

TRIBUTE TO MOM'S HOUSE IN  
JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

**HON. JOHN P. MURTHA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 9, 1998*

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to be able to take this opportunity before my Colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to a very special organization in the district I represent. Mom's House, located in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, is celebrating its 15th anniversary. I'd like to tell you about this extraordinary organization, founded by an exceptional person who is a longtime friend as well, Peg Luksik.

Mom's House was founded in 1983 to offer young women with unplanned pregnancies an alternative to abortion and welfare. The program was the first of its kind in the nation and has served as a national model of private and public sector cooperation in assisting young, single parents.

It is a non-denominational, non-profit, licensed day care center that provides quality care and educational programs to preschool children as well as supportive services to their parents, allowing them to complete their education.

The way the program works is the parents sign a contract to be full-time students, keep up their grades, attend parenting classes and volunteer three hours a week at the center.

In addition, the Mom's House Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 1987 to help single parents pay for the increasing costs of tuition while pursuing their education. Two scholarship awards were given in the first year of the program, and twelve awards were given in 1998.

The program has since expanded to other locations in Pennsylvania as well as three other states, with the Johnstown facility serving as the national headquarters.

Staffing needs are met through cooperation with community agencies such as the Foster Grandparent Program, Retired Senior Volunteers, United Way and local colleges, universities and churches. In May of 1992, Mom's House was awarded the 768th "Daily Point of Light" by President George Bush for its "generosity and willingness to serve others."

To date, Mom's House has helped over 2,500 single parents and cared for their children, enabling these families to have a brighter and happier future.

This is the kind of caring, community-based effort that our country needs many more of. I applaud all the people at Mom's House and congratulate them on 15 years of outstanding community service and thank them for the priceless gift they give to these families.

CODIFICATION OF RECENT LAWS  
TO BE INCLUDED IN TITLE 36,  
UNITED STATES CODE, PATRI-  
OTIC AND NATIONAL OBSERV-  
ANCES, CEREMONIES, AND ORGA-  
NIZATIONS

**HON. HENRY J. HYDE**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 9, 1998*

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing a bill to codify in title 36, United States

Code, recent laws related to patriotic and national observances, ceremonies, and organizations not included in title 36 and to make other technical and conforming amendments to the Code. This bill was prepared by the Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the House of Representatives under its statutory mandate (2 U.S.C. 285b) to prepare and submit periodically revisions of positive law titles of the code to keep those titles current.

This bill makes no change in the substance of existing law.

Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of the bill and a section-by-section summary—containing reviser's notes—of the bill should contact John R. Miller, Law Revision Counsel, U.S. House of Representatives, H2-304 Ford House Office Building, Washington, D.C., 20515-6711. The telephone number is (202) 226-2411.

HONORING MR. OSCAR D. CANAS  
FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE  
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY COMMU-  
NITY

**HON. ANNE M. NORTHUP**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 9, 1998*

Mrs. NORTHUP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with respect and admiration for a man of great fortitude and commitment to his community. As a resident of Louisville, Kentucky, Oscar Canas has blessed the city and the surrounding area with his good will and determination to provide health services to those who need it most—those who are unable to afford health services. Oscar has made the Family Health Centers in Louisville, and the 40,000 patients which have been served, his second family.

Starting from humble beginnings, Oscar and his wife Hilda came to the United States in 1962 shortly after Cuba was consumed by Castro and his militants. Leaving their country with no money and only the clothes on their backs, Mr. Canas and his wife came to Louisville to make a new home—and we are so glad that they did. Five years later, Oscar and his wife became proud citizens of the United States. At the same time he was trying to master the English language, Oscar Canas attended school and held full time employment. In 1972 he received a Master's Degree from the University of Louisville and four years later established the Family Health Centers, a network of community health centers to meet the needs of the underserved.

Family Health Centers has five locations to meet the needs of residents in Louisville. I believe Oscar's hard work and dedication to providing health care to underserved is a constant reminder to the local community and to Congress that these services are truly essential. Since I have come to know him, Mr. Canas has been forthright with his concerns about health care policy and he has been an asset to me in providing pertinent local information relevant to federal decision-making. I consider him a colleague and a friend.

Louisville is sad to see a member of our community move away, and I share the sorrow as Oscar make plans for retirement. Always thinking of family, Oscar is leaving his Family Health Centers family to be with his own in Florida. While he may not stay in Lou-

isville forever, his legacy will. I wish him the very best and hope he will always think of Louisville as his home.

TRIBUTE TO K&L ENTERPRISES,  
INC.

