others. Shortly after the war, John began a career in public service, a career to which he would devote the rest of his life.

Protecting and enhancing the well-being of his community, John served as an enforcement agent and chief for the Ohio Department of Liquor Control, executive officer of the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office and attentively owned the former Area Wide Paging Company. In addition to pursuing his public service career, John also spent much of his time in church. John served as a Eucharistic minister and Holy Name Society member at St. Columbkille Catholic Church in Parma.

John L. Kocevar leaves behind his wife, Rita; son, John T.; daughters, Lori Shannon and Kathryn Terlaak; three grandsons; two brothers; and two sisters.

My fellow colleagues, join me in honoring John L. Kocevar, a man who dedicated his life to improving and enhancing the lives of others.

TRIBUTE TO STEPHEN G. YEONAS

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 14, 1998

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my personal thanks and give public recognition to Mr. Stephen Yeonas. Mr. Yeonas has spent the last 50 years dedicated to providing the consistently growing population in Northern Virginia with more than 10,000 quality homes that now are the cornerstone of our neighborhoods and communities. After his graduation from Catholic University of America's Columbus School of Law, Mr. Yeonas founded the Yeonas Company in 1946. As founder and president from 1946 to 1973, the Yeonas Company became the largest builder of new homes in the Washington Metropolitan Area for many years.

With his professional success Mr. Yeonas has also been the recipient of a number of awards bestowed upon him by the industry he led for some many years. These include the ''Man of the Year Award'' by the Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Washington Area and his being named Virginia Realtor of the Year. But I proudly rise today to recognize Stephen Yeonas as truly one of the great philanthropists of Northern Virginia. Most recently Mr. Yeonas and his family have lent their financial support and home building expertise to the Ronald McDonald House of Northern Virginia.

The Ronald McDonald House of Northern Virginia, located on the grounds of Fairfax Hospital, offers the families of critically ill children seeking treatment in the Washington area a safe and free place to stay during their time of need. In support of this noble charity, the Yeonas family has graciously combined the 50th anniversary celebration of the first home their family built with a benefit for the Ronald McDonald House. The Yeonas family of home builders have designed, built, and furnished a show home in McLean from October 17 to November 15. The Yeonas family has selected for the furnishings the finest items and products from the home collection of Virginia's Design Foundry which is run by prominent architect Walter Lynch, AIA.

Every dollar earned from the entry fee to the home will be donated by the Yeonas family directly to the Ronald McDonald House. In addition, a portion of the proceeds from each piece of furniture sold and a percentage of the sale of the show home itself will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House so that they may provide even more families with the support they need.

Over the past 50 years Stephen Yeonas has been building the communities that make Northern Virginia and indeed all of the Metropolitan Washington Area one of the most vibrant areas in the country. As Mr. Yeonas steps down after so many years of service he has left us an indelible legacy of innovation and selfless philanthropy that should serve as a model to us all and I know has been imparted upon his successors, the next generation of Yeonas home builders: Steve Yeonas, Jr., Stephanie Yeonas Ellis and her husband Richard Ellis. I would like to thank Stephen Yeonas for all he has contributed over the past half century. He has enriched the lives of countless thousands and offered hope to so many.

HONORING NOBEL PRIZE WINNER DR. FERID MURAD

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 14, 1998

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. Ferid Murad of the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston on being awarded the 1998 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine. Dr. Murad, along with Dr. Robert Furchgott of the State University of New York in Brooklyn and Dr. Louis Ignarro of the University of California at Los Angeles, were recognized for detailing the important biologic properties of the gas nitric oxide. Their work has led to new treatments and promising research in areas such as heart and lung disease, shock, and degenerative diseases such as arthritis, saving and improving millions of lives around the world.

Dr. Ferid Murad and his colleagues demonstrated that nitric oxide helps to maintain our body's regulatory system. When Dr. Murad and his colleagues started their research more than 20 years ago, many of their peers did not believe that such a gas could be so important to the regulation of circulation. As a result of this research, we now know that maintaining the proper level of nitric oxide in the body is vital to good health. Dr. Murad's research has shown that this colorless, odorless gas is a key regulator of transmitting signals between cells.

Dr. Murad's innovative research focused on how the drug nitroglycerine relieves chest pains by encouraging blood vessels to relax and dilate. Dr. Murad found that when patients receive nitroglycerine, it is broken down in the body to create nitric oxide. Once this gas is released, it sends messages to blood vessels to carry more blood to cramping, oxygen-starved tissues. As a result, patients receive more oxygen and their chest pains are reduced.

Dr. Murad has a long record of distinguished service as a scientist and researcher. Currently, he serves as the Chairman of the Department of Integrative Biology, Pharmacology, and Physiology at the University of Texas Health Science Center (UT Health Science Center) in Houston. In 1996, Dr. Murad was awarded the Albert and Mary Lasker Basic Medical Research Award by the National Academy of Sciences for his innovative research in understanding the biochemical mechanisms in numerous cells and tissues. Prior to his tenure at the UT Health Science Center, Dr. Murad served as the Vice President of Research and Development at Abbott Laboratories and an adjunct professor with Northwestern University Medical School in Chicago from 1988 to 1992. From 1981 through 1988, Dr. Murad served as the Chief of Medicine at the Palo Alto Veterans Administration Medical Center as well as a professor at Stanford University. From 1975 through 1981, Dr. Murad served as a Professor in the Departments of Internal Medicine and Pharmacology at the University of Virginia School of Medicine.

In addition to congratulating Dr. Murad, I also want to congratulate UT Health Science Center for fostering an environment of innovation and cutting-edge research that attracts and supports the world's best medical researchers and students. Although the initial discovery of nitric oxide's biologic role was made at the University of Virginia, Dr. Murad has continued to conduct nitric oxide research at the UT Health Science Center. And with the awarding of the Nobel Prize to Dr. Marud, UT Health Science Center will continue to attract new facility and students from around the nation and the world who wish to work with such prestigious researchers as Dr. Murad.

I want to congratulate Dr. Murad for achieving the highest honor in his field, the Nobel Prize, and recognize the significant contributions that he has made to understanding the body's regulatory system and saving lives.

AMARTYA SEN CHANGES THE WORLD'S THINKING ABOUT HUNGER AND POVERTY

HON. TONY P. HALL

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 14, 1998

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I don't often speak on the floor of the House about economic theory—that being a topic that's usually best left to our colleague, the Majority Leader and former economic professor from Texas.

However, today is not an ordinary day in the field of economics—or for the poor and hungry people I am more familiar with. Today, one of the world's most dedicated and innovative scholars has been named as the 1998 recipient of the Nobel prize for economics—and his contributions are worth our attention and gratitude.

A year ago, the world lost one of its preeminent leaders when Mother Teresa died. Today, another Nobel laureate has been named who is as dedicated as she was to helping the poor of India and the world.

Amartya Sen is best known for his efforts to expose food shortages as a symptom—and not the cause—of famines. Having seen many of the places he studied, I am particularly grateful for his contribution to changing the world's thinking about hunger and poverty.

Hunger is the most devastating form of poverty, and too often it has little relation to the