

for all they have done for me and my family and I am proud of all their hard work on behalf of so many. I join their family and their many friends in wishing them a very happy anniversary and many more years of good health and happiness. They truly deserve it.

A TRIBUTE TO THE TRONA
FOURSQUARE CHURCH

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 1997

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to bring to your attention the community-wide celebration taking place later this month in the High Mojave Desert of San Bernardino County. The congregation of the Trona Four-square Church will be celebrating its 58th anniversary on September 28th, as well as honoring its pastors for 25 years of service to the community. A dinner and evening of fellowship will mark this important occasion on September 27th.

Reverend and Mrs. Melvin Wilson came to Trona in July of 1972. Living in Trona, they have faithfully served their church family while involving themselves in numerous ways in the life of the local community. Their love, care, concern, influence, and loyalty is reflected in their service which touches literally everyone in Trona. They have truly been, by all accounts, servants of God. The citizens of Trona are grateful beyond words for their devotion and I am proud to ask our colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in saluting them today.

I would also like to pay special tribute to the Trona Foursquare Church as it, too, celebrates an important milestone—its 58th anniversary. To say the least, the entire community is very much looking forward to a weekend of celebration to mark both the service of Reverend and Mrs. Wilson, as well as the anniversary of the church itself.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me and our colleagues in paying tribute to the Trona Foursquare Church as it celebrates these important moments in its history. It is only appropriate that the House recognize Reverend and Mrs. Wilson for their 25 years of faithful community service, as well as the service of this church as it, too, celebrates a most esteemed anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO THE 25TH SILVER ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE 1997 PUERTO
RICAN DAY PARADE OF
PATERSON

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 1997

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the momentous occasion of the 1997 Puerto Rican Day Parade of Paterson's 25th Silver Anniversary. The parade will take place on Sunday, August 24, 1997 in Paterson, NJ.

The Puerto Rican Day Parade of Paterson was established and incorporated in 1972. The goal of the parade was to revitalize and

maintain the rich cultural diversity that portrays a spiritual, family-oriented people.

For more than 25 years, thousands of Puerto Ricans and other Hispanic groups traditionally spend a weekend to reflect upon the beauty of traditional songs and dances, to be sensitized by colors and fashions, and to partake of traditional food and drink. The parade and its week-long activities have historically fulfilled its intended purpose of allowing for the next generation to observe contributions made by the Puerto Rican-American community to improve the city of Paterson and make it a better place to live, work, and educate the next generation.

On Sunday, August 24, 1997, the parade will celebrate its 25th anniversary and over 100,000 people from all corners of the metropolitan area will share in the festivities.

The 3.5 mile-long parade will commence in the heart of the city of Paterson and proceed through the historic downtown shopping district. The celebration, as always, promises to be energetic, uplifting, and quite spectacular.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, the Puerto Rican-American community, and the State of New Jersey in recognizing the Puerto Rican Day Parade of Paterson's 25th Silver Anniversary and commending both its organizers and participants who constantly enrich the cultural flavor of our diverse community.

COMMEMORATIVE STAMP FOR
AVA GARDNER

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 1997

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, today I introduce a resolution to provide a commemorative stamp for Ava Gardner, one of America's most accomplished actresses and native of the town of Smithfield in the Second Congressional District of North Carolina. I would like to submit the text of this resolution for the RECORD, and I strongly urge my colleagues to sign on as cosponsors of this resolution:

Whereas Ava Lavinia Gardner is one of America's most accomplished actresses this century;

Whereas her work was world renowned, taking her around the country and globe, residing in New York, California, Spain, and England, spreading the goodwill of the American people and setting the mark in film, radio, and television for aspiring actresses and actors to follow;

Whereas, her movie career was recognized by her peers and industry, receiving the Golden Globe Best Actress in a Drama nomination for "Night of the Iguana" (1964), the Academy of Motion Pictures Merit for Outstanding Achievement Best Actress nomination for "Mogambo" (1953), and the Look Film Achievement Award for her performance in "The Hucksters" (1947);

Whereas, her work personified and led the true golden age of Hollywood, when stories were of the heart and when values dictated one's performance such as her role as Sarah in "The Bible . . . in the Beginning," recognized as the best picture of the month for the whole family with the Box Office Blue-Ribbon Award (1966);

Whereas, her patriotism was unparalleled, recognized by the United States Armed Forces for her spirit of public service, and distinguished performance as guest star of the Armed Forces radio network's production of "Victorious Lady";

