

BILL wrote the book on kindness and decency. He was a warm, gentle, good person—the kind we need more of these days.

He loved this institution, he loved the people who work here, and he loved representing Missouri's Eighth Congressional District.

BILL EMERSON worked hard and he worked well. Thanks to BILL, the 25 million Americans who rely on food stamps for sustenance will continue to get the Federal help they need to make it from day to day. And that's quite a legacy.

As Malcolm Forbes said, "You can easily judge the character of others by how they treat those who can do nothing for them or to them."

BILL EMERSON treated everyone well—from the Speaker of the House to the congressional pages, and everyone in between.

I am honored to have worked with him and I join the thousands of others in mourning his loss today.

#### DEATH OF THE HONORABLE BILL EMERSON

SPEECH OF

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 1996*

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I want to rise today to praise my colleague and good friend, BILL EMERSON, who died last Saturday after a brave struggle against lung cancer. BILL EMERSON was a true public servant, who cared deeply about his congressional district as well as issues of global concern.

BILL served with me on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and we worked together on issues of regional concern for both Illinois and Missouri. Many of those problems which affect the boot heel of Missouri are also endemic to southern Illinois; the need for new infrastructure, good jobs and public health which is accessible and affordable for the people who live there. One project in particular which BILL and I recently worked on was Federal funding for the new Cape Girardeau Bridge; I join my colleagues in asking the House to name this bridge in BILL'S honor.

We had the opportunity to serve together for 8 years, and over those years I learned from BILL'S way of working in a bipartisan fashion. BILL EMERSON knew that progress is not made with just one side of the coin; it takes balance to keep moving forward. By working with both Republicans and Democrats, BILL EMERSON was able to accomplish things for the people of his congressional district as well as the Nation.

And the world. BILL EMERSON, along with our former colleague Mickey Leland, fought for those people who could not fight for themselves—people in Ethiopia, Somalia, and other countries where citizens starved and were too weak to make their case to those who could help. BILL fought for food and nutrition programs, to provide essential sustenance to keep people alive.

His legacy will not soon be forgotten. But his kind manner, his decency, his bipartisan ship, and his commitment to caring for other people will never be forgotten.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO ELVIRA GRATTAGLIANO

HON. ROBERT G. TORRICELLI

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 1996*

Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay recognition to a great American citizen who will turn 96 years old on January 1, 1997. Now living in Bergen County, NJ, Elvira Schettino Grattagliano moved to America 85 years ago at age 11 from a small town near Naples, Italy, called Castela Mare Di Stabia. Ms. Grattagliano exemplifies a role model citizen. She is always involved in her surrounding community, and continues to hold a deep interest in community affairs and the Government. During World War II, Ms. Grattagliano became very involved with the Red Cross program while her son Harry served under General Patton, and her other son, Dominick served under General MacArthur.

This leads me to her biggest love; her family. Rocco Grattagliano and Elvira were married on December 27, 1920. They were blessed with three children Harry, Pauline, who is deceased, and Dominick. As a wife and homemaker, Ms. Grattagliano dedicated her life to her 3 children, 6 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Once her children had grown, Ms. Grattagliano went into business as the owner and operator of a grocery and vegetable market in Greenville. Once again, thank you, to Ms. Grattagliano for all her efforts to make her community a better place and I wish her many more happy birthdays to come.

#### SALUTE TO DR. DALE FRANCIS REDIG

HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 1996*

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute Dr. Dale Francis Redig who is retiring from a successful career in dentistry. On June 22, 1996, many of Dr. Redig's friends and colleagues gathered in Sacramento, CA to honor his many contributions to dentistry in California and throughout the world.

Born in Arcadia, IA in 1929, Dr. Redig enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1946 and served his country for 3 years before entering college at the University of Iowa. There, he earned his D.D.S. and M.S. degrees, including a stint as a Fulbright Lecturer at the University of Baghdad in Iraq. After graduating, he practiced pediatric dentistry for 14 years and also headed the Department of Pediatric Dentistry at the University of Iowa.

In 1969, Dr. Redig moved his family to San Francisco where he served as dean of the University of the Pacific School of Dentistry for 9 years.

During his career, Dr. Redig has held numerous leadership positions, both academic and administrative. He served as president of the American Society of Constituent Dental Executives and as a consultant for Federation Dentaire Internationale; the University of Riyadh, Saudi Arabia School of Dentistry; the University of Saigon School of Dentistry; and

the United Nations. He has served as chairman of the American Dental Association, president of the American Fund for Dental Health and president-elect of the American Association of Dental Schools. Dr. Redig also holds membership in a myriad of professional and honorary societies.

In perhaps one of his greatest roles in the development of dentistry in this State, Dr. Redig has been the executive director of the 20,000-member California Dental Association since 1978. In this capacity, he has served tirelessly to advance the caliber of dental services throughout California.

In addition to membership in numerous professional and honorary societies, Dr. Redig's volunteer service to his community and his profession is a local commodity. Since 1992 he has served the Board of Regents and the University of the Pacific; Since 1992 he has served on the Golden Gate University's Community Advisory Board; Since 1994 he has served the Sacramento Theatre Company on the Board of Trustees; Since 1994 he has served on the corporate cabinet of the Sacramento AIDS Foundation; and in Iowa he served on the board of the Des Moines Health Center and as chairman of the United Campaign, Dental Division.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize Dr. Dale F. Redig for his many contributions to the field of dentistry. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating him on a sterling career of service to his profession and in wishing him happiness and success in all of his future endeavors.

#### FOSSTON, MN: AN ALL-AMERICAN CITY

HON. COLLIN C. PETERSON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 1996*

Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Fosston, MN for being named an All-American City. This is a distinct honor for the state of Minnesota and for all the people of Fosston.

It is difficult for a small town to get the attention of National Civic League jurists, but the citizens of Fosston and their community leaders did just that. As 1 of only 10 small towns selected to receive this award, this town of 1,500 people proved that it is All-American, through and through.

For example, the Fosston school has established a program to keep young people in Fosston after graduation. Today's small town youth often seek opportunities in larger cities, but Fosston has developed a program to demonstrate to high school students that there can be economic opportunities in the town where you grew up.

In addition, school and community leaders have formed a committee to examine both the opportunities and potential problems that could lie ahead for Fosston. This kind of future oriented community program makes Fosston unique among small towns, and a model for others to follow.

My Minnesota district is made up of numerous small towns just like Fosston, and you will find the same kind of community pride and involvement in all of them. I will not be surprised