

to the betterment of communities around the world. As a result, Rotary is the largest private sector contributor to the global polio eradication campaign.

Rotary is an exemplary professional, social and civic club. Its goals and ideals are noteworthy, compassionate, and are ones deserving of emulation. The members of the Rotary Club of Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn have worked hard for the past 75 years to uphold the motto of the Club's founder and continue to work to meet the needs of the communities in Chester County, their Rotary District, nation and the world. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the Rotary Club of Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn for its tremendous contributions to the individuals, organizations, and communities they have benefited for 75 years and to wish the Club's members continued success and good fortune in meeting Rotary's mission to serve others above themselves.

IN RECOGNITION OF AUBURN UNIVERSITY'S "WAR ON HUNGER" CAMPAIGN

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 26, 2005

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a group of students and faculty at Auburn University who are waging an important campaign to fight world hunger.

Known as the War on Hunger campaign, this groundbreaking initiative partners Auburn University with the United Nations World Food Programme, a first for any university worldwide.

Over the next several years this campaign will continue to develop a framework for addressing the problem of world hunger. Plans include developing an agenda that increases hunger awareness, and creating new academic initiatives at the university. Local organizers also hope to use their efforts to influence policymakers at all levels of government with regard to hunger initiatives.

Auburn University students will continue to work together, Mr. Speaker, and participate in several planned activities to help carry out their campaign, including holding benefit concerts and hosting a symposium on world hunger. Students will work to enlist the support of the Auburn community, and also sponsor a film series on world hunger and sustainability. In the true spirit of the Auburn Creed, this initiative aspires to feed Auburn students' minds and hearts with a sense of social responsibility and human well-being.

Ultimately, Auburn's goal is to develop and implement a War on Hunger model that can be replicated by other universities across the nation and around the world. On this important day, I salute the students and faculty of Auburn University for addressing this challenge, and applaud their efforts in helping end hunger around the globe.

TRIBUTE TO JUNE PICETTI SHEPPARD

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 26, 2005

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize June Picetti Sheppard, who has been named the City of Sonoma's 2005 Alcaldesa, or Honorary Mayor.

Ms. Sheppard earned this honor from her community for a lifetime of volunteer work. She is a practitioner of the "little things" that can make such a difference in someone's day-to-day life. An avid early morning walker, this dynamic 88-year-old picks up newspapers at homes along her route when it is raining and places them on her neighbor's porches, just to help folks out. She is also well known around town for her trademark flower cups, or "Tussy Mussies," that she distributes when the mood strikes her, and the mood strikes often.

Ms. Sheppard has been a long-time volunteer with Friends In Sonoma Helping (FISH), which provides food and clothing for the disadvantaged. She helps gather surplus food from local markets and bakeries for the FISH clients and for community groups such as the Senior Center and Boys and Girls Club.

She also volunteers as a docent with the Sonoma League for Historic Preservation, providing tours of vintage homes in the community.

As Alcaldesa, Ms. Sheppard will preside over all ceremonial events in the town, from parades to grand openings to meetings. Since 1975, the City of Sonoma has bestowed the honor of Alcaldesa/Alcaldesa on a local resident or couple who demonstrates outstanding community service.

Mr. Speaker, June Picetti Sheppard's dedication to her community follows this tradition and it is therefore appropriate that we recognize her at this time as the 2005 Alcaldesa for the City of Sonoma.

RETIREMENT OF JAMES STEDMAN, CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 26, 2005

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I want to acknowledge the long years of service which James Stedman has provided to the Congress. "Jim" as he is better known to his friends and colleagues retired this month after 31 years at the Congressional Research Service (CRS). His dedication, determination and spirit will be sorely missed. I know that I have relied on Jim on numerous occasions in the past and he has certainly made me a more effective legislator.

James Stedman began his career at the Congressional Research Service as an education policy analyst in 1973, after earning a bachelor's degree from Middlebury College and a master's degree from Harvard University, both in history. Upon joining CRS, he reached the status of Specialist in Social Legislation in a very short period of time. From the beginning of his career, and continuing for

over 30 years, Jim has expertly supported Congressional work on education related legislation. Jim's most important contribution however has been his effective and unselfish mentoring of the next generation of CRS education analysts.

