

learned that legislators are people. They have pictures of their families on their desks, and they even drink coffee. They are no different from the rest of us except they have decided to make a career out of using their voices to build our democracy, to add more pieces to the puzzle in hope of solving our nation's problems.

But certainly one does not have to hold public office to have a voice in our government. Rosa Parks provided the impetus for the Civil Rights movement by simply refusing to give up her seat on the bus. She did not even have to open her mouth to have her voice heard throughout the nation.

My voice will not be the missing piece of the puzzle or the chord absent in the symphony. I may speak loudly and run for public office. Or I may speak softly by writing to my representative to tell him my opinions on an issue. But regardless of how I speak, my voice will always be audible. It must be, in order for me to be a fully participating member of our democracy. It is my duty to those who have sacrificed and those who continue to work for freedom throughout the world to exercise my right to participate in our government.

I realize that using my voice is critical to the continuation of democracy. Our government consists of millions of voices. Those of politicians and those of voters, but all of which are American voices. Exercising our voices through voting is our privilege, right, and duty as American citizens. In order to truly have a government of, by, and for the people, we must all work to build it. We must all contribute our piece of the puzzle, our voice, to our democracy. When I cast my vote a year from now, I will be doing far more than choosing one candidate from the ballot. I will be contributing my voice to the extensive puzzle which depicts the tapestry of our government. And I will be raising my voice, in harmony, to contribute to that symphony we call democracy.

A TRIBUTE TO ANTHONY BELSKI

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 1998

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated and devoted friend of Southwest Michigan, Mr. Anthony Belski. This month he is retiring after thirty-six years of service to St. Joseph Public Schools. For twenty-nine of those years, Mr. Belski presided over Lincoln Elementary School as its principal.

During his tenure, Mr. Belski has seen a lot of change but through it all, one thing remains the same—his enduring dedication to the kids. Principals are in a unique position to touch so many lives and to help mold so many futures. As an educator, Mr. Belski is in a unique position to have his hard work live on in each of his students—clearly southwest Michigan is a better place thanks to his efforts.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking Mr. Anthony Belski for all of his work and wishing him a long, productive, and happy retirement.

TRIBUTE TO FRAN PAVLEY

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 1998

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Fran Pavley, for her leadership and efforts to improve the quality of life in our community. Fran is a determined, hard working individual who is a shining example of a model citizen, and has been rightly named as the recipient of the Citizen of the Year Award by the Las Virgenes Homeowners Association.

Fran's unwavering dedication to the Agoura Hills community spans back to the incorporation of the city in 1982. Serving as one of the first members of a budding, tightly-knit community, Fran has served continuously on the Agoura Hills City Council since it was created, the same year as the incorporation of the city. In addition, she was elected and served as the City's first mayor. Currently, in her fourth term as mayor, Fran continues to consider legislative, environmental and planning issues as top priorities.

One past achievement that has highlighted a bright career was Fran's authoring the "Transit Needs Study," which led to the creation of such programs as regional Dial-A-Ride and the Beach Bus. Currently, Fran is involved in planning and constructing a community center to serve the citizens of Agoura Hills and Calabasas. In recognition of these and other projects, she recently received the "Distinguished Leadership Award" by the American Planning Association.

In addition to Fran's participation in politics at a local level, she currently serves on the California Coast Commission, which plays a critical part in regulating land-use issues along California's 1100 miles of coastline. In 1996, the council member served as President of the Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities. Currently, she represents eighty-seven cities in the Los Angeles County of Statewide Board of Directors for the League of California Cities. Fran has also served on the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee, representing Agoura Hills and Westlake.

Growing up in Southern California and completing a Master's Degree in Environmental Planning, Fran has voluntarily offered her personal abilities to enhance and augment our community.

Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, please join me in paying tribute to Fran Pavley. She has shown an unwavering commitment to the community and deserves our recognition and praise.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CASS BALLENGER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 1998

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, had I been present for rollcall vote 208 (the Neumann amendment in the nature of a substitute or the so-called Conservative Action Team "CATs" budget) and rollcall vote 210 (the Republican budget resolution or the Kasich budget) last week, I would have voted in favor of these

measures. On the Spratt substitute, rollcall vote 209, I would have voted "no." I regret that I was unable to be in Washington, D.C., when the House cast these important budget votes.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JAMES L. DANDERAND

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 1998

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with the greatest pleasure that I pay tribute to an exceptionally dedicated and benevolent member of Indiana's First Congressional District, Mr. James L. Danderand, of Dyer, Indiana. After thirty-nine years of continuous service with the institution, Jim retired on March 3, 1998 as Chairman of the Board and President of the Merrillville Branch of Bank One.