Whereas, Time Magazine, one of the world's most widely read publications, recognized her achievements in 1951, dedicating its front cover to Ava Gardner, and becoming the first female from her home State of North Carolina ever to grace its cover;

Whereas, though she rose to great heights from humble beginnings, living the American Dream through hard work and perseverance, she never forgot the needs of people as she worked tirelessly for cancer research funding, nor the people of Johnston County, North Carolina, where she was born the youngest of five daughters and two sons of Jonas and Mary Elizabeth Gardner, later attending high school in the Rock Ridge Community and on to the then Atlantic Christian College (Barton College) in Wilson, North Carolina;

Whereas, citizens from every State in the United States and across the world revere her work, visiting the Ava Gardner Museum in Smithfield, North Carolina, and her numerous related worldwide web Internet sights, as well as on television, enjoying her work in episodes of the hit television series "Knots Landing" and her life story through biographical television movies;

Whereas, her work carries on, despite her passing from this earth January 25, 1990;

Whereas, Ava Lavinia Gardner is one of America's most accomplished actresses this century, leading the Hollywood golden age, spreading the goodwill and patriotism of the American people around the globe, and setting the mark in film, radio, and television of aspiring actresses and actors to follow;

Whereas, the "Ava Gardner 2000 Stamp Committee," spearheaded by the Ava Gardner Museum and the work of its indefatigable volunteers in Smithfield, North Carolina, to celebrate her life has targeted the decade anniversary of her passing of January 25, 2000, for the publication of a commemorative stamp by the United States Postal Service: Therefore, be it

Resolved, that it is the sense of the House of Representatives that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued by the United States Postal Service in honor of Ava Gardner; and that the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee of the United States Postal Service should recommend to the Postmaster General that such a postage stamp be issued.

WORK UNFINISHED

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 1997

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member highly commends to his colleagues this editorial which appeared in the Norfolk Daily News on August 18, 1997.

WORK UNFINISHED—MORE TO BE DONE REGARDING BUDGETS; VOTERS THEMSELVES MUST DO REMINDING

For his part, President Clinton saw the five-year budget legislation as a measure that would "renew our nation and restore its

promise." And on the Republican side, House Speaker Newt Gingrich said, "We have proven together that the American constitutional system works, that slowly, over time, we listen to the will of the American people." He added that he does not intend to abandon the spirit of cooperation that led to the agreement.

The president is being criticized by liberals within Democratic ranks for having compromised too much; the speaker for having given in too readily. It was a contentious process, as are many decisions in a democracy.

The plan is surely flawed, but it did provide evidence that the message from the voters about having something done about recurring federal deficits and high levels of taxation was heard.

It is important now to realize that this is unfinished business. There is much more to be done to reduce the burden of taxation and the rates of growth in federal spending. Voters themselves are the key to whether this will be produced in the future. If they insist, more progress is possible.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD LESHER

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 1997

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, saying goodbye to colleagues and friends is rarely enjoyable and yet we must do it so often. I rise today to say goodbye to an icon of the business community, Dr. Richard Leshner.

At age 63, Dr. Leshner has decided to retire to his boyhood home in Chambersburg, PA. Since taking the top spot at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, 22 years ago, Dr. Leshner has directed and expanded this group into a powerful voice for American businesses in Washington and around the world. I can state today without reservation that the chamber's positions on issues are well respected in the eyes of Members of Congress and often play a part of the many decisions made in the Nation's Capitol.

Some of the major achievements of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce during the tenure of Dr. Leshner include the implementation of a weekly communication network which includes television and print media. For example, the Voice of Business, a newspaper article, is distributed nationwide to over 600 newspapers. In addition, programs like First Business and It's Your Business reach the Nation's business men and women through cable and network television. With this strong communications network in place it is little wonder that the chamber's membership has swelled to 300,000 and its budget expanded from \$40 million to \$70 million during the tenure of Dr. Leshner.

Another program that Dr. Leshner designed, and one that I believe has profound impacts on policy and politicians in Washington, is How They Voted. This program earmarks votes that are critical to the chamber and rates Members of Congress based on those key votes. While I am a new member of Congress, I have learned quickly to pay special attention to the chamber's key votes because of this program.

Finally, the National Chamber Litigation Center, a public policy legal arm, represents business interests in the Federal court system

and provides services where there would otherwise be a void.

In closing, I commend Dr. Richard Leshner for his long-term commitment to the chamber and for playing a critical part in the policies of this Nation. Saying goodbye is rarely enjoyable, but today we should celebrate the accomplishments of Dr. Leshner.

