

2004, Ericka Dunlap. Ericka is using her reign as Miss America to challenge all Americans to look past one's race, religion, and culture and embrace the unique diversity of our country.

Mr. Speaker, last fall Ericka Dunlap was crowned Miss America and immediately embarked on a national tour promoting her platform, "United We Stand, Divided We Fall Behind: Celebrating Diversity and Inclusion." Ericka feels that education is the vehicle that will allow us to move past bigotry and accept another person's culture, background, lifestyle, and ability. She is making an extra effort to reach out to our children and educate them about diversity before any predisposed notion is set. I commend her efforts and believe that Ericka is an excellent role model for young women everywhere.

Mr. Speaker, on April 17, Ericka was the Keynote Speaker at the 50th Anniversary Gala for the Huntsville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. I rise today to welcome her to North Alabama and to honor her achievements in promoting tolerance across our country.

IN TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
ED PEASE

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of an outstanding individual, the Honorable Ed Pease, former Congressman to the people of the 7th District of Indiana, on the conclusion of his second term as the volunteer International President of the North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC). I am proud to have known and worked with Ed Pease in a number of roles as a former colleague, a fellow Eagle Scout and Boy Scout leader, a friend for life and a fraternity brother.

Ed Pease graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Indiana University and the Indiana University Law School. After a period of private practice, he was elected to the Indiana State Senate and served for 12 years, where he chaired the Judiciary Committee and was responsible for major reform of the state's criminal justice system. Outside the legislature, Ed worked for Indiana State University in Terre Haute as General Counsel and later became the University's Vice President for Advancement.

From 1997 to 2001, I had the pleasure of working alongside Ed Pease in the U.S. House of Representatives, where Ed was considered one of the GOP's rising stars. During his time in Congress, Ed was a valuable member of both the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Judiciary Committee. At the conclusion of the 106th Congress, Ed retired from the House so he could spend more time with his family and friends. His retirement was a loss for this House, for the people of the seventh district of Indiana, and for our country. During his time in Congress, Ed Pease was widely hailed by his peers as a smart, hard working, unassuming Member who cared more about getting the job done than getting credit for his achievements.

Mr. Speaker, Ed Pease might have retired from the House in 2001, but he has not retired from a career of selfless public service. It is

this second career of volunteer service that I have come to praise today. Throughout his career, regardless of the significant time demands of his professional life, Ed has always made it a priority to serve as a community leader in organizations that build the values and morals of America's young men and women. Ed has a long history of service to the Boy Scouts of America both at the national council level and here in Washington for the National Capitol Area Council. Ed has also been Chairman of the Boy Scouts' National Order of the Arrow Committee. He has been President of the Philmont Staff Association which supports the Philmont Scout Camp in New Mexico, the Boy Scouts of America's premier high-adventure camp that has taught thousands of young men valuable lessons that last a lifetime.

Ed Pease's commitment to the moral development of young men has extended past scouting to working with college fraternities, the organizations that build the character and leadership skills of tens of thousands of college men every year. Mr. Speaker, it is Ed's exceptional work for fraternity men nationwide that I rise to recognize today. Ed and I share the bond as brothers of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. He was initiated into the Delta Xi chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity at Indiana University on February 26, 1971. Ed's membership in Pi Kappa Alpha shapes the values that would direct his career of public service. In 1973, he was named the national fraternity's outstanding undergraduate member before serving on the staff on the national organization. He has a long history as a chapter advisor to Pi Kappa Alpha's Indiana State chapter, and in 1983, Ed Pease was named Pi Kappa Alpha's national chapter advisor of the year. From there, Ed has served in a number of leadership roles at the national level, including four years as National Vice President and two years as National President of Pi Kappa Alpha. Ed is currently serving as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Pi Kappa Alpha Educational Foundation.

Ed Pease has not been content to serve just his own brothers for he has had a larger mission of improving the collegiate experience of all men and women who join a college fraternity. For that reason, Ed Pease was elected to the North American Interfraternity Board of Directors in 1995. The NIC is the umbrella group for 66 national fraternities that have 350,000 undergraduate members and 4.2 million living alumni worldwide. In 1999, Ed Pease was elected President of the NIC and served the organization in that capacity for one year.