Jim graduated from the University of Illinois with a Bachelor of Arts degree. After graduating, he served his country as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry in the United States Army. Beginning his employment with the bank in February of 1959 as a Management Trainee, Jim started his extraordinary rise through his office's employment ranks. Jim was quickly promoted to President on July 18, 1969 and Chairman of the Board on March 14, 1985. Though employed and serving the community through various civic organizations, Jim continued his education through enrollment and completion of American Institute of Banking courses in Chicago, the Harvard Business School's Senior Bank Officers Seminar, Indiana University's Management Course. In addition, he graduated from the University of Wisconsin's Graduate School of Banking.

Jim's remarkable climb up the corporate ladder was accompanied by an ever-increasing group of civic, religious, and philanthropic organizations in which he participated. Jim served in a leadership role as Director of the Lake Area United Way, Director of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Northwest Indiana, Honorary Director of the American Red Cross, Lake County, Indiana Chapter, Director and Chairman of the Northwest Indiana Forum, Director of the Northwest Indiana Local Initiatives Support Corporation, Director of the Hospice of the Calumet Area, Inc., and Director of the Gary Educational Development Foundation, Inc. He also gave his time to the Lay Advisory Board for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Gary, Indiana University Northwest Chancellor's Associate, Purdue University Calumet Chancellor's Associate, Robert Morris and Associates, and the University Club.

While serving the community has always been an extremely important part of Jim's life, there can be no comparison to the dedication Jim has for his family. Jim and his loving wife, Prudy, have four wonderful, grown children, Lisa, Jeff, Jill, and John. Their seven grandchildren are an eternal source of joy and love for Jim and Prudy. Now that he is retired, Jim plans to visit and spend much of his time with his family. Jim's future plans include extensive traveling with his wife, many rounds of golf, and visiting his children and grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Jim Danderand for his lifetime of service, success, and dedication to Indiana's First Congressional District. Jim serves as an excellent

example of a true American. His unending service to his country, community, and family has rewarded the people of Indiana's First Congressional District with one of the real heroes of our time.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NAVAL RESEARCH LABORATORY

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 1998

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for me to bring to the attention of the House of Representatives and the American public the distinguished contributions of the Naval Research Laboratory on the occasion of its seventy-fifth anniversary.

The Naval Research Laboratory was officially founded in Washington, District of Columbia on July 2, 1923 after Thomas Alva Edison recommended that a modern research facility for the Navy be established. In the following seven decades, research efforts have expanded from the two original areas of scientific endeavor—radio and underwater sound—to nineteen broad areas that encompass many diverse fields.

The Naval Research Laboratory's early research achievements include the discovery and explanation of radio skip distance, the development of the fathometer and early sonar, and the development of the first operational American radar.

During World War II, the Naval Research Laboratory's scientific activities focused on applied research in direct support of combat forces. The Laboratory devised ship electronic countermeasure systems, developed the first application of cryptography in radar identification, and invented the first Identification Friend or Foe (IFF) radio system in the United States.

After World War II, the Naval Research Laboratory greatly expanded its pre-war research program in radio, radar, underwater sound, chemistry, metallurgy, optics, nuclear science, and cosmic rays.

The naval Research Laboratory pioneered naval research into space launching atmospheric probes with V-2 rockets through the direction of the *Vanguard* project—America's first satellite program. The Laboratory also produced the first satellite communication system by using the moon as a reflector and receiving the returned signals on the Earth's largest parabolic antenna. More recently, the Laboratory developed the Navy's Global Positioning System and built the *Clementine* satellite that conducted the most comprehensive lunar mapping to date. Since the late 1950's, the Naval Research Laboratory's scientists and engineers have designed, built, and launched more than 80 satellites that have expanded our understanding of the vast frontier of space.

The Naval Research Laboratory's facility for the Structure of Matter has become internationally famous for its groundbreaking work in using electron and x-ray diffraction methods for understanding the structure of complicated organic molecules. For his work in this field, the Laboratory's Dr. Jerome Karle received the 1985 Nobel Prize in Chemistry.

The Naval Research Laboratory's current research program spans the scientific spec-

trum—including studies in areas such as advanced materials technology, electronic warfare, infrared countermeasures, fire suppression, information technology, radar technology, monitoring the solar corona and its impact on the Earth's atmosphere, biomolecular engineering, artificial intelligence, remote sensing, meteorology, and oceanography.

