

with their extremist budget. And then, on top of that, to vote themselves a Christmas recess when they should have passed a clean continuing resolution—this is the ultimate of irresponsibility.

Mr. Speaker, in the spirit of Christmas and the holiday season, I strongly urge my Republican colleagues to put an end to their budget impasse, protect Medicare and Medicaid, reopen the Federal Government, and begin sensible budget negotiations.

ALBERT SCHWEITZER INSTITUTE
LEADS THE WAY IN HUMANI-
TARIAN SERVICE

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 22, 1995

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Albert Schweitzer Institute for the Humanities, a nonprofit organization in residence at Choate Rosemary Hall in Wallingford, CT. In this season of peace and goodwill, it is an especially appropriate time to honor this organization that is working for the ideals Dr. Albert Schweitzer dedicated his life to—promoting and improving human rights, health care, the environment, and peace throughout the world.

In 1984, the Schweitzer Institute has led the way in providing assistance to the areas where it is most needed. The Schweitzer Institute was the first organization to evacuate children from Bosnia, bringing over 20 Bosnian children to the United States and arranging for their medical treatment. While peace seems to be on the horizon, Bosnian civilians are still suffering from the ravages of war. Another trip to Bosnia is planned for January to bring desperately needed medicine, warm clothes, food, and toys.

The Schweitzer Institute is also working with the Inter-American Development Bank to run and monitor the Nickerie Hospital in Suriname. The hospital is in a remote area of Suriname's rain forest where no other health care is available. The institute will work to modernize health care facilities and improve the access and quality of care. In the past, the institute has evacuated children from the former Soviet Union to the United States for medical treatment; and has sponsored international conferences on issues such as global health, military toxic waste and ethics.

The Schweitzer Institute has improved the quality of life for thousands of people around the world. I am proud of the work they have done, and I would like to congratulate Harold Robles, president and founder of the institute, and his staff on their important and successful work. The Albert Schweitzer Institute for the Humanities is truly making our world a better place.

TRIBUTE TO BUSINESS AND CIVIC
LEADER, RUSSELL N.
BARRINGER, JR.

HON. DAVID FUNDERBURK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 22, 1995

Mr. FUNDERBURK. Mr. Speaker, it is with pleasure that I pay tribute to one of Durham's

most prominent leaders. Russell N. Barringer, Jr. has stood out during the past few decades, as a successful businessman and community leader. His list of civic, social, government, and business activities are too numerous to mention here. But I will try to summarize his most outstanding accomplishments.

Mr. Barringer's education included Calvert Method School, Carr Junior High School, Durham High School, Davidson College and Duke University. He is married to Mary Ruth Teer and has three children, Russell III, Edward T., Stephen W., and six grandchildren. Mr. Barringer served in the U.S. Army Reserves from 1955 to 1967 when he received an honorable discharge as first lieutenant. Mr. Barringer belongs to Westminster Presbyterian Church. His is a private instrument-related pilot and aircraft owner; and he enjoys golf, tennis, and travel, and is a member of several prominent country clubs.

Russell N. Barringer, Jr. is both chairman and CEO of Dealers Supply Co. and the West Durham Lumber Co. Dealers Supply ranked 25th in sales volume of floor covering distribution in the United States. West Durham Lumber is in the retail lumber and building supply business in the Durham area. Also, Barringer is chairman of Barringer Enterprises.

Mr. Barringer has been in the forefront of business promotion and activity in Durham. His involvement includes past board memberships of NCNB City Board, Scottish Savings and Loan State Board, and Southeastern Savings and Loan City Board (chairman). Current memberships include Duke University Fuqua School of Business Advisory Board (chairman 1992), National Association of Wholesalers, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, National Association of Floor Covering Distributors, First Union National Bank City Board, Duke University Arthritis Advisory Board, and the Carpet Trade Golf Association.

In government and civic affairs, Russell N. Barringer, Jr. has also been a leader. He served on the Durham City Planning and Zoning Commission, and on the County Schools Advisory Board. He was appointed by Governor James Martin to the North Carolina Aeronautics Council (on which he served as secretary in 1992), and he was a candidate for Durham County commissioner in several elections. In civic affairs he has served on: the Durham Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Friends of Watts Hospital Board of Directors, the Salvation Army Advisory Board, the Multiple Sclerosis Society Board of Directors, Duke University Durham County Alumni Association, and the Civic Club Golf Tournament Committee.

I am very pleased to recognize the major contributions made in many fields by Durham's outstanding citizen, Russell N. Barringer, Jr.

BALANCED BUDGET

HON. WILLIAM J. MARTINI

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 22, 1995

Mr. MARTINI. Mr. Speaker, President Clinton is playing games with the American people. He claims to support a balanced budget, but he has failed to honor his commitment.

I believe that we have a moral obligation to balance the budget. A balanced budget is the

right thing to do for our future, our children's future, and the future of generations to come.

Our message is simple, the Federal Government must learn to exercise the same fiscal restraint that families and businesses operate under each and every day.

My Republican colleagues and to their credit, some on the other side of the aisle, have put forth an ambitious agenda that would balance the Federal budget by the year 2002.

Unfortunately the Clinton administration has decided to fight us every step of the way instead of joining in our effort.

The truth is my friends, we will balance the budget, we will save Medicare, and we will change the way the Federal Government operates. For the sake of our children we must not back away from the awesome task at hand.

Mr. Speaker, Congress is finally shaping up and bringing long awaited fiscal fitness to the Federal Government.

I am proud to be part of this historic effort.

I urge the administration to stop playing games and honor its commitment to the American people.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 22, 1995

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained in my district and had I been present to vote I would have voted: "yes" on the journal vote—rollcall 880, "yes" on the rule to House Resolution 299—rollcall 881, "yes" on Solomon amendment—rollcall 882, "yes" on the adoption of House Resolution 299—rollcall 883, "yes" vote to table the appeal of the ruling on the chair—rollcall 884, "no" on the motion to recommit—rollcall 885.

TRIBUTE TO KARIN URQUHART

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 22, 1995

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of my district's most dedicated and respected individuals, Karin Urquhart. The Marin Conservation League [MCL] and the community is conducting "A Toast to Karin Urquhart" to celebrate her visionary leadership.

Since 1976, Karin has served the Marin Conservation League. First as a member of the board of directors, then president from 1977 to 1979, and later as the executive director, and is one of the most recognized leaders of Marin's environmental community.

Karin Urquhart has improved the quality of life in Marin County through her enthusiasm and experience. Her professional and volunteer work is truly impressive. In addition to her MCL work, Karin has served the Marin County Board of Supervisors as an appointee to the Marin County Parks, Open Space, and Cultural Commission for a decade and, most recently, she was appointed trustee to the Marin Community Foundation.

As an example of her commitment to the county, Karin currently is president of the Marconi Conference Center Board, and board