

HILLSBORO HIGH SCHOOL TO COMPETE IN WE THE PEOPLE . . . NATIONAL COMPETITION

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 4, 2000

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, today I honor the more than 1,200 students from across the United States in Washington, DC, May 6–8, 2000, to compete in the national finals of *We the People* . . . The Citizen and the Constitution program. It gives me great honor to announce that a fine class of young people from my alma mater, Hillsboro High School in Nashville, will represent the state of Tennessee in this national event. These young scholars have distinguished themselves, their school, their teachers and the city of Nashville. Their knowledge, diligence and hard work have taught them the fundamental tenets of our constitutional democracy. For this they deserve both our commendation and encouragement.

The names of the students are: Chris Adams, Chira Bamarni, Aleshia Beene, Kristin Bird, Richard Brannon, Allen Brooks, Ashley Brown, Matt Burch, Vanessa Caruso, Andy Dimond, Hillary Gilmore, Alex Guth, Sarah Hatridge, Libby Herbert, Clark Herndon, Laurie Hibbett, Mary High, Kate Hilbert, Lindsey Hill, Seth Hillis, Zoe Jarman, Rachel Lee, Sam Lingo, Heather Oakley, Ben Palmquist, Stuart Parlier, Hemin Qazi, Sam Schulz, Jessica Self, Mariem Shohadaee, Hannah Skelly, Tommy Sterritt, Jessica Summers, Lauren Taub, Rebecca Tylor, Thomas Upchurch, Deborah Weinberger, and Lauren Woods.

I would also like to recognize their dedicated teacher, Mary Catherine Bradshaw, who is deserving of much of the credit for the class' achievement.

Having studied the legislative process and congressional procedure, these young people now have the opportunity to visit our nation's capitol and see for themselves the work of the people's representatives. These young scholars will now have the opportunity to carry their observations of government at work back to their homes in Nashville.

Mr. Speaker, these students deserve our support and encouragement to continue their pursuit of knowledge. I applaud their commitment to excellence and encourage them to enjoy themselves and celebrate their accomplishments. I look forward to meeting with them and encouraging them in the national competition.

FATHER JOHN TERRY CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 4, 2000

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to Father John Terry, V.F., of the Diocese of Scranton, Pennsylvania, who is celebrating the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood this week.

Father Terry currently serves two parishes, St. Charles Borromeo and Holy Family, located in the Sugar Notch area of my district.

He was born in Scranton and raised in Jessup. After being ordained a deacon in 1974, he served for a time at St. Mary's Church of the Immaculate Conception in Wilkes-Barre, and he returned there upon his ordination to the priesthood.

Father Terry's career is notable for his interest in youth and youth programs. His passion for sports has helped him to connect with young people. In 1979, he took on the difficult assignment of serving as director of the Catholic Youth Center in Wilkes-Barre. At that time, several factors worked against the center, including a dependence on government and outside funding, a facility that needed expansion and development, and the loss of staff for budget reasons.

With goals established—and hard work day by day, week by week, year by year—the center was reborn under the leadership of Father Terry and Tony English, the executive director, to face the challenges of service to the needs of the youth in the community.

Father Terry thrived on that assignment, which introduced him to high school sports at G.A.R. High School and working with teenage youth. At one football championship game, the students hung up a huge banner portraying Father Terry with wings, and it read, "Our Angel in the Backfield."

At the same he directed the youth center, Father Terry served as an assistant pastor at St. Patrick's Parish in Wilkes-Barre, and was later assigned to Holy Savior and St. Christopher's Churches, followed by the parishes of Sugar Notch, where he has been for more than nine years now.

The two churches where he now serves have been completely restored and updated. The emergence of a pastoral council, with representatives from both churches, began to develop more ministries, such as a pastoral outreach to shut-ins, youth ministries, liturgy—especially addressing children, adult education and the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, involvement of Eucharistic ministers, readers, altar servers and ministers of hospitality. Father Terry has worked with Deacon Phil Harris to make these things possible.

Mr. Speaker, Father Terry has given his life in devotion to God and the people of the Wyoming Valley, and I am proud to join in honoring him on the 25th anniversary of his ordination. I send him my very best wishes for continued success.

HONORING CHARLES M. MONROE ON OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 4, 2000

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Mr. Charles L. Monroe for his 38 years of dedicated service to the California Department of Fish and Game. Mr. Monroe is retiring this year from his distinguished 14-year career as the regional patrol chief for the Central Coast Region of the California Department of Fish and Game.

Charles Monroe was born on January 12, 1939 in Montrose, CO. He moved to Southern California as a child in 1947, where he resided until 1956. He later attended Lassen and Stockton Colleges in Northern California, and

graduated with an A.S. degree in criminal justice from College of the Redwoods in Humboldt County, CA.

Charles Monroe's career with the Department of Fish and Game began 38 years ago when he became a seasonal aid for the Department. His first job was working on the Honey Lake Refuge in 1958. Over the years he worked his way up within the department. From 1962 through 1964 Charles worked as a Fish and Wildlife assistant in Bishop, CA and at the inland fisheries hatchery at Mt. Whitney. In 1964, he became a fish and game warden, working the Marine Patrol in Eureka, CA and the land patrol in Williams, CA. He soon became the patrol captain of Hunter Education for the Central Coast Region in 1972. Later, in 1975, Charles became patrol captain of the Northern Squad of the Central Coast Region, a post he held for 11 years. In 1986, Charles Monroe was named as regional patrol chief for the Central Coast Region of California, a distinguished title which he held for 14 years, until his recent retirement on March 31, of this year.

In addition to his career with the Department of Fish and Game, Mr. Monroe has dedicated himself to helping his community. He served for 3 years with the U.S. Coast Guard reserve and assisted in the development of the first comprehensive pollution response plan for the 12th Coast Guard District. He also served as a police officer in Susanville and Needles, CA for 4 years. He also dedicated three summers to U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

Mr. Monroe's life has been one of great public service and participation. In 1973, he established the Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement curriculum at Napa Valley College and has taught there ever since. He has regularly been an instructor at the California Department of Fish and Game Academy, as well. For the past 8 years he has served as chairman of the Napa County Criminal Justice Advisory Committee. From 1980 to 1995, Charles also served on the Napa County Chamber of Commerce Law and Fire Committee. He is known for his various committee work for Ducks Unlimited and the California Waterfowl Association, where he had numerous stints as chairman and co-chairman.

Charles Monroe is a dedicated family man. He has been married to his wife Sonia for 39 years. Together they have three children: Michelle, Chuck and Shari, as well as five grandchildren.

In his spare time, Mr. Monroe enjoys hunting, fly fishing, wildlife art, and the study of U.S. history.

Perhaps the best example of Charles Monroe's dedication to his community came in 1965 when he was awarded the California State Medal of Honor for his rescue activities during the 1964 floods in Humboldt County, CA. Obviously, Mr. Monroe is a man of great courage as well as dedication.

Mr. Speaker, it has been my great honor to represent Mr. Charles L. Monroe, first as his State Senator and now as his Congressman. Clearly, his life has been one of great public service, dedication, and commitment. For these reasons, it is necessary that we honor this man for his great work for the wildlife, people and State of California.