

officers. Joe's number one goal was to insure that each and every officer, regardless of position or rank, was properly equipped and mentally prepared to confront any situation they might encounter.

When involved in training scenarios, he always stressed officer safety and demanded that each and every person practice safe weapons handling. To bring as much realism as possible to the training, he made available to the department a state-of-the-art system he was responsible for designing. The training scenarios simulate real life situations officers encounter daily and require them to rapidly evaluate and assess a set of circumstances in complex "shoot/don't shoot" situations. Joe believed this type of decision-making training was essential for every police officer.

While the new Police Department Administration Building and Jail were being planned, Joe was busy assisting with the design of the range. It was obvious to everyone this was his "love" and he gave totally of himself as the facility was under construction and the range was opened for operation in August 1997.

In recognition of Joe's contributions to the Police Department and City of Santa Ana, he received top honors as the 1997 Exceptional Quality Service Award winner. When not involved in range training, Joe enjoyed shooting, bicycle riding, camping, rock climbing and weightlifting. Perhaps the most enjoyment in Joe's life came from spending time with his twin three-year-old grandsons, Patrick John and Shane Joseph. They were the joy of his life and he never passed up an opportunity to tell you how proud a grandfather he was. In a personal biography Joe wrote to the Department when he was hired, he said the following: "My interests are in police training and my goal is to make a positive contribution to the field of law enforcement." Let there be no doubt that the many contributions Joe Boyd has made to all of law enforcement are appreciated and will never be forgotten.

Joe is survived by this loving wife, Marion, whom he married 34 years ago; his son, Keith, who was recently married to Kim; his daughter, Cynthia Journeay and her husband John; twin grandchildren Patrick John and Shane Joseph Journeay; his sister, Patricia Frankenberg; and brothers Andrew and Robert Boyd.

A Memorial Fund has been established to assist the family. Please send any donations to the Joe Boyd Memorial Fund, c/o Security First Bank, 141 W. Bastanchury Road, Fullerton, CA 92835.

COMMENDING THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF SK DESIGN GROUP

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 1999

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to take note of the tenth anniversary in business of SK Design Group, Inc., of Overland Park, Kansas.

SK Design Group, Inc., was established in 1989 and since its founding has provided professional engineering services to such clients as the Stowers Institute, the City of Kansas City, Missouri, the Department of Defense, the Blue Valley School District, the University of Missouri, and many more. SK Design provides a full range of civil engineering and construction phase services, including site designs, storm sewers, roadways, sanitary sewers, and water lines.

Mr. Speaker, I join with SK Design Group's employees in congratulating the firm's president, Sassan Mahobian, and its vice president, Katerah Mahobian, for their ten years of successful service in providing civil engineering and professional design services to the Kansas City community. We wish them many more successful years to come.

IN MEMORY OF REVEREND FRANCIS M. BEDNAR

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 1999

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Rev. Francis M. Bednar for his many years of service and countless contributions to his community.

Father Bednar, a Cleveland native, graduated from Cathedral Latin School and studied for the priesthood at Borromeo College and St. Mary Seminary. In 1974, after his ordination to the priesthood, he became the associate pastor at the St. Justin Martyr parish in Eastlake, Ohio. Between 1979-1985 he served at the St. Clement Church in Lakewood, Ohio. Since 1989 Rev. Bednar has served as pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Cleveland.

In addition to his service with the Church, Father Bednar was diocesan director of the Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. In 1982 he was named spiritual director of the Cleveland Division of the Blue Army of Fatima. In July 1997, he was elected district chairman of the Southeast District.

Rev. Bednar was a wonderful man who was warm, caring, and deeply devoted to the Church. Away from his duties to the Church Rev. Bednar was also deeply devoted to his family. In recent years Rev. Bednar provided care for his parents with the same passion and determination that he pledged to the Church. His dedication was an inspiration to all who knew him. He touched many lives and his passing is a great loss.

Rev. Bednar is survived by his parents, Michael and Agnes; brothers Richard, Philip, Jerome, and Michael; and sisters Mary and Bernadette.

My fellow colleagues, I ask that we remember Rev. Bednar for his service to the Catholic Church and to the Cleveland community.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NARAL ON 30 YEARS OF PRO-CHOICE ADVOCACY

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 1999

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, as the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League (NARAL) celebrates 30 years of pro-choice advocacy, those of us dedicated to preserving a woman's right to choose know that the need for pro-choice advocacy and activism is greater than ever.

America recently commemorated the 25th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision that recognized the freedom to

choose as a fundamental right, while opponents of choice worked to put the private decision about abortion into the hands of government. The anti-choice Congress has pushed a wave of legislation requiring women to endure increasing obstacles in order to exercise a right that should be non-negotiable. Reproductive choice continues to be debated on the floor of the House on a near-daily basis.

NARAL has long been a fierce defender against infringements on the right to choose. For thirty years, NARAL has worked to increase Title X funding for federal family planning programs, promote contraceptive research and the development of contraceptive options for women and men, to protect the right of Medicaid-eligible women to make choices about their reproductive health, and to ensure that women have safe access to reproductive health facilities by condemning clinic violence and harassment.

Pro-choice Members of Congress have never underestimated the powerful impact of NARAL's message, that we all want to see abortion made less necessary. NARAL tirelessly exposes the irony of the abortion debate—that the strongest opponents of the right to choose also oppose programs promoting comprehensive sex education and birth control, which actually reduce unplanned pregnancies. Instead, anti-choice politicians would make access to family planning options more difficult, more dangerous, more expensive and more humiliating.

We must continue to support legislation to help reduce the number of unplanned pregnancies. Specifically, we must rededicate our efforts to require that health insurance plans provide coverage for contraceptives to the same extent that they provide coverage for other prescription drugs.

Our job in Congress is to move our nation toward a reproductive health care policy that promises to make abortion less necessary and protects the right of Americans to do what they believe is best for their families. We congratulate you on thirty years of advocacy, and look to NARAL for leadership as the 106th Congress prepares to defend a woman's right to choose.

AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT

HON. PHILIP M. CRANE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 1999

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, today I join with 65 of my colleagues in reintroducing bipartisan legislation that the House passed last year to firmly establish sub-Saharan Africa on the U.S. trade and investment policy agenda.

Overall, the African Growth and Opportunity Act represents a trade-centered approach to development that will complement traditional forms of assistance. Increased U.S.-African trade and investment is a win-win proposition, one that can facilitate and strengthen the development of sub-Saharan African countries and create opportunities for U.S. firms and workers. Already, U.S. exports to the sub-Saharan region exceed by 20 percent those of all the former Soviet states combined. Sub-Saharan Africa is a continent with vast opportunities for U.S. companies and many U.S. businesses