

HONORING THE LATE JOHN
GARDINER

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 21, 2000

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, it isn't often that the world is graced with individuals who change the lives of others around them.

However, Mr. John Gardiner's compassion for the sport of tennis transcended the tennis community and touched the lives of others around him. Gardiner's love for the sport propelled him to build a first-of-its kind tennis ranch in Carmel Valley. This love and devotion for the sport will forever keep Jack Gardiner's memory alive for all.

John Gardiner's love first developed as a child in Philadelphia, where he would often play at the municipal tennis courts. His love was further developed once he moved to Monterey Peninsula. As a teacher and football coach at Monterey High, he led the Toreadores to victory in 1948 in an undefeated season in 27 years. Former student, Dan Albert recalls, "Something special happened with that team and John Gardiner was the cause of that something special with that group of young men." Later, Gardiner's tennis resort would become most noted for offering clinics for adults and a tennis camp for children.

I too have witnessed the, "something special" that Dan Albert spoke of. My first job was as a lifeguard at John Gardiner's Tennis Ranch with a pay of 59 cents an hour. Mr. Gardiner would often joke with me and reply with, "It's the last honest job you've had." Without a doubt, John Gardiner has touched lives and made a difference in mine. In addition to his efforts with youth, Gardiner also exercised an equal compassion with his philanthropic nature. Gardiner established an annual Senators Cup Tournament, where 52 U.S. senators played tennis to raise money for charity. Through the course of 20 years, the tournament raised \$4 million that was used to build a hospice in Scottsdale, Arizona, which was named in memory of Barbara Gardiner who died of cancer.

Mr. Speaker, although Mr. John Gardiner may be gone, his spirit will live on with the love of tennis that he inspired in others as well. Mr. Gardiner is survived by his wife of 20 years, Monique Gardiner; two sons, John C. Gardiner, Jr and Thomas Gardiner; his two daughters, Tricia McKnight and Tenise Kyger; and eight grandchildren. Mr. Speaker, I ask you and the other distinguished members to acknowledge the impact that Mr. John Gardiner has left on this world.

HONORING MAYNARD HESSEL-
BARTH—A DEDICATED MAN
HELPING PEOPLE LEARN HOW
TO READ

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this moment to honor Maynard Hesselbarth from Grand Junction, Colorado for

receiving the Outstanding Tutor Award as presented by Laubach Literacy International. Maynard was selected from an applicant pool of nearly 1,000 tutors. Maynard is a volunteer tutor for the Mesa County Public Library District's Adult Reading Program and has been a driving force behind the library's mission to teach illiterate adults to read. I am encouraged by his determination and willingness to help others and would like to take this opportunity to honor him.

Maynard's giving heart and gentle spirit have helped contribute to the organization's 1,400 success stories since its inception in 1987. Maynard has been instrumental in helping teach adults to read for over a decade and remains animated in his passion for his part-time job. He says that he's reminded about the rewards of his job every time he sees the joy that comes to a students' face when they finally grasp the words in front of them.

Perhaps Maynard's most heart-warming success story occurred when he helped a 65 year-old learn to read a letter that his family had written to him. The gentleman was discouraged because he didn't know how his family was doing, and most of all, he couldn't communicate with them in the slightest, to the point he couldn't even write the word hello. After enrolling in the Mesa County Public Library's literacy program, Maynard taught the individual how to read and write and is still working to teach the elderly gentleman the finer points of written language.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I honor Maynard Hesselbarth for his hard work and dedication to adult literacy in Grand Junction. His formidable efforts deserve the praise and admiration of us all. His service to his community, and to those less fortunate, is something that we all should seek to emulate. We are proud of you, Maynard.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD BIGOS

HON. WILLIAM D. DELAHUNT

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DELAHUNT. Mr. Speaker, the formality of a posthumous tribute conjures up the image of Dick Bigos enjoying a big bellylaugh. In the time it takes to write this, he would have launched a political candidate, confirmed a federal grant, arranged a human services roundtable—and taken in a Jerry Springer rerun. You can almost imagine him, with a half-smile, shaking his head at all of us trying to make sense of his death.

An encounter with Dick could take many forms, but could never be a passive experience. His antennae were always up; he was always crunching the numbers—but never for personal profit. Dick was a good man consumed with our capacity and obligation to do better as a community. Day in and day out, year after year, he summoned the determination and tools to elevate our collective humanity.

