

various aspects of patient examination, diagnosis and treatment. Dr. Elliott's focus has been on fostering increased professionalism among the student body and sharpening interest in academic preparation.

As President of TCC, Dr. Elliott has helped thousands of students develop the skills necessary for total patient management including consultation, physical diagnosis, neurological and orthopedic diagnosis, and application of adjunctive therapy and/or interprofessional co-management. His passion has translated into a lifetime of political activism. Dr. Elliott has held every elective position in local, state and national chiropractic associations, always driven by his interest in serving the needs of his patients. He served as president of the Board of Governors for the American Chiropractic Association for an unprecedented five years. He served nine years on the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners, having been appointed by two Texas Governors.

The recent understanding of the healthful benefits of chiropractic care as alternative medicine has been due in large part because of the work Dr. Elliott did as a chiropractor for 38 years. Among his many honors, he was named Doctor of the Year by the American Chiropractic Association in 1990 and received the Lifetime Chiropractic Achievement Award in 1988.

Dr. Elliott is truly a unique and respected individual, known for his open-door policy encouraging students of the College to visit with him anytime. His wife Connie is also a revered member of the TCC family. A popular speaker at any occasion, Dr. Elliott lends his time and expertise to addressing professional meetings throughout the year, and has given presentations to the American Chiropractic Association, the World Chiropractic Health Organization, the International Chiropractors Association and the Foundation for Chiropractic Education and Research, among many others.

Not only has Dr. Elliott made significant strides on behalf of his colleagues in the profession, he has also demonstrated a proven commitment to give back to the community through civic endeavors. He was named Citizen of the Year by the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce in 1996, currently serves on the board of directors of the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce, and is past president of the Southeast Economic Development, Inc. He has served as President of the Dayton, Texas Rotary Club; fifteen years as the Commander of American Legion Post #512; Health Director for the Boy Scouts of America; past President of the Baytown Community Orchestra Committee and Liberty County Crippled Children's Society, and sponsor and supporter of Pee Wee Baseball and the Valley Players Theatre Group.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Dr. Elliott on his decade of leadership as President of Texas Chiropractic College. His achievements are an inspiration to those in the chiropractic profession who work tirelessly to strengthen our health care options and our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF CROCKETT  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR 50  
YEARS OF SUCCESS

**HON. KEVIN BRADY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 27, 2000*

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise in recognition of a school that has been devoted to achievement since 1949—Crockett Elementary School.

Going into their next half of a century, the elementary school in the Bryan Independent School District of Texas has quite a list of accomplishments. In 1993, Crockett Elementary received recognition by the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association for their Inclusion Program. The school piloted the program in 1991, which received the "Exemplary Innovative Practices for Special Needs Students" award, to incorporate their philosophy that all children even those with special needs can learn in a regular education classroom. Also, one of their high achievements is the National Exemplary Award winning H.O.S.T.S. program, which has been on campus for five years. The Helping One Student to Succeed program consists of 200 community members coming in weekly to read with children.

Evident in their quantity and quality of awards, the Crockett faculty and staff act jointly to make their initiatives successful. They also have a very active Parent Teacher Organization. As the only inclusion school in Bryan ISD, parents and teachers have spoken at local and national conferences. In effect parents and teachers from all over Texas come to witness the Inclusion Program in action and model their own after Crockett's example.

The Texas A&M University College of Education designated Crockett as a Professional Development School in their program—they are the first elementary school designated. In promoting higher education, The Janell Gallion Scholarship Fund, which is funded by student and faculty support, is given annually to a Bryan High School graduate that attended Crockett Elementary. The scholarship was named after the school's dedicated librarian who, as they describe it, "fought cancer to the very end and never let it affect her work with students."

Mr. Speaker, I commend the faculty, staff, parents, and students for making Crockett Elementary such a landmark of achievement in the State of Texas. They have set an example for all schools and communities to recognize, and I hope make applicable to their own systems.

TRIBUTE TO ST. CECILIA SCHOOL

**HON. DAVE CAMP**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 27, 2000*

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor St. Cecilia School, which has nobly served the community in Clare, Michigan, for 50 wonderful years.

During its 50 year history this school has endured many challenges, but through the love of the surrounding community it has sur-

vived, growing from a one-room church in the 1900's to a magnificent building where not only the youth of Clare but also much of the Catholic community are educated.

