl Scout Council in Tennessee where she served as CEO. During her tenure there, she had incredible success increasing membership, especially in under-served communities, and her innovative leadership helped to create some of the most contemporary programming in Girl Scouting. Kathy has been bestowed with many prestigious awards recognizing her for her character and her profound vision.

Most notably, Kathy is a woman with a strong sense of purpose and a commitment to advancing her vision for Girl Scouts. Her goal is to increase the organization's strength as a national, aggressive advocate for girls in this country, and I am certain she will accomplish this goal with grace and ability.

Girl Scouts of the USA is the world's pre-eminent organization for girls, and for 92 years it has been dedicated to empowering girls to grow strong. Over 50 million women, including myself, have been Girl Scouts. Today, the organization continues to address contemporary issues affecting girls and boasts a membership of nearly three million girls and one million volunteers. I am proud to be part of such a remarkable organization and look forward to watching Girl Scouts of the USA grow and thrive under Kathy's leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in congratulating Kathy Cloninger in her new position and praise her for the exemplary work she has done and will continue to do as the new Chief Executive Officer of Girl Scouts of the USA.

HONORING JOHN ROUNSAVILLE

HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 27, 2004

Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, this month begins a new year in which Congress will face new challenges and opportunities. The same is true in Mississippi where Governor Haley Barbour presented his first State of the State Address last night, after his inauguration earlier this month. A new administration requires experienced and talented individuals to shape the policy and politics of the state. Governor Barbour has one of those rising Mississippi stars in John Rounsaville. Today I make these remarks to honor John's service to me, to recognize the challenges we faced together as he now embarks on this new opportunity.

It was January 1999 when John Rounsaville first joined my team. After graduating from Calhoun City High School, he earned a degree in agribusiness and followed that with a Masters of Business Administration, both from Mississippi State University. He came to Washington, DC to work on my staff to address, among others, agricultural issues—a \$4.6 billion industry in Mississippi.

He demonstrated a keen insight on the legislative process and quickly grasped the intri-

cacies of Capitol Hill politics. Quickly, he moved from Legislative Assistant to Legislative Director, and most recently as my Deputy Chief of Staff. Over the years I grew to trust his counsel and respect his instincts as we successfully moved legislation into law, brought appropriations to Mississippi, protected our state's military facilities, and represented the needs of my constituents here in the Nation's Capital.

Now John has returned home to Mississippi and will serve as policy adviser to our new Republican governor. Our office will miss his experience, knowledge, and skills, but Mississippi will continue to benefit from his hard work to the service of our great state.

Governor Barbour has hired a good man. John mastered the practices and methods of success in Washington, but never forgot those Mississippi values taught to him by his parents. John never lost his roots, never forgot his home, and never lost sight of our goal to serve Mississippi. John's heart has always been in Mississippi and now he returns there to continue to advance smart, conservative, positive public policy.

John Rounsaville left a formative mark on the shape and operation of my office. We will miss his good nature, humor, and dedication to his work. But I thank him for his service to this office and to Mississippi.

HONORING CHIEF LARRY D. PLANTS

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 27, 2004

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Larry D. Plants as he retires after 25 years of service as a member of the University Police Services at California State University, Stanislaus.

Born on July 1, 1952, Chief Plants has spent his life as a public servant to our community. After obtaining an Associates Degree in Police Science from Butte Junior College he went on to receive a Bachelors Degree from California State University, Stanislaus in Organizational Communication.

As a police officer with the City of Modesto Police Department and then with the City of Reno Police Department, Chief Plants earned the respect of his fellow law enforcement officers. Always a professional, he was then hired by CSU, Stanislaus as a member of the University Police where he excelled and earned the respect of students, faculty, and fellow officers. He was then promoted as Chief and Director of Public Safety. At this post, he was responsible for the Office receiving nearly \$1 million in grant funds.

Not only has Chief Plants been a dedicated member of the CSU Public Safety Department but also to his profession. He is a member of the Central Sierra Police Chiefs Association and the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement. Chief Plants has also been the Past President of the Stanislaus County Peace Officers Association and served as the 2003 President of the Stanislaus County Law Enforcement Executives.

Chief Plants is an extremely dedicated member of the community. Further evidence of this commitment is his involvement in civic

organizations such as the Civitan Club, Theta Chi Fraternity, and the Evangelical Free Church.

Chief Plants' career as a dedicated police officer and community leader is a testament to his character. While being Chief of his Department was his second biggest honor in life, he quotes his first biggest honor as his family.

