

where learning was an unquestioned good, where there was no such thing as "geekiness," when I realized that all of us were there because we wanted to learn.

There were 16 of us in the class of 1960. I can name them all, fondly and with pride: Jim Hart, LeClair Greenblatt, Clark Smeltzer, "E.R." Boles, David Creekmore, Hugh Faust, Jim Bradley, Doug Newton, Chip Osborn, Sam Colville, Peter Krapf, Ed McCampbell, Sterling Shuttleworth, Kit Ewing, Jeff Goodson and me. Yes, "me," direct object of the verb "to name" in the previous sentence. Thank you, Miss Freeman.

Fondly, because of the friendships, successes, embarrassments, mistakes, follies and secrets. With pride, because of our progress in four years to a Webb-shaped maturity. There were also moments of grace: Jeff Goodson teaching me to tie a bow tie; it took Jeff three days, but it stuck Sam Colville teaching me to drive straight shift, in his own creampuff '55 Chevy with three on the column. It took him all track season, driving from the new campus to Fulton High School. Coach Sharp had gotten us practice privileges at Fulton. The new campus on Cedar Bluff Road didn't have a track; it barely had a football field.

By now we have read the obituaries, the newspaper articles, the tributes. All the talk about Robert Webb in the community, Bob Webb the force for social good.

For me and for many of us, there is no Robert Webb, no Bob Webb. There is only the great and fine man we called and always will call "Mr. Webb." He limped into our lives in the basement of Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church and changed each one of us forever.

So Mr. Webb is dead? I don't think so. "But," they say—the people who believe Mr. Webb is dead—"there was the memorial service. The singing of hymns. There was the great obit by Jack Neely in Metropulse. There was the long obit in the News Sentinel. He's dead, they say. Nope, Mr. Webb is not dead; never will be.

In my life and I hope in yours there is an unbroken line of great teachers. For me, the line is: Miss Freeman, who taught me seventh-grade English at Tyson Junior High School. Mr. Webb, who introduced me to Latin in the ninth grade. Ted Bruning, my English teacher for the four years at Webb. R.E. Sharp, the teacher of life skills at Webb. And John Sobieski, professor of civil procedure at the "University of Tennessee law school.

The line is unbroken not because these great teachers are all still alive but because they are all still with me. They always will be. They live in my house. They are with me when I talk to my children, they are with me when I try to be my best, they are with me when I reach out to others. These five fine people required hard work and excellence in their own lives and expect the same of me.

I had some good teachers at Harvard and Yale. But I had my great teachers, my five great teachers, right here in Knoxville. I don't know what that means. Perhaps the best teaching is done by those who are not overly impressed with themselves, by those who know that you never stand so tall as when you reach down to help someone, by those who love learning and want you to share that love.

Henry Brooks Adams said, "A teacher affects eternity. He never knows where his influence stops." Mr. Webb affected our eternities. He trained us to excellence. Mr. Webb wanted the best from each of us, there in the basement of the church. We delivered him our best because of his enthusiasm for learning. We delivered him our best because of his evident joy in the life of the mind. We delivered him our best because of his love of life itself.

He wanted us to be leaders. We became leaders because we wanted to be like him. He took mere human beings and produced leaders. You know the Latin in the coat of arms: You went to Webb.

A TRIBUTE TO PATRICK JOSEPH BRADLEY

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Patrick Joseph Bradley, loving husband of Joan (Nicoletti), father of Jesse 21 and Nicholas 16 and brother of James, Daniel, Joseph and Allen Bradley passed away Thursday, February 2, 2006.

Pat was a devoted husband to his wife Joan and a wonderful father who participated in every activity concerning both his sons. Pat coached both Jesse and Nicholas' sports teams and tirelessly volunteered at the Water Tower Recreation Center. Thanks to Pat's efforts as a Democratic Committeeman and Board Member of the Chestnut Hill Youth Sports League he was able to secure thousands of dollars in funding for the Water Tower Recreation Center.

As a very active member in the community he served as a board member of Chestnut Hill Youth Sports League, a Democratic Committeeman to the 9th ward 4th division. As a pillar of the community he was also a founding member of Chestnut Hill Run for the Hill Member Jenks Home and School Association. In tribute to a wonderful husband, father, brother and pillar of the community, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues rise to honor him and all of his accomplishments.

SUPPORTING THE PEOPLE OF TAIWAN

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, last spring, China passed the anti-secession law to give Chinese leaders the right to use force against Taiwan if they suspect separatist activities in Taiwan. This law assumes the unification of China and Taiwan and proposes that those opposed to the unification are subject to punishment. In addition to the enactment of the anti-secession law, China's rapid military build-up has given the Taiwanese people a sense of dread.

In a recent public opinion poll, 70 percent of Taiwanese people oppose China's institution of the "anti-secession" law. Mr. Speaker, the freedom loving people of Taiwan deserve to be treated with respect. I stand with the people of Taiwan in their zeal for freedom and liberty.

