

Married to the former Jean Hannan of Kansas City, Kansas, Newell George was an intrepid public servant and active, concerned citizen. In addition to his political activities, he was a member of Abdallah Shrine, Scottish Rite; a master of the West Gate Masonic Lodge; president of the Kansas City, Kansas, Hi-12 Club; a member of the Kansas State Hi-12 Association; a member of the Breakfast Optimist Club; a member of the Wyandotte County, Kansas and American Bar Associations, the American Judicature Society, Delta Theta Phi law fraternity, the American Academy of Political And Social Science, the Kansas City, Kansas Chamber of Commerce, the Terrace Club, the Top o' the Morning Club, and the First Presbyterian Church of Kansas City, Kansas.

Newell George's other public service included membership on the Kansas Public Disclosure Commission; the Civil Service Commission of Kansas City, Kansas; the Kansas State Government Ethics Commission; and service as a director of the Kansas Multiple Sclerosis Society. Nicknamed "Punk" by his friends, George's other activities included managing a string of boxers, after boxing himself at Wentworth Military Academy; bowling; and adding to a collection of old books—mainly Bibles and McGuffey readers—begun by his father.

In short, Mr. Speaker, Newell A. George was the kind of community oriented, politically active individual who made things happen on the state and local level in so many American cities during the middle third of the twentieth century. With regard to Kansas and Kansas City, he was one of a small but hardy group of Democratic activists who kept two-party government alive in one of our country's most Republican states. It is fitting, therefore, that the House consider the legislation introduced today by the bipartisan Kansas House delegation that will designate Kansas City, Kansas', civic center post office in memory of U.S. Representative Newell George.

#### ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY

### HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2004*

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 56th anniversary of Israel's independence.

For 56 years, Israel has faced existential threats. Born out of the ashes of the Holocaust, Israel has offered its shores to the most vulnerable of the world's Jewry.

Israel is a refuge to the persecuted and has rescued Jews from Germany, Morocco, Iraq, Iran, Cuba, Ethiopia, Russia and other countries where Jewish minorities were threatened.

She has persevered because to fail would take away the one safe haven that Jews around the world have from historical charges and anti-Semitic acts.

It was 56 years ago that the Jewish State of Israel declared its independence and became the first and only democratic nation in the Middle East.

In those 56 years, Israel has defended itself from war, terrorism and anti-Semitism. It has endured unbearable losses and terrible sacrifices.

As U.S. troops fight in Iraq, a safe and democratic Israel becomes ever more important. America stands side-by-side with the only democratic nation in the Middle East and commemorates the 56th anniversary of its independence.

#### HONORING NORTHSIDE COLLEGE PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL

### HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2004*

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Northside College Preparatory High School of Chicago for its achievement on winning the first place title in the citywide Academic Decathlon and the second place position at the Illinois Academic Decathlon competition on March 13, 2004.

The Academic Decathlon is a team competition wherein students are tested through a diverse group of scholastic categories including: art, economics, essay interview, language and literature, mathematics, music science, social science and speech.

With up to nine members from each team competing in all ten events of the decathlon and representing a diversity of scholastic aptitude, the true spirit of this year's "America: The Growth of a Nation" theme has been advanced.

The decathlon, which was first created by Dr. Robert Peterson, has helped maximize the learning potential of young minds through competitive challenge. Northside College Preparatory has shown its ability to shine among the best and brightest of Chicago's academic community.

As winners of the citywide Academic Decathlon, the eight students from Northside College Prep High School went on to compete in the Illinois Academic Decathlon, and participated in the semifinals of one of the most prestigious high school academic competition in the United States.

I commend each of our Northside College Preparatory High School competitors: Andrew Miller, Catherine Cobb, Gathi Abraham, John Fitzgerald, Caitlin Lill, Aidan Roche, Geoffrey Kriston and Daniel Roe.

Reaching this level of competition is a tremendous achievement and one that deserves special recognition. Northside College Preparatory students set the strong example for academic excellence that the Academic Decathlon seeks to attain.

Mr. Speaker, I join with all residents of the Fifth Congressional District of Illinois in congratulating Northside College Preparatory High School on its achievement. I wish the Academic Decathlon competitors the best of luck and continued success as their education continues. I am very proud of these young and future leaders of tomorrow. It is my privilege to represent them in the U.S. Congress.

#### HONORING BILLIE JEAN KING

### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2004*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Billie Jean King, a true American hero.

King single-handedly revolutionized women's tennis, bringing world attention to the excitement of the women's game and fighting to ensure that men and women compete for equal prize money. King's brilliant play and unyielding quest for equal opportunities opened doors for all women competing in sports.