Jim has for decades been a nationally recognized expert on numerous major aspects of Federal education policy. One such area is elementary-secondary school reform. Jim has shown a boundless understanding of the complexities of standards-based reform, school choice (a topic on which he prepared pioneering policy analyses), and Federal programs to support the recruitment, development, and retention of elementary-secondary school teachers. Jim also excelled in his knowledge of Federal efforts to improve mathematics and sciences education; and all aspects of Federal policy to provide financial assistance to postsecondary students from low- to moderate-income families, including grant, loan, and tax-based programs.

Throughout his career, Jim has not only been exceptionally productive, but also innovative. He has provided ground-breaking analyses that have been especially useful to the Congress in its consideration of how best to provide financial aid for college bound students, through loans, grant, or tax-based methods. Jim has also undertaken pioneering work of broad significance on the process used to determine the amount of aid a college student receives, commonly referred to as "needs analysis." Jim was also the leading CRS analyst supporting congressional legislation and other activities in response to the Reagan administration's "A Nation at Risk" and the Clinton administration's "Goals 2000 initiatives."

In more recent years, Jim's work has been primarily devoted to providing strong leadership to teams of CRS staff assisting with higher education legislation during the 105th and 108th Congresses. He has coordinated a vast number of projects in support of committee deliberations on higher education legislation, serving as the primary liaison between the CRS higher education analysts and authorizing committee members and staff. Jim has also unselfishly devoted a great deal of time and effort to helping the relatively new CRS analysts to build expertise in legislation, relevant issues, and sources for data analysis.

Jim's contributions will be sorely missed. The leadership and knowledge he provided for over 30 years has greatly benefited the Congress and the American people. Jim's retirement now provides him the time to pursue a second career as a teacher. If he brings the same determination and spirit to teaching that he had for 30 years at CRS, he will be a success. This House should congratulate Jim on his retirement and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING SANDRA L. SEENO FOR HER WORK WITH OAKLAND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 26, 2005

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity

to extend my support to Sandra L. Seeno, a community leader and friend who will be formally recognized on February 4, 2005, at the grand opening of the Center for Immunobiology and Vaccine Development at Children's Hospital in Oakland, California.

Ms. Seeno has been an ardent supporter of Children's Hospital and Research Center at Oakland for more than 20 years. She is committed to promoting Children's Hospital and ensuring the delivery of high-quality pediatric care. Ms. Seeno has also worked to maintain Children's Hospital as a nationally recognized research program with highly qualified primary care providers and strong education and teaching programs.

For the past 2 years Ms. Seeno has served as a member of the Children's Hospital Oakland Research Institute (CHORI) Advisory Board, which was established to promote CHORI to philanthropic, scientific and business communities. Over the past year she has been particularly dedicated to supporting the completion of the Institute's new Center for Immunobiology and Vaccine Development (CIVD).

Ms. Seeno's service as a community advisor has been instrumental in present and future development strategies for the Children's Hospital and Research Center Foundation. Along with her husband, Albert D. Seeno, Jr. she has helped oversee the charitable arm of the Albert D. Seeno, Jr. Family Foundation and helped to bring about new projects such as the grand opening of the Center for Immunobiology and Vaccine Development.

I congratulate Ms. Seeno for her hard work and dedication to the community and the Children's Hospital and Research Center at Oakland.

HONORING JANIE WALSH

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 26, 2005

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Janie Walsh, who is retiring as the Executive Director of the Sonoma County Community Development Commission after 30 years of dedicated service to her community.

In high school, Ms. Walsh lived in Vietnam, where her interest in community service took root. She has returned periodically to implement programs sponsored by the Vietnam Veterans of California such as helping to build a school, and providing eyeglasses to those in need.

Ms. Walsh began her career in Pennsylvania as a teacher and Head Start director. Her move to California saw a change of direction in her career as she began the important work of community development. As the Redevelopment Project Manager in the City of Petaluma she began the City's housing rehabilitation program. She moved on to the Sonoma County Housing Authority as Community Development Specialist and was quickly promoted to Community Development Manager.

In 1985 the Board of Supervisors appointed her as Executive Director of the Community Development Commission where she has done an outstanding job supervising Sonoma County's Housing Authority, Redevelopment

Agency, and a wide range of community development and affordable housing programs.

