not my responsibility to fill it, it's God's responsibility to fill it and it looks like He is doing a pretty good job! See, the early church depended on the supernatural.

I close with this story. There was a little church up in Savannah, Tennessee getting ready for dedication day. The pastor looked over at his son about six weeks from dedication and said, ''Son, I want you to write a song for dedication.'' The night before the dedication service, the father looked over at his nineteen year old son Jaron and said, ''Jaron, have you written that song yet for dedication?'' He said, ''No, dad, but I am getting ready to sit down at the piano and I am going to write that song.'' Jaron said he sat down at the piano and said to himself, ''What do I want to experience when I come into this place for the very first time?'' He said, ''God gave me these words. As I walked through the door I sensed His presence, and I knew this was the place where love abounds. For this is the temple, Jehovah God abides here, we are standing in His presence on holy ground.'' When I read Jaron Davis's answer, it so parallels how I feel today—''It blows me away that God will take a little country boy from the foothills of Tennessee and let him write a song as a teenager that would have the effect and impact that this one has had. It just kind of proves that little is much when God is in it.''

There is no joy in easy sailing, when skies are clear and blue,
Nor is there joy in doing things, that anyone can do,
But there is some satisfaction, that's mighty sweet to take,
When you reach a destination, mama, I never thought I'd make.

CELEBRATING THE 300TH ANNIVERSARY OF SUTTON, MA

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2004

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time to recognize the town of Sutton, MA on the occasion of its 300th anniversary. I am honored to represent Sutton and to have had the opportunity to help it celebrate this important milestone by participating in the Anniversary Parade on September 12, 2004.

Located in the beautiful Blackstone River Valley in central Massachusetts, it retains the rolling farmlands and wooded hills for which it has long been known, which it is committed to preserving as part of the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor. The Heritage Corridor and the Purgatory Chasm State Reservation, also located in Sutton, offer visitors a way to explore the natural beauty of Massachusetts.

Sutton's rich history began when the town was chartered in 1704. It was first settled in 1716 by the intrepid families of Benjamin Marsh, Elisha Johnson and Nathaniel Johnson, who braved the harsh winter of 1716–1717 in log cabins, which were sometimes entirely covered by the deep snows. These three families laid the groundwork for what is now a thriving community of more than eight thousand.

Today, tourists who come to the five villages of Sutton can visit the Eight Lots Schoolhouse, built in the 1780s, see blacksmithing demonstrations in the M.M. Sherman Blacksmith Shop, and enjoy local candies and produce. They can also explore the history of the region through a trip to the Sutton Museum.

The rich culture and history of Sutton make it a wonderful addition to any region, and I am proud to represent it in the United States Congress. Once again, I would like to congratulate the town on its 300th anniversary and to say job well done to all the organizers who made the commemoration of this momentous occasion such a great success.

SMART FROM THE START PRESCHOOL EDUCATION FOR AMERICA ACT

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2004

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to introduce the Smart from the Start Preschool Education for America Act. This bill would help more American families have access to high-quality, voluntary preschool education for their children.

Research tells us that a child's first five years are critical to their future development. Think of the young children you know—they are curious and inquisitive and eager to learn. A high quality preschool education can capitalize on children's curiosity and promote learning, enhance brain development and lead to future gains in higher education and employment. Children who attend preschool education programs are more likely to graduate from high school and to be employed in adulthood.

Given all that we know about the benefits of a preschool education, it is long past time that we start investing in preschool education as a Nation. I am proud that my home State of California has been a pioneer in the efforts to provide high-quality preschool education. I expect that in the years to come we will see that California's investment in early childhood education will pay off with stronger classrooms and schools and a well-prepared and educated workforce.

I think that California's investment should be a nationwide investment. That's why I am introducing the Smart from the Start Preschool Education for America Act. It is time for our Nation to have a serious investment in our most precious assets—our children. I urge my colleagues to support high-quality, voluntary preschool education—our Nation's future depends on it.

TRIBUTE TO PHILIP ROSEMAN

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2004

Mr. TANNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to a long time friend of mine, a great Tennessean, and an outstanding American, Philip Roseman. Phil recently celebrated his 86th Birthday on August 30th, in Nashville.

Philip Roseman was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, to parents who had immigrated from the Ukraine and Romania. On that day, August 30, 1918, the doctor that came to his parents' house to deliver the baby, forgot to register the birth for a month. The family has always celebrated his birthday on August 30th but official records indicate he was born on September 30th. It was only when he signed up to go into the military in 1942 that he discovered his ''official'' birthday.

As a youth, Phil attended local Cambridge schools and graduated from Cambridge High and Latin. For a while he played for the Boston Braves on their farm team but eventually went into the newspaper business. He became a sports reporter and advertising editor for a local Cambridge newspaper.

When the attack on Pearl Harbor occurred, he immediately volunteered for service and was sent to England as part of the Army Air Force, 834th Engineer Battalion. There he helped build a secret air base in a small hamlet called Matching Green. He also served as an aide to the colonel. Just before the invasion of Normandy, he was sent back to the United States. He stayed in Brooklyn and trained in intelligence surveillance. After mustering out of the service, Phil married Nettie Weiss of Brooklyn.

About this time, articles about the ''sunbelt'' captured the young man's imagination. Thinking of the prospects of plentiful energy and labor resources and the chance to start his own business, Phil climbed into his eleven-year-old Packard in 1948 and set a course south. He literally ran out of gas in Union City, Tennessee where he found genuinely friendly and helpful people. He knew right away the South was where he wanted to stay.

His plan was to start a garment factory making jackets. After asking around, he decided to approach the townfathers of tiny Trimble, Tennessee, population approximately 400. They listened to this young man from the North and showed their confidence in the spunky and likeable ''New England Yankee'' by pledging $100,000 to finance a factory that would bring employment opportunities to this farming community.

Hard work and dedication soon led to success. By 1955, Phil had outgrown the original plant at Trimble and needed to relocate and expand. He again approached the townfathers but this time in Hickman, Kentucky and convinced them he had a viable industry that would offer townspeople employment. That plant, too, became very successful. Eventually he started a third plant in Ridgely, Tennessee. He also ran outlet stores in the region. During the Viet Nam War, his plants supplied military outerwear. In all, he employed over 700 people in the West Tennessee region.

Phil Roseman was successful not just in his business. He and his wife, Nettie, had three children who grew up to become successful professionals, one of whom is a nationally known doctor. His wife worked alongside him for fifty years building their business. She died shortly after their retirement and move to Nashville. He has recently remarried and lives in Nashville.

The greatest tributes to this man are the loving memories that family, friends and former employees are quick to share about his unlimited kindness, his gentle nature and his unfailing cheerful disposition. This is how I remember Phil Roseman and I know many others do also.