**HON. BART STUPAK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 9, 1998*

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, there is a unique restaurant story in my 1st Congressional District of Michigan. At the heart of the story is the great American fast food, the hamburger. What makes this story unique, however, are the side orders and the condiments: family and faith, enterprise and a determination to overcome economic adversity, the rewards of hard work, and a 30-year history of partnership and cooperation that have made friendships firm and fast.

Now that's a meal we'd like to serve up billions of times all over the world.

On Saturday, Sept. 12, K&L Enterprises Inc. celebrates this special combo with a gala gathering in Marquette. The guests will have an opportunity to study the menu for success that has spawned eight Hardee's Restaurants and 14 Subway Restaurants in Michigan's Upper Peninsula and northern Wisconsin.

These businesses generate a total annual payroll of \$3.5 million and provide work for 500 employees, 50 of them full time.

The K of K&L is Harry Krebs, who 30 years ago sold his car and, as he says, whatever else he could sell that made sense, to get the funds to buy his first Burger Chef in Escanaba.

The L of K&L is Bill LaVallie, who drove up from Milwaukee, Wis., to see how his sister and her husband Harry were doing with their business.

"It was crazy from the start," Bill recalls. "They were working 15 hours a day, seven days a week, not worrying about inventory, just pumping out those burgers."

When Harry told Bill there was an opportunity to open a Burger Chef in Marquette, Bill didn't hesitate. Despite a snowstorm that seemed to continue from December 1968 through the 1st of March, 1969, the Marquette restaurant continued in business, and the partnership of Krebs and LaVallie was born.

Bill's brother Terry was in charge of the opening of the Ironwood Burger Chef in 1975, working his way toward ownership and a role as part of the corporate triumvirate.

The company weathered the sometimes painful but ultimately positive conversion of Burger Chef Systems to Hardee's Food Systems. With the inclusion of the Subway franchise, the company's growth in 1989 was a remarkable five new restaurants.

Mr. Speaker, the story of K&L is mirrored across the nation in the growth of food franchises. What is remarkable is the way these partners and extended family members have expressed their esteem for one another and their appreciation for their success.

Listen to the partners on the occasion of their 25th anniversary.

"Uncle Harry" Krebs says, "The Lord gave Sandy and I this business—we thank Him for that and for the trust and confidence in K&L."

"Burger Bill" LaVallie says, "I have partners whose honesty, integrity and dedication has never been questioned."

People are also the key ingredient for Terry LaVallie. "K&L has been blessed with terrific employees over the years, and that in large part is the reason for our success," he says.

From the kitchens of Sandy and Harry Krebs, Bill and Carol LaVallie, and Terry and Jeanine LaVallie, those are recipes for success that everyone can appreciate.

FIFTH ANNUAL GOLD KEY AWARDS DINNER OF THE LOS ANGELES OPPORTUNITIES INDUSTRIALIZATION CENTER

**HON. JULIAN C. DIXON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 9, 1998*

Mr. DIXON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the Fifth Annual Gold Key Awards Dinner of the Los Angeles Opportunities Industrialization Center (LAOIC) and pay tribute to this year's honorees. We often hear people talk about the need to provide job training for those who are unskilled or whose skills have become obsolete. For the past five years, the LAOIC has been doing just that.

Under the progressive leadership of Board Chairman Wally Fassler and President/CEO Bishop Leon Ralph, LAOIC prepares its students to be competitive in job markets with a future—automotive, computer and sales. LAOIC has been on a mission, and it has succeeded over and over. Since 1993, it has graduated nearly 600 students and boasts an outstanding job placement rate.

Job training is only part of the story. LAOIC also includes life skills lessons. It helps its students become stakeholders in their communities with a positive outlook for the future.

On October 7, 1998, LAOIC will host its Fifth Annual Gold Key Awards Dinner at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Los Angeles. In addition to raising much needed funds for its programs, LAOIC will honor several remarkable individuals who have blazed trails and made outstanding contributions to improving the plight of disadvantaged and disenfranchised people. The 1998 special honorees include: The Honorable Tom Bradley, the former Mayor of Los Angeles; Monsignor Gregory A. Cox, the Executive Director of Catholic Charities; and Dr. Clyde W. Oden, President and Chief Executive Officer of UHP HealthCare.

The dinner chairmen are Kenneth T. Derr, Chairman of the Chevron Corporation, and Rev. Leon Sullivan, Chairman of OIC of America. The keynote speaker is Eli Segal, President of the Welfare to Work Partnership. The Partnership, which is comprised of 3,000 private sector employers, was formed to answer President Clinton's challenge to the business community to open employment opportunities for welfare recipients.