Ms. Walsh has also served as Senior Vice President and President of the Pacific Southwest Regional Council of the National Association of Housing Officials (NAHRO), where she worked closely with the Department of Housing and Urban Development on major changes in legislation and regulations that affect housing and community development agencies.

Upon retirement, Ms. Walsh and her husband, John Humphrey, are planning to move to the country and raise grapes and honeybees. She plans to spend time with her two adult sons, Philip and John, and her young grandsons. Ms. Walsh is looking forward to some international travel, particularly a trip to visit her roots in Ireland.

Mr. Speaker, Janie Walsh is a woman who has made a positive impact on those around her. She has led the Community Development Commission with an attitude of compassion and respect for clients and community that permeates the entire agency. I am proud to honor her and wish her well in this new chapter of her life.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF MARY ZONE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 26, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of my dear friend and mentor, Mary Zone, loving mother, grandmother, dedicated public servant, community activist, and dear friend to many. Her passing marks a great loss for her family and friends, and also for the people of Cleveland, whom she served with the highest level of commitment, concern, integrity and honor.

Mrs. Zone's husband, the late Michael Zone, and their eight children were central to her life. The great care and love that she showered on them extended throughout Cleveland's west side neighborhood, where Mrs. Zone carried the torch of her late husband. The well-being of their community, anchored by their parish, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, remained a constant focus in the hearts of Michael and Mary Zone. Their united focus on family and service to others continues to illuminate the hope and promise of a better day for every citizen of this diverse, working-class community.

A staunch Democrat, Mrs. Zone was appointed to Cleveland City Council in 1974, to serve out the term of her late husband. She was elected to serve three additional terms. As a member of the Council, Mrs. Zone was a fierce champion of the people of the near west side, and her unequalled work ethic and uncompromising integrity quickly garnered her the admiration of residents and the respect of those at City Hall.

Armed with a compassionate heart, sharp mind and even sharper focus on the public she served, Mrs. Zone shattered the status quo by becoming the first woman of Italian heritage to serve on Cleveland City Council, and the first woman to serve as the Council's majority whip.

Her years of working as a business owner and elected official served the City well

throughout her tenure as an administrator with Cleveland's Community Development Department, an appointment made by then-Mayor George Voinovich. Later, she was appointed as Deputy Director of Special Projects with the Ohio Lottery Commission.

Mary Zone's greatest legacy is reflected in the lives of her family and friends and along every street crisscrossing the near west side. She was a founding member of the Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization and the Nolasco Housing Organization. She was an integral and active member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, serving for many years as President of its PTA. Most recently, Mrs. Zone served on the board of Villa Mercedes. Following the death of her son, Marty, to AIDS in 1993, she actively pursued programs and projects focused on assisting individuals and families living with HIV and AIDS.

Her humble nature precluded her from reveling in awards and accolades. However, her outstanding service was recognized by others. She was the recipient of many awards that highlighted her humanitarian efforts, including the Father Marino Frascati Neighborhood Champion Award from the Detroit Shoreway CDC, presented to her this past November.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Mary Zone. The infinite measure of her heart, combined with her courage, vision and integrity, defined her life and served to lift the lives of countless individuals and families throughout our community, especially our near west side neighborhood. Her kindness, energy and compassion will be greatly missed within the hearts of her many friends, including my own. I extend my deepest condolences to her friends and family members, and especially to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mary Zone lived her life with joy, energy and in unwavering service to others. Her eternal faith in humanity and in the notion that together, we can make a positive difference, will continue to serve as an unending force of hope and possibility throughout our community, and her memory and legacy will forever live on within the hearts of all who knew and loved her well.

INTRODUCING THE MAKE COLLEGE AFFORDABLE ACT

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 26, 2005

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the Make College Affordable Act of 2005. This legislation helps millions of Americans afford college by making college tuition tax deductible. Today the average cost of education at a state university is \$9,802 per year, and the cost of education at a private university is \$31,052 per year! These high costs have left many middle class American families struggling to afford college for their children, who are often ineligible for financial aid. Therefore, middle class students have no choice but to obtain student loans, and thus leave college saddled with massive debt.

Even families who plan and save well in advance for their children's education may have a difficult time because their savings are eroded by taxation and inflation. The Make College