

Donald Hare, Michigan Director for Rural Development, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, was appointed to his post by President Clinton in 1993. Working out of Lansing, Don could well have focused his attention on Detroit and the other major metropolitan areas of the state. He understood from the outset, however, that the first word of the name of his agency, "rural," meant that his focus should be on the many, many small communities that dot both the upper and lower peninsulas of Michigan.

Don Hare will be retiring at year's end. After almost a decade of working so closely with this dedicated public servant, I wanted to take a few minutes to tell you and our House colleagues about his work on behalf of the people of Michigan.

Let me give you a picture of my district, Mr. Speaker. Sprawling over roughly 24,000 square miles, it has many cities, towns and villages that organized and built their community infrastructure more than 100 years ago. Many of these communities built and still use water systems utilizing wooden piping! After 100 years, they must be re-built. These communities need financial assistance to renew these basic services, which maintain a community's quality of life and enable it to flourish and grow.

Prior to his Rural Development appointment, Don had served 18 years as chief of staff to Congressman Bob Traxler. He brought to the Rural Development job a clear understanding of the role of government in assisting people in basic yet profound ways. There is little glamour in providing grants to build a new sewer system, yet there is little future for a community that is unable to meet current standards in providing this service. Don understood this and has been of the greatest service to Michigan residents in meeting such challenges.

Don has always gone the extra mile to assist my constituents. In a figurative sense, he has always made himself available to me, my staff and community leaders to answer questions and resolve problems on grant issues. In a very literal sense, however, Don has often traveled many hours to come up to my northern Michigan district to take part in closing ceremonies and to make clear to grant recipients that the agency he has represented was more than a faceless bureaucracy.

In fiscal year 1999, Rural Development provided \$95 million to my district in grants and loans for housing, community facilities, guaranteed loans for businesses, and water and sewer projects. For an area devastated economically by the closing of K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base and the shutdown of a major copper mine with the loss of 1,200 good-paying jobs, these grants and loans have been essential to build industrial parks, maintain fire services, upgrade housing and help pull up by the bootstraps our small business. Don Hare has recognized that this federal funding allows the communities of northern Michigan to help themselves to rebuild, recover and grow.

Don has built a great staff. I look forward to a continued positive working relationship with them after Don retires, but I and my own staff will certainly miss him and his great under-

standing of our concerns and needs in northern Michigan. I wish Don and his wife Rita all the best in the coming years.

IN HONOR OF DONALD CHAPIN

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, October 28, 2000

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, today I honor the life of Donald "Dudley" Chapin Sr., who passed away September 25, 2000. Mr. Chapin was a veteran, volunteer, and builder who will be fondly remembered by many on the Central Coast of California.

Born on June 5, 1925, in Salinas, California, Mr. Chapin co-founded Chapin & Clark with his partner Bob Clark in 1963. He later went on to co-found Don Chapin Inc., a general engineering contracting company, with his son Don Chapin Jr. in 1978. Don Chapin Inc. has performed work on thousands of jobs in the past two decades, including major work at the Salinas and Watsonville airports, and currently employs about 200 people.

Mr. Chapin served in the Army Air Corps, during World War II in the Pacific Theater. Deeply moved by his experiences in the Army, he was active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and served as commander of the American Legion in Watsonville. In addition to his service to veterans, he also volunteered for the Salspuedes Fire Board and the Santa Cruz County Fair.

Donald Chapin was a man whose building projects will leave a lasting imprint on the layout of cities such as Salinas and Watsonville, and whose life will leave an equal imprint on those who knew him. He will be sorely missed by his wife of 49 years, Grace; is son, Don Jr. of Salinas; his daughters, Marilyn Valentine of Denver, Janet Snoddlery of Porterville, Carol Howard of Salinas and Sharon Holmes of Aromas; three brothers, Ben Chapin of Santa Clara, Rap Chapin of Santa Rosa and Richard Chapin of Payson, Arizona; three sisters, Marge Cerletti and Mary Pedrone of Santa Clara, and Betty Shaeffer of Paso Robles; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

4TH ANNUAL WESTFIELD WORKS WONDERS

HON. JAMES H. MALONEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, October 28, 2000

Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for me to bring to the attention of my colleagues in the House of Representatives an event in my state of Connecticut that benefits so many, many people.

On Sunday, November 19, 2000, from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., the Westfields Shoppingtowns, a group of regional shopping malls, will hold its fourth annual Westfield Works Wonders. This event has raised nearly

\$825,000 in the last three years. The proceeds are donated to Connecticut's schools, hospitals and charities across the state. The goal for next month's event is to raise an additional \$400,000, for a four year total of about \$1.2 million.

This is a tremendous effort on the part of the member malls in Meriden, Enfield, Trumbull and Milford. The management of Westfields Shoppingtowns are to be commended for taking up this cause and providing the leadership necessary to achieve it. Of course, it is the more than 6,000 retail and food service employees at the malls and the estimated 138,000 shoppers who will attend the event that deserve at least as much of the credit. In addition, a force of thousands of volunteers from over 375 participating non-profit organizations have worked for months to sell the tickets for this special evening of giving.

For the small price of \$5.00 per ticket, shoppers enjoy special discounts, in-store promotions, prize giveaways, entertainment, celebrity appearances, refreshments, free gift wrapping and other benefits. All ticket proceeds are then donated to the nonprofit organizations.

Mr. Speaker, in the hectic, day to day activities that occupy so many of us today, it is refreshing to know that so many of our fellow citizens are devoted to helping others in their communities. I ask that you and all Members of Congress join with me in congratulating everyone involved with Westfield Works Wonders, and express our hope for a most successful event.

IN MEMORY OF ELVIN RILEY

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, October 28, 2000

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege today to pay tribute to the life of an outstanding citizen of the Fourth District of Texas, the late Elvin E. Riley Jr., of Winona, who died on September 21 at the age of 76.

Elvin was born in Houston and lived in Winona most of his life. He served as a corporal in the U.S. Army during World War II and received the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. He was a salesman for American Hospital Supply for twenty years and was a member of First United Methodist Church in Winona.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Minnie "Mick" Riley of Winona; daughter, Kathleen Riley of Dallas; daughter and son-in-law, Jeanelle and Dave Maland of Tyler; three granddaughters; two grandsons; two stepgrandsons; and two great-granddaughters.

I knew Elvin as a dear friend, a supporter and a great patriot. He received the Purple Heart—an honor launched by George Washington to recognize those who gave above and beyond and wore the scar of battle. Elvin will be missed by his family and many friends in Winona. He was devoted to his family, his community and to his country, and as we adjourn today, let us do so in his memory.