Today, the Naval Research Laboratory is well-positioned to enter the 21st century with a strong technical program and all the tools necessary to continue its mission as the United States Navy's corporate laboratory.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize the Naval Research Laboratory, and I am certain that the Members of the House will join me in congratulating this distinguished research institution on the celebration of 75 years of scientific achievement.

A TRIBUTE TO SANTA CLARITA, CALIFORNIA'S HERO OF THE WEEK PROGRAM

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 1998

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to proudly recognize a wonderful program that exists in the city of Santa Clarita called the "Hero of the Week" and those individuals honored under this program.

Started by Maria Fulkerson and Lorraine Grimalde of Santa Clarita Anti-Gang Task Force, the Hero of the Week program focuses on more of the positive actions of our youth rather than the negative that most of the media covers. The program honors students for their positive actions and choices they have demonstrated. The students from the Santa Clarita Valley Junior and Senior High Schools are recommended by teachers and principals based on their observations of the student exhibiting positive behavior.

The students that are selected exhibit the qualities that we are looking for in future leaders of our nation. These students, many of whom have had previous problems of one sort or another, have made remarkable improvements in many different areas. I am proud to honor these students today here on the House floor.

On June 3, 1998, the Hero of the Week program honored 29 members of my community for their outstanding activities that truly made them heroes in our neighborhood. These children have faced serious obstacles and in many cases faltered in the face of adversity. However, none of these students gave up. Their hard work and determination have truly earned them the title "Hero of our Community."

Mr. Speaker, I would like to conclude these remarks by listing the 29 students honored by the city last week. I congratulate them and the city for such a wonderful program helping our students in promoting positive activities.

HERO OF THE WEEK HONOREES

José Acosta—Canyon High School
Gilbert Avalos—Arroyo Seco Jr. High School
Andrew Brown—Canyon High School
Tom Chaney—Sierra Vista Jr. High School
Dionna Curtis—Sierra Vista Jr. High School
Mario de la Torre—Canyon High School
Colleen Dillingham—Saugus High School

Rusmir Dzidic—Hart High School
Jenny Embelton—Placerita Jr. High School
Rigoberto Garcia—Placerita Jr. High School
Kimberly Goff—La Mesa Jr. High School
Chrissy Hambel—Saugus High School
Michael Hardash—La Mesa Jr. High School
Brandi Huff—Canyon High School
Jin Kim—Sierra Vista Jr. High School
Karla Martinez—Bowman High School
Martina Mendez—Hart High School
Eva-Maria Onesto—Saugus High School
Rafael Orellana—Placerita Jr. High School
Ashley Palmer—La Mesa Jr. High School
Angel Rodriguez—Saugus High School
Olivia Sanchez—Bowman High School
Steven Santana—Arroyo Seco Jr. High School
Erik Sayer—Arroyo Seco Jr. High School
Diana Dimone—Valencia High School
Jennifer Sorge—Valencia High School
Joseph Taylor—Saugus High School
Federico Valle—Hart High School
Leopoldo Yepez—Sierra Vista Jr. High School

IN MEMORY OF JUDGE DAVID W. DYER

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 1998

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great sense of sadness and bereavement that I rise today in order to mark the passing of Judge David W. Dyer.

Judge Dyer began his federal judicial career when he was appointed by President Kennedy to the bench of Florida's Southern District Court in 1961. The following year he was named its Chief Judge. In 1966 he was appointed to the Circuit Court of Appeals, where he served until his retirement in December of 1997.

Community leaders across South Florida are at a loss today because they have lost their leader, mentor, and role model. For many, Judge Dyer is nothing short of a hero. During a time of great national struggle, he consistently advocated and maintained that the Constitution guaranteed equality for all Americans—no matter what their race. To put it simply, he was Florida's most respected jurist.

I would like to take a moment, Mr. Speaker, to share with my colleagues two of Judge Dyer's most important achievements. The first was his landmark decision to desegregate the restaurants which serve travelers on Florida's Turnpike. The second was his decision, while sitting on a three judge panel, to reapportion Florida's voting districts on the basis of "one man, one vote." In both instances, he demonstrated his ability to do not only the right thing, but also the just thing.

In April of last year, I had the high honor of introducing H.R. 1479 to this body. Senator BOB GRAHAM introduced companion legislation in the Senate. That legislation, which went on to become Public Law, renamed Miami's Federal Building and Courthouse in honor of Judge Dyer.

Of course, Mr. Speaker I also rise today to mark the passing of a very dear and close friend. I do not think that it is very often in our lives that any of us are able to say that we had the privilege of knowing a 'great man'. But, in this case I think that I am uniquely