As a fellow brother of Theta Chi Fraternity it is my honor to recognize all of Chief Plants' achievements and to congratulate him on his retirement.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

SPEECH OF

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 21, 2004

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, today, in honor of Catholic Schools Week (January 25–31, 2004), I would like to recognize the contributions of Catholic schools to the academic and moral education of children in Guam and throughout our nation. Also, I would like to thank my colleague, Mr. David Vitter, for his steadfast support of Catholic education in our country and for introducing House Resolution 492, honoring Catholic Schools Week.

Guam has a long and rich history of Roman Catholicism dating back to the arrival of Ferdinand Magellan in 1521. The island eventually became an important stop along the Spanish Galleon Trade Route, eventually bringing Padre Diego Luis de San Vitores, who was on his way to the Philippines, to Guam.

Padre San Vitores would return to Guam in 1668, with a party of missionaries to bring Christianity to the people of Guam. They established a mission in the village of Hagatna which later became the site of the first Catholic Church and is now the seat of the Archdiocese of Guam. From these humble beginnings, the Roman Catholic faith has continued to grow, expanding its ministries to meet the changing needs of the faithful.

Recognizing the need for quality education rooted in the moral values of the Catholic faith, the first Bishop of Guam, Bishop Appollinaris Baumgartner invited the Religious Sisters of Mercy from North Carolina, the Stigmatine Fathers of Massachusetts, and the School Sisters of Notre Dame from Wisconsin to come to Guam where they eventually opened schools in villages throughout the island. Today, members of these Orders, as well as members of the Dominican, Franciscan, Jesuit, and Marist Orders continue to teach our children in the Catholic education system.

Guam's first Chamorro Bishop, Archbishop Felixberto Camacho Flores, made Catholic education a priority increasing the number of Catholic schools, expanding programs and improving school facilities.

Today, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Hagatna remains committed to serving the people of Guam. Under the direction of the Most Reverend Anthony Sablan Apuron, OFM Cap, DD, Metropolitan Archbishop of Hagatna, the Catholic schools on Guam have remained committed to providing a quality academic education, grounded in faith and emphasizing service to humanity.

The contributions of the Catholic school system to the people of Guam are reflected in our local leaders in the clergy, government, and private-sector who are alumni of the Catholic schools. I am confident the influence of the Catholic schools will continue to have positive benefits for the people of Guam.

I would like to recognize and commend the Catholic schools in Guam for their commitment to instilling the principles of academic knowledge and sound moral values in the daily lives of our children. Those offering a secondary curriculum include: the Notre Dame High School in Talofofo, Father Duenas Memorial School in Ta'i, and Academy of Our Lady of Guam in Hagåtña. Additionally, those offering an elementary and middle school education include: Bishop Baumgartener Memorial School in Sinajaña, Our Lady of Mount Carmel School in Agat, St. Anthony School in Tamuning, Saint Francis School in Yoña, San Vicente School in Barrigada, and Santa Barbara School in Dededo. Finally, those offering a nursery school education include: the Dominican Child Care Development Center in Sinajaña, Infant of Prague in Ta'i, Maria Artero in Hagåtña, and Mercy Heights in Tamuning.

Finally, I want to recognize all the students, parents, teachers and administrators of Catholic schools in Guam and across the nation for their significant contributions to our society, both inside and outside of the classroom.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOMER PITTARD CAMPUS SCHOOL

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 27, 2004

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 75th anniversary of the Homer Pittard Campus School in my hometown of Murfreesboro, Tennessee. In that span of time, the elementary school has helped train some of the finest educators and brightest students our country has to offer.

Created by an act of the Tennessee General Assembly, the Campus School has allowed education majors from Middle Tennessee State University to craft and hone their teaching skills under the watchful, experienced eyes of the university's clinical instructors. As a result, the children who have attended the Campus School have received an exceptional education.

As a laboratory, the school provides a hands-on, real-life environment to train teachers. And as an elementary school, it provides an opportunity for children to learn from innovative techniques and enthusiastic teachers. Fittingly, the school takes its name from a dedicated, respected educator who poured so much into his community.

As the Homer Pittard Campus School celebrates its 75th anniversary, I commend the people who had the vision to make this school possible. Murfreesboro's citizens have benefited tremendously from having such a school in the community. I hope the school's next 75 years will be as rewarding and successful as its first.

RECOGNIZING THE PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC ENERGY TRAINING CENTER

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 27, 2004

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Energy Training Center, which was established by Pacific Gas and Electric in 1978 to help California's low-income residents cope with rising utility costs, thus becoming the first utility company to offer energy education to members of the community.

