

such as adoption fees, court costs, and attorney's fees.

As a result, one in seven children in foster care is waiting for adoption, and will wait for up to 6 years. At a time when adoption costs can reach upward of \$20,000, providing a \$5,000 per eligible child deduction to middle and low-income families for qualified adoption expenses offers valuable assistance to those who are willing to give so much to our most vulnerable children.

MICHELLE DORAN McBEAN, A
WOMAN OF CONVICTION

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 1996

Mr. PAYNE. of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, my constituent, Michelle Doran McBean, will

celebrate her 50th birthday on August 5. This event is a significant one for her since she was not expected to live beyond her 30th year. She was born to Frederick Carl Doran and Pauline Dean Doran in Alexandria, VA. She grew up in Boston where she was educated. It was through her family life that she came to appreciate the family home center that instilled the importance of interrelationships. It was through her environment at Harvard University that the fusion of spirit and intellect was affirmed.

Michelle Doran McBean is a woman of conviction. To best know her is to simply witness her walk of life. It is a simple life based on truth, equality, and peace. It is a life that supports and advocates for others. It is a life that often stimulates and challenges perceptions, assumptions, and agendas for the betterment of all people.

Those who walk along with Michelle eventually come to know a very important principle

that governs her life. It is the principle of truth that is most evident and appreciated by her husband, Nathan, and son, Michael.

An integral part of Michelle's spiritual growth was supported in her acceptance to the Friends School of the Spirit, a national 2-year program. Consistent with who she is, Michelle is formalizing a place, a sanctuary, where people can get spiritual direction when struggling with ethical decisions.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure my colleagues will want to join me as I offer my best wishes to Michelle Doran McBean and her family.