A true star in her own right, King won a record 20 Wimbledon titles (winning women's singles 6 times, doubles 10 times and mixed doubles 4 times), 13 U.S. Open titles and 29 Virginia Slims singles titles. King is the only woman to win U.S. singles titles on all 4 surfaces on which it has been played (grass, clay, carpet and asphalt). She is one of only 8 players to hold a singles title in each of the Grand Slam events. In 1967, she won the triple crown of singles, doubles and mixed doubles championships at both Wimbledon and the U.S. Open.

In 1968, King became professional and by 1971, she was the first woman athlete in any sport to earn more than \$100,000 in a single year. Over the course of her career, she earned nearly \$2 million in prize money. By the time she stopped playing competitively in 1984, she had won 71 singles championships and had been ranked in the world's top ten 17 times, number one in the world 5 times and number one in the U.S. seven times. Explaining her success, she has said, "No one changes the world who isn't obsessed."

King had been a strong advocate of women's tennis and women's rights throughout her career. She convinced her colleagues to form a players' union in 1973, the Women's Tennis Association. She was then the 1972 U.S. Open women's singles champion and had been outraged that her prize money was \$15,000 less than the male champion. She threatened not to play unless the prize money was equalized by the following year and she persuaded U.S. Open organizers that the other women players would also sit out the game. In 1973, the U.S. Open became the first major tournament to offer equal prize money for men and women.

In 1973, she accepted a challenge from Bobby Riggs, former Wimbledon champion and self-professed male chauvinist pig. The prize was a winner-take-all \$100,000. The heavily promoted match drew 30,472 spectators to the arena and attracted 50 million television viewers worldwide, a record for any tennis match. King played along with the theatrics: She was carried in on a litter by four men in short togas. Riggs was wheeled in on a rickshaw pulled by models he dubbed "Bobby's Bosom Buddies." Once the game got underway, however, they were all business. King thrilled the crowd with an outstanding game of tennis, beating Riggs in straight sets, 6-4, 6-3 and 6-3. She proved that women's tennis was at least as exciting as the men's game, and that women deserved the same attention and prize money as their male counterparts.

King co-founded the Women's Sports Foundation, dedicated to promoting sports opportunities for women. In 1989 she helped found the coed World Team Tennis and served as its CEO. She is currently the director and official spokesperson for the organization, as well as a TV commentator.

Additionally, King coached the U.S. Olympic team, leading the U.S. squad to four Olympic medals. She also coached the U.S. Fed Cup teams to victory in 1976, 1996, 1999 and

2000. In 2003, she was awarded the prestigious Philippe Chatrier Award, the International Tennis Federation's highest honor. That year she was also one of six inaugural inductees in the Court of Champions at the USTA National Tennis Center.

In 1990, Life Magazine named her one of the 100 Most Important Americans of the 20th Century—the only female athlete to win the honor. She is a member of the International Tennis Hall of Fame and the National Women's Hall of Fame. She was also named Woman of the Year by Time Magazine in 1976. On April 27, 2004, King is the recipient of the National Woman's Party's Alice Award, in honor of her groundbreaking work on behalf of women in sports.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the achievements of Billie Jean King, a sports legend, feminist, and champion.

TRIBUTE TO MARY ROSE  
DICKHAUT, SELECTMAN, TOWN  
OF CLINTON, MASSACHUSETTS

**HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2004*

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to one of the many great local officials who provide such dedicated service to the cities and towns all across this country that we are privileged to represent. Because our office requires that we are frequently away from our constituents, I think we sometimes fail to fully appreciate and seldom still acknowledge the daily demands that our mayors, city councilors and selectmen encounter in the communities where they live and serve.

For no less than 18 years, Mary Rose Dickhaut has met and mastered those daily demands as a selectman in the Town of Clinton, Massachusetts. On Tuesday, May 4th, she will return to life as a private citizen, leaving behind a sterling example of civic commitment and selfless devotion to one's hometown.

Mary Rose's tenure both as a member of the Board of Selectmen and as Chairman is unsurpassed in a community widely known for its rich and vibrant political culture. Her public service is remarkable not only for its longevity and distinction as the town's first and only female selectmen but for its impressive record of achievement as well.

After nearly two decades, there is scarcely a local issue or major municipal project in the Town of Clinton that has not benefitted from the strong, steady and forceful advocacy of Mary Rose Dickhaut. She led the town in its historic battle against the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to enforce a century old agreement to provide drinking water to the citizens of Clinton. She championed the restoration of the community's Town Hall, the revitalization of its downtown and the expansion of its police station. Long before it was fashionable to do so, Mary Rose urged the town to invest in its rapidly deteriorating water and sewer infrastructure. In 1999 and 2000, she cochaired the town's 150th Anniversary Celebration Committee which planned, among many other memorable events, the first Olde Home Days Festival in Central Park that has

since grown to become a popular annual attraction for families from all over Central Massachusetts.