Now Mr. Speaker, it is hard to explain Ed Pease's contribution to the fraternity world without explaining what fraternity life is all about. There are those in today's society who like to belittle the virtue of the college fraternity experience but they don't really understand how important a role these organizations play in positively influencing the development of tomorrow's leaders. The critics hold up the actions of a few people as an indictment of a system that has done much for our nation. Nine million Americans are proud fraternity and sorority alumni and their experiences in these organizations helped them become better students and better citizens of our great nation. While only three percent of the nation's population has been a member of a fraternity or sorority, these organizations are proven

leadership laboratories for developing the next generation of American leaders. For proof, you need look no further than this Congress itself, where 110 current Members of the House of Representatives are alumni of fraternities and sororities, as are 45 current Senators.

College fraternities and sororities are one of the most successful leadership development programs available to college students today, helping members graduate with the management and interpersonal skills needed to excel in today's society. These fraternities are the nation's largest networks of student volunteers, providing 10 million hours of service a year and preparing members for a lifetime of community involvement. Fraternity housing is the largest not-for-profit housing market outside of the host colleges and universities themselves. The 250,000 students living in fraternity housing today at 8,000 chapter houses nationwide have an unparalleled opportunity to live and work together on a daily basis with students from different cultures, religions and life experiences. Fraternities are now the largest, most visible, and most active values-based organizations on college campuses today. The men and women who are fraternity members today learn how to incorporate the principles and values of their organization into their daily lives to form the moral foundation for their future actions. In 2002, the NIC was undergoing some dramatic and fundamental restructuring of its Board of Directors, with an eye on improving its ability to serve its student and alumni members. In need of a leader with a steady hand and an outstanding vision for the future, the NIC turned to Ed Pease who was re-elected President.

In the past two years, the NIC has undergone some major changes that better position it to advocate for and enforce higher standards for the men who join its fraternal organizations. As part of that change, Ed Pease has focused the NIC's efforts on asking Congress to help college fraternities provide a better experience for their members. Ed's focus has been on issues such as freedom of association, membership standards, infrastructure improvements, tax law, leadership development, and scholastic excellence. He has helped restart the Congressional Fraternal Caucus, an organization I am proud to chair, along with Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones. Through Ed Pease's efforts and outreach to his former colleagues, the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act has been introduced and sponsored by 65 members of the House and 15 members of the Senate. Last September, this House included the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act as part of the Charitable Giving Act of 2003 that passed with overwhelming bipartisan support. If that bill becomes law, it will allow all student associations on college campuses to use a private market approach to upgrade and replace their facilities in the future, thus making it possible for these student groups to continue to thrive for decades to come. These initiatives are so typical of Ed and his accomplishments in the public arena over the past 30 years: He creates lasting legacies that leave institutions better than he found them.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to share with you some representative remarks from Ed's peers in the fraternity world, for they show how deeply he is respected for his work on behalf of college students everywhere. Ray Orians is the Executive Vice President of the Pi Kappa

Alpha Fraternity, of which Ed Pease and I are members. Ray Orians says "Ed Pease personifies leadership with integrity. Ed's favorite role in the fraternal world, despite his many achievements, was that of chapter advisor, for it was in that position where he could be a respected and influential teacher who is constantly rewarded by his students' accolades and responses well into life." Jon Williamson is the Executive Vice President of the North American Interfraternity Council and has worked closely with Ed Pease for several years. He describes Ed Pease as a dignified, articulate consensus builder who "sees his goal as a servant leader with the ultimate goal the greater good of the college student and he envisions the college fraternity as the vehicle to accomplish that."

Mr. Speaker, at the end of April, Mr. Jim Estes of Kappa Alpha Order will be sworn in as the new National President of the North American Interfraternity Conference. I welcome Mr. Estes and look forward to the opportunity to work with him to improve the fraternal experience for today's college students. But as I welcome Mr. Estes to his new position of responsibility, I ask this chamber to join me in recognizing our friend and former colleague Ed Pease for his outstanding decades of service to the college fraternity world. I know he will continue to be an active and visible part of the fraternity movement in the future, but now is the moment to thank Ed Pease for his dedication, his vision and his selflessness in leading the fraternal community to better days.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JOHN ANDREWS

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to rise today to pay tribute to John Andrews and thank him for his leadership and contributions to Colorado as the President of the Colorado Senate. The level of energy and commitment that he has brought to the Colorado General Assembly throughout his years of public service is truly outstanding. As John celebrates his retirement, let it be known that the citizens of Colorado and I are eternally grateful for the guidance he has provided in making Colorado a leader of American democracy.