TRIBUTE TO THE IRS BROOKHAVEN SERVICE CENTER

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 1997

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the many valued employees of the Internal Revenue Service's Brookhaven service center, as it celebrates its 25th year of operation in Brookhaven Town, Long Island. Located in Holtsville, in the heart of this great town, the IRS Brookhaven service center has enriched local residents through its employment opportunities and mentoring programs for the taxpayers of New York.

Most notably, though, the Brookhaven service center has created a selfless, community-focused vision during the past 25 years. It has helped provide a greater degree of community togetherness through its many services, and improved its communication with taxpayers through its employees' dedication and diligence. The taxpayer assistance the center provides are quite exceptional—from answering thousands of taxpayers' calls on a toll free line, to resolving customer complaints cases. Employing nearly 5,000 workers during peak times of year, the Brookhaven service center is crucial to the economic development of the town.

The Brookhaven service center would not thrive if not for the excellent service that its staff provide its customers, the American taxpayer. The continued growth of the center, and the diversity of services it provides, is a fitting tribute to the employees who have helped to forge a strong and lasting relationship with the people of Brookhaven.

The importance of the Brookhaven service center to the Federal Government can not be understated, even as we pay tribute to this 25th anniversary. Last year, the service center processed 16 million individual and business returns from Montauk Point on the East End of Long Island, to Atlantic City on the southern shore of New Jersey. The employees of this center work hard for the people all over America who call with questions and concerns when the April 15 tax season rolls around. They are problem solvers, providing a great service to their fellow Americans. Brookhaven service center employees also donate their time and resources to town food drives, annual Christmas toy drives, and the Salvation Army. Each year, employees also give blood in conjunction with the Greater New York Blood Program.

At the Brookhaven service center, a diverse group of Long Islanders have come together with one common goal—to provide assistance to their neighbors and fellow citizens. As they commence their 25th year of service, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in saluting the Brookhaven service center's work, and to applaud a true community partnership.

IN HONOR OF THE STATE CHAMPION RESTON LITTLE LEAGUE ALL-STAR TEAM

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 1997

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to pay tribute to the 1997 Reston American Little League All-Star Team. On August 26, 1997, there was a parade to celebrate and welcome the All-Stars home from the Little League southern regional tournament in St. Petersburg, FL. The All-Stars have worked hard during their baseball season and through the spirit of teamwork, they have achieved major victories in the district, State, and regional Little League championships. These young players are to be commended for their outstanding efforts and sportsmanship they displayed as they competed in these three tournament championships. The Homecoming Parade in their honor will include all of the team players, and coaches who will march down Market Street at the Reston Town Center in the heart of their community. The All-Stars will be greeted and honored for their many accomplishments by several local dignitaries and community leaders. I would also like to recognize each player individually for their many achievements: Brian Beatty, Ben Bjarlo, Jeff Collins, Matt Foley, Colin Golding, Brandon Guyer, David Harrison, Scott Horton, Jared Kubin, David Miller, Ryan Smithson, John Stipicevic, Nick Tracy, Adam Wright; as well as their team manager Larry Kubin, their coach Paul Foley, and their assistant coach Harold Tracy.

The 1997 Reston All-Stars won the district IV championship for the first time in Reston Little League history. This meant the All-Stars earned the right to represent district IV at the State Little League championship tournament in Virginia. The All-Stars journeyed down to Danville where their perseverance and team work helped them achieve a come-from-behind victory over the Bristol, VA team. After the All-Stars had been defeated in the second game of the double elimination tournament, the Reston team redoubled their efforts and fought their way through the loser's bracket, playing three doubleheaders in 3 days in order to qualify for the State championship game against the Bristol team. The All-Stars were victorious over the Bristol team in a 9 to 7 nailbiter. This was another first in the history of Reston Little League as the All-Stars won the Virginia State championship and earned the right to represent the State in the southeast regional championships.

At the southeast regional championship tournament, the Reston All-Stars faced some of the best Little League teams in the Nation. The winner of the southeast regional qualifies to compete in the Little League World Series in Williamsport, PA. Reston lost their first game of the double-elimination tournament to Texas, but then won three straight games against teams from Tennessee, Alabama, and South Carolina. The All-Stars made it to the section II final where they faced the Texas team they had lost to in the first round. Reston lost to the Texas team and were eliminated from further competition; however, the Reston All-Stars finished the year as one of the best 16 Little League baseball teams in the Nation.