

Coaches Hall of Fame. Stoky believed that every student should participate to the highest level of their ability and insisted upon the importance of fair play and good sportsmanship. His outstanding values and compassion have influenced countless Milton Academy graduates, such as myself.

Herbert has continued to show remarkable dedication, vigor, and commitment to Milton Academy and the town of Milton. I join all the friends of Herbert G. Stokinger, as we celebrate his 90th birthday and recognize this fine individual who has touched the lives of so many.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES COLLINS

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 1996

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great sadness at the recent passing of my good friend, James Collins. Jim, who was a member of the Salinas City Council, died recently from complications caused by cancer. He was 66.

For much of the past 20 years Jim has loyally and faithfully served the people of his hometown of Salinas. He is remembered by myself and colleagues as an active and devoted public servant with a keen sense of humor that often lightened tense debates. His devotion to education and public service was unequalled.

Jim was born in Santa Rosa and moved to Salinas, CA, where he lived for 60 years. He attended the public schools in Salinas and graduated from San Jose State University in 1962. He taught physical education at local public schools in the Salinas Valley for 23 years.

He was first appointed to the Salinas City Council in 1975 and remained there until 1983 when he stepped down. He ran again for election in 1989 and remained on the council until his death. Jim served as mayor pro-tem four times and sat on numerous committees and boards throughout Monterey County. He was the chairman of the Monterey-Salinas Transit Board, and was a member of the Fort Ord Reuse Authority. He was also a member of the California Rodeo Board for 30 years.

Jim's commitment to the youth of Salinas was unsurpassed. He coached dozens of youth teams and spent many years officiating at high school football and basketball games. He was instrumental in creating the Breadbox Recreation Center for youth and he also helped to establish the Police Athletic League.

Jim Collins' commitment to the city of Salinas was commendable. He will be remembered by his family and all of the citizens of Salinas for his 15 years of public service to the community. My thoughts and prayers remain with his family on his passing. He will be sorely missed by all of us.

UMATILLA BASIN PROJECT
COMPLETION ACT

HON. WES COOLEY

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 1996

Mr. COOLEY of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, over the course of the last year, I have worked diligently to resolve long-standing water disputes in the Umatilla Basin of northeast Oregon. With the help of Senator HATFIELD, affected irrigation districts in the Basin (the districts, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (the Tribes), and the State of Oregon (the State), we were able to fashion a compromise which struck the delicate balance between environmental enhancement and the needs of the local economy. However, this consensus could not have been reached if all sides were not willing to compromise. Because of this, I am somewhat puzzled by recent statements that place the blame for the bill's failure on the irrigation districts.

H.R. 2392, my bill to adjust the boundaries for the four irrigation districts in the Umatilla Basin, has undergone many changes in the past year. The original draft of the bill would have simply adjusted these boundaries upon enactment. However, it has always been my intention to listen carefully to all members of the community in the hopes of ultimately crafting a proposal which has unanimous support. So, when the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation (the Tribes) raised concerns about the need for a continued commitment to environmental enhancement, and a new NEPA study prior to boundary adjustment, I added those provisions to the bill.

The compromise agreed to by the Tribes, the districts, and the State of Oregon would make the boundary adjustments contingent upon completion of a NEPA study and approval of the Secretary of the Interior—a major concession on the part of the districts who were seeking long-term stability. In addition, I added language that requires the districts to donate 6,500 acre feet of water per year for environmental enhancement—as their interim contract requires—until a portion of Phase III of the Umatilla Basin Project large enough to exchange 90 cubic feet per second is completed and operational. These provisions were added in a good faith attempt to address the concerns of the Tribes.

Unfortunately, despite the agreement of all affected interests in the Basin, the Clinton Administration threatened to veto the bill. They wanted to alter the bill so that the Secretary of the Interior had full discretion to not only adjust the boundaries, but to alter the size of the new boundaries. In short, they wanted the authorization to do something for which they are already authorized, but have failed to accomplish. The Administration wanted more spending authority without addressing the basic issue of boundary adjustments. In short, they wanted to have their cake and eat it too. I could not support a change that would render the status quo.

The compromise reached by all of the interests in the Umatilla Basin would have succeeded because each of the parties had an economic stake in seeing that the other parties' objectives were attained. The districts' opposition to the Administration's request to negate the one section of the bill in which they

have an interest should not be viewed as uncooperative. By removing sections from the bill that pertain to the districts, we would be left with an unbalanced, unworkable solution that would not solve the complex problems in the Basin, or provide long-term stability for all who live there.