Mr. Speaker, while these very public accomplishments have placed Mary Rose's indelible handprint on the Town of Clinton, they do not begin to fully describe the tremendous contributions and sacrifices she has made on its behalf. As we know, many of the good deeds performed by elected officials go unnoticed and unrecorded. For 18 years, Mary Rose has graciously taken the nightly phone calls at home, politely endured the interrupted trips to the grocery store and faithfully attended the countless committee meetings and public hearings. She has endeavored whenever possible to help those who sought her capable assistance and to better her community for future generations to enjoy. Through it all, she has maintained a well-deserved reputation for honesty and integrity and earned the respect of her colleagues for her keen intellect, diligent work ethic and an unfailing fidelity to the town's best interests.

Mr. Speaker, the Town of Clinton, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the United States of America owe Mary Rose Dickhaut a debt of gratitude for her years of dedicated service. Accordingly, I respectfully request that this esteemed body convey its heartfelt appreciation to Mary Rose for her efforts and our best wishes for a happy, healthy and enjoyable retirement from public life.

Madam Chairman, you have earned it.

HONORING THE REV. DR. L.H.  
MAYFIELD

**HON. ROB PORTMAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2004*

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Rev. Dr. L.H. Mayfield, a friend, fellow member, and retired pastor of Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church in Cincinnati, who will receive the Wesley Foundation United Methodist Campus Ministry in Cincinnati's 2004 Spirit Award on May 4, 2004.

Although he will be recognized by the Wesley Foundation for his work with young people, some say that Dr. Mayfield is best known for his attention to the needs of the poor, disadvantaged, and elderly. We can all agree that he celebrates life and has made a difference in all that he does.

The Wesley Foundation United Methodist Campus Ministry in Cincinnati has been serving Cincinnati's young adults in higher education since 1925. The Wesley Foundation's ministry is a welcoming, affirming community that nurtures spiritual growth and empowers students to explore, enrich, and practice their faith.

Dr. Mayfield was a member of the Wesley Foundation Board of Directors for 10 years. He was chairperson of the board while pastoring the Mt. Auburn United Methodist Church and serving as chaplain at Christ Hospital. Dr. Mayfield was instrumental in expanding Wesley Foundation to a full-time campus ministry with a building close to the university.

Dr. Mayfield has committed his time and energy to the Wesley Services Organization (WSO), a ministry that provides services to the

elderly. WSO ministers to the elderly through Wesley Hall and Lincoln Crawford, both skilled nursing and rehabilitation facilities, and Wesley Community Services, which serves seniors in their homes. Dr. Mayfield has been a member of the WSO Board of Directors since 1965; and in 1980, he helped to raise the funds to build a new nursing facility for Wesley Hall. He also led the effort to regain Lincoln Crawford's financial stability.

Dedicated to many organizations in our area, Dr. Mayfield has volunteered with Hospice of Cincinnati, the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home Association, the American Cancer Society, Cancer Family Care, and prison ministries.

Dr. Mayfield has received numerous awards for his community service. In 1999, he was the recipient of the Greater Cincinnati Foundation's prestigious Jacob E. Davis Volunteer Leadership Award, which is presented annually to an outstanding volunteer in the community, who then awards the money to a non-profit organization. Dr. Mayfield designated WSO.

All of us in the Greater Cincinnati area thank Dr. Mayfield for his service and congratulate him on receiving this well-deserved honor.

EASTER CRACKDOWN ON THE  
MONTAGNARDS

**HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2004*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, Easter is usually a joyous time for Christians throughout the world. Unfortunately, that was not the case this year for many Montagnards Christians, ethnic minorities in Vietnam's Central Highlands. On Saturday April 10, more than a thousand ethnic minority Christians assembled in the streets of Buon Ma Thuot to protest ongoing religious repression and confiscation of tribal lands.

Their peaceful protests were met with brutal force by the Vietnamese police, who attacked and arrested the protesters and sealed off the area to foreigners—much like the Chinese Tiananmen Square massacre in 1989.

Numerous reports state that hundreds may be dead with many others arrested, injured, and or in hiding. This follows years of ongoing persecution and a brutal crackdown in December of 2001, when the government also forcibly suppressed mass protests in the region, after which the Vietnamese government closed hundreds of Christian Churches.

Religious persecution in Vietnam against Catholics, Christians, members of the Unified Buddhist Church, and members of Vietnam's indigenous religious groups has been well documented in the State Department's Country Reports on Human Rights and International Religious Freedom.

Last year, the Commission on International Religious Freedom recommended Vietnam should be designated as a Country of Particular Concern for "systematic, egregious, and ongoing" religious freedom abuses. As if there was any doubt, the Easter crackdown confirms the fact that Vietnam should be designated as a Country of Particular Concern for violations in religious freedom. Protections and