

HONORING GEORGE HERRING, ED.D., RETIRING AFTER 32 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2002

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. George Herring for his outstanding educational leadership and his many contributions to the Peralta Community College District.

Dr. Herring received his Bachelor of Science degree in Social Science from Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi and his Masters in Public Administration from University of California at Berkeley.

Dr. Herring came to the Peralta Community College District in 1970 as Director of the Ford Project, a program to assist under-represented students seeking to transfer to four year colleges, at Oakland's Merritt College. He went on to serve as Assistant Dean of Student Services at Merritt and was quickly promoted to Dean of Administration and Development.

While serving as Dean of Administration and Student Services at Merritt College, Dr. Herring concurrently acted as Dean of Student Services at Laney College, also located in Oakland, California and later went on to become the President of the College of Alameda in 1995, serving that institution for more than five years before accepting his position as Peralta's Senior Vice Chancellor.

While always busy with district and college affairs, Dr. Herring found the time to be active on numerous boards and commissions. He was President of the Northern California Research Group for three years, served three terms as the President of the Board of the YMCA of the East Bay, and is past President of the Western Regional Council on Black American Affairs.

Not only is Dr. Herring an active member of the community of higher education, he is also a current member of the California Community Colleges Commission on Athletics. Dr. Herring has won several National American Tennis Association championships and spends a great deal of his spare time teaching youth tennis and coaching little league baseball.

Mr. Speaker, as Dr. Herring leaves behind a long and rich history at the Peralta Community College District, I ask that Congress join me in expressing thanks to him for thirty-two years of exemplary service. I extend my best wishes to him as he begins his well-earned retirement and opens a new chapter of his life.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

HON. RICHARD K. ARMEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2002

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that the House has completed its legislative business for the week.

The House will next meet for legislative business on Tuesday, May 14 at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and 2 o'clock p.m. for legislative business. On Tuesday, I will schedule a number of measures under suspension of the

rules, a list of which will be distributed to Members' offices tomorrow. Recorded votes will be postponed until 6:30 p.m.

On Wednesday and the balance of the week, I have scheduled the Personal Responsibility, Work, and Family Promotion Act and H.R. 3994, the Afghanistan Freedom Support Act of 2002.

A WONDERFUL MAN

HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2002

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, this afternoon we honored a Celebration of the Life of Dr. James D. Ford, the Chaplain Emeritus of the House of Representatives.

When we traveled to meeting with the delegations of the European Parliament, we found that Jim was a very fine companion. Jim Ford was a great teacher. When we met diplomats and officers, Jim was able to lighten up some of us who were stressed from negotiations and differences among various factions.

Jim was a fine scholar of the Bible. When we were in Israel, Jim was well versed in three of the great religions which are in Jerusalem. Before Chaplain Ford came to the House, he had been for 18 years as the Chaplain of the United States Military Academy at West Point. As a result of his experiences at West Point, he knew about youth and how they grow to be leaders for our country. When a delegation of the House met with General Wesley Clark, the Supreme Commander of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO]. When the General met the Chaplain there was a warm hug. We saw a four star General, but, Dr. Ford remembered him as the very bright senior who was President of the Bible Society during Clark's senior year at West Point.

Dr. Ford was an effective counselor of members that work hard and often needed to be working with people under stress.

One of Jim's great adventures was when he and three volunteer cadets from West Point navigated a boat with sails, guided by the stars. The waves tossed the small boat in the North Atlantic Ocean. It was a great experience.

Jim was a people-person. When colleagues had medical operations at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Jim would come out to see us. He brought us cheer. His humor was delightful.

He will not be forgotten. Our condolences to Marcie, his wife, and Peter his eldest son, and the Ford family.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT MORRISON AND DEREK MARTIN

HON. RICHARD A. GEPHARDT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2002

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, May 3, 2002 was a sad day for the City of St. Louis and for our entire community. On that day, St. Louis Firefighters Robert Morrison and Derek Martin were killed, fighting a fire in the performance of their duty.

Although neither thought of himself as a hero, Firefighters Morrison and Martin, both 38 years old, were heroes in the truest sense of the word. They risked their lives every day to protect the citizens of St. Louis, and considered that they were just doing their jobs. They didn't become firefighters for the money or to become famous. They joined the Fire Department out of a sense of duty to their community and a desire to help others. Their belief in duty and honor and self-sacrifice formed their lives, and was reflected in the way they conducted themselves on and off the job.

Mr. Speaker, the loss of these fine young men is a great tragedy. Their wives have lost their loving companionship; their children have lost the love, guidance and example of very special men. The entire St. Louis Community grieves with these families. Firefighters Robert Morrison and Derek Martin have left a legacy of decency and bravery that won't be soon forgotten, and we are grateful to have had them among us.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JONATHAN R. BAUGHMAN

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Jonathan R. Baughman has devoted himself to serving others through his membership in the Boy Scouts of America Troop 28; and

Whereas, Jonathan R. Baughman has shared his time and talent with the community; and

Whereas, Jonathan R. Baughman has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Jonathan R. Baughman must be commended for the hard work and dedication he put forth in earning the Eagle Scout Award;

Therefore, I join with the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Jonathan R. Baughman for his Eagle Scout Award.

A TRIBUTE TO SMALL BUSINESS WEEK 2002

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 2002

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the small business owners in my district and to celebrate Small Business Week 2002. Every morning, 25 million small businesses across the United States opened their stores and that number continues to grow. Small businesses account for 99.7 percent of all employers and it is time that we recognize them as the backbone of our economy.

In my home state of California, women and minorities make up the fastest growing group of new small business owners. Overall in the United States, the number of woman-owned businesses has almost doubled and minority-owned businesses have nearly quadrupled in the past decade. In order to ensure that this