

student brought in her entire piggy bank. The Lower School, University School's elementary school, contributed \$12,375.74.

The money collected will support UNICEF's South Asia Tsunami Relief Efforts.

University School is the only independent college preparatory school in South Florida that is part of a major university. The school offers programs of studies designed to prepare students for college and for effective citizenship beyond the college years. The academic environment is marked by high expectation, as students master skills, acquire new knowledge, improve their ability to think critically, and develop a sense of civic responsibility.

CONGRATULATING FRANK J.  
LIKAR

**HON. MELISSA A. HART**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 9, 2005*

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Frank J. Likar of Pittsburgh on his retirement after 34 years of service to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District. A luncheon will be held in his honor on Friday, January 21, 2005, in Pittsburgh.

Frank has been the Deputy District Engineer for Programs and Project Management in the Pittsburgh District since June 2003. Prior to this, Frank held several supervisory and management positions throughout the Pittsburgh District in engineering, construction, operations and project management. Frank began his federal career in the District in 1971 after serving in the U.S. Marine Corps and in 1976 he was one of four selected for the District Executive Development Program.

A graduate from the University of Pittsburgh in 1971, Frank is a registered Professional Engineer in Pennsylvania, and a member of the Chi Epsilon national civil engineering honors fraternity.

I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in honoring Mr. Frank J. Likar. It is an honor to represent the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania and a pleasure to salute the service of citizens like Frank Likar who personify civic pride and make the communities that they live in truly special.

TRIBUTE TO HAROLD NICHOLAS  
O'NEIL

**HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 9, 2005*

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on November 28, 2004, the people of Danville, Illinois lost a beloved community member in Harold Nicholas O'Neil. Harold came to Danville at the age of 17 to attend high school where he was the captain of the track team and played football. He was also a sergeant in World War II as well as an engineer on the C&E Railroad and L&N Railroad for 41 years. Harold founded O'Neil Brothers Construction along with his brother William O'Neil in 1946.

While his involvement in the bridge and road building business spanned nearly six decades Harold O'Neil will be remembered for more than his role as a trucking businessman. Harold was a lifetime member of the Danville Elks as well as the American Legion. He was a churchgoing man and a supporter and sponsor of youth athletics.

In addition, Harold played a vital role in donating the River Bend Preserve to the Campaign Forest Preserve. In his 86 years, Harold O'Neil accomplished many great things.

With his passing, Harold leaves three daughters and a community behind, but his contributions to the Danville area will be remembered for many years to come.

LEGISLATION TO CREATE A COMMISSION FOR THE SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION OF THE CIVIL WAR

**HON. RICHARD H. BAKER**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 9, 2005*

Mr. BAKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to reintroduce legislation that is not only important for Louisiana, but for the Nation as well. The ripple effects of the Civil War and Reconstruction remain as our country continues to wrestle with its legacy of race relations and Federal, State and civil rights. In order to properly commemorate this event, I believe it is imperative to create a Sesquicentennial, or 150th, Commission for the Commemoration of the Civil War.

I am grateful the House of Representatives agrees that the 150th anniversary of the Civil War should receive attention. In the 108th Congress the House of Representatives adopted by unanimous vote the exact legislation I offer today.

In 1996, Congress designated the United States Civil War Center, USCWC, at Louisiana State University, LSU, and the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College as future cofacilitators of the Sesquicentennial Commemoration of the Civil War to be held between 2011 and 2015. Legislation establishing the Sesquicentennial Commission was to be passed in the 107th Congress. Today I again offer this aforementioned legislation.

The American Civil War, 1861–1865, was one of the most violent times in the history of the United States, touching not only every State and territory, but claiming more than 600,000 lives, bringing freedom to over 4 million slaves and destroying property valued at \$5 billion. In 1993, the USCWC was created to promote the study of the American Civil War from the perspectives of all professions, occupations, and academic disciplines in order to facilitate a deeper, more thorough understanding of one of the most important events in our nation's history. This mission is fulfilled through a variety of projects, including an official web site featuring over 9000 links to Civil War-related sites, the Michael Shaara Award for Civil War Fiction, Civil War Book Review, the Michael Lehman Williamson Collection of Civil War Books for Young People, the David Madden Collection of Civil War Fiction, and the Sesquicentennial Commemoration of the Civil War.

The commission will include members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives,

directors of the Library of Congress and National Archives, and academics in history, anthropology, sociology, political science, art history and law. Mr. Speaker, I fully support the objectives and services the USCWC provides and hope they are fully utilized by its inclusion in the commission. I believe the USCWC will strengthen the commission, and aid to its goal of providing the direction and resources needed for the proper Sesquicentennial Commemorations of the Civil War throughout this Nation.

INTRODUCING THE SECURING  
TRANSPORTATION ENERGY EFFICIENCY FOR TOMORROW ACT

**HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 9, 2005*

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, today I have introduced the "Securing Transportation Energy Efficiency for Tomorrow Act" (the STREET Act). This bill recognizes the close connection between transportation policy and energy policy. In many respects, transportation policy is energy policy. Our transportation energy needs are increasing, but we have not done enough to be able to meet these needs with new technologies and alternative fuels. As a result, our dependence on foreign oil continues unabated.

Today, the transportation sector consumes a greater share of petroleum (67 percent) than it did in 1973 (50 percent). Each year for the past decade, energy use in the transportation sector has increased by a rate of 1.6 percent. It is time, indeed it is long overdue, for the Federal Government to lead in the development and promotion of energy efficient technologies and alternative and renewable fuels.

As the Nation's largest energy consumer, the Federal Government is in a unique position to promote energy conservation and efficiency, particularly in the transportation sector and in the operation of Federal buildings. The STREET Act ensures that the Government does just that by promoting greater energy efficiency and further developing the use of alternative and renewable fuels on our highways, railroads, airplanes, ships, and in our Federal buildings.

For example, the bill provides for the use of photovoltaic solar energy systems (photovoltaics) in our Federal buildings. Photovoltaics reduce the consumption of fossil fuels and offer distinct advantages over diesel generators and primary batteries. Photovoltaics are highly efficient and have no moving parts, so the need for maintenance is virtually non-existent. Over 25 Federal buildings throughout the country, from Boston, Massachusetts, to San Francisco, California, already use photovoltaics to great effect. This bill seeks to fulfill the promise of President Clinton's Million Solar Roofs Initiative of 1997 of having photovoltaic solar energy systems installed in 20,000 of our Federal buildings by 2010.

The bill also provides for the development and deployment of new technologies to create cleaner, more fuel-efficient engines for use in all modes of transportation including on rail, in water, and in the air. The bill authorizes the Department of Transportation to enter into