Even more troubling than the Clinton Administration's threatened veto over a procedural technicality, are some of the statements that have been made since the bill failed to pass. These statements argue that the districts' failure to compromise was responsible for the bill's inability to win Administration support. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Once again, I would point out the progress we have made in the last year. What once was a bill that only contained boundary adjustments upon enactment for the four districts, eventually contained provisions that first, authorized \$64 million for construction of Phase III of the Umatilla Basin Project; second, authorized \$6.5 million for the Tribes' share of a joint City of Pendleton/Tribes' water storage facility; third, authorized \$500,000 for development of a water management plan, and a ground water/surface water model of the Umatilla Basin; fourth, authorized \$400,000 annually for the operation of Phases I, II, and III; fifth, required that the Secretary of the Interior enter into negotiations with the State of Oregon to determine the Tribes' water right claim; sixth, required the districts to donate 6,500 acre feet of water for environmental enhancement until a portion of Phase III is built large enough to exchange 90 cubic feet per second; and seventh, required a NEPA study to be conducted prior to the adjustment of the districts' boundaries.

Many of these provisions, particularly numbers 6 and 7, constitute substantial movement on the part of the districts, and should not be discounted in the rush to lay blame on any one party.

I still maintain that the only way to address the Umatilla Basin's long-standing water issues is to work together in a cooperative effort—something I felt was accomplished this year. Although I will not be returning for the 105th Congress, I hope that my successor—whichever it may be—builds upon the agreements reached in the last year, and helps to foster long-term stability for the environment and the local economy in the Umatilla Basin.

HONORING HOUSTON'S
FIREFIGHTERS

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 1996

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated, Gamma Phi Sigma Chapter, in honoring Houston's firefighters for their outstanding service to our community. The chapter will honor Houston's firefighters at their 16th annual Status of Women Luncheon on October 26, 1996.

We seldom think of firefighters unless we hear a screaming siren or see the flashing light of a fire engine. But the fact that we don't often think about firefighters is a testament to how well they do their job—we comfortably go about our everyday lives because we know

that these dedicated people stand ready to respond quickly and effectively in an emergency. Much of firefighting is undramatic—keeping equipment in condition, teaching fire prevention, anticipating causes of fire. But a life-and-death emergency is always only a 911 call away, and firefighters and their families live with that constant risk. For that we say thank you.

I salute the Houston firefighters honorees who have served the community so well: Clifford J. Thompson, Willie S. Bright, Milton Alfred, Samuel Kemp, Willie D. Cooper, Walter T. Brooks, James Johnson, Jr., Rudolph Cline, Aaron Bernard, Otis L. Burns, Edward Jackson, Bricey Childress, James Perry, James Haekney, Larry Kaperhart, Albert D. Robinson, Sr., Julio Terry, Charles Wheeler, Herb Kimbrel, Otis Jordan, Chief Hershel Julian, Thomas E. Patterson, Ozell Love, Robin Allen, Annette Thomas, Maria Jordan, Capt. Gary Cooper, Chief John Mayes, Wilmer Monmouth, Jr., Robyn Waller, and Frank Jackson.

Again, I would like to congratulate and thank the Houston firefighters and the men and women who have dedicated themselves to serving others and keeping our city safe.

TRIBUTE TO RAYMOND TESTA

HON. WILLIAM J. MARTINI

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 1996

Mr. MARTINI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of an outstanding member of the Young Italian (Athletic, Cultural, Educational, Social/Service) Club of UNICO National—Raymond Testa.

Mr. Speaker, for the past 7 years, UNICO has been sharing fellowship, support, benevolence, friendship, and hope with those less fortunate. It provides a living example of what the Roman Statesman Seneca meant when he wrote "that whenever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for kindness."

Mr. Raymond Testa is an ideal example of the type of person that UNICO represents. He graduated from Providence College in 1959 with a bachelor of arts degree in biology and a minor in chemistry. After working for his father in his wholesale fruit and produce store in Waterbury, CT, Raymond decided to attend graduate school. He enrolled in Syracuse University and received a master's degree (1964) followed by a doctorate degree (1966) in microbiology, with a minor in biochemistry.

In the years since his graduation, Raymond has been involved in fermentation yield improvement, biosynthesis, and in vitro and in vivo evaluations of new antibiotics for medical and agricultural uses. Furthermore, he is the coauthor of numerous publications, has delivered notable presentations at national and international conferences and is the co-inventor of many patents related to new antibiotics and their utility. He is presently the section director of infectious disease research.