TRIBUTE TO MR. ED WYNN OF NAPA, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Napa County Chief Investigator Ed Wynn of Napa, California as he retires after 35 years of distinguished public service.

A California native, Ed was born in Berkeley to parents Dick and Katherine Wynn. Ed graduated from Napa High School in 1967 and earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Golden Gate University in 1977.

Mr. Speaker, Ed's brutal honesty, strong leadership and commitment to doing the right thing have made him indispensable to protecting the residents of Napa County. While earning his degree, Ed was hired by the Napa County Sheriff's Office in September of 1970 to serve as a Deputy Sheriff and head the Napa County jail. After 15 years of increasing responsibilities, Ed was promoted to Chief Investigator in 1995. Over the last 10 years, he has been a leader and a mentor within his division and throughout the entire District Attorney's office.

Ed has also been a leader in our community by dedicating his time to numerous organizations, including Native Sons of the Golden West, Moose Lodge, Legions of Valor Association and the Navy League Association. He has also served as a basketball coach for St. John's Middle School and the Napa County Recreational Youth League.

Mr. Speaker, as any of his friends or colleagues will tell you, Ed is a man of integrity, justice and honor. One of Ed's most discernible characteristics is his love for our country. He is a true American hero. Shortly after Ed graduated from high school in 1967, he enlisted in the Marines. That same year Ed was deployed to Vietnam. During his tour, Ed fought valiantly for our country. He courageously risked his own life to save the lives of others and was nearly killed on three separate occasions. In recognition of his bravery, Ed was awarded three purple hearts, the Navy Achievement Medal with Combat "V", the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V" and the Navy Cross, the nation's second highest honor.

I believe I speak on behalf of Ed's wife, Joyce, his children Dan, Mike, Jim, Holly and his three grandchildren Mathew, Tyson and Madison when I say we are all extremely proud of him.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate that we take this time to thank and honor Ed Wynn for his unwavering dedication to Napa County and to our country. On behalf of the entire United States Congress and our grateful nation, I wish Ed the best in all his future endeavors.

HONORING UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, today I am honored to introduce this resolution congratulating the 2005 University of Portland

women's soccer team for winning the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I National Championship. The Pilots completed an undefeated season, capturing the National Championship by scoring four goals in their final game against the University of California, Los Angeles.

Not only is this the University of Portland's second championship in four years, but the 2005 season was the most successful for the team to date. The Pilots set the University's women's soccer record with an undefeated season.

The story of the 2005 season is illustrated with broken records. The loyal fans of the University of Portland set the NCAA season attendance record for both men's and women's soccer teams and led the Nation in average home attendance.

There is no way one could speak to the accomplishments of the University of Portland soccer program without heralding the amazing talent of the coaching staff, both past and present. The program was brought to excellence by the late Clive Charles who was respected by soccer enthusiasts worldwide. In 2002, Charles led the Pilots to their first ever championship in any sport. Sadly, Charles died in 2003 from complications of prostate cancer.

With Head Coach Garrett Smith now at the helm, the Pilots have continued their superiority on the soccer field. Coach Smith has devoted 18 honorable years to the University of Portland soccer program, both as a player and a coach, and his ability to lead his team with creativity and vision has earned him great respect.

I wish warm congratulations to every player, coach, student, alumnus, faculty member, and supporter of the University of Portland. There is much to celebrate up on the "Bluff" and the women's soccer team is a great example of the excellence the University produces and I hope you will join me in supporting this resolution.

STATEMENT ON METHYL BROMIDE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I gave the attached statement, in support of the banning of methyl bromide on February 15, 2006.

STATEMENT OF REP. DENNIS J. KUCINICH, SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND RESOURCES, HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM: HEARING ON "METHYL BROMIDE: ARE U.S. INTERESTS BEING SERVED BY THE CRITICAL USE EXEMPTION PROCESS?"

I was dismayed when I learned that today we would be discussing efforts to perpetuate—and possibly increase—the use of methyl bromide. Continuing to allow it to be manufactured and used is bad for the environment, bad for human health, bad for international relations, bad economics, and is simply unnecessary.

Methyl bromide has been responsible for a significant amount of the degradation of our protective ozone layer. In 2005, the size of the resulting hole in that layer over the Antarctic reached 9.4 million square miles, an area almost as big as the combined areas of the U.S. and Canada, according to NASA. Current estimates say that it will take another 50 years for the hole to repair itself.

Too much UV-B, which is filtered by the ozone layer, causes cataracts and suppresses our immune systems, making us more vulnerable to viruses and bacteria. It also contributes to skin cancer. It was this threat to human health that was a major reason that the international community agreed to ban it. It was a display of unprecedented cooperation in the face of an environmental threat.