I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the LAOIC for its tenacity, determination and spirit. LAOIC deserves our encouragement, applause and support.

IN HONOR OF ROBERT "WORT" REED

**HON. MARION BERRY**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 9, 1998*

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of my good friend and neighbor, Robert "Wort" Reed, who passed away recently. Wort lived in my hometown of Gillett and was the perfect example of a good neighbor and friend. He was a hard worker who never failed to pitch in when a friend or neighbor needed him. Wort was always ready to do his part for the community, school, church, or profession. He had a great sense of fairness and honesty. He was one of those rare people who took care of his own business and only wanted enough. He came from a family that lived the values we talk about every day on the House floor. If the measure of a great man is the children he leaves behind, then he is by all measures great.

Let us today pay tribute to a friend, role model, community leader, and Christian whose standard we should all follow. Wort will be remembered and missed by all of his friends and family in Gillett, AR.

CRIME CONTROL ACT SHOULD INCLUDE ALL YOUTH UNDER 21

**HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 9, 1998*

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to offer my sincerest thoughts and prayers to everyone who has had to endure the extraordinary dreadful experience of having a loved one abruptly disappear. In particular, my deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Suzanne Lyall. Suzanne, a resident of Ballston Spa, NY, vanished from her life as a student at SUNY Albany in March of this year. Campus security, local police, and the FBI have all investigated the matter with no success. In this case, the authorities did not hesitate to report the disappearance to the National Crime Information Center and the State Missing and Exploited Children Clearinghouse. Notification to these agencies automatically alerts and links crucial information to the appropriate authorities nationwide. However, this immediate and vital action is not required by law, and I believe it should be!

Currently, the Crime Control Act of 1990 requires that all state and local law enforcement agencies impose a 24 hour waiting period before accepting reports of missing persons over the age of 17. Mr. Speaker, I have introduced legislation that amends the Crime Control Act to include persons up to 21 years of age. I feel that this legislation is necessary to ensure that all cases dealing with missing youths under the age of 21 are handled without hesitation. When investigating any disappearance, time is of the essence. My bill would allow law enforcement agencies to contact the National Crime Information Center and the State Missing and Exploited Children Clearinghouse immediately. This slight change in the law might make the difference in a missing persons case, and help to reunite a family. I urge all

of my colleagues to consider this important bill.

BIPARTISAN EFFORT ON ISSUES RELATING TO THE STARR REPORT EMERGES

**HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 9, 1998*

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, earlier today, I met with Speaker GINGRICH, Minority Leader GEPHARDT, Majority Leader ARMEY, and Judiciary Committee Chairman HYDE to talk about issues relating to the report from Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr.

In the past, I have had concerns about the partisan approach taken by the majority on procedural issues relating to how the Judiciary Committee will handle the Starr report. In particular, I was concerned about the prominent role played by the House Rules Committee in drafting the procedures we will use, and about why Democrats were excluded from the process of drafting those procedures.

While I have learned over the years to be cautious about promises made to me, I must say that I was pleasantly surprised by our meeting. Of course, we did not have time during our meeting to get into the specifics of the procedures that will govern our work, but we were able to agree that our approach must be bipartisan, and that these issues are so serious to the Congress, the President, and the citizens of our country that each of us has a duty to rise above party politics and do what is best for our nation.

During our meeting today, we agreed on a number of things. First, the majority agreed to increase the minority's staffing allowance from 4 investigative slots to 6 investigative slots. This increase means that there will be 12 majority investigators and 6 minority investigators. This increase in the minority staff will allow both parties to consider and analyze the report and its accompanying materials more carefully than would have been possible under the prior allocation.

Second, the report, at some point, is likely to be made available to the public. We still hope that the President's counsel will have an opportunity to review the report before it is made public and submit any additional views that he feels are necessary to a complete understanding of the events. Such a submission is extremely important because, as you already know, the grand jury witnesses were not subject to cross examination and did not have their attorneys present while testifying. As such, the witnesses' testimony was not subject to the rigorous, adversarial process that our legal system mandates for the purpose of eliciting the truth. If the President's counsel were given the chance to review the report and submit his views on the evidence before the report is made public, Congress would have the advantage of hearing both sides of the story and determining the facts based upon all of the evidence.

Third, during our meeting this morning, we decided that the grand jury materials accompanying the report, including all testimony and any physical evidence would, for the foreseeable future, remain sealed and available only to Congress. We agreed that this would be the