

## TRIBUTE TO BOB BOWEN

**HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2003*

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express the appreciation of the citizens of West Virginia to Bob Bowen for the invaluable contribution he has made to our beloved state.

The Polymer Alliance Zone was developed in 1996 as private/public partnership designed to promote the polymer industry in West Virginia. It has been cited as one of West Virginia's most successful initiatives and has been emulated in the chemical and wood industries.

One man, Robert E. "Bob" Bowen has served with great distinction as the Chairman of the Board of Directors since its inception. During that time, his leadership has brought the organization to a level of success that far exceeded all expectations, creating and saving thousands of jobs and attracting millions of dollars in new investment.

Mr. Bowen has leveraged resources from education, labor, management and government to bring worldwide recognition to PAZ, and focus attention on the many opportunities available for companies and workers in West Virginia.

After six years of successful leadership Mr. Bowen is retiring as the Chairman of the Board of Directors. His vision and skill have secured the jobs of thousands of West Virginia families, and brought growth for the future of many communities.

On behalf of the people of West Virginia, I wish to express a very sincere "thank you" for a job well done.

## IN TRIBUTE TO MARIE S. NOWAK

**HON. RICHARD A. GEPHARDT**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2003*

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Marie S. Nowak, a woman who devoted her entire life to helping others through her civic and community activities. Marie passed away on January 15, 2003, and St. Louis will sorely miss her enormous energy and dedication to community service.

For almost 40 years, Marie was an educator and administrator in the St. Louis Public Schools, retiring in 1988. She was a past president of the St. Louis District of the Missouri State Teachers Association, and received their "Leader of the Year" award in 1985. Marie was a former delegate to the Governor's Conference on Education and a former member of the White House Conference on Education.

Marie's political and charitable interests were broad and deep. She was past president of the Metropolitan St. Louis Women's Political Caucus and an active member of the League of Women Voters. She served on the board of Grace Hill Settlement House and was vice-president of the board of Heritage House Corporation. She was also a determined advocate for women's rights.

At the time of her death, Marie's work on behalf of the elderly consumed much of her

time. She has served as chairwoman of the American Association of Retired Persons' state legislative committee, was State Coordinator for VOTE, and received the AARP "Volunteer of the Year" award in 2000. In 2001, Governor Bob Holden appointed her to the Missouri Board of Senior Services. In addition, Marie was a member of my Senior Advisory Council, meeting regularly with me and speaking eloquently on behalf of our senior citizens.

All of us extend our sympathy to her family, and especially to her children, Pauline Richards and James Nowak. Marie Nowak's gracious demeanor and generosity of spirit, her dedication to others and her good common sense, have left a legacy that St. Louisans will long remember.

CONGRATULATING OHIO STATE  
UNIVERSITY BUCKEYES FOOTBALL TEAM

SPEECH OF

**HON. TIMOTHY J. RYAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 8, 2003*

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join my colleagues in sponsoring H. Res. 10 to congratulate the Ohio State Buckeyes and Coach Jim Tressel on their first National Championship since 1968. The hard work and dedication that they exhibited this year has allowed them to achieve their goal in historic fashion. Coach Tressel and his team have set a standard of excellence that is unmatched.

Ohio State has proven that hard work and dedication will always persevere over doubt, and that people should always pursue their dreams against all odds. In the championship game, and throughout the entire season, the Buckeyes were able to work together and triumph in the face of adversity.

I also want to offer congratulations to both teams on an outstanding effort and for playing a game in which they both can be proud. Both teams demonstrated extraordinary sportsmanship and displayed the professionalism that a sporting event of this magnitude deserves.

I know that Coach Tressel will continue to field quality teams that compete at the highest possible level. Thanks for a great season. Go Bucks!

TRIBUTE TO DOCTOR HISASHI  
KAJIKURI**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2003*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker I rise today to honor Doctor Hisashi Kajikuri, an exceptional physician who has continued to serve the Monterey Peninsula for the past thirty-five years. Dr. Kajikuri has been recognized by a number of local medical associations and this year, at age 76 he is being honored with the Monterey County's Physician of the Year award.

Dr. Kajikuri is well known in the medical community as a committed and talented physician and a strong patient's advocate. A man of great integrity and generosity, Dr. Kajikuri has

been dedicated to providing quality healthcare to everyone who enters his door, myself included, as well as those who are unable to pay.

Born and educated in Japan, Dr. Kajikuri began his career as an intern for a U.S. Military Hospital and was later awarded a Fulbright Fellowship in 1954 to research heart valve autographs at the University of Indiana. He became a United States citizen in 1967. Dr. Kajikuri later moved to Monterey, California, where he established a practice and was honored by the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula as the first recipient of the Lifetime Physician Award. He is a member of the Monterey Medical Society Review Board, California Thoracic Society, Japan Surgical Society, and a Trustee of the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula.

The contributions that Dr. Kajikuri continues to make to the Monterey community are innumerable. The honor of Physician of the Year is awarded to a physician who has made a significant contribution in the health care field, is a strong motivator and educator, has a good rapport with patients, has demonstrated extraordinary professional competence, and is a strong role model for young physicians. I can personally attest to the care and competency shown by Dr. Kajikuri in his interactions with patients and affirm his reputation as a medical professional who stands out in his community as generous, talented, and worthy of such respect.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress I would like to honor and congratulate Dr. Kajikuri for his remarkable achievements and the great honor of this award.

EXTENSION OF UNEMPLOYMENT  
BENEFITS**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2003*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my disappointment in the Majority's failure to provide real relief to unemployed Americans.

During this economic downturn, millions of Americans have faced difficult times as they lost their jobs, and then dealt with the harsh reality that their unemployment benefits would run out before they could find employment. Recent estimates find that 35,000 workers in the New York City area lost their benefits on December 28, 2002. That is not acceptable.

The 107th Congress adjourned before passing an unemployment package. While this legislation will help some, it does not provide an extension to the nearly one million workers who have already exhausted their benefits.

I have heard from my constituents who have been looking for work for months and find that there just are not jobs out there right now. And they cannot believe that their elected officials, the representatives who are supposed to fight for their interests, turned their backs on them when they needed help the most. It's time that we stop putting the interests of the wealthy ahead of the needs of America's workers who shoulder the burden when the economy is bad.

I wholeheartedly support legislation introduced by Congressman RANGEL which would