

However, despite my co-sponsorship, I will vote against H.R. 2155, on the grounds that Mr. CONYERS was not allowed to offer an amendment under the rule for its consideration. I support his amendment which would have recommended a GAO study to help prevent racial profiling by Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) officials who will now be permitted to stop, breathalize, and arrest suspected drunk drivers at the Canadian and Mexican borders.

It is a very simple amendment, but his concerns will not be addressed because of the way this bill was brought up on the floor. I urge my colleagues to vote against this measure.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
REPRESENTATIVE L.H. FOUNTAIN

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, North Carolina has lost a fine statesman and a great American whose shadow stretched far beyond Tarboro, Representative L.H. Fountain. His death at the age of 89 has saddened all of us in the North Carolina delegation and our state has lost one of its greatest sons. I wish that I could be with you all today as you gather to honor the life and work of this great North Carolinian, but I know that Ted Daniel, Representative Fountain's chief of staff and good friend will deliver well my words and condolences.

I first met L.H. Fountain when I was a young Hamett County Commissioner. But before ever setting eyes on him I knew well his reputation as a dedicated advocate of North Carolina's citizens and a leader in Congress. Up in Washington there was an ongoing debate about how federal funds would be sent to counties, leaving us in Hamett County grappling with our budget. L.H.'s subcommittee in Government Operations was handling that issue, and I quickly became one of the many North Carolinians who sought his counsel and assistance. As he did for his other constituents, he gave me sound advice and guided Hamett County toward a path for the future. We, and all of North Carolina's citizens, were blessed to have such a representative even though we were not in his Congressional District.

Hard work and dedication brought L.H. Fountain from the small town of Leggett to the United States House of Representatives. A graduate of Edgecombe county schools and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, he was truly a product of North Carolina.

He was part of the greatest generation, who bravely went to war to defend the cause of freedom and protect the world from tyranny during World War II. In the darkest nights the world has ever seen, American soldiers like L.H. were a beacon of light and hope, restoring justice and establishing our nation as a world leader.

L.H. rose through the military ranks quickly, entering the U.S. Army as a private and completing his service in 1946 as a major. After the war, he returned to North Carolina and dedicated his life to public service. He served two terms in the State Senate and the people

of the Second Congressional District rewarded him with a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives.

For 30 years, he held that seat and represented the people of North Carolina in Washington. Those 15 consecutive terms are a testament to his character, his reputation and his commitment. I can tell you, as can my good friend Tim Valentine, that it is no easy feat to hold a seat for so many years. The people of his District knew well that day in and day out he was in their corner, advancing the issues that touched them and their families. Throughout his years in Congress, he fought for the causes of eastern North Carolina's farmers and especially for tobacco farmers. We could use him in Congress today as we work to make sure farmers have an opportunity to make a living in the land.

L.H. was an undying advocate for consumers, and he was most proud of his efforts to establish watchdogs within federal agencies to keep the bureaucrats focused on their ultimate bosses, the citizens of this country. His lasting legacy in the federal government is this system of inspectors general, who ferret out waste and corruption. Together they have saved the taxpayers billions of dollars and will unquestionably save hundreds of billions of dollars in the years ahead.

Throughout his years in Congress, L.H. never forgot his roots nor his commitment to God and family. He was a true Southern gentleman in the grandest tradition. His colleagues and all who met him knew him as mild-mannered and polite, smiling at those who opposed him. L.H. Fountain was a complete person. Not only was he a model public servant, but he was a father who lived out the ideals of family values. He and his wife Christine raised a beautiful daughter in Nancy and were blessed with two fine grandchildren. On top of that, he was an elder in the Presbyterian Church and a past trustee of the National Presbyterian Church in Washington.

One story in particular highlights the very essence of L.H. Fountain. From the time he was three years old, L.H. had a perfect record of Sunday School attendance. Although as a congressman he was saddled with responsibilities and engagements, he was determined not to break that record. One Sunday he found himself aboard an Air Force plane as part of a congressional delegation headed for a meeting in Europe, unable to make it to any Sunday School. Undeterred, he quickly organized his colleagues into his very own class. He recruited Sen. STROM THURMOND to give the opening prayer, he taught the lesson, and Sen. Barry Goldwater gave the closing prayer.

Although his career in Congress ended in 1983, L.H.'s work on behalf of the people of North Carolina did not. When I first ran for Congress, I again sought his counsel and guidance. And once again, he sent me along the right path. After the election, he was gracious and generous enough to show me the ropes in Washington and to school me in the lessons of the Second Congressional District. Although we did not necessarily agree on each and every issue, he reached out his hand in friendship.

L.H. Fountain is one of the greatest public servants my state has ever produced. But, he was great not because he had the benefits of political connections, and wealth, or because he served for over 30 years in this body. He was a remarkable human being because he

made the most of his God given gifts, and he desired to make a difference in the lives of every North Carolinian.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
ROBERT LAGHETTO

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, whereas, Robert Laghetto is a professional teacher of science at Tuscarawas Valley High School; and

Whereas, Robert Laghetto has been selected to receive a Governor's Award for Excellence in Youth Science Opportunities by the Ohio Academy of Science in cooperation with the Office of the Governor and the Ohio Department of Education; and

Whereas, Robert Laghetto should be commended for reaching this milestone, for his devotion to his students, and for his ongoing efforts to extend science education opportunities beyond the classroom;

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in honoring and congratulating Robert Laghetto for his outstanding accomplishment.

DR. MARY E. HINES HONORED

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the attention of the House of Representatives to the selection of Dr. Mary E. Hines as 2002 Community Leader of the Year by the Northeast Branch of the Arthritis Foundation. Dr. Hines will be honored with a dinner on October 17.

Dr. Hines has served as the campus executive officer for Penn State's Wilkes-Barre campus since July, 1997. During her time in Wilkes-Barre, she has been very involved in the community, serving as a member of numerous organizations, including the Children's Services Center Blue Ribbon Task Force, the Pocono Region Advisory Board for Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Northeast Pennsylvania and on the boards of the Ethics Institute of Northeast Pennsylvania, the YMCA, the Kirby Center, Family Services of the Wyoming Valley, the Family Care Consortium, and the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber of Business and Industry. While serving on the Chamber board, she chaired its Ethics Committee, which conducted several programs on business ethics.

Dr. Hines currently serves on the board of Leadership Wilkes-Barre, where she chaired the Executive Leadership Committee for two years and continues to serve on the Executive Leadership Series Committee, the Nominating Committee and the Mentor Committee. She has also recently joined the Professional Women's Advisory Council.

In addition, Mr. Speaker, Dr. Hines chairs the 15-member group known as the Northeast Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Universities, co-chairs the Education Task Force of NE PA Alliance, and is the past chair of the