

Franklin Delano Roosevelt has the baton now. The crowd has fallen into despair and lost all belief in team USA. But Roosevelt still holds on. Social Security, the Works Project Administration, and many other revolutionary new programs bring this crowd out of the depression. Many are saying Roosevelt is the best runner yet. We got a chance to speak with Roosevelt before he started the race, and he told this reporter that America would not succumb to this trial. Showing his astute leadership he told me, "There is nothing to fear but fear itself." And his dedication will not allow any of his fears to get in the way of his winning this race. FDR fights through all the turmoil and comes ahead. The crowd is on its feet now.

Roosevelt passes the baton to Ronald Reagan. This is a man who stole America's heart with his lopsided grin and his optimism. The crowd has hope for the future now that Reagan has the stick. The American dream is alive and well. Reagan took democracy above and beyond anything we had envisioned. He revitalized the economy and ended the cold war. After Reagan finished his end of the race, he told me the same thing he said in his inaugural address, "We are too great a nation to limit ourselves to small dreams."

Now, the last runner of the race for freedom. Are you wondering who it is? Well, I'll tell you. The runner of the last leg is . . . you! That's right, it's all of you. America is ahead and thriving, but it all depends on how you run this race. Can you fight past the homeless, past the hatred, past the children who cry for a warm meal? It is up to you to make the difference. If you don't . . . who will?

Run. Run for those who ran before you. Run for those who ache for the chance. If you run this race well, we should enter the 21st century the powerful and thriving country we have always been. All of America's teams have done fine jobs. They have kept this country on the road to greatness. All democracy needs now is a strong runner to bring home the gold. Let's watch and see how you finish this race. Will you win the race for freedom? Will you carry democracy above and beyond? As you stand and hear the anthem they are playing for you, you realize that there are those who will die and never know freedom. Run for them. Run for the country that swells you with pride. Run for peace. And run for freedom. Hold your head high as the flag is raised in your honor. Feel it to the marrow of your soul . . . Run.

TRIBUTE TO MIKE MARSHALL

HON. JOHN N. HOSTETTLER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 1997

Mr. HOSTETTLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of my most accomplished constituents. On July 1, 1997, Mike Marshall of Princeton, IN, will end his term as the president of the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce. It is a distinct pleasure for me to join the residents of Gibson County in recognizing Mike Marshall for his endless work in helping to prepare future leaders as well as to bring to the forefront of public debate such issues as the future of Social Security, the fight against teen smoking, and the importance of small business to the future of our country.

Mike Marshall first joined the Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1984 after graduating

from Ball State University and moving back to his hometown of Princeton, IN. Since becoming a member of the Princeton Jaycees, Mike has dedicated himself to bettering his community through many worthwhile Jaycee projects such as the Needy Kids Christmas gift giving program, the Annual Princeton Christmas parade, the MDA Pledge Center, the Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt, and other worthwhile projects. His dedication to his community and his organization has led to him holding many distinguished positions in the Junior Chamber of Commerce, including President of the Indiana Jaycees, Chaplain of the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce, and culminating in his election last year as President of the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce.

As a successful entrepreneur who founded "First Place Trophies & Awards", Mike Marshall has shown that the American dream thrives in small communities around the country. Now, as U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce President, Mike has been a shining example of what is right with America and its younger generation. Mike Marshall has represented Gibson County, the State of Indiana, and the United States honorably in his travels throughout the world during his year as President of the U.S. Jaycees.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and all Members to join me in paying tribute to Mike Marshall. He is an exemplary individual who has dedicated his life to making his state, and his country a better place. I applaud Mike Marshall's dedication and wish him continued success in his endeavors.

KUDOS TO KSU

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 1997

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit an extension of remarks into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD "Kudos to KSU," an article that appeared in the Marietta Daily Journal on June 24, 1997, congratulating Kennesaw State University for its selection of Clarice C. Bagwell as its recipient of an honorary doctorate of humane letters. This article quite accurately reflects the tremendous work that Ms. Bagwell has accomplished over the years, in support of the Georgia and National Parent-Teacher Association [PTA]. I lend my voice to that of this esteemed newspaper in congratulating Ms. Clarice Bagwell on receiving Kennesaw State University's very first honorary degree.

KUDOS TO KSU

We applaud Kennesaw State University administration's choice for its first honorary degree.

