

best describe how he was always willing to give of himself to help others, never asking or expecting recognition for his selfless acts. Not only did he regularly volunteer for Labor causes and programs, but he often made time to help programs for the disadvantaged and other charitable causes.

Perhaps one of Louis' greatest accomplishments for the Labor movement was the revival of the Upper Peninsula Labor Day picnic, parade and program in the early 1990s. Louis is widely recognized as the driving force that helped to reinvigorate this annual celebration, which means so much to the working men and women of the U.P.

After a lifetime of hard work, Louis Fine passed away in 2003. He is survived by his loving wife of many years, Betty.

Madam Speaker, one of the titans of the American Labor movement, the head of the American Federation of Labor Samuel Gompers once called Labor Day, "[T]he day for which the toilers in past centuries looked forward when their rights and their wrongs would be discussed . . . that the workers of our day may not only lay down their tools of labor fore a holiday, but upon which they may touch shoulders in marching phalanx and feel the stronger for it.

Every year, as the working men and women of the U.P. march shoulder to shoulder, we remember and honor the sacrifices of our predecessors in the Labor movement. Henceforth, every Labor Day, as we remember our ancestors of the Labor movement, the working men and women of the U.P. will remember Mr. Louis Fine for bringing back the hallowed tradition of the annual U.P. Labor Day picnic and parade.

Madam Speaker, since 1993, outstanding labor leaders in northern Michigan have been honored with induction into the Upper Peninsula Labor Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame is housed in the Superior Dome on the campus of Northern Michigan University in Marquette. Louis Fine is a deserving addition to this august group and, I salute his memory. I would ask, Madam Speaker, that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join me in recognizing his many contributions to the Upper Peninsula Labor movement, his dedication to all working men and women, and his commitment to the Marquette and Upper Peninsula community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PARENTS' EMPOWERMENT ACT

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 18, 2007

Mr. HUNTER. Madam Speaker, today I am reintroducing a bill that is of extreme importance to our nation's parents and the future protection of their children: the Parents' Empowerment Act. As we all know, millions of children access the Internet and other interactive entertainment products each and every day. As this number increases, more and more of our nation's children are unexpectedly and tragically exposed to pornography and other indecent material. According to a study by Grunwald and Associates, 25 percent of American children have had at least one unwanted experience with on-line pornography.

The Department of Justice, until the past few years, has not been prosecuting obscenity and child pornography cases.

The Parents' Empowerment Act is very simple. It allows the parent or legal guardian of a minor to sue, in a district court, any person who knowingly sells or distributes a product that contains material that is harmful to minors that:

1. A reasonable person would expect a substantial number of minors be exposed to the material and;

2. As a result of exposure to such material, the minor in question suffers personal injury, or injury to their mental or moral welfare.

If the minor is the prevailing party, they will be awarded a minimum of \$10,000 for each instance of damaging material. In addition, the court can order the minor's attorney fees to be covered and punitive damages to be awarded.

This bill establishes a new and appropriate test for what is obscene for a minor. Currently, the United States Supreme Court utilizes the "Miller Test" to determine if material can be labeled obscene and not protected by the First Amendment. The Parents' Empowerment Act builds upon the same test, but, in the case of minors, modifies the "third prong" of the test by requiring any material to "lack serious literary, artistic, political and scientific value for minors sufficient to overcome the pernicious effect of that material." In other words, what is obscene for an adult is entirely different than what should be considered obscene for a minor and, as a result, should be treated as such.

Madam Speaker, this legislation is a step in the right direction in providing parents with the resources they need for what is their number one priority, protecting their kids. I am proud to once again introduce the Parents' Empowerment Act and request my colleagues give this important legislation their utmost consideration.

MEXICAN TRUCKS ON AMERICAN ROADS

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 18, 2007

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, I want to thank Congressman TIM RYAN and others for organizing a special order to discuss the dangers of allowing Mexican trucks on American roads.

I rise today because I am concerned that allowing Mexican trucks open access to American roads will threaten American wages and the safety on our highways.

There is no question that foreign competition from lower paid Mexican drivers will compromise the hard and dedicated fight by American workers.

American workers deserve fair wages for their hard work and Mexican workers should not be exploited either.

There are concerns about safety including whether Mexican trucks are safe and what allowing them on U.S. highways would do.

There is no question that road safety and vehicle standards in Mexico are not the same as what we require in the United States of America.

I believe that both the United States and Mexico should have a strong and healthy

workforce but the U.S. worker should not be the compromise.

