

Louis Times. He got into the wrestling business as an assistant to promoter Tom Packs and found his niche.

He served for more than 25 years as president of the National Wrestling Alliance, which consisted of promoters from coast to coast. During his career as Mr. Wrestling, Sam Muchnick spent many days relating his sporting stories to me and other young people growing up in the Metro East. He still stops by and talks to Jack English, George Silvey, Bob Burns, Eddie Moran, Bob Bregg and other friends in the sports business during a visit to English's Tavern in Belleville.

Today, I bring to the attention of my colleagues the long and popular career of "Mr. Wrestling." I know they join me in congratulating Sam Muchnick for the years of enjoyment he has provided to wrestling and entertainment fans in the United States.

IN HONOR OF THE 1995 CARNAVAL
ELIZABETH

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 1995

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the participants of the Carnaval Elizabeth. This 3-day event celebrates Hispanic achievement in America and the diversity of the Hispanic culture. The Carnaval will be held from September 2d to the 4th, 1995, in the city of Elizabeth in New Jersey.

The Carnaval is sponsored by the Elizabeth Latin Chamber of Commerce and Melly Mell Productions. The Elizabeth Latin Chamber of Commerce prides itself on assisting and defending Hispanic businesses. It is an organization that engenders friendship and fraternity among city and State organizations. Both organizations are dedicated to helping the Hispanic community. Together they are producing a Carnaval that will celebrate the hard work and traditions of the Hispanic people.

The Carnaval Elizabeth will be celebrated for 3 days over a quarter of a mile stretch in the heart of Elizabeth's Hispanic business district. There will be live entertainment, dancing, folklore and amusement rides for the children. Many Hispanic entertainers such as Ramon Ortiz, Frankie Ruiz, Jose Alberto and many others will share their musical talents. The Carnaval will have booths featuring traditional foods, products, arts and crafts.

The Hispanic culture is rich and diverse. The Carnaval is an opportunity for people from different Hispanic countries to gather together and celebrate their culture. Awareness is very important in the Hispanic community—the Carnaval introduces people to many new customs and traditions. The Carnaval also celebrates the many vital contributions that the Hispanic Community has given to the city of Elizabeth.

I am confident my colleagues will join me in honoring and celebrating the Carnaval Elizabeth. In its 14th year, the Carnaval Elizabeth will celebrate the uniqueness of the Hispanic culture. The gathering will integrate the many Hispanic traditions and create an atmosphere of festivity and cultural recognition.

TRIBUTE TO WALTER REUTHER

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 1995

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, September 8 a 25th Commemorative Tribute will be held in honor of Walter Reuther. Marking the tragic death of Walter and Mae Reuther in 1970, it will honor their lives and their service to others.

In life, Walter Reuther was larger than life, a giant of a figure.

In death, he left a legacy that has outlived him, and a strong group of legatees to carry on his work.

His legacy includes a number of seeming ironies: Considered by some in the business world to be an enemy, time more and more revealed him as a key figure in helping to preserve, indeed strengthen American capitalism; often in the middle of a number of historic adversarial clashes with management, his Union has led the way toward a more collaborative relationship between management and labor, and sometimes accused of class warfare, Walter Reuther, his brothers Roy and Vic and their colleagues helped create in America the largest middle class in the world.

These contrasts were actually a reflection of consistent threads running throughout the life of Walter Reuther: a strong dedication to democracy and a deep distaste for intolerance; a belief in the dignity of work and of the individual who labored. His strength of personality reinforced, rather than undermined, his belief in pluralism.

His love for his Union, the UAW, was so powerful that it only motivated him to address its imperfections.

I saw his influence first-hand initially as a youngster helping to earn some money for college working in a factory one summer. Walter Reuther's spirit of brotherhood and sisterhood helped create among the rank and file in the plant an atmosphere of people working together, instead of against each other. The plant—hot and dirty—was hardly a haven but it provided a welcome respite from the outside atmosphere in a city often torn by social and racial divisions.

Remembering Walter Reuther is important in part in helping us to remember first principles. He was visionary, and that meant that he could see far enough ahead to discern when there was a need for change in order to be faithful to basic principles, and in order to be effective in carrying them out.

When history has a truly ample period of time to look back fully to discern the evolution of democracy in America in the 20th century, I have no doubt that Walter Reuther will loom very large. It is only true to ourselves, as people who share his faith in democracy, that we take some time in 1995 to remember him, whom we grievously lost 25 years ago in 1970.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KWEISI MFUME

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 1995

Mr. MFUME. Mr. Speaker, I was detained in my congressional district in Baltimore today and thus forced to miss three record votes. Specifically, I was not present to record my vote on rollcall vote No. 636, on ordering the previous question; rollcall vote No. 637, the motion to recommit the conference report to H.R. 1854; and rollcall vote No. 638, on agreeing to the conference report to H.R. 1854.

Had I been here I would have voted nay on rollcall vote No. 636, ordering the previous question; yea on rollcall vote No. 637, the motion to recommit the conference report; and nay on rollcall vote No. 638, on agreeing to the conference report.

RECOGNITION OF THE FIRST LADY
HILLARY CLINTON

HON. PATRICIA SCHROEDER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 1995

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, hats off to First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton for her powerful statement at the U.N. Conference on Women in Beijing. Over the past 3 years, the First Lady has been a strong voice for children, families, and women. She has never shied away from speaking out on issues she cared about—be it childcare or women's health. Over the next week, I would like to highlight excerpts from Mrs. Clinton's statements on women, children, and families so that Members in the House as well as their constituents at their own public libraries can read them.

The first excerpt is from her commencement speech at the University of Minnesota given this past year and focuses on education:

But instead of support and appreciation for education today, we see a movement among us to undermine education. We see some among us who would knock down the ladders of opportunity after they themselves have already reached the top rung. For generations, education has been the gateway to opportunity and, when married with responsibility, has been the recipe for the American Dream. Education is not just about acquiring facts, or even about acquiring skills to prepare oneself for a career. It is also about learning how to meet the challenges of one's time. How to solve problems and adapt to new circumstances. How to go forward into the world with the spirit and optimism that Eric talked about. It is about building a deeper understanding of the complexity of human civilization. Understanding our history, knowing that there is much we can learn from those who came before. Defining one's place in the world, and figuring out how to live in a way that does honor to those who have believed in us.

Education is also not, if it ever were, a one-shot deal. There are all kinds of people in our society today who need to learn and want to learn. They range from the very young to the very old. They are all kinds of people who recognize that the challenges of the global economy are such that they can