KSU's President Betty L. Siegel presented an honorary doctorate of humane letters to Clarice C. Bagwell. A longtime educator, Mrs. Bagwell served as president of the Georgia PTA for three years and on the PTA's national board of directors for six years in the 1960s. Her late husband, Leland Bagwell, taught high school chemistry in Canton before founding American Proteins, now the world's largest producer of poultry by-products. When he died in 1972, Mrs. Bagwell helped their son take charge of the company.

Early this year, American Proteins gave Kennesaw State the largest gift it has ever

received—680 acres of land in Bartow County—on behalf of the Bagwell family. KSU subsequently named its College of Education after Leland and Clarice Bagwell.

Mrs. Bagwell not only has given the university monetary gifts, she has volunteered many hours of service as a member of the KSU Foundation Board of Trustees for 15 years, serving on the board's Executive Committee and heading the Special Projects Committee. She maintains a busy schedule as the co-owner and chairman of the board of American Proteins and as a volunteer with scouting organizations and an elementary school in Forsyth County, where she lives today.

Back in 1991, the university honored its "good and faithful servant and steward" by establishing the Clarice C. Bagwell Medal for Distinguished Service, awarded annually to others who serve the institution well. President Siegel said at commencement that Mrs. Bagwell "casts a long and splendid shadow in the history of our university." We also applaud Mrs. Bagwell for her exemplary example as a volunteer and philanthropist for the benefit of education.

EXPANDING FEHBP TO COVER MEDICARE-ELIGIBLE RETIREES

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 1997

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, because the need for expanded health care for military retirees is so important, I am reintroducing my bill to permit Medicare-eligible retired members of the Armed Forces and their Medicare-eligible dependents to enroll in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program [FEHBP].

We made a commitment to those who chose to serve in defense of our country. Military retirees were promised health care for life. However, there is a catch-22 situation for Medicare-eligible retired military because once they either turn age 65 or qualify for disability treatment, they lose their CHAMPUS benefits. Unfortunately, they are placed last on the priority for treatment at military treatment facilities, and they are prevented from participating in the new TRICARE Program.

This bill is identical to H.R. 3368, which I introduced in the last Congress. I plan to press for passage of this legislation because I believe we must fulfill our commitment to our Nation's military retirees and veterans.

RECOGNIZING SUSANNE STEINMETZ FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF CALIFORNIA'S 16TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 1997

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a woman whose record of public service spans over 4 decades. Ms. Susanne E. Steinmetz, a constituent of mine from Gilroy, CA, has devoted over two thirds of her life to working for the city of Gilroy and will be retiring after 45 years of faithful service.

Ms. Steinmetz began her career with the city at age 15, working part-time after school and later, while attending college, she was offered a full-time position with the city at \$300 a month. In 1960, Ms. Steinmetz was appointed City Clerk, a position she held until her retirement.

Born and raised in Gilroy, Susanne's dedication to public service was perhaps inevitable. Her family has a long history of service to this small, close-knit community. Her maternal great-great grandfather, Jacob Kiether, was a city trustee before the city was incorporated in 1870, later serving on the city council, and as mayor. Her father, Ben Thomas, served three terms on the city council.

No matter how busy or stressful her work-load was, Ms. Steinmetz was always willing to stop and answer questions from the public and co-workers. She is a unique individual who served her community extremely well, and still found the time to raise not one but two sets of twins, Jill and Jayne, age 28, and Tym and Thom, age 25.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Susanne Steinmetz on her many years of dedicated public service and invite my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in thanking her and wishing Ms. Steinmetz and her family many years of continued success and happiness.

TRIBUTE TO THE NEEDLES
MUSTANGS

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 1997

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to bring to your attention, once again, the avid pursuit and spirit of excellence from the young women and men of Needles, CA. I am speaking of the Needles High School Lady 'Stangs softball and Mustang baseball teams. These individuals will be remembered for their talent, hard work, perseverance, and commitment to work as a team. To me, and the proud friends, families, and citizens of Needles, CA, they are winners in every sense of the word.

The Lady 'Stangs who entered their championship tournament undefeated, approached their most worthy opponents with the faces of optimism and true strength. Although their opposition had a very impressive record of 24-4, the young women of Needles answered the challenge by outplaying their competitors in every game. Over the three game tournament the Lady 'Stangs blew out the competition by outscoring them 40 to 3.

A unique feature of this year's team was the winning contributions on all levels. From the new first year head coach and coaching staff, to the outstanding seasoned veteran seniors, the vital energy of the younger teammates, and the enduring support from parents and fans, these women had the winning combination for the State championship.