Let us protect the American worker and not compromise the safety and well-being of our children and families.

HONORING THE TOP DOG ALUMNI

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 18, 2007

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate all of the Top Dog Award recipients from California State University, Fresno.

The Top Dog Awards is a great tradition for CSU Fresno. It allows the University to honor alumni that continue to give back to the University. There are three award categories; Distinguished Alumnus Award, Outstanding Alumni Awards and the Arthur Safstrom Service Award.

The Distinguished Alumnus Award is the highest honor given to an alumna of the University. The award is based on scholarship, leadership and service to CSU Fresno, the San Joaquin Valley and the State of California. It has been established to provide special recognition to an individual who has distinguished themselves through outstanding achievement during their post-collegiate career. The University President and the Alumni Association present the award.

For 2007 the Distinguished Alumnus Award is being awarded to Larry Dickenson, class of 1965. Mr. Dickenson is Boeing Company's Commercial Airplanes Group Senior Vice President of Sales. He was raised in Bakersfield, California and graduated from CSU Fresno with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. From there he has worked with McDonnell Douglas Corporation, Texas Air Corporation and began his career with Boeing in 1986 as the Vice President of Asia/Pacific for the Commercial Airplanes Group. Mr. Dickenson has won major contracts that have helped to assure the launch of Boeing's 787 Dreamliner passenger aircraft. He also helped Boeing consolidate sales of cargo jets in the Pacific Rim market and interest airlines in the company's more efficient new 747-8 jumbo jetliners. Mr. Dickenson was named as one of "World Trade's 25 Most Influential U.S. Global Visionaries" in the June 1997 issue of World Trade magazine, and was featured in Investor's Business Daily in the "Leaders and Success" column. With all of this success, Mr. Dickenson still finds the time to be active in service to CSU Fresno by serving on several boards, including the National Board of Visitors.

The Outstanding Alumni Awards recognizes a CSU Fresno alumna for outstanding accomplishments in their field and to present such alumni to current CSU Fresno students as examples of exceptional achievement. The Alumni Association works in conjunction with the deans of CSU Fresno's eight schools/colleges, as well as the dean of student affairs and the athletic director to identify and select candidates for the awards.

This year there are fourteen Outstanding Alumni Awards from the various schools, colleges and divisions. The honorees are:

Rod Kraft (class of 1977) from the Athletics Department, football. Mr. Kraft is a family and

sports medicine physician, practicing in Fresno. He has assisted CSU Fresno student-athletes for numerous years.

Ernest A. Bedrosian (class of 1955), Krikor Y. Bedrosian (class of 1957) and J. Kenneth Bedrosian (class of 1967) from the College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology. The brothers are partners and leaders in the raisin industry.

John E. Horstmann (class of 1958) from the Craig School of Business. Mr. Horstmann is president of Horstmann Financial and Insurance Services in Fresno. He has been an agent of New York Life Insurance Company for almost fifty years.

James Finley (class of 1974) from the Division of Graduate Studies. Mr. Finley works the U.S. Department of Defense as the deputy undersecretary for acquisition and technology.

Larry Powell (class of 1971) from the Kremen School of Education and Human Development. Mr. Powell was elected to the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools in 2006 and has also served on numerous advisory boards for CSU Fresno.

Charles "Frank" Markarian (class of 1962) from the College of Engineering. Mr. Markarian has worked in assessment and development of advanced technologies for air-launched weapons. He was awarded the U.S. Navy's highest award for civilian service.

Dr. Bette Rusk Keltner (class of 1972 and 1974) from the College of Health and Human Services. Dr. Keltner is the Dean of the School of Nursing and Health Studies at Georgetown University.

Dr. Marlene Dong Wong (class of 1969) from the Henry Madden Library. Dr. Wong is the Director of Crisis Counseling and Intervention Services for the Los Angeles Unified School District and is considered to be an expert on school safety programs.

Dr. Joan Otomo-Corgel (class of 1972) from the College of Science and Mathematics. Dr. Otomo-Corgel is a former CSU trustee who is a dentist and a UCLA adjunct professor. She serves on the CSU Fresno National Board of Visitors.

Steve Magarian (class of 1972 and 1974) from the College of Social Sciences. Mr. Magarian is a former Fresno County sheriff.

Gerald Tahajian (class of 1963) from the Division of Student Affairs. Mr. Tahajian was a CSU Fresno student body president and is now a prominent lawyer.

