

look different from other mill towns. In 1929, Edward Hines ordered the first 150 homes built for his employees who were due to arrive within a year from Minnesota and Mississippi. In December 1930, the City of Hines was incorporated. The first officers to serve the city were selected, and by 1931 they had their first elementary school and post office. For the next sixty years, Hines Lumber and its employees prospered in this hidden oasis of the high desert.

Development slowed when the mill closed in the early 1990's. However, the loggers who lived there were very proud to have worked for the Edward Hines Lumber Company. Hines has always maintained its own identity. Even today, its residents are fiercely independent people who pride themselves on being from Hines and not from the adjacent city of Burns. This strong sense of community and history is evident by the families that still gather in Hines City Park, the hub of this pioneer town, as envisioned by Mr. and Mrs. Hines.

Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of Hines, thank you for allowing me to share with my colleagues the history of this fine town.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO CEDAR POINT AMUSEMENT PARK ON THE OCCASION OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOTEL BREAKERS

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2005

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to pay tribute to a special company in Ohio. This year, Cedar Point Amusement Park's Hotel Breakers in Sandusky, Ohio will celebrate one-hundred years of dedicated service.

Mr. Speaker, Cedar Point Amusement Park in Sandusky, Ohio is one of the oldest and most renowned entertainment complexes in the United States. Founded in 1870, Cedar Point has succeeded in providing family entertainment for over 135 years.

Opening on June 12, 1905 to a flurry of excitement, the Hotel Breakers welcomed more than five thousand visitors to its grand opening showcasing a hotel complete with running water, quite a feat for 1905. In addition to its state of the art amenities, the Hotel Breakers included a decor influenced by the elegance of the chateaus of France.

When the Hotel Breakers welcomed its first guests, rooms ranged from \$1 to \$2 per night and a meal cost only 35 cents. While today's prices may have risen, the Hotel now offers over 650 rooms, three pools, a deli, coffee shop, pizzeria and restaurant. Throughout its long history, the Hotel Breakers has also welcomed some of our country's finest guests. Among its accomplished guest list, the Hotel Breakers has welcomed Annie Oakley, Abbott and Costello, John Philip Sousa, and six U.S. presidents.

Throughout its many updates, much of the early twentieth-century charm has remained, including the stained-glass windows, designed by Louis Buser of Tiffany's and which continue to grace the lobby. With its history, and newer amenities such as sitting areas, an arcade and

three gift shops, the Hotel Breakers is much more than a night's stay, it is an experience.

Mr. Speaker, the real success of the Hotel Breakers comes not only from the elegance of its facilities, but from its employees. The management and staff of the Hotel Breakers have indeed provided their guests with the service and dependability that are expected of a first-class resort. The staff's attention to service, boundless enthusiasm and loyalty to the history of the hotel continues to make the Hotel Breakers a world class hotel.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to the employees and the legacy of Cedar Point's Hotel Breakers. As all who benefit from this fine establishment gather to celebrate its one-hundredth anniversary of service, I am confident that the good people of Sandusky, Ohio, will continue the successes of the Hotel Breakers into the future.

CONGRATULATIONS TO RODNEY STEPP

HON. JULIA CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2005

Ms. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my heartfelt congratulation to Mr. Rodney Stepp—a musician par excellence. Although there are many musically talented individuals in the Indianapolis area none compare to the abundance of talent, compassion and reputation of excellence.

Mr. Stepp was introduced to music by his parents at age 4. His parents enrolled him with the prestigious Jordan Conservatory School of music, Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana. Imagine the foresight of his parents who believed their son was not too young to begin a career of music superbness.

Following the dictum: "Unto whom much is given, much is required." Rodney has been widely acclaimed for his dedication to humankind.

His good work and dedication to community is evidenced by the widespread recognition bestowed upon him by: Center of Leadership Development, Entrepreneurship Award 2005; Indiana State Museum Project, Addy Award 2005; Christian Service Charities, Board of Directors, 1999–2005, Achievement and Recognition; Addy Awards for Hoosier Lottery Commercials; Ebenezer Baptist Church, Aids Foundation, Dollars For Scholars; Indiana Black Expo; Circle City Classic, Indy Parks; Larry Conrad Vision Award, Indianapolis Downtown Inc.; United Way of America, Excellence Award; Valley Forge Freedom Foundation Award; Achievement Award United Way of America and Office of Personnel Management; Achievement Award United States Postal Service; and Honorable Discharge United States Army 1974.

