

## TRIBUTE TO HARRIET HENDERSON

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 21, 2005*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to commend one of my constituents, Harriet Henderson, on her outstanding service as the Director of Public Libraries in Montgomery County, Maryland.

As Director for the past eight years, Ms. Henderson has helped make the Montgomery County library system the envy of library systems throughout the country. The Montgomery County library system consistently ranks among the nation's top ten, often noted as "one of the best...in the country." Working to increase library hours and expand the materials collection, Henderson has demonstrated a profound commitment to improving the quality and accessibility of our region's public libraries.

The impact of Ms. Henderson's work is not limited to her role in Montgomery County. A former president of the Public Library Association and the Virginia Library Association, Ms. Henderson has made contributions on a national scale. She has also served in leadership positions with the Urban Libraries Council as well as other organizations.

Ms. Henderson will soon assume a new position as Director of the Richmond Public Library. I am confident that she will excel in all of her future endeavors and that the Richmond libraries will benefit greatly from her wisdom and experience.

I applaud Harriet Henderson and wish her continued success in the years ahead.

## IN HONOR OF THE RED WING SHOE COMPANY ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 200TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. JOHN KLINE**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 21, 2005*

Mr. KLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an icon in the state of Minnesota and a symbol of small business success.

This year the Red Wing Shoe Company celebrates its 100th anniversary. A cornerstone of the Red Wing Community and the great state of Minnesota, Red Wing Shoes represents a proud tradition of excellence.

I have enjoyed the opportunity to visit the Red Wing facility and meet many of the dedicated employees. If the strength of a company is its workers, it is easy to see how the Red Wing Shoe Company has come to enjoy a century of success.

On the occasion of this milestone achievement, I want to thank the men and women of the Red Wing Shoe Company for their service to the community and the state of Minnesota. I commend the employees and leaders of this great institution and wish them much continued success.

## STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF GREG GUND

**HON. NANCY PELOSI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 21, 2005*

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sorrow that I come to the floor of the House to mourn the passing of Greg Gund, who was tragically killed last week in a plane crash. I extend my deepest sympathies to his parents, my dear friends Theo and George, and his brother George.

I remember when Greg was born, how much joy "Silvo" brought to his parents. I hope it is a comfort to them that Greg was so loved, and that so many people mourn their loss and are praying for them at this sad time.

In his short life of 32 years, Greg touched the lives of so many. A curiosity of different cultures and people led him to travel around the world, establishing friendships everywhere he went. His love of travel and adventurous spirit brought Greg to Costa Rica, where he had been living for the past 5 years.

An avid adventurer, Greg loved to snowboard, surf, skydive and fly his plane. Greg spent countless hours over the past five years soaring off the coast of Costa Rica, and even recently completed a solo flight around the world.

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever." Greg embodied this quote from Mahatma Ghandi that he taped to his passport as constant reminder to live life to the fullest. Greg enjoyed more adventures in his 32 years than most will in a lifetime.

Greg will be sorely missed by all of us who were fortunate enough to have him touch our lives. His indomitable spirit will long be remembered and live on in our hearts. My

thoughts and prayers, and those of my husband Paul and the entire Pelosi family are with the Gund family at this sad time.

## IN HONOR OF THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF WILMA B. WOODRUFF

**HON. TIM MURPHY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 21, 2005*

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of one of my constituents. On August 10, 2005, Wilma Bane Woodruff will celebrate her 100th birthday.

Born August 10, 1905, in Cameron, West Virginia, Wilma is the youngest of three daughters born to William and Clara Fletcher Bane. On December 10, 1923, at the age of 18 she and Dorsey Woodruff were married. The couple raised four children: Willadeen Johnston, Frank, Ada Stimmel, and Eileen Dobbin and spent 59 years farming in southwestern Pennsylvania.

After Wilma and Dorsey farmed as tenants for 13 years, they bought a 325 acre property on the main highway from Pittsburgh to Washington, PA. The attractive white brick farmhouse and other buildings, lying across a deep valley, caught the eye of many travelers. It was here that Wilma and Dorsey raised beef cattle and sold hay and straw to manufacturers and other farmers. Dorsey was recognized as a Master Farmer in 1951. The couple bought two other properties in South Strabane and Hickory, PA, and in later years also raised horses. Dorsey passed away in 1982 and the farm is now the Woodruff Memorial Park.

Wilma has been a member of the Chartiers Hill Presbyterian Church and North Strabane Grange for more than 70 years. She was also active in the A.A.R.P. and Senior Citizens of Canonsburg.

At the age of 21 Wilma registered to vote, and she is very proud of the fact that she has never missed a year of voting until she was 96 years old.

In her life Wilma has accomplished many great things, but perhaps the most important was raising her wonderful family of 4 children, 11 grandchildren, and 17 great grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you in joining me to celebrate the life of Wilma Bane Woodruff. Her life has been a great influence to many people in Pennsylvania and across the country.