The third award, the Arthur Safstrom Service Award, is awarded to an alumna or friend of CSU Fresno who has given outstanding service to the Alumni Association and/or the University. This year the award is presented to Rosellen Kershaw (class of 1947), whose volunteer services and financial support has benefited numerous community organizations, including the University.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate all of the Top Dog Award recipients for their individual contributions. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing the honorees many years of continual success.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF DR. BETTY CLECKLEY AND HER YEARS OF SERVICE TO MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 18, 2007

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Betty Cleckley, a dedicated educator for her 17 years of service and leadership to Marshall University. She has been at Marshall since 1989 when she accepted the new position of Vice President for Multicultural Affairs in Huntington, West Virginia. For her years of service to the students, faculty and staff of Marshall University and the community of Huntington I offer my deepest thanks and gratitude.

A native West Virginian, Dr. Cleckley graduated from Douglass High School before going on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree from Marquette University, a Master of Social Science degree from Smith College, A Ph.D. degree from Brandeis University and a post doctoral certificate in Higher Education Management from Harvard University.

Before working at Marshall, Dr. Cleckley held a number of administrative and teaching positions in the health and higher education fields. She was Associate Dean and Associate Professor of the School of Social Work at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville; Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs, Interim Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Executive Assistant to the President and Coordinator of Meharry's Centers of Excellence at Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tennessee. She also served as the Director of the Black College Initiative at the Agency on Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration in Washington, DC.

In 1989, when Dr. Cleckley returned to Huntington, she did so with dreams of making a difference in her hometown community. The Harmony Institute at Marshall University was one of the many dreams she was able to realize during her tenure. The institute was conceived in 1997 with the mission to actively promote an appreciation for human and civil rights, social justice and racial harmony among students, administrators, faculty and staff, as well as among residents of surrounding communities so that they may have a global impact on achieving racial equality in this rapidly changing multicultural society. Over the years, the Harmony Institute has continued to fulfill that multicultural mission through community engagement and scholarly developments.

During her time at Marshall, she has been an active member of the community and has been honored many times over for her hard work and dedication. Dr. Cleckley served on the State of West Virginia Human Rights Commission and currently serves on the Martin Luther King, Jr. State of West Virginia Holiday Commission, Cabell Huntington Hospital Foundation and the Center for Aging and Health Care in West Virginia, Inc. She is also a life member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Some of the many honors she has received are: "The WV Civil Rights Award" from the Governor of West Virginia in 2003, the "Celebrate Women Award in Education" award by

the West Virginia's Women Commission in 2003 and the "Betty Jane Cleckley Minority Research Award" which was established by the American Public Health Association and recognizes research on minority health issues, particularly among the elderly.

In her poem, "Still I Rise", poet and educator Maya Angelou writes:

Just like moons and like suns,
With the certainty of tides,
Just like hopes springing high,
Still I'll rise.

Time and again, Dr. Betty Cleckley has proven her ability to rise up and take on new challenges. Her time at Marshall has left an indelible footprint and a legacy that will be a hard act to follow. I wish Dr. Cleckley my best in all of her future endeavors and know that whatever new tasks she decides to take on, she will as always rise to the challenge.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 18, 2007

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on Wednesday afternoon, October 17, 2007 and missed 2 votes. Please note in the appropriate place in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD that had I been present, I would have voted as noted below: Rollcall vote 979 nay; Rollcall vote 980 yea.

A MAN OF HONOR, A LIFE OF
VALOR (CAPTAIN RICHARD
MACON)

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 18, 2007

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay homage to a great American. CPT Richard Macon was not only a hero to this country, but an example of how true tenacity can overcome any obstacle. Richard Macon, a prestigious Tuskegee Airmen and one of this country's most skilled pilots, taught us that determination and commitment have the ability to help one achieve his/her dreams. Captain Macon also taught us that even the ugly head of discrimination and institutional racism cannot suppress the enduring American spirit which keeps this country a leader in the world.

Macon, with a bachelor's degree in mathematics, joined the Army Air Forces in 1943 and graduated from the segregated flying school for black airmen at Tuskegee, AL, to become a fighter pilot. Lt. Macon served as a replacement pilot with the 99th Fighter Squadron and had 16 successful missions to his credit. On August 12, 1944, he was strafing ground targets over southern France when his P-51 Mustang was hit by ground fire while escorting bombers over a German radar station. His plane was flipped upside down at treetop level and the right wing separated. Macon learned that his plane had crashed into a building used by the Germans as a headquarters, killing 40 German officers and soldiers. Macon's neck was broken and the lower