Mr. Speaker, more than 46,000 people have been trained in the principles of energy efficiency, including employees from local community service agencies, private contractors, education specialists, and builders. Also, the Energy Training Center has provided training to employees of Pacific Gas and Electric Smarter Energy Line, which has assisted well over three million customer calls.

The Energy Training Center's innovative teaching techniques utilize hands-on experience. This has helped students perform more than two million energy surveys for single-family households and conduct site surveys on common-use areas serving more than one million multi-family units. All of this hard work has created more energy efficient households, and has conserved over 264 million kWh and over 34 million therms of energy, which has prevented more than 276 million pounds of carbon dioxide from polluting our environment.

Our community has greatly benefited from the Energy Training Center over the years, not only regarding energy conservation, but also from partnerships with local agencies. Throughout its years of operation, the Energy Training Center has made successful partnerships with the California Conservation Corps, California Energy Commission, and San Joaquin Delta College.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of all my colleagues, I send my congratulations on the Energy Training Center's 25th Anniversary, and for setting a fine example of cooperation between private enterprise and the people it serves.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE OF EARL MCCANDLESS

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 27, 2004

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, Colonel Earl McCandless lived in Solana Beach, California, near my Congressional District—and he and his family have been longtime friends of mine. Earl McCandless died last December 8, 2003, and I think his passing should be noted by the House of Representatives. He was a true Korean War hero, as well as being a musical genius who entertained Presidents and captains of industry at the Bohemian Grove in Northern California.

Mr. Speaker, I submit for inclusion in the RECORD at this time a wonderful outline of his life, as written in his obituary in the Daily Oklahoman, Oklahoma's largest daily newspaper.

Earl R. "Mac" McCandless, accomplished pianist, retired Army Colonel and former

military aide to Presidents Dwight Eisenhower and John F. Kennedy, died Monday (12/8) of cancer in San Diego. He was 78. Before entering elementary school, McCandless discovered he had a gift for music. Without ever taking a lesson, he taught himself piano and organ, a talent that would later pay his way through his studies at UCLA and land him a job in his 20s playing background music on Art Linkletter's "House Party."

He enlisted in the Army right after graduating from Hobart High School (Hobart, Oklahoma) in 1943, served briefly in Guam and remained in the Army Reserve after his discharge in 1946. McCandless had just begun what seemed a promising career in music on Linkletter's show, when he was called up again to serve in the Korean War, in the Army Medical Service Corps. During his service there he was awarded a Silver Star and a Bronze Star. After another discharge and another call back, this time to Germany in 1953, McCandless decided to make the Army his career.

He earned a Masters' degree in hospital administration, and at one point in his career oversaw CHAMPUS, the Army's medical insurance program. As a handsome, unmarried young officer stationed in Washington, DC, he was offered the off-hours job of serving as a military social aide to President Eisenhower. The task involved attending State dinners and other formal White House functions, giving discreet protocol instructions to guests, escorting single women through receiving lines and whispering names of guests in the President's ear. He continued the social staffing duties through the administration of President Kennedy. He was a staunchly liberal Democrat who diplomatically avoided political discussions with many in his mostly conservative circle of friends, offering a drink or a "tune" to change the subject.

Col. McCandless retired from the Army in 1976 and settled in Solana Beach, where his small condominium overlooking the Pacific Ocean was dominated by a grand piano and his wall-to-wall collection of music on albums and tapes. Though devoted to his Army career, music was always a strong avocation. He enlivened hundreds of parties and events with his piano playing, and in his later years wrote, arranged and played two full musical productions for the Bohemian Club in Northern California.

He is survived by his brothers Jack McCandless of Denver, John McCandless of Oklahoma City, Bob McCandless of Washington, DC, and sisters-in-law Betty and Anne McCandless of Oklahoma City. Services will be private. Memorials can be made to the McCandless Fund, in memory of Earl and his mother, Leah, c/o Oklahoma University College of Fine Arts, 540 Parrington Oval, Rm. 122, Norman, Oklahoma, 73019. Checks should be made payable to the OU Foundation.

HONORING PHILIP HOROWITZ FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. ROSA L. DELAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 27, 2004

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure but a heavy heart that I rise today to pay tribute to the life of one of the outstanding members of our community, Philip Horowitz. Philip was 80 years old when he passed away last month, and in that time he left an indelible mark on the city of New Haven.