

was fierce and unrelenting for nearly 20 years.

Then, in December 1980, 11 environmental groups, Con Ed and other utility companies reached what became known as the Hudson River Peace Treaty. Mr. Luce had asked Russell E. Train, a former head of the Environmental Protection Agency, to mediate the dispute.

Under the agreement, Con Ed abandoned efforts to build the Storm King plant. In return, the environmental groups and the federal Environmental Protection Agency dropped their demands that Con Ed build six costly cooling towers to protect fish from being sucked into power plants at Indian Point and several other sites along the river. The agreement was widely cited as a model for balancing economic and environmental needs.

Charles Franklin Luce was born on Aug. 12, 1917, in Platteville, WI, a son of James and Wilma Luce. His father owned a furniture store and a mortuary.

As a teenager, Mr. Luce got some early exposure to the utility business as a meter reader for the local power company.

Mr. Luce earned a bachelor's degree and a law degree through a five-year program at the University of Wisconsin in 1941, then received a master's degree in law at Yale in 1942.

Unable to enlist for military service in World War II because of an attack of polio, Mr. Luce became a staff lawyer for the Board of Economic Warfare in Washington.

A year later, on the recommendation of a professor at Yale, he was chosen as a law clerk to Justice Hugo L. Black of the Supreme Court.

For 15 years after World War II, Mr. Luce practiced law in Walla Walla, Washington.

Then, in 1961, President Kennedy chose him to head the Bonneville Power Administration, which markets power from the Grand Coulee Dam and more than 20 other federal hydroelectric plants in the Columbia River Basin.

Mr. Luce also worked with Interior Secretary Stewart L. Udall in creating the Pacific Northwest-Pacific Southwest Intertie, a vast power transmission complex. He negotiated a 1964 treaty with Canada for joint hydroelectric development of the Columbia River.

At Mr. Udall's request, President Johnson appointed Mr. Luce as under secretary of the Interior in September 1966. But within six months, Con Ed officials—spurred by a Fortune magazine headline, "The Company You Love to Hate"—asked Mr. Luce to take control of the company.

Mr. Luce's first wife, Helen Oden, died in 2001. He is survived by his second wife, the former Margaret Richmond; two sons, James, of Vancouver, Washington, and Charles Jr., of Boulder, Colorado; two daughters, Christina Gordon of Mansfield Center, Connecticut, and Barbara Luce of Portland, Connecticut; and eight grandchildren.

Mr. Luce was an avid biker. As Con Ed chairman, he would regularly pedal around

Manhattan on a three-speed bike, wearing a meter-reader's cap, inspecting company work crews and peeking into open manholes.

RECOGNIZING THE OHIO NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION'S 75 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2008

Mr. TIBERI. Madam Speaker, congratulations are in order for the Ohio Newspaper Association, which is celebrating 75 years of service to its members and those who read and use newspapers every day. The ONA represents 83 daily newspapers, more than 170 weeklies, and over 150 newspaper Web sites.

As you might expect, the ONA provides effective representation for its members before all levels of government, but it does far more than that. The association has long been a strong advocate for open government, benefiting all our citizens. It also provides seminars, workshops, and other tools for professional development.

Just as important are the activities of the affiliated Ohio Newspapers Foundation. This charitable organization provides scholarships and internships for journalism students, assistance to high school newspapers, and sponsors projects promoting literacy across Ohio.

For 75 years, the Ohio Newspaper Association and its members have provided leadership in promoting freedom of the press and a well-informed society, ideals that are important to all of us. I join others throughout our State in wishing them decades of more success.

CONGRATULATING THE SIGNATURE LEARNING CENTER

HON. BRAD ELLSWORTH

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2008

Mr. ELLSWORTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Signature Learning Center in Evansville for being recognized as one of the top high schools in the Nation by US News & World Report.

Of course, they aren't telling us anything we didn't already know. In the Evansville community, the Signature Learning Center has developed a well-deserved reputation of academic excellence with 100 percent enrollment in advanced college prep courses and 100 percent graduation rate.

And people are taking notice. In addition to this recognition, the school was listed by

Newsweek as one of the top 100 high schools in the Nation last year, and just this year was named a National Charter School of the Year by the Center for Education Reform.

These students are the next generation of leaders in our community. The quality of education they receive has a direct impact on the strength of our country.

The Signature Learning Center is providing students in southern Indiana with the tools they need to meet their full potential and make a difference in our world. I am proud of their accomplishments and grateful for their continued contributions to the Evansville community.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2008

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, throughout the month of January, we observe National Mentoring Month, which calls to attention the importance of fostering positive, helping relationships with our youth. I rise today to recognize the importance of mentoring to the vitality of our Nation.

According to the Corporation for National and Community Service, there are 3 million mentors in the United States. While impressive at first glance, the reality is, there are far more young people in need of the caring support of an adult mentor that go without one—over 14 million youths across the Nation are still in need of a mentoring relationship.

I would like to commend the many community-based organizations in the Greater Hartford region, in my own State of Connecticut that provide mentoring services and youth focused programs like the Community Renewal Team, Hartford Communities that Care, Mi Casa Family Services and Education Center and Our Piece of the Pie. These groups partner with local, State and non-profit organizations to ensure the positive development of the young people in my district.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the many youths in need of encouragement and support, the many adults who are engaged in mentoring activities, and the organizations that work tirelessly to close the mentoring gap, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking mentors across the country and recognizing National Mentoring Month.