It is clear that St. Cecilia's has been a strong pillar of the community and its services have reached above the dreams and ideals of its founders. It has given back to Clare citizens starting with the very first week it opened in 1950. Teachers and staff have continued excellent service throughout the years, providing an active learning environment that has produced successful, well-rounded students who have continually scored in the highest percentiles on standardized tests.

I commend the St. Cecilia School for its 50 years of excellent service. The teachers, staff and parents have shown students how to integrate academics with Christian values, and have paved the way for successful citizens and an enlightened town, leaving behind a highly respected reputation embedded in each member of the community.

I wish them the very best as they embark on their second half-century.

HONORING FORMER COLORADO  
CONGRESSMAN, BYRON L. JOHNSON

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 27, 2000*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to pause and remember a former U.S. Congressman from Colorado who recently passed away at the age of 82.

Byron Johnson was born on October 12, 1917 in Chicago, IL. He moved with his family to Wisconsin at the age of 10. He earned a bachelor, masters, and a doctorate from the University of Wisconsin in Madison. From 1942 to 1947, Byron worked in Washington, DC in the Budget Bureau and the Social Security Administration.

In 1947, Byron and his wife, Kay, moved to Denver, CO so that Byron could pursue a teaching position at the University of Denver.

Byron served in the 86th Congress of the United States. He later served 12 years as a CU Regent and two years on the Regional Transportation District board of directors.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I would like to pay tribute to Byron Johnson, a man who loved his country and his State. Byron gave immeasurably to the State of Colorado and for that he will long be remembered.

TRIBUTE TO THE REVEREND FRED  
L. SHUTTLESWORTH, A GREAT  
LIVING CINCINNATIAN

**HON. ROB PORTMAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 27, 2000*

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Rev. Fred L. Shuttlesworth, a community leader who will be honored as a Great Living Cincinnati on February 4, 2000, by the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce. He was selected for his outstanding community service, business and

civic accomplishments, awareness of the needs of others, and achievements that have brought favorable attention to the Cincinnati area.

A native of Alabama, Rev. Shuttlesworth moved to the Cincinnati area in 1961 to pastor at the Revelation Baptist Church. In 1966, he founded the Greater New Light Baptist Church in Avondale where he continues to lead worship. He has four children.

Rev. Shuttlesworth earned a bachelor's degree in science from Alabama State University in 1951. He went on to do graduate work at Alabama State and then received seminary training at Cedar Grove Academy and Selma University.

The Rev. Shuttlesworth is perhaps best known for his heroic work as a civil rights leader. Many place him among the "big three" in the civil rights movement—next to Dr. Martin Luther King and the Rev. Ralph Abernathy. Willing to risk his life for freedom and equality, the Rev. Shuttlesworth was nearly killed three times, jailed more than 25 times, and endured more than 36 criminal and civil actions. Words such as bravery do little to capture the conviction and heroism that Rev. Shuttlesworth exhibits.

A sampling of Rev. Shuttlesworth's accomplishments include the organization of the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights in 1956, which was founded in response to Alabama politicians outlawing of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. In 1957, he was one of five organizers of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference where he still serves as a member of its National Board. In addition, he served for several years as a member of the National Advisory Board of Congress on Racial Equality. But he has also been actively involved in our community and I have seen firsthand his good works. In 1988, Rev. Shuttlesworth established The Shuttlesworth Housing Foundation to help needy families afford down payments for the purchase of homes. As of November 1999, Rev. Shuttlesworth helped over 460 low-income families become homeowners.

In June of 1988, the City of Birmingham renamed Huntsville Road "F.L. Shuttlesworth Drive," and on November 14, 1992, Birmingham dedicated an 8-foot statue of Rev. Shuttlesworth at the opening of its Civil Rights Institute. In 1998, the City of Cincinnati renamed North and South Crescent Avenues as "Fred Shuttlesworth Circle."

Rev. Shuttlesworth says that he has done "little" and he professes to do "more and . . . all I can until I leave here." Cincinnati is blessed by the Rev. Shuttlesworth's leadership and good will. We are most fortunate for his service and commitment to our nation and local community.

REGARDING ROY AND JOANN MITTE

**HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 27, 2000*

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and pay tribute to two Brownsville

benefactors, Roy and JoAnn Mitte. Roy, who grew up in the city of Brownsville, moved away, but returns to pay a debt of gratitude by donating \$3 million dollars toward the renovation of Dean Porter Park, a park he remembers from his youth.