At the age of sixteen, John attended the 1960 Republican National Convention as a page, and from then on knew he was destined to a career in politics. A volunteer on numerous GOP conventions and a speechwriter for President Nixon, John was elected to the Colorado Senate in 1998 for District 27. Representing Arapahoe County, John has worked hard to improve education and transportation; strengthen judicial accountability; protect Colorado's water; minimize taxes and regulation; and foster economic growth. In 2002, John was elected president of the Senate, and serves as chairman for the Executive Committee of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Council Committee; as well as serving on the Local Government Committee and State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute before this body of Congress and this Nation

to State Senator John Andrews for his selfless dedication to public service. It is clear that John has been an invaluable resource for the State of Colorado, and his efforts have helped ensure a promising future for our great country. I would like to extend my congratulations to John on his retirement and wish him and his wife Donna all the best in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING BRIANA RUDY

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Briana Rudy for being honored by the Boyertown Area Times and the Boyertown Jaycees as the Boyertown Area High School Outstanding High School Senior.

Briana Rudy is an invaluable member of her school and her community. As a member of her senior class, Briana participates in many extracurricular activities. She is involved in fund-raising events to help disabled children, including those with cystic fibrosis, and she also serves as the treasurer of the school's Art Expo Committee that plans the school's annual art show. Briana writes for her school newspaper, *The Cub*, and is also a staff member of the school magazine, *The Accent*.

In addition to her extracurricular activities, Briana works two part-time jobs and participates in several service clubs. In her free time, Briana volunteers with children at the Boyertown Area YMCA. She has been a volunteer there since age 12 and, when she turned 16, she was hired to teach gymnastics, preschool dance, and youth sports. Over the summer, Briana also works as a YMCA camp counselor.

In the fall, Briana plans to attend West Chester University in Pennsylvania and major in social work where she will continue to work during the summers as a volunteer with children in the YMCA program.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing Briana Rudy for her years of exemplary service to her school and the Boyertown community and wish her well in her future at West Chester University and beyond.

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HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate All Points Logistics, Incorporated for being named the Boeing Corporation's Small Disadvantaged Business Supplier of the Year and a Boeing Preferred Supplier Company. All Points Logistics, Inc. is a Native American and disabled veteran-owned small business that helps support the Boeing Corporation's Ground-based Midcourse Defense program.

Boeing and All Points Logistics have worked together since 2001. In December of 2003, All Points Logistics became the first company to

sign the Missile Defense Agency's Mentor-Protégé Agreement. Through this agreement, All Points Logistics was able to expand its services with Boeing and open a new office in Madison, Alabama—bringing an additional twelve jobs to our North Alabama community.

All Points Logistics is a valuable part of the Alabama Boeing team. Through timely service and high quality products, All Points Logistics has given Boeing the flexibility to meet the needs of its customers and provide for our nation's defense. For its reliability, Boeing recognized them as a preferred supplier.

Mr. Speaker, on April 9, Boeing and All Points Logistics Inc. held a ceremony recognizing the Supplier of the Year award. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate all of the employees of All Points Logistics Incorporated on a job well done. I rise today to join in their celebration.

IN HONOR OF MR. GARY ENGBRETSON

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Gary Engbretson, as he retires from his position as president of the Contract Services Association of America (CSA)—a position he has held for 17 years.

Gary came to CSA in 1987, with a background in electrical engineering and a love of politics. While working as an electrical contractor, he became involved in Iowa's Republican Party, where he eventually became one of the state leaders. He moved on to the Veteran's Administration, getting his first real taste for public policy that would stick with him for the rest of his career. That was followed by a lengthy stint at the Republican National Committee, as Chief of Staff and Executive Assistant. Moving from there to a Texas-based oil company, Gary met a then unknown, budding Texas politician just beginning his foray into politics, that of George W. Bush. Like our president, Gary, too, had a run at political office. Luckily for CSA, he lost.

Under Gary's leadership, CSA has taken an active role in our legislative process, supporting the Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act (which I sponsored), and, more recently, the Service Acquisition Reform Act (SARA) that became law last Fall. Gary also has given CSA a real presence in agency circles, too; for example, by signing partnering agreements with the Naval Facilities Command and the Army's Training and Doctrine and Forces commands, and developing a close relationship with the Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division and the agency Labor Advisors.

As the successes in D.C. grew, so did CSA's reputation within the industry. Under Gary's leadership, the size of the membership has grown, and CSA has become the "go-to" association for the Government services contracting industry. Whether Gary's longevity in Washington is ultimately due to his penchant to be a straight shooter or just that he's a nice guy, his golden reputation in D.C. has made CSA the strong presence that it now enjoys. I want to extend my best wishes to Gary and his wife Lára on their new phase of life.