

ledge to boost the boy high enough to wrap taffy kisses.

The candy business became so central to his life that he continued to diligently appear at his store long after younger members of his family were charged with daily operations. The candy business became so central to the life of the community, that Santa Cruz without Marini's is unimaginable.

Joseph Marini, Senior gave this locale its own special flavor. He will be greatly missed and long remembered.

HONORING DR. JAMES G. LAWS

HON. TONY P. HALL

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 1998

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. James G. Laws, a man with a sincere passion for improving the lives of the people who suffer in remote areas of the world. He sets an example that we all should strive to follow and I am proud to have such a man in my district. Dr. Laws is the president of Knightsbridge International, a humanitarian relief organization. As such, he works on relief missions which bring much needed medicines to remote areas of the world. Dr. Laws often finances them himself and personally delivers the supplies. His commitment regularly brings Dr. Laws into the midst of armed conflicts, but he persists. For his dedication, his bravery, and his generosity, Dr. Laws deserves our thanks.

Dr. Laws is a cardiologist from Germantown, Ohio and a member of the Knights of Malta, an order dating back to the Crusades. Together with Dr. Edward Artis, a friend and fellow Knight, Dr. Laws cofounded the humanitarian relief group, Knightsbridge International.

In 1994, Dr. Laws, Dr. Artis, and Knightsbridge were active in Rwanda. One of their successful missions is a remarkable story. A boy was lost in a sea of refugees after having watched his mother and sister murdered by soldiers. His father, who was studying in New Orleans, somehow spotted him on a newscast from Africa. The man appealed to Knightsbridge for help in finding the beloved son he had believed to be dead. Dr. Laws and his organization tracked down the terrified boy and brought him back to his grateful father.

That same year, Dr. Laws also helped to deliver 25,000 doses of antibiotics to needy clinics in Rwanda, and helped facilitate a contribution of a quarter of a million dollars to an orphanage built with Mother Teresa's help.

In 1996, Dr. Laws and Dr. Artis traveled to Nicaragua to investigate the possibility of constructing a new clinic on Corn Island. They envisioned a small, multipurpose medical center and dental facility which would be accessible to the impoverished islanders. Today, the clinic is fully functional. It provides the people of Corn Island with much needed health care and works together with the local clinic.

In 1997, Dr. Laws secured the donation of a cardiac unit from the Grandview Hospital of Dayton and transported it to Bishek, the capital of Kyrgyzstan. The donation upgraded the hospital's heart facility and enabled it to provide better medical care. Dr. Laws also was active in Azerbaijan, Daghestan, and

Chechnya, helping deliver hundreds of thousand of dollars worth of medical supplies to them.

Most recently, Dr. Laws, Dr. Artis, and Knightsbridge International have been working to relieve the suffering in Afghanistan. Their first humanitarian mission took them to Kabul, where they provided local hospitals with \$250,000 in medicines and medical supplies. Subsequent trips were to Bamiyan, the capital city of the Northern region, where some 400,000 people were on the verge of dying from hunger and disease. Dr. Laws defied death threats and braved a civil war zone to personally help bring more than a million dollars worth of critical medicines to the suffering people of Hazaristan.

Mr. Speaker, it is with pleasure that I ask you and my colleagues to join me in acknowledging the lifesaving work that Dr. James Laws does. He is a hometown hero whose activities I observe with pride. He has proven himself to be a true humanitarian who is dedicated to easing all suffering. His missions have brought relief and improved medical resources to countless communities, and, I hope, to many more to come. Dr. James Laws deserves our respect and thanks for the compassion he has shown, and continues to show, to the needy people of the world.

A TRIBUTE TO GENE BELLISARIO

HON. VIC FAZIO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 1998

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Gene Bellisario, a longtime supporter of education. Gene, president of the Yuba College Board of Trustees, is retiring from the Yuba College Board after five terms.

Gene Bellisario, a graduate of Yuba College, credits his success in the world of business to retired Yuba College instructor Harry Clinton, who first encouraged him to apply for a position at the Credit Bureau of Sutter County. That first position eventually led him to open a credit bureau of his own, and recently Gene sold his business, the Credit Bureau of Placer County, and retired.

For close to 40 years, Gene Bellisario has been an outstanding member of the community, both in business and in education. He is currently serving in his fourteenth year as a trustee of the Yuba College Board. Previously, he was a member of the Lake Tahoe Community College Board for six years. A popular figure at Yuba College, Gene was the top vote getter four of the five times that he ran for election as a trustee. During his tenure on the Yuba College board, he served in several capacities, including president, vice president, and clerk. The students, faculty, and administrators will sorely miss his presence at the college when his term ends and he retires at the end of 1998.

Gene Bellisario has continually striven to improve the quality of college trustees throughout the state. He has represented the Yuba College district at community college trustee workshops in Washington D.C., and he has served as a "mentor trustee" for other community college trustees in California. These efforts to learn and promote responsible trustee-

ship are a reflection of Gene's commitment to higher education.

Still active members of the community, Gene and his wife Peggy now concentrate on philanthropy. As a demonstration of their continuing belief in education, the Bellisarios have funded the Bellisario Family Trust which benefits both the Yuba College and Lake Tahoe Community College Foundations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Gene Bellisario, and I personally extend my sincere appreciation for all he has done for the Yuba community during his many years of dedicated service.

TRIBUTE TO MARY MULLIGAN

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 1998

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Mary Mulligan on the occasion of her retirement from the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute after 45 years of untiring and devoted service in cancer-related institutions.

Mrs. Mulligan's career began in 1953 when she helped establish an office in Mt. Clemens for the Macomb County Unit of the American Cancer Society. The office provided support, guidance and medical care to cancer patients—free of charge.

Her success in recruiting volunteers and aiding patients in this office, led to her involvement in the creation of 13 additional offices in Macomb County which ultimately served as the blueprint for offices that later opened in Wayne Oakland and Monroe Counties.

Over time, the American Cancer Society evolved into the Michigan Cancer Foundation and eventually became known as the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Mrs. Mulligan continued her involvement in recruitment and education awareness and is retiring now as the Director of Volunteer Administration for the entire Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mrs. Mary Mulligan for the caring, good will and effort she has devoted to help cancer patients over the many years. I wish her continued good health and happiness in the future.

ENDING THE MARRIAGE TAX PENALTY

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 1998

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, I highly commend to my colleagues this July 2, 1998, editorial from the South Sioux City Star supporting the end to the marriage tax penalty.

TIME TO END MARRIAGE TAX PENALTY

Of all the external challenges to marital bliss, the least expected and the most unforgivable is the one posed by your own government.

Married couples are subjected to what is described as the "marriage tax."