Rodney is being celebrated by the Indiana History Center on July 14. His honors are noteworthy and deserving of acclaim.

On behalf of the U.S. Congress, we salute you Rodney Stepp and we wish you God-speed.

COMMENDING SERBIAN PRESIDENT BORIS TADIC ON JOINING IN THE COMMEMORATION OF THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SREBRENICA MASSACRE

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2005

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Serbian President Boris Tadic for the courage and humility he displayed by attending the commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the Srebrenica massacre.

Although time has yet to fully heal the wounds of hatred borne in war, President Tadic's actions stand out as a crucial first step in the process of peace. His attendance at the Srebrenica commemoration was a strong show of statesmanship and a demonstration of his firm commitment to reconciliation in that still unsettled region.

President Tadic's attendance marked the first time any Serbian representative attended the commemoration of the Srebrenica massacre. His visit to Srebrenica is an important outreach to the Bosnian people and an appropriate homage to the thousands of victims who were brutally murdered. President Tadic's presence also demonstrated Serbia's renewed commitment to cooperation and democracy and its rebuttal of nationalism and xenophobia. His attendance was also marked by his fellow democratic politicians in the Serbian Parliament in Belgrade who held a moment of silence for the victims of Srebrenica.

The Srebrenica commemoration was not the first time President Tadic made a bold statement underscoring his desire to achieve reconciliation. Eight months ago, he personally apologized to the Bosnian people for any crimes committed in the name of Serbia or the Serbian people when he visited Bosnia.

Tragically, despite President Tadic's firm leadership, dedication, and example, many Serbs still refuse to acknowledge the Srebrenica massacre; making his visit perhaps even more momentous. These actions, noble in their intent are not without dissent and protest back home in Serbia. Serbia's ultra-nationalist party, the Serbian Radical Party boycotted the Srebrenica commemoration, and even protested the moment of silence for the victims, as well as criticized President Tadic's attendance and actions.

Such intense divisions within Serbia between nationalists and democratic reformers, unthinkable a few years ago, only serve to underscore that thanks to the leadership of President Tadic, and other like-minded Serbs, Serbia is ready to face the war crimes of the past and condemn the heinous and brutal extermination of Bosnian males in Srebrenica 10 years ago.

Mr. Speaker, I believe President Tadic's actions should be a sign to the world and the Bosnians alike that there is a profound difference between Serbia's citizens and Serbian war criminals; and I know that President Tadic is firmly committed to bringing those responsible for war crimes, especially those responsible for the Srebrenica massacre, including General Ratko Mladic, to justice before the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY) at The Hague where they will be tried for their crimes against humanity.

I believe that President Tadic deserves the United States' respect and support as a democratic and reformist leader in a historically unstable region. He has fought for democracy and equality against the tide of nationalistic fervor unleashed by former Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, and in many ways his actions speak loudly of his leadership and bravery. He is leading his country in a bold, new direction of cooperation with the West and is diligently working to ensure Serbia's integration into the European Union and NATO, as well as partner with the United States. President Tadic represents the future of Serbia and the Balkans and we should support him in his struggles and endeavors. I ask my colleagues to join with me to commend his leadership, applaud his courage, and renew our commitment to peace and stability in the Balkans.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2005

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on Monday evening, July 11, 2005, due to United Airlines flight 950 experiencing mechanical problems. My plane was forced to return to San Francisco International Airport, requiring me to travel on a later flight.

I would like the RECORD to reflect how I would have voted had I been present:

On rollcall vote No. 363 I would have voted "yea."

On rollcall vote No. 364 I would have voted "yea."

FOSTERING ADOPTION TO FURTHER STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT ACT OF 2005

HON. WILLIAM J. JEFFERSON

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2005

Mr. JEFFERSON. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join today with my colleagues, Mrs. BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Mr. SNYDER of Arkansas, and Mr. BOUSTANY of Louisiana, in introducing legislation that corrects an inequity in our Nation's higher education laws.

The foster care system in our country is not perfect. However, for all its flaws, it does provide some very genuine benefits. For example, those youth who graduate high school while still in foster care are afforded every opportunity to attend college and receive full federal financial aid benefits.

Unfortunately, those who are fortunate enough to be adopted into loving homes as teenagers are not given this same consideration. Under current law, children who are adopted and thus leave the foster care system are not considered "independent students" and are therefore considered for financial aid based on the income of the adoptive family. This is a barrier for families looking to adopt older children, but may not have saved for college—and it should be changed.

