

Joshua Myron's many loved ones, and the numerous individuals who were inspired and influenced by this outstanding human being.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD SIMMONS

**HON. MARION BERRY**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who is a dear friend of mine, Richard Simmons, on the occasion of his retirement from elected service to the constituents of State House District 84.

Richard Simmons has served the State of Arkansas and his country all of his life. He graduated from Rector, Arkansas High School in 1959 and later Mississippi State University with a degree in agriculture. In addition to Richard's schooling, he served six years in the Air Force Reserves. He is a lifelong resident of Clay County and has been active in farming since 1965.

Through his years in Arkansas, Richard has been active in state, civic, and community life and has always worked to represent agriculture, the greatest profession ever. He has served on the Clay County Conservation District Board for twenty years. He is currently Vice Chairman of that agency. Richard has also served on the Democratic Central Committee for twenty years and has been the Chairman of the Democratic Central Committee for ten years now.

Richard has been the State Representative from District 84 since 1995 and is unfortunately ending his elected career due to term-limits. He has helped make strides in agriculture and economic development all across Arkansas by serving on the Rules Committee, House Revenue and Taxation Committee, Game and Fish Funding Sub-Committee, and Chairman of the House Agriculture and Economic Development Committee. Richard is also the Chairman of the First District House Caucus.

Richard Simmons resides in Rector, Arkansas, where he grew up. He has devoted his life to agriculture and Arkansas and the world is a better place because of his service. I am proud to call him my friend and I wish him the best of luck in the future and many more years of happiness and service to this great country of ours.

CONGRATULATING RAY AND BETTY WELLS

**HON. MARGE ROUKEMA**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Ray and Betty Wells on their long record of contributions to community service and historic preservation in northern New Jersey. The Wells will be recognized this weekend as the honorees of the annual Rose Ball at the Hermitage, a priceless historic site they have been instrumental in helping preserve and restore. This honor has been prompted not only by Ray and Betty's activities on behalf of the Hermitage, but by their roles as

leading members of our community through their church and many civic organizations as well. They are outstanding examples of the type of people who make Bergen County such a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family.

Ray and Betty Wells have been active supporters of the Hermitage since they chaired the Hunt Breakfast fund-raiser in 1979. Betty has served as a trustee of the Friends of the Hermitage, as a docent and on a number of related committees. Ray has been a member of the Heritage Community Advisory Board and was the architect of the Hermitage Education and Conference Center completed last year.

Built in 1740 in what is now Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ, the Hermitage was the home of Theodosia Prevost, who invited George Washington and his officers to stay at the estate in July 1778, after the Battle of Monmouth. One of Washington's officers, Aaron Burr, became a frequent visitor afterward and eventually proposed marriage to the widow. Guests at the July 2, 1782, wedding included future President James Monroe, Alexander Hamilton, the Marquis de Lafayette, and New Jersey Governor William Paterson.

The Hermitage estate was purchased in 1807 by Dr. Elijah Rosencrantz, one of Bergen County's first physicians and an industrialist who built a cotton mill on the banks of the Hohokus Brook. Rosencrantz's son, Elijah Rosencrantz, Jr., enlarged and improved the original house, resulting in the Gothic Revival mansion we see today. The home remained in the Rosencrantz family until 1970, when it was bequeathed to the State of New Jersey by Mary Elizabeth Rosencrantz upon her death. Today, the estate has been restored as a museum by the nonprofit Friends of the Hermitage and is a National Historic Landmark. Through the Education and Conference Center designed by Ray Wells, the Hermitage provides extensive educational services for the public and through area schools.

In addition to their commendable dedication to the Hermitage, Ray and Betty have been leaders in a wide variety of community activities. Betty has served as an elder, deacon, choir member, Sunday School teacher and president of the Women's Guild at the Old Paramus Reformed Church. Ray has served as a Sunday School teacher, departmental superintendent and member of various building committees during their 46 years of membership in the church.

Betty has served as president of the Paramus Junior Woman's Club, the Paramus Garden Club, the Stony Lane School Parent-Teacher Organization and in several leadership roles with the Paramus Girl Scouts. Ray has been active with Rotary International, serving as president of the Paramus club. He has also been a member of the Paramus Board of Education, served as president of the Paramus Jaycees, a member of the Paramus Chamber of Commerce, with the Bergen County museum and as a member of the Oradell Planning Board.

Betty and Ray are the parents of 6 children, have 18 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. They made their home in Oradell.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating this wonderful couple for all they have done for their community and for the outstanding example they set for all.

TRIBUTE TO RICHLAND "FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY"

**HON. IKE SKELTON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I wish to pay tribute to Mary and Jearl Cobb and Maxine and Gordon Warren, of Richland, Missouri, for demonstrating extraordinary commitment to their community in the effort to obtain a public library.

Mary and Jearl Cobb served successive terms as president of the "Friends of the Library". During this time, they volunteered to become involved in the effort to maintain a public library service for Richland. Long-time Richland residents, Maxine and Gordon Warren, bought the run down Earl Morgan building to rehabilitate and offered it to the library for a minimal annual amount. They also donated \$40,000 to remodel the building and established a \$50,000 annual trust for additional community projects. Once the building was identified, Mary and Jearl Cobb voluntarily dedicated numerous hours to the library project in order to make it a reality. Mary raised over \$100,000 for mechanical equipment, lumber, paint, and other materials and also organized free lunches for the workers. Jearl recruited dozens of volunteers from all branches of the Armed Services stationed nearby and from the community to install air conditioning, siding and plumbing. He personally helped during every phase of the construction overhaul and even drove to St. Louis to pick up furniture donated to the library. The efforts of Mary and Jearl Cobb and Maxine and Gordon Warren have resulted in the new "Maxine Warren Library Building" which was dedicated on April 29, 2000.

Mr. Speaker, these Missourians deserve special recognition for completing an extraordinary job. I know the Members of the House will join me in paying tribute to them for their exceptional efforts.

HONORING RETIRED COMMANDER WILLIAM ROBERT ANDERSON

**HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, today I honor retired Commander William Robert Anderson for his service to his Country in both the military and the House of Representatives.

Commander Anderson distinguished himself in combat and scientific accomplishment during his long career in the submarine service. During World War II, he completed a total of 11 submarine wartime patrols and earned a Bronze Star for his assistance in the sinking of 17 cargo-carrying crafts and the rescue of a downed aviator.

In May of 1953, Captain Anderson was granted his first command, the submarine U.S.S. *Wahoo*, and saw even more action during the Korean War. Two years later he would be chosen for another type of command, as head of the Tactical Department at the U.S. Submarine School in New London, Connecticut.