Like so many citizens of Brownsville, Roy has very fond memories of the park, a park many also know as Ringgold Park. After 30 years, Brownsville citizens are getting together to renovate, restore and recreate the park to serve as a central retreat for all to enjoy. A plan has been designed to better meet the needs of our growing community for future generations to come.

When Roy used to play in the park, he was a beneficiary of the benevolence of the Sams Memorial Foundation, named after a family who were the first benefactors to enhance the then Ringgold Park; now as an adult he is contributing to the first big renovation since 1960.

Almost anyone you talk to who has grown up in Brownsville has a story about their experiences at Ringgold Park. In years past, it was the central meeting place to play at the playground, swim at the largest pool in town and attend social functions at the pavilion, a popular meeting place at the park.

It is also the location of the Camille Lightner Playhouse, the city's only theater which is still active in presenting dramatic plays. Now, many years later, it is in serious need of renovation and repair. It is my privilege to pay tribute and express gratitude to the Mittes for their generous contribution which will go a long way toward refurbishing a park that is loved by so many.

I would also like to commend the efforts of the Dean Porter Park Renovation Committee for their initiation of this project and their ongoing efforts to revitalize this park which means so much to so many people. Our lives, and the lives of those who follow us here in Brownsville, will truly be enriched by the efforts of the Mittes and their generosity.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JULIA CARSON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 27, 2000*

Ms. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent for one vote today, Thursday, January 27, missing rollcall 1 on which I would have voted "present".

#### NATIONAL BIOTECHNOLOGY MONTH

**HON. JAY INSLEE**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 27, 2000*

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of National Biotechnology Month. Biotechnology is revolutionizing the quality of life for millions of people around the world. The United States, and Washington State in particular, is home to some of the leading biotechnology companies in the world.

Biotechnology is revolutionizing every facet of medicine, from diagnosis to treatment of all diseases, not just bacterial infections. It is detailing life at the molecular level and someday will take much of the guesswork out of disease management and treatment. The implications for health care are greater than any milestone in medical history.

Take cancer, for example. The first biotechnology medicines have been used in conjunction with surgery, chemotherapy and radiation to enhance their effectiveness, lessen adverse side effects and reduce the chances of cancer recurrence. Future biotech cancer drugs, however, such as vaccines that prevent abnormal cell growth, may make traditional treatments obsolete.

In cardiovascular diseases, biotech drugs that either dissolve or prevent blood clots in the treatment of heart attacks are being applied to cases of ischemic stroke, reducing brain damage and hospital recovery time. Another biotech medicine is proving successful in late-stage clinical trials for angina and may represent the first new class of drugs to treat that condition since introduction of calcium channel blockers in the 1970's.

Advancements in research on inflammatory diseases also have yielded first-of-a-kind drugs to treat multiple sclerosis and rheumatoid arthritis. Other medicines in late-stage clinical trials block the start of the molecular cascade that triggers inflammation's tissue damaging effects in numerous disease states.

In treatment of infectious diseases, biotechnology is leading the attack on the alarming problem of drug-resistant bacteria, creating antibiotics to take the place of those no longer effective. It also has revealed the genetic composition of bacteria and viruses, making the search for new remedies more efficient. Most biotech drugs are designed to treat our most devastating and intractable illnesses. In many cases these medicines would be the first ever therapies for those diseases.

In my home of Washington State, there are 116 biotechnology companies that employ over 7,000 people. Employment in Washington State biotechnology and medical technology industry is projected to increase to nearly 20,000 workers by 2005. Thousands of patient lives have been improved or saved by the relatively new products produced by Washington biotechnology companies. These products include Enbrel for rheumatoid arthritis, Leukine for cancer, and TOBI for cystic fibrosis. This number is expected to grow exponentially as more products are approved for market.

It is vital that Congress and the administration take into account the developments and advancements in this industry and work to encourage the massive amount of private capital being invested in these medical breakthroughs. Congress can help by fully supporting federal investments in math and science education, research performed at public universities and the National Institutes of Health. Congress should work with the Administration to modernize the drug approval process and to make sure that the Medicare system takes advantage of the potential cost savings brought forth by developments in the biotechnology industry.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of National Biotechnology Month and look forward to the next great news in the newspapers of tomorrow.