

House, but I am grateful to have had the distinct pleasure of serving with a man whose integrity is an example to us all.

In his time in the House, TOM won respect from both sides of the aisle for being a decent, honorable gentleman.

TOM and I have been good friends since 1966, the year he was first elected to the House. As chairman and ranking member of the Energy and Water Subcommittee, TOM has served the Nation and the Congress with rare distinction and poise and we are all in his debt.

His mentor and mate, beloved Lou, deserves accolades, a wonderful woman. I know they will enjoy finally being able to spend time together back in Alabama.

TOM is, without question, one of the most able and dedicated Members who has ever served. It has been an honor to have shared this floor with him. TOM will truly be missed.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO SUSPEND DUTIES ON CERTAIN IMPORTED RAW MATERIALS

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 1996

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation which supports important regional and national interests.

My home, the 7th Congressional District of Washington, is also the home of K2 Corp. the last remaining major U.S. manufacturer of skis and one of three major makers of snowboards in the United States. K2 conducts all significant manufacturing operations for skis and snowboards at its Vashon Island, WA facility. In fact, all K2 snowboards and virtually all K2 and Olin-brand skis sold throughout the world are individually crafted by technicians on Vashon Island. Moreover, K2 sources almost all of the components for its skis and snowboards in the U.S. stimulating the U.S. economy through its purchases of raw materials from U.S. suppliers, especially in the Pacific Northwest region of the country. However, for two key ski and snowboard components, i.e., spring steel edges and polyethylene base materials, K2 has been unable to find a supplier of these products in the United States that can meet its needs. Therefore, K2 has been forced to import these products, which are subject to U.S. customs duties upon importation. This legislation provides for a temporary suspension of customs duty on the two raw materials which are vital to the U.S. production of skis and snowboards and which are unavailable from domestic producers.

K2 is working hard to remain visible in the highly competitive international market for skis and snowboards. In fact, K2 has endured as a U.S. ski manufacturer in the face of fierce price competition, while several other major ski companies no longer manufacture skis in the United States. This temporary duty suspension legislation would support jobs in the region, as well as K2's ability to continue developing innovative, fine quality products. Equally important, a temporary duty suspension would help K2 preserve and increase its competitiveness in the global marketplace.

K2 is the only major export of skis made in the United States. In addition, K2 is one of

three principal exporters of U.S.-made snowboards. Thus, K2's exports of U.S.-manufactured skis and snowboards represent a substantial percentage of U.S. skis and snowboards sold worldwide. If K2 is unable to remain competitive in global and domestic markets, skis manufactured in the United States may disappear from the global marketplace. The temporary duty suspension proposed by this legislation would help prevent the shutdown of the only remaining U.S. producer of skis.

TRIBUTE TO FATHER JAMES W. SAUVE

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 1996

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, it is with the deepest regret that I note the passing this past Monday, September 23, of Father James W. Sauve, who was most recently the executive director of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities.

Father Sauve was born in Two Rivers, WI, where his father Willard still lives. He spent 10 years at Marquette University in Milwaukee as a professor, campus minister and administrator; and another 10 years in Rome as Executive Secretary of the International Center for Jesuit Education.

I believe other members will comment more fully on Father Sauve's accomplishments, but it is quite clear that he made immense contributions to education in general and Jesuit education in particular. In his passing, we have all suffered a great loss, but through his life we have all gained immeasurably. No greater tribute can be paid to any man.

I wish to extend my deepest sympathy to Father Sauve's family and friends, and hope that they will not only mourn his death, but be able to celebrate his life.

TRIBUTE TO DR. LYUSHEN SHEN

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 1996

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to a friend of mine and a friend of America who unfortunately will be leaving Washington this week after spending many years here.

Dr. Lyushen Shen, director of public affairs at the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office here in Washington, will be returning home to the Republic of China on Taiwan where he will assume his new post as director of North American Affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. I am absolutely certain that Lyushen will succeed in this important post which directly affects the working relationship between the Republic of China and the United States.

Dr. Shen has been the chief congressional liaison for the Republic of China for many years. He has nurtured the steady improvement of United States-Republic of China relations, and has been a truly indispensable diplomatic resource. The American people, in-

cluding Members of Congress, all have a favorable impression of Taiwan.

This is directly attributable to the personal efforts made by officials such as Lyushen Shen. Lyushen has always been clear yet patient in explaining to us the differences between the cultures of the East and West, his government's efforts in reducing its trade surplus with the U.S. and his people's deep affection and regard for the American people.

As a Member of Congress who has strongly supported the Taiwanese in their struggle for democracy and prosperity, I have appreciated Lyushen's input. It has been my privilege to work with Lyushen over the years, and I will miss him.

I wish him and his family the very best.

HONORING MARTHA K. ROTHMAN

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 1996

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding leader of the child care community in Arizona and in the Nation, Martha K. Rothman, and to congratulate her organization, the Tucson Association of Child Care [TACC] for its 25 years of outstanding service to children. Martha has been the central force in the development of TACC. Through her vision and leadership, she has encouraged its growth from a small group who developed the first child care centers through the Model Cities Program to what it is today: a large network that makes a positive impact upon the lives of 20,000 children each day in Tucson, Phoenix, Yuma, Sierra Vista, Douglas, and Nogales.

The basic mission of TACC is to provide daily care for young children through a small group setting by licensed family care workers in their homes. This system provides the small group attention needed by young children while monitoring their safety and health through the DES regulatory and TACC oversight services. No child care provider in Arizona is more respected than TACC.

In providing daily child care for children, it became apparent to Martha that additional services and family support services were needed. Because Martha is a master of bringing visions into reality, the following lists only a few of the services that have been initiated through TACC: The Center for Adolescent Parents, Happy Hours School Age Child Care Program, Happy Hours Summer Camp, Educational Intervention for Children and Families, Pima County Health Start, TLC: Choices for Families, Sick Child Program, Kidline, Parentline.

Martha Rothman's determination to provide quality services and care for children has led to her involvement in a number of professional organizations that work for the betterment of children. Her commitment to excellence has earned her many awards and accolades from a grateful and admiring community. She has been honored as the Woman of the Year by the Tucson Jewish Community Council, as a Woman on the Move by the YWCA, as a Pace Setter by the United Way, and she has received the Governor's Meritorious Service Award. The list continues and her other awards are equally noteworthy.