This important legislation would adjust the definition of "independent student" to include foster care youth who are adopted from the

foster care system after their 13th birthday. Accordingly, when the adopted children apply for federal financial aid, they will not be penalized because eligibility would be determined by the adopted student's ability to pay, not the ability of his parents to do so.

Statistics show that older children who are adopted from the foster care system are more likely to attend college, have stable lives and have a permanent family. Conversely, of those who "aged-out" of foster care over three years: Only 54% had earned a high school diploma; Only 14.5% had graduated from a four-year college; and Between 25–44% had experienced homelessness.

It is estimated that approximately 20,000 youth "age out" of the foster care system each year and, of that number, nearly 30% are incarcerated in the first year. Currently, there are 523,000 children in foster care and nearly half of those children are over the age of ten.

These statistics show that when given the opportunity to move into a loving home, those who are still in the system are more likely to be successful. Making this minor change to current law can do so much to change the lives of these youngsters and the families looking to adopt them. But when these teenagers are forced to choose between adoption and federal financial aid to attend college, the odds are against them.

Families who adopt teenagers are remarkable. But these adoptions are rare. This legislation is designed not only to create greater access to college for those who are adopted but also to encourage adoption of older children by creating an incentive—not a barrier—to parents looking to add to their family by adopting a child out of the foster care system.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join with me and my colleagues in supporting and enacting this common sense, bipartisan legislation.

MILITARY PERSONNEL FINANCIAL SERVICES

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2005

Mr. DAVIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the House of Representatives for its work on H.R. 458, the Military Personnel Financial Services Protection Act. Simply put, this bill solves the problem of rogue predatory lenders and goes after high-cost abusive lenders who seek to take advantage of the young men and women dutifully serving in our military. Our servicemen and women deserve the protection of Congress not only on the battlefield but right here at home. In times of war it is all too often that our military personnel find themselves in stressful financial situations and hardships, through no fault of their own, due to unforeseen call-ups. They are forced to leave good paying jobs for significantly less money and still provide for their families. This is an incredibly difficult task, like sticking a circle through a square. And what do rogue predatory lenders want to do, Mr. Speaker? They seek to prey on these individuals with inappropriate sales and impositions such as garnishing military wages, collection calls to a service member's chain of command, and deceptive marketing. Congress has the responsi-

bility to crack down on unscrupulous lenders who use deceptive financial practices to make a quick buck off of our uniformed service members. H.R. 458 does that, Mr. Speaker. As my colleague from Illinois, Mr. RAHM EMANUEL said, it is time to end a culture on military bases that too often favors financial interests over the interests of our troops, their families, and their futures. I urge our colleagues in the Senate to give this legislation a vote and continue on with this body's efforts to protect our service men and women.

CELEBRATING MS. ODIE RICH

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2005

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a few minutes to recognize a remarkable woman and Pickett County, Tennessee's oldest known living resident.

Ms. Odie (Riley) Rich was born on December 10, 1901 in Pickett County, where she has lived all her life. Ms. Rich is the daughter of the late William and Irene Riley.

Ms. Odie married A.L. Rich on December 23, 1923 when she was 22-years-old. When asked by her granddaughter, Paula Perry, in the local newspaper, where her wedding dress came from, Ms. Rich replied "I made it myself."

Mr. and Mrs. Rich raised several children, Dorthena Price, Paul Rich (deceased), Eladean Tompkins, Jack Rich, Morris Rich, Odell Rich, and Carolyn Long. She has 20 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great grandchildren.

Ms. Odie is a wonderful witness to history and the times. She remembers when women first got the right to vote, having voted for the first time herself in 1921. The first vehicle her and her husband owned was a 1941 Chevy truck. Up until then, they traveled by horse or mule. When asked how she rode with a dress on, she commented "Why, side saddle of course!" However, she never learned to drive an automobile. She remarked that if she ever learned that she would have been a speed demon.

Today, Ms. Rich still lives on the old home place and loves to do gardening and canning. Ms. Rich is an endearing character that has provided insight into the past all the while bringing joy and happiness to her loved ones and neighbors. May God continue to bless Ms. Odie Rich.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2005

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, on July 11, 2005, I was in my district participating in the first meeting of the New Jersey Flood Mitigation Task Force. This Task Force is working to help prevent the devastating flooding that occurred for a number of my constituents earlier this year. Due to the schedule, I missed rollcall votes Nos. 363 and 364. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: rollcall No. 363 "aye" and rollcall No. 364 "aye."