

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.

Emigrating from Russia, Philip's father, William, and his uncle, Jack, came to New Haven in 1913 and began selling fabric from a pushcart on Grand Avenue. With hard work, dedication and a dream, they opened a storefront nearby, and later, Horowitz Bros. moved to its home. In later years, Philip, his brother, Leonard, and their cousin, Arthur, took over the family business.

I have often said that small businesses are the backbone of our Nation's economy. Through the years, Horowitz Bros. has been a fixture in downtown New Haven, outlasting a number of large department stores as well as smaller, family-owned businesses which have gradually disappeared. For the last 90 years, Horowitz Bros. has been a valued treasure in the city of New Haven, a testament to the American dream and to the invaluable place small business has in a community.

Horowitz Bros. holds a special place in the hearts of employees and customers alike. I have fond memories of going with my mother to pick out fabrics for the dresses she would make for me as a child. While waiting for my mother to choose her fabrics, you could always find me rearranging the many spools of thread, a habit which I am sure caused some chaos, but was always met with a good-natured smile. It is not an exaggeration to say that Philip was the very heart and soul of the store. His dedication, compassion and generosity is well known to all who had the opportunity to meet him. Philip was often characterized as a good man, a friend to all. His warmth, kindness and gentle spirit touched the lives of so many, and it is in that way that he will always be remembered.

I am proud to stand today to honor Philip Horowitz and all that he meant to the New Haven community. I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to his wife, Hilda, his brother, Leonard, and his entire family. New Haven has lost a true community treasure in Philip Horowitz; however, I know that his memory will continue to live in the hearts and minds of all who knew him.

HONORING DALE BUTLER

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 27, 2004

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dale Butler for 30 years of dedicated service to the Stanislaus County Chief Executive Office. On Friday, January 30th, he will be commended at an event held in his honor in Modesto, California.

Dale was raised in the Westside of Stanislaus County and was employed as a migrant farm worker. He served as a Personnel Specialist in the United States Navy for 4 years beginning in 1962. In 1967, he worked as the Production Control Scheduler for Riverbank Army Ammunition Plant. Mr. Butler later went to California State University, Stanislaus, to be the Tutorial Supervisor under the Educational Opportunity Program. In 1971, he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from California State University, Stanislaus.

Dale began his career with the Stanislaus County Chief Executive Office in 1971 and held numerous positions in the Personnel De-

partment. At present, he holds the Deputy Executive Officer position and oversees the Purchasing, Central Services, and Fleet Services Divisions.

Mr. Butler is an active member in a vast number of professional as well as community associations. He currently holds membership in the Central California Chapter of International Personnel Management Association, the California Association of Public Purchasing Officers, the National Association of Purchasing Managers for Central California, and the Institute for Supply Management. Dale's community activities involve being president of the Stanislaus County Fair Board and being associated with Stanislaus County's Latino Community Round Table, the Hispanic Leadership Council, the Mabuhay Club and the Modesto Bee's Hispanic Advisory Council.

The awards and accomplishments achieved by Mr. Butler have been great in number and prestigious in status. He was given a Special Recognition Award for Promoting Equal Rights by the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors, an Outstanding Latino of the Year Award by his Latino Community Round Table, and a Humanitarian of the Year Award by the California Association of Physically Handicapped, Inc. He is co-owner of Hispanic Enterprises, LLC, a multiservice Hispanic-Owned Business, and has graduated from the Intergovernmental Management Training Program and the Leadership Modesto Program. His fluency in Spanish and dedication to the community add to the success he has achieved over the years.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dale Butler upon his retirement from the Stanislaus County Chief Executive Office. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Dale a fulfilling retirement.

PROSPECTS FOR PEACE IN THE SUDAN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 27, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, as you are keenly aware, the road to peace for the people of Sudan has been long and perilous. Last July, I spoke on the floor about the prospects for peace in the Sudan and the progress that was being made in negotiations between the Government of Sudan and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army. I am gratified to report that agreement has now been reached on the issue of wealth-sharing; and just this past weekend, issues were resolved with regard to the Nuba Mountain and Southern Blue Nile regions, two of the three disputed areas between the parties. My understanding is that an agreement on the disputed areas will be signed as soon as resolution can be reached on the third disputed area, Abyei.

Mr. Speaker, we remain optimistic that these recent events will soon lead to an historic accord on a Framework Agreement, which will, at last, bring an end to the 20-year war in Sudan and bring peace and social stability to all the people of Sudan.

Mr. Speaker, peace is near in the Sudan.

I would like to recognize the commitment of President Bashir and the Khartoum government and that of SPLM/A and Mr. Garang in

their tireless efforts to make this historic moment possible. I would also like to recognize the continuing commitment of this administration to achieving peace in the Sudan and that of Special Envoy John Danforth for his role as a catalyst for the peace process.

Mr. Speaker, I call on my distinguished colleagues to join me in celebrating this historic milestone and in praying that a peace agreement will soon be reached. We should look forward to the day when peace is at hand, when U.S. sanctions can be lifted and Sudan removed from the State Department's State Sponsors of Terrorists list and given the opportunity to receive the benefits of American ingenuity, technology and investment for their sustained growth and economic prosperity.

THE FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF BLACK STATE LEGISLATORS

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 27, 2004

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a versatile and committed group of elected officials in Miami-Dade County who are members of the Florida Conference of Black State Legislators (FCBSL). On Thursday, January 29, 2004, they will be spearheading the 2004 Miami Regional Issues Conference, beginning with a town hall meeting on the "High Stakes of the Florida Comprehensive Achievement Test (FCAT)" to be held at Miami Edison Middle School.

Joining them are parents and community leaders, school administrators and teachers, as well as elected and appointed officials from Miami-Dade County and the State of Florida. This conference comes at an opportune time when there is a need to foster greater knowledge and involvement regarding government and politics among residents of our various neighborhoods.

In its most vivid history, the Florida Conference of Black State Legislators was incorporated in 1982 upon the election of nine prominent African Americans to the Florida House of Representatives. Indeed, the life of each of these legislators, and those that have followed, has become legendary and about as close to the impossible dream as I have witnessed.

These preeminent leaders will spearhead this 2-day conference, which will cover crucial issues such as Affordable Access to Health Care, Juvenile and Criminal Justice, Telecommunications, Hip Hop and Politics, Front Porch Florida, and Florida's Pari Mutuels. The Florida Caucus leads a critical gathering of concerned citizens, as well as the virtues of responsible and competent public servants who aspire to expound their unwavering positions on equal educational opportunities for minorities, the controversial incongruence of the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT), along with their unconditional passion for justice, equal rights, and educational opportunity for all.

In a special manner, ever since I have known the members of the Miami Black Caucus delegation, these leaders have always been at the forefront of ensuring equal participation in the shared duties and responsibilities on the part of Miami-Dade County's citizenry.