

From 1915 to 1923, in a short eight years, the Ottoman Turks systematically and deliberately slaughtered over 1.5 million Armenians in their homeland. In a short eight years, in the blink of any eye, a 2,500 year-old civilization—the first Christian nation in the world—was almost wiped out.

Because of modern-day Turkey's attempt to disavow the Armenian Genocide and dispute the historical records, we must continue to affirm the Armenian Genocide. We must continue to commemorate the victims and the survivors as a matter of conscience and as a matter of faith. I believe we must have faith that efforts to do so will make a difference and will help keep the memories alive despite the Turkish government's attempt to rewrite history. I believe we must have faith to work together in the hopes of preventing any type genocide from ever occurring again.

As I said two years ago in this chamber and on this floor, we cannot, should not and will not forget the Armenian Genocide. As a matter of conscience, we should all stand together to speak out to remember the victims. While the Armenians have suffered through such tragic horrors, it would be an even greater tragedy if we forget. We will remember and honor their memories in the hopes for a better tomorrow.

IN HONOR OF THE KALINA SINGING SOCIETY

**HON. JACK QUINN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to the Kalina Singing Society of my Congressional district on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary.

Founded in Buffalo, New York on March 1, 1901, the Kalina Singing Society is a women's chorus founded under the auspices of the Polish Singing Circle and a member of the Polish Singers' Alliance of America. For the past 100 years, it has proudly promoted American and Polish culture through song, and has garnered a fine reputation as an outstanding performance group.

Throughout its rich history, and still today, the Kalina Singing Society has promoted the Arts, as well as our City's rich cultural heritage. They have performed countless concerts, operettas, recitals, guest appearances, joint concerts, and holiday offerings, and have participated in national competition.

The Kalina Singing Society has continued to exhibit a strong and dedicated commitment to the Polish-American community, the City of Buffalo, and to the spirit of community service and volunteerism that has always been the hallmark of our Western New York community.

Mr. Speaker, today I join with the group's membership, and indeed, our entire Western New York community, to honor the Kalina Singing Society on this historic anniversary. On behalf of the Thirtieth Congressional district of the State of New York, I want to formally extend my enthusiastic commendation, and offer my personal best wishes for the Kalina's second century.

RECOGNIZING PAULINE BLAYNEY

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pauline Blayney for being named "Silent Servant" of the year 2001 by the Fowler Chamber of Commerce.

Pauline was born in Fresno and has been a Fowler resident since the age of six. In 1946 she married Laurice Blayney. The couple has three children and nine grandchildren.

Pauline has been involved with several community activities in the community, including: Fowler Improvement Association, Friday Book Club, Iowa Community Club, Presbyterian Church of Fowler, Presbyterian Women of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A., Edwin Blayney Senior Center, Girls Scouts, Cub Scouts.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Pauline Blayney for her "Silent Servant" of the year 2001 award presented by the Fowler Chamber of Commerce. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Pauline Blayney many more years of continued success.

HONORING COMMISSIONER JACK BUELL FOR ACTS OF CARING

**HON. C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Mr. OTTER. Mr. Speaker, this week is National County Government Week. Countless counties across the country are represented in Washington, D.C. to honor outstanding elected officials who do so much to serve their communities. As a former Lieutenant Governor of Idaho for fourteen years, I have had the privilege of working with many fine officials on the county level. One of those officials is Mr. Jack Buell.

For the past twenty years, Jack has ably represented the citizens of Benewah County, Idaho as County Commissioner. He's a Democrat. But that isn't what distinguishes Jack. A lifelong Idahoan, Jack was born in St. Maries, Idaho. He married Eleanor, his wife of 39 years, raised a family and built a successful trucking business. Through the years, he has developed affiliations that have benefited the citizens of Idaho—including, the Idaho Department of Transportation Advisory Board, the Idaho State Scaling Board, and the timber industry, in which he now serves as President of the Associated Logging Contractors, and as Chairman of the Idaho Forest Products Commission. In that last capacity, he has passionately led the timber industry at rallies throughout Idaho, Montana, and Washington with caravans of diesel trucks.

And even those mighty achievements do not explain why I honor Jack Buell today. In 1996, during heavy flooding and cleanup efforts in St. Maries, Jack selflessly donated the use of virtually every piece of heavy equipment he owned to help move homes to safety, provide escape for trapped victims, and help rebuild the flood-ravaged community. That experience, and many others, resulted in his community and peers awarding him the Idaho As-

sociation of Counties Sidney Duncombe Award.

Jack is a good friend, a solid family man and businessman, and he deserves my thanks, and thanks from fellow county officials—and Congress—for his service to communities and citizens in Idaho.

CONGRATULATING R.J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO COMPANY FOR BEING NAMED ONE OF "THE 100 BEST COMPANIES TO WORK FOR"

**HON. RICHARD BURR**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Mr. BURR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Mr. Andy Schindler and the fine folks at R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company in Winston-Salem, North Carolina in being named to Fortune magazine's annual list of "100 Best Companies to Work For."

I have always been proud of R.J. Reynolds and its employees and I remain honored to be their Representative in Congress. Reynolds is one of North Carolina's best corporate citizens, one of its largest taxpayers, and an invaluable asset to our state. Frankly, Mr. Speaker, it's been a long time coming for Reynolds to receive this national commendation as North Carolinians have known of Reynolds' benefits for years.

During my tenure in serving the people of the Fifth District of North Carolina, I have had the pleasure of working with and getting to know many of the executives and employees at R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. They are all extremely dedicated, hard working, creative, and proud of their work. An organization is only as good as its people; and the workers at Reynolds are second to none, and it shows in the final product.

Congratulations to Reynolds and its employees for winning this award. You've always been at the top of my list. Keep up the good work.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TAMMY BALDWIN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, during the week of March 26, 2001, I was absent from the House due to a death in my family. Although I received the appropriate leave of absence from the House, I want my colleagues and constituents of the 2nd District of Wisconsin to know how I intended to vote on the rollcall votes that I missed.

- Rollcall vote 62: I would have voted "No".
- Rollcall vote 63: I would have voted "Aye".
- Rollcall vote 64: I would have voted "Aye".
- Rollcall vote 65: I would have voted "No".
- Rollcall vote 66: I would have voted "Aye".
- Rollcall vote 67: I would have voted "Aye".
- Rollcall vote 68: I would have voted "No".
- Rollcall vote 69: I would have voted "Aye".
- Rollcall vote 70: I would have voted "No".
- Rollcall vote 71: I would have voted "No".
- Rollcall vote 72: I would have voted "Aye".
- Rollcall vote 73: I would have voted "Aye"