Dick was a shrewd and entirely selfless voice for those outside the corridors of power. If he didn't win you over with street smarts, he'd regale you with a gallows humor that left you laughing so hard you'd beg him to quit. His passion for justice was so contagious because he instinctively understood the needs of

others—and then took on their causes, large or small, with unparalleled passion and tenacity.

To the tasks at hand, he brought neither fame nor wealth. From his work, he sought only results to benefit others. Occasionally, he might indulge himself some satisfaction on a well-waged campaign, on a particularly clever strategy. In the end, however, he kept his eye on the prize—food, clothing, shelter, health care and respect for those who needed it most.

Politics can be a tough business, especially if you enter it without official position or sanction. Dick rose to that challenge with clarity and confidence. Once each objective was defined, it was only a matter of time until the obstacles fell aside. Hurdles were leaped, rivers crossed, mountains climbed, walls shattered, alliances forged—whatever it took, Dick worked with or around the system on behalf of children, the hungry, the disabled, the homeless in our midst.

In the process, Dick engaged Senators and sanitation workers, abused women and hospital administrators. He did not always endear himself to others. He could inspire, motivate, cajole—and sometimes irritate. But even those who brushed across this roughness came eventually to see the other side of Richard Bigos.

Some of Dick's greatest admirers are those who first encountered him in the heat of battle. He could be a prickly combatant. But he also had respect for an able opponent—and with it a big heart and enormously generous spirit. When a former adversary found himself in personal crisis, the first and most discrete phone call was likely to be from Dick.

Dick was not one for idle sentimentalism. So in his name, let's cut to the chase. The only way to genuinely honor his memory is to draw on his decency and drive as we greet each other and each day. Dick taught us by example that commitment and courage are renewable entities—that the demands of one campaign only illuminate the rationale for others. As time dries our own tears, the lasting measure of our loyalty to Dick will be how widely we open our eyes and hearts to the human condition which was his life's mission.

RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNI- VERSARY OF THE BLUE WATER MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Blue Water Mental Health Clinic. For the last half a century, the residents of St. Clair County have been well served by the area's most professional social workers and psychologists. The Blue Water Mental Health Clinic has provided outpatient care to assist tens of thousands of adults, children and families in dealing with the emotional issues and difficulties of substance abuse.

Reputation is key to the success of any medical facility. Whether it is a hospital, a surgical center, or a clinic, one always seeks the best possible care based on what they have read and heard. The Blue Water Mental

Health Clinic has been a respected top notch facility for as long as it has been in operation. They have a tradition of assembling a strong and diverse Board of Directors representing the best of the Blue Water area.

I would like to salute all those who have been associated with building and maintaining the quality service and reputation of the Blue Water Mental Health Clinic as it begins its fifty-first year of offering the best available care to our citizens and neighborhoods. From their preventative educational programs to their operation of Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Clair County, the Clinic has always reached out to the community and help make it a better place to live, work and raise a family. I am proud to have such a cooperative, community-oriented institution serving us, and wish them many more years of inspired leadership and quality care.

HONORING STAFF SERGEANT
RUDOLPH B. DAVILA

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor Staff Sergeant Rudolph B. Davila of the United States Army from my congressional district in California. Staff Sergeant Davila was awarded The Congressional Medal of Honor today for extraordinary heroism in action on May 28, 1944 near Ardena, Italy.

During an offensive which broke through the German mountain strongholds surrounding the Anzio beachhead, Staff Sergeant Davila risked death to provide heavy weapons support for a rifle company that was under attack. After being painfully wounded in the leg, he dashed to a burned tank and continued to engage a second enemy force from the tank's turret. Staff Sergeant Davila managed to provide the desperately-needed heavy weapons support and silenced four machine gunners, forcing the enemy to abandon their prepared positions.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Staff Sergeant Davila's bravery, and thank him for fighting to preserve freedom and protecting our great nation. Staff Sergeant Davila's extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and bring great honor to himself and his country.

TRIBUTE TO DOUG RAND

HON. SAM FARR

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Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, today I am pleased to honor the spirit and dedication of a man whose life was committed to world peace and community empowerment. Doug Rand will be remembered as a determined, compassionate, and inspirational man who was committed to the fight for social justice. On March 5, 2000, Doug Rand passed away at the age of 45.

As a longtime member of the Resource Center for Nonviolence staff, friends recall the

activist as persistent, yet that being his "greatest strength". Through his efforts at the Center, Rand's most noteworthy accomplishment came with the installation of the "Collateral Damage" statue. The controversial statue was dedicated in 1995, on the eve of the bombing on Hiroshima. The statue symbolizes the human cost of war. Rand's commitment to this project and others like it led him to further acclaim as a political minister.