The city of Needles celebrated not one but two State championships that hot Saturday afternoon. I must mention an equally impressive Mustang baseball team whose battle to take the championship was a true fight to the end.

It was the Mustangs seventh time facing their AA Conference rivals and going into the

championship game they each won three. The men had fought hard to pull themselves back from the loser's bracket and become contenders once again for the title. In the second inning of the final game the Mustangs pulled away with a 7 to 0 advantage.

That was the last time they scored.

Their strong opponents capitalized on the men's fatigue and came back in the next five innings to a too close for comfort score of 7 to 6, advantage Needles. These Mustang men, with the support of teammates, friends, families, and fans held off and like the song goes: "For it's one, two, three strikes, you're out at the old ball game." The Mustangs found themselves the 1997 men's baseball State champions.

Mr. Speaker, these young men and women have gone above and beyond to exemplify the spirit of excellence. They played with the fire of champions and never faltered in their quest. Their courage and determination provides an example for all of us to admire and emulate. To all the people who make Needles their home, it was truly a championship year.

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM AND THE
1998 BUDGET AGREEMENT

HON. ROBERT SMITH

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 1997

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Agriculture reported bipartisan legislation increasing spending in the Food Stamp Program by \$1.5 billion over 5 years, in accord with the 1998 budget agreement.

The committee provided a total of \$1.1 billion, over 5 years, for food stamp employment and training programs—\$680 million in new money—and provided States the authority to grant waivers from the work rule for an additional 75,000 people.

Also, the committee required a maintenance of effort by States, at the request of the administration and committee Democrats. Maintenance of effort was not part of the budget agreement. Therefore, a State, as a condition of receipt of the new employment and training funds, must continue its State funding for employment and training programs.

The administration maintained the committee bill did not meet the 1998 budget agreement. I disagree. Nevertheless, extensive discussions were held with White House and other administration officials.

The administration wants all employment and training funds dedicated to workfare slots, which do not lead to gainful employment but only serve to keep able-bodied 18- to 50-year-old persons eligible for food stamps. They objected to the policy adopted by the committee because they preferred that all of the employment and training funds—as opposed to the 75 percent included in the committee bill—be dedicated to able-bodied 18- to 50-year-old persons with no dependents. Additionally, the administration objected to the inclusion of job search as an allowable activity for use of food stamp employment and training funds.

Therefore two changes were made to the committee bill to address the objections raised by the administration.

First, 80 percent of the total employment and training funds will be used to provide em-

ployment and training services to able-bodied 18- to 50-year-old persons.

Second, none of the employment and training funds required to be spent on able-bodied 18- to 50-year-old persons may be used for job search activities.

I recognize that these discussions will continue during our conference with the Senate. It is my hope that the committee will be able to continue its emphasis on flexibility for Governors and employment and training programs that actually result in jobs for able-bodied 18- to 50-year-old persons.

WARTIME VIOLATION OF ITALIAN
AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES ACT

HON. RICK LAZIO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 1997

Mr. LAZIO of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a resolution to draw attention to a seldom remembered episode in America's past. During World War II, shortly after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, thousands of Italian-Americans were deprived of their basic civil liberties. We must acknowledge this terrible tragedy to pay tribute to those who suffered, and to ensure that such a breach of liberties will never happen again.

In 1942, Italians, numbering close to 23 million people, were the largest foreign-born group in the United States. While thousands of Italian-Americans were fighting for our country in Europe and the Pacific, Italian-Americans who had not attained citizenship were deemed enemy aliens. Whole Italian-American communities on the West Coast were evacuated. Shopkeepers, fishermen, and farm workers were ordered to move inland. As a result, families were separated. Jobs, homes, businesses, even some lives were lost. So many Italian-Americans suffered. Yet 50 years later, theirs is a largely untold story.

My resolution calls for the President to acknowledge the injustices suffered by Italian-Americans during World War II. Furthermore, the resolution calls on the Justice Department to publish a report, documenting the specific violations of their basic civil rights during this period. In order to heighten public awareness of these events, this resolution urges Federal agencies, such as the Department of Education and the National Endowment for the Humanities, to sponsor conferences, seminars, and exhibits detailing this chapter of our Nation's history.

Italian-Americans are proud and loyal Americans. The impact of this wartime experience has had a devastating impact on their communities. As we work for equality and justice in America today, we cannot ignore the mistakes of our past. Italian-Americans deserve to have their story told.

TRIBUTE TO MARION KIRBY AND
MAC MORRIS

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 1997

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor two distinguished gentlemen from the Sixth District of North Carolina.