

resume which covered six pages—he did indeed need that much room just to get everything in—and being truly impressed with the multitude of official reports and publications Jack produced—extraordinary diversity that made him a perfect candidate to head up the Committee's investigations and oversight activities. Also, he has a wide range of teaching experience at the graduate and undergraduate levels.

While carrying out his heavy congressional workload, Jack has also been actively involved in his community as a PTA treasurer, and a member of the Victorian Lyric Opera Company, and has supported his daughters' athletic activities. Jack has such a breadth of experience that the label "Jack-of-all-trades" aptly applies.

I join with Jack's many friends in wishing him, his lovely wife Heidi Hartman, and daughters Katharine, Laura and Jessica, all the best. Jack, Godspeed and success in your career pursuits.

1999 PENROSE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR, GARY SCHENCK

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 14, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize the 1999 Penrose Citizen of the Year, Mr. Gary Schenck.

Gary received this honor from the Penrose Chamber of Commerce because of the manage things he has done to improve his community. He always presents a very positive picture of Penrose. He volunteered hundreds of hours at the Chamber of Commerce since 1996. He is also very active with the Penrose Community Library and the Fremont Contractors Association. In addition, he has assisted in fund raising for the Penrose Volunteer Fire Department. Gary has recently held free classes for senior citizens who want to learn about the Internet.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I offer this tribute of thanks and congratulations to Mr. Gary Schenck. The community of Penrose is better because of him.

ANDY PAPPAS, ONE OF ALTOONA'S GREATEST ASSETS

HON. BUD SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 14, 2000

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend and fellow public servant, Mr. Andronic Pappas. Andy passed away last Friday at the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City, following a brief illness.

Andy was born in Altoona, PA, and to the betterment of central Pennsylvania he never left. Instead, Andy through his love of his hometown community made Altoona a better place to live, work, and raise a family. He graduated from Altoona High School, served his country during the Korean conflict, and later served as mayor and elected councilman

of Altoona, but this is only the beginning of Andy's contribution to our community. He went on to serve as Democratic Committee Chairman, Chairman of the Altoona City Authority, Regional Director for the State Department of Commerce, President of the Blairmont Country Club, President of the Blair County Arts Foundation, and President of the Wehwood PTA, to name a few. In his spare time he managed to earn a bachelor of arts degree from Penn State University, dabble in local theater, radio, and television at the same time building a highly successful real estate company.

Andy and I have worked hand-in-hand on numerous projects throughout the Blair County area and I had come to rely on his insight and council regarding local interests. His dedication to the community has raised the bar on what it means to serve the public. His life long commitment to Altoona will not soon be forgotten.

Anyone who knew Andy, knew of his great love for his family, his wife Jographia, his two daughters Elena and Zoe, and his two grandsons Michael and Stephen James. Mr. Speaker, I will close by paying tribute to the life of Mr. Andy Pappas, my friend, may he rest in peace.

TRIBUTE TO DEXTER McCLEON

HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 14, 2000

Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dexter McCleon of Meridian, MS. Dexter was an integral part of the St. Louis Rams' road to victory in the 2000 Super Bowl.

While at the Meridian High School, Dexter earned consensus All-American honors and was selected as the Super Prep Dixie Player of the Year. Like so many of the great athletes in Mississippi, Dexter showed athletic prowess on both the football field and the baseball diamond. He amassed over 1,500 yards passing and more than 500 yards passing while maintaining a batting average of .395 with 11 home runs and 56 runs batted in.

Dexter's persistence and determination led him to the St. Louis Rams as the 40th selection of the 1997 draft. Dexter has quickly become a cornerstone of one of the NFL's most feared defensive backfields. As one of the league's great emerging cover corners, Dexter's 1999 statistics read like those of many NFL Hall of Fame inductees.

Dexter's hard work and dedication to purpose reflect Mississippi's record as one of the premier proving grounds for high school athletes. By continuing this dedication and work ethic throughout his life, this young man will succeed in all of his future endeavors.

I want to commend Dexter on his work as one of the emerging professional football stars from the State of Mississippi. I would also like to commend Dexter for being a worthy ambassador for our great State. It is my distinct pleasure to be able to congratulate Dexter on his Super Bowl victory.

HONORING MRS. MARILYN LANCE, NEW YORK STATE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. JOHN E. SWEENEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 14, 2000

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor New York State's Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Marilyn Lance of East Greenbush, New York. Mrs. Lance surpassed nearly sixty other candidates to win the highly coveted award, which is affiliated with the national Teacher of the Year program. Mrs. Lance is the first Capital Region teacher to win the award in twenty four years.

Marilyn Lance has dedicated the last 27 years to upholding the hopes and dreams of hundreds of children in the Averill Park Central School District. Optimism and positive vibes permeate from her classroom. She believes every child can achieve and provide the spark required to ignite their creativity, imagination and interest. Children embrace her caring demeanor and rise to meet her high academic standards.

Mrs. Lance brings a special set of skills into her class of first and second graders. She never asks a child to do something they can't do and has a knack for bringing out the best in every student.

Student success is her top priority. Her reward is seeing students grow and learn. She truly cares about each and every student. Mrs. Lance meets their needs at every level: educational, emotional, and spiritual. Children in her class are treated with respect and learn the value of kindness and decency. I commend her efforts to provide a rich, intellectually stimulating environment in which children learn the vital skills required to be successful in our society.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Marilyn Lance on her selection as New York State Teacher of the Year. Also, please join me in wishing her the very best of luck in the upcoming National Teacher of the Year competition.

JOHN PORTER WINNER OF THE WAYNE N. ASPINALL WATER LEADER OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 14, 2000

Mr. McINNES. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize the winner of the 2000 Wayne N. Aspinall Water Leader of the Year Award, Mr. John Porter.

Water is a very important issue to the State of Colorado. Coloradans have to be very sensitive to issues dealing with water and water rights, to ensure that those rights are protected. This award represents a person who has dealt with water issues to the best of his ability to ensure the best interests of Colorado water.

John Porter has been the General Manager of the Dolores Water Conservancy District since 1982. As a result of John's management of the District and the Project, the Dolores Project is one of the most efficient water