Rand was known to counsel men about the draft. In particular, he took up the case of Eric Larsen, a Marine who refused duty during the Persian Gulf war. Rand later approached Eric Larsen to work at the Resource Center. This effort later led him to take other anti-militarist ventures, such as his anti-war toys campaign.

Friends of Doug Rand quietly gathered after the death, yet this day would be committed to celebrating the accomplishments of Rand in his life. Rand is survived by his wife, Mathilda, loving friends and an aware community. At this time, Mr. Speaker, I ask you and our colleagues to reflect on the role that Mr. Doug Rand has had in his political journey for enlightenment and discovery for us all.

TRIBUTE TO WALTER F. "BUS"
BERGMAN HONORING HIM ON HIS
80TH BIRTHDAY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege and an honor to have this opportunity to pay tribute to one of Colorado's most distinguished citizens and favorite sons, Mr. Walter F. "Bus" Bergman, as he celebrates his 80th birthday. Bus has been the embodiment of service, success and sacrifice during his remarkably accomplished life. He clearly deserves the praise and recognition of this body as he, his friends and family celebrate his 80th birthday.

If ever there were a person who embodied the spirit and values that make Colorado great, it is Bus Bergman. Born in Denver on June 11, 1920, Bus' athletic credentials are truly unsurpassed. As a school boy at Denver North High School, Bus was a three sport star who propelled each of his respective teams to greatness. In fact, Bergman made the winning basket to clinch North's first state basketball championship.

Following a prodigious high school career, Bus went on to excel as a student-athlete at Colorado A&M, where he earned 10 varsity letters in three sports. Beyond athletics, Bus excelled both academically and in an array of extra-curricular pursuits. He was the sophomore class president, a four year member of the student council, a four year member of Sigma Pi Epsilon, and was named to the select list of Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

Although Bus had a range of professional athletic opportunities at his disposal after his great college career—including an offer from the Philadelphia Eagles—he chose instead to commit himself to the great cause of freedom during World War II, where he served with great valor and distinction. Bus was involved in numerous marine operations in the Pacific and was awarded the prestigious Bronze Star for his extraordinary heroism in action against

enemy Japanese during the assault and capture of Okinawa. In 1948, he was discharged as a Captain and was later upgraded to the status of Major.

Upon his return from WWII, Bus returned to Colorado A&M to pursue higher learning. After completing his studies, he was named the football and baseball coach at Fort Lewis College where he served until 1950, when he accepted the top jobs in the football and baseball programs at then Mesa College. At Mesa, Bus' football teams went 102-63-9, winning three conference championships, while his baseball teams were 378-201, winning twenty conference championships and finishing second three times at the JUCO World Series.

While it would be impossible to list the litany of awards and achievements garnered during his remarkable career, it is safe to say that Bus has achieved beyond what most could ever dream. Throughout his career as a player and coach, Bus was the very symbol of greatness.

For those who know Bus, it is clear that, above all else, Bus is a family man. Bus and his lovely wife Elinor Pitman were married in 1946, later giving birth to three children: Judy Black, Walter Bergman, Jr., and Jane Norton. Bus and Elinor are also the proud grandparents of six grandchildren. While his athletic and professional accomplishments are many, Bus' enduring legacy will be his family.

As you can see, Mr. Speaker, Bus Bergman has achieved beyond measure in his distinguished life. He is a model citizen who represents all of the best that Colorado and America has to offer.

As he celebrates his 80th birthday, Mr. Speaker, I wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you and congratulations on behalf of his family, friends, and the United States Congress. In every sense, Bus Bergman is a great American who deserves the praise and admiration of us all.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SOCIAL
SECURITY PROTECTION, PRESER-
VATION, AND REFORM COMMIS-
SION ACT OF 2000

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 21, 2000

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to announce the introduction of my bill in the House that puts partisan politics aside and ensures Social Security is preserved for our seniors today and in the future.

We've all heard about the economic outlook for the Social Security program. We must be concerned. By 2037, the trust funds of the Social Security program will be depleted, jeopardizing the retirement security of future retirees.

And while 2037 sounds far away, it will be here before we know it. With each passing session in Congress, the opportunity to work towards a meaningful solution to the financial woes of our nation's retirement program slips through our fingers.

Political rhetoric has worked its way into the debate over preserving Social Security. The time has come to separate politics from the substance of this important debate. We must put the financial security of our nation's retirees first, instead of allowing politics between