Methyl bromide puts our own workers and consumers at risk too. When it is injected into the soil, it kills almost every living thing in the soil. It is no wonder that it also causes chronic health problems for the workers who apply it and the nearby communities who are also exposed to it. Exposure has effects on the neurological system including functional impairment, lethargy, twitching, tremors, and paralysis in extreme cases. It has also been linked to prostate cancer and birth defects in some studies.

Continuing the manufacture of methyl bromide is bad economics. Since the international community agreed to phase out methyl bromide, companies who play by the rules have been planning for its phaseout. They have incurred real financial costs by investing in alternatives, anticipating the phase-out required by the Montreal Protocol. Failing to adhere to the U.S. promise to phase out methyl bromide puts these companies who were playing by the rules at an unfair competitive disadvantage. Those who do the right thing and obey the law should be rewarded for their good faith efforts, not punished.

Consider the international relations implications as well. An attempt to let the U.S. allow methyl bromide to be used without going through the specified channels—like other countries are required to do—would further harm our standing in the international community. It sends a signal to other countries that we will only honor our agreements until we change our mind. It harms negotiations on future agreements. It furthers the stereotype of the U.S. as the bull in the proverbial global china shop.

The EPA is currently trying to address the methyl bromide issue by substituting chemicals, like methyl iodide, that aren't as harmful to the ozone layer but are still highly toxic. Instead, we need to look to alternatives for pest control that not only preserve the ozone layer but also protect worker health, community health, consumer health, and ecological health. In fact, that's exactly what Americans want.

One of the biggest growth industries right now is organic food. According to the Congressional Research Service, "The annual rate of market growth since 1990 has remained steady at about 20%." When given a choice between food grown with toxic chemicals or food grown organically, people choose the latter, especially when the price is comparable, which is increasingly the case as economies of scale become more prevalent.

One of methyl bromide's biggest uses is for strawberry crops. Jake Lewin, director of marketing for California Certified Organic Farmers says "... strawberries can be grown without pesticide. We've got 60 growers who don't use (methyl bromide) ... The bottom line is small and large growers have successfully produced strawberries without pesticides."

So we are talking about yielding to the management of chemical producers and agribusiness—who by the way rarely have to apply the toxic pesticide themselves or live in the adjacent communities—at a drastic cost to our health and that of the earth. It speaks to a systematic deference to corporations at the expense of the biological systems on which we intimately depend for life. It is unwise and unnecessary. I call for the immediate and permanent phase-out of methyl bromide.

TRIBUTE TO JOHNSON COUNTY,
KANSAS, AFRICAN-AMERICAN
TRAILBLAZERS

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to lend my support and appreciation to the Johnson County, Kansas, chapter of the NAACP, whose Youth Council, along with the Johnson County Library, will be holding a program at the Mount Olive Baptist Church in Merriam, Kansas, on Saturday, February 18th, to honor and reflect upon Johnson County's African-American "trailblazers." Specifically, this program will honor the following six individuals, families and organizations:

JULIUS MCFARLIN

Julius McFarlin, born in Conway, Arkansas, was instrumental in organizing the chartering of the Branch of the NAACP in Johnson County. While waiting for the Branch to be officially chartered, McFarlin served as its President from 1972–1977. In September 1977 the Branch, named the Merriam, Kansas, NAACP, was chartered and Mr. McFarlin continue serving as its President until 1998. McFarlin is still active with the Branch and is a Life-Time Member.

Not only is Mr. McFarlin a "Trailblazer" with his work with the NAACP, in 1973, McFarlin realized a need to become involved in the community and was elected to the Merriam City Council, Precinct One, Ward One—thus becoming the first African-American elected to a political office in Johnson County, Kansas. McFarlin served until 2000.

Believing in giving back to the community in which he so faithfully served, McFarlin's community involvement includes managing baseball teams for youths; prior service on the Board of South Park Neighborhood Council; a current member of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church, in which he serves as the Chairman of the Trustee Board; and prior service on the Johnson County Mental Health Board; Public Works Board and City Finance Committee.

Married to his bride of 60 years, the lovely Marzella (Wilson) McFarlin, Julius McFarlin is truly a Johnson County "Trailblazer".

DR. NORGE W. JEROME

Dr. Norge W. Jerome, a Nutritional Anthropologist, International Health and Nutrition Scientist, and Women in Development Specialist, is currently Professor Emeritus of Preventive Medicine and Public Health, at the University of Kansas School of Medicine. Dr. Jerome has served as Senior Research Fellow at the Center for University Cooperation in Development, Bureau of Science and Technology, U.S. Agency for International Development (A.I.D.), Department of State, in Washington, D.C., and as Director of the Office of Nutrition at A.I.D. Dr. Jerome also served as Interim Associate Dean for Minority Affairs, at the University of Kansas School of Medicine, as well as having published widely, with 2 books and over 100 articles to her credit.

Dr. Jerome was born and raised on the southern Caribbean island of Grenada and came to the United States to