

Although Centerforce is a statewide organization, I take pride in its accomplishments because it was created and is located in the congressional district I am privileged to represent.

HONORING DR. EDWARD H.
BERSOFF

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS
OF VIRGINIA

HON. FRANK R. WOLF
OF VIRGINIA

HON. JAMES P. MORAN
OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 1995

Mr. DAVIS. Mr. Speaker, my colleagues and I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Edward H. Bersoff who will be honored on October 20, 1995 by the Northern Virginia Community Foundation [NVCF] for all his contributions to improving the quality of life in northern Virginia.

The Northern Virginia Community Foundation is a community endowment that supports the arts, education, health, community improvement, and youth issues. The foundation does not duplicate efforts of existing charitable organizations, but assists ongoing community projects and specific programs of established groups. Contributions are used only for local needs and provide a reserve fund to meet unforeseen critical emergencies. The foundation is managed by a board of directors representing all areas of northern Virginia.

Dr. Edward H. Bersoff, president, CEO, and founder of BTG, Inc., is a pioneer in the technology community. He founded BTG in 1982 and reported a revenue of \$156 million in its most recent fiscal year. BTG also employs 650 people, the majority in northern Virginia. Dr. Bersoff is well known in northern Virginia, where he serves as chairman of the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce and on the information technology advisory group for the Fairfax County government. He was the first chairman of the Northern Virginia Technology Council and chaired the technology work group of the Virginia Economic Recovery Commission. Dr. Bersoff also serves on boards of the Washington Airports Task Force, the Inova Health Care Services Board, and the advisory council of the Minority Business Association of Northern Virginia. In addition, he is past president of the Northern Virginia Community College Educational Foundation and was a member of the board of directors of Virginia's Center for Innovative Technology.

He served on the Navy C3I Subcommittee of the National Security Industrial Association, chairs the Professional Services Council and is a senior member of the Institute for Electrical and Electronics Engineers. Dr. Bersoff is also the director of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association.

A longtime supporter of education, Dr. Bersoff received his A.B., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees in mathematics from New York University and is a graduate of the Harvard Business School Owned/President Management Program. He taught mathematics at Kingsborough Community College in New York, Northeastern and Boston Universities in Massachusetts, and the American University in Washington, DC. He coauthored one of the first textbooks on

the technology of Software Configuration Management.

Dr. Bersoff received the 1993 Northern Virginia Technology Council Leadership in Technology Award and was named one of the 1994 Washington Area Entrepreneurs of the Year.

His wife Marilyn is vice president of administration at BTG, Inc.

Mr. Speaker, we know our colleagues join us in honoring Dr. Edward H. Bersoff on his leadership in the technology community and his outstanding accomplishments in northern Virginia.

TRIBUTE TO TOM KERR

HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 1995

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who has been a committed defender of personal freedom and constitutional rights. This dedicated individual, Mr. Tom Kerr, has been an influential leader of the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union for almost 40 years.

Tom Kerr's many years of service will be celebrated in Pittsburgh at a dinner gala on October 25, 1995. He will be honored for his service to the community, for his personal sacrifice and commitment, and for his devotion to civil liberties.

Mr. Kerr helped revive the Pittsburgh chapter of the ACLU in 1956 and served for years as the leader of this organization. From 1964 to 1984, he chaired the Pennsylvania ACLU affiliate and served on the national board of the ACLU. Mr. Kerr once gave up a partnership in a promising private practice rather than give in to pressure from his colleagues to abandon his work with the ACLU. Since then, he has taught at the Duquesne University School of Law and the Graduate School of Industrial Administration of Carnegie Mellon University while working actively for the ACLU. He has also served on the Pittsburgh Human Relations Commission and the Pittsburgh public employees' Personnel Appeals Board. He is still active today as an associate professor at CMU and as a member of the board of the ACLU's Pittsburgh chapter and the ACLU's National Advisory Council.

Mr. Kerr's legal activities on behalf of the ACLU has included cases in support of the civil rights movement, affirmative action, conscientious objectors resisting conscription during the Vietnam war, and union protestors. He has worked tirelessly to challenge the legality of racial- and gender-based discrimination, to guarantee the separation of church and state, and to defend individuals' rights to equal protection and individual privacy. In short, he has been active in many, if not all, of the most contentious and important constitutional issues of our times. More importantly, he has been on the right side of those issues.

I join the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter of the ACLU in celebrating Tom Kerr's commitment to the defense of our precious civil liberties, and in thanking him for his many years of dedicated service to this cause and to the ACLU.

TRIBUTE TO THE CITY OF
CLAWSON

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 1995

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, from October 23–29, 1995, the city of Clawson, MI, will again hold a red ribbon celebration in its continuing effort to eliminate the illegal use of drugs in schools, homes, and places of work.

This year's theme, "Be Healthy and Drug Free," has been imprinted on the red ribbons which will be worn by adults and children as a symbol of their personal commitment to remaining drug free. At the end of the week, Clawson participants in the celebration will sign their ribbons and send them to Congress. I am honored to be the intended recipient of the Clawson ribbons again this year.

The red ribbon celebration encourages the community to address drugs as a serious societal problem and especially to reinforce Clawson youth with the knowledge that their peers are drug free. The campaign, therefore, combats the pressure on school children to experiment with drugs, and demonstrates that illegal drug use is not tolerated by our society.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud the action of the city of Clawson to reduce illegal drug use in schools and in the workplace, and lend my full support to the red ribbon celebration.

TRIBUTE TO BILL BUTLER ON HIS
RETIREMENT

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 1995

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to pay tribute to an outstanding citizen of Ohio and a good friend. William E. Butler, chairman of the board of Eaton Corp., will retire from that position this year.

Bill Butler joined Eaton in 1957 as assistant employee relations manager of the Dyanamic Division. Over the years, he has been a creative, innovative, and reliable leader in the Cleveland business community. Directing a global corporation with over \$6.1 billion in sales is no easy task. Eaton's reputation as a manufacturer of quality engineered products is due in large measure to Bill's dedication and professionalism.

In addition to his tremendous business expertise, Bill has also given nearly four decades to bettering his community. Whether as a member of the board of directors of Cleveland Tomorrow and the Greater Cleveland, or as the 1994 United Way general campaign chairman, Bill has always earned the respect of his peers. I hope he enjoys a retirement that is as fulfilling and rewarding as his career.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Bill Butler for his numerous achievements over the years, and I wish him and his family all the best in the years ahead.