Furthermore, Raymond is a family man and civic leader. He has been active in numerous organizations, including past president of the Society for Industrial Microbiology and Chair of the Cedar Grove Advisory Council. Finally, along with his wife Carmel, Raymond is expecting his second grandchild at the beginning of October.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Raymond Testa for his tremendous contributions in the field of microbiology and for being a compassionate human being.

TRIBUTE TO OUR LADY OF THE RIDGE VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 1996

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding group of volleyball players in my district. This special group of players are students at Our Lady of the Ridge High School in Chicago Ridge, IL. What makes this group stand out and shine is that when other schools were out for the summer, this group of players extended their season into late June and captured their program's first national title. This is truly a momentous triumph and I am very proud to represent such a fine group of young women in Congress.

This year's Amateur Athletic Union Junior National Volleyball Championships were held in Des Moines, IA, on June 21–25. This year, a division was started which included volleyball players ages 10 years and younger. The division was created to allow younger players to compete in the national competition. This year 10 young ladies from last season's fourth grade team received maximum benefit from the exposure.

The team was led by tournament MVP Jessica Strama and All-Americans Kellie and Katie Pratl. Additionally, Elizabeth Rutan, Cori Omiecinski, Megan Liston, Laura Dirschl, and Katherine Casey played an important role in their aggressive floor play during the game. Stefanie Krawisz and Lauren Uher were top in their field for their outstanding serving ability during the game. The Our Lady of the Ridge team was coached by Milena Strama and Ron Pratl. The team ended its season with an impressive 77–23 record. Finally, the team could not have come as far as they did if it were not for their many sponsors and supporters from the parish community of Our Lady of the Ridge. As the team coach Ron Pratl said, "There was a team of supporters that made it possible for us to get here, and then there was the team that won the gold. My hat goes off to all of them."

Mr. Speaker, I am very proud to have such a fine group of players and supporters in my district. This group of hard working young volleyball players are truly an inspiration and I am pleased to be given the opportunity to honor their hard work today.

TRIBUTE TO EUGENE A. DELLEA

HON. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY II

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 1996

Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, one of the pleasures of serving this great body, is the opportunity to recognize outstanding individuals from across the Nation. It is with great pride that I rise to congratulate Eugene A. Dellea of Massachusetts.

On October 16 of this year, the Hillcrest Educational Centers, Inc., dedicated two student dormitories in Lenox, MA, in Mr. Dellea's name. The Hillcrest Educational Centers is a nonprofit residential treatment facility for abused children from around the country. During his long tenure as a member of Hillcrest's Board of Directors, Mr. Dellea has always worked hard to ensure that the children at Hillcrest receive the best care possible. It is fitting that he is being honored in this way for his many years of dedication and compassion.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure that I speak on behalf, of everyone who has ever worked with Mr. Dellea or benefited from his good works, when I offer my warmest congratulations.

TRIBUTE TO BARBARA AND DAVID DANBOM

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 1996

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a remarkable couple who have served and protected ocean waters and resources. They are impressive figures who have served the local economy as well as the local environment, both being strong participants in the fishing industry. I am proud to announce that Barbara and David Danbom have been named "Ocean Heroes" in conjunction with the Smithsonian Institution's Ocean Planet exhibition now on display in San Francisco.

Barbara and David are among a group of 10 individuals and families on the west coast who have been bestowed with this honor. The Danboms, the only commercial fishing family among those honored, have fished out of Moss Landing, CA, for over 30 years. Those selected for the "Ocean Hero" honor were chosen for their outstanding work in protecting ocean waters and resources.

The Danboms are well known for the top quality frozen troll kings they process aboard their boat the *Vega II*: they are one of the few at-sea salmon freezing operations along the California coast, serving an upscale restaurant chain in southern California. As impressive as their business operation has been, their dedication to a sustainable fishery has been even more notable. Dave Danbom, was a member of the first California Citizens Advisory Committee on Salmon & Steelhead Trout formed in 1970; and has served briefly on the committee when it was reestablished in 1984.

Dave Danbom was also a founding director of the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations and vice president for 9 years. An early proponent of California's commercial salmon stamp, in 1982 Danbom instigated the expansion of that highly successful program, which is now the State's single largest source of dollars for salmon restoration. He currently sits on the committee overseeing the expenditure for monies from that fund. In 1983 Dave was a "Highliner of the Year" recipient, the fishing industry's highest award. He was the first salmon troller appointed to a seat on the Pacific Fishery Management Council, serving two terms.

Barbara Danbom, an accomplished vessel skipper and fisherman in her own right, works alongside husband Dave during the fishing season. In the off season she tends to much