

27th Congressional District, Ms. Elizabeth Brown Calleton. Ms. Calleton has served as the President and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Pasadena for nearly twenty-two years and has been a positive force in this Congressional District for much longer.

Ms. Calleton began her journey with Planned Parenthood of Pasadena as an Administrative Assistant in 1972 after having received her undergraduate degree in government from Smith College and her masters degree in public law and government from Columbia University in 1962. She quickly rose to the position of Associate Director in 1974 and shortly thereafter in 1979 became the Executive Director or what is today known as the President and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Pasadena.

Her commitment to enhancing the lives of women in our community has never wavered. Over the last thirty years she has served on no less than seven boards and committees which are devoted to improving the status of women in the 27th Congressional District and throughout our nation. As the President and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Pasadena she has dedicated herself to ensuring that women have accessible family planning options and she has worked tirelessly to position women's health issues at the top of our national agenda.

I know I am not alone when I say that the women of California's 27th Congressional District could not find a stronger and more loyal ally than Elizabeth Brown Calleton. So I ask all Members to join me in wishing congratulations to Ms. Calleton for her unending service to our community. I am sure that each person positively affected by Ms. Calleton's service will join me in wishing her much joy in the years to come and thank her for her time, her energy, and her efforts.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL
BURN AWARENESS WEEK, FEBRUARY 3 TO 9, 2002

HON. STEVE CHABOT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2002

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join me in recognizing the importance of National Burn Awareness Week that was observed February 3–9, 2002. Burn Awareness Week provides an opportunity to educate children and families about the risks that lead to unfortunate and tragic accidents, particularly for the youngest and most vulnerable—our babies and children. The children of Cincinnati who have been the victims of burn accidents have been benefiting from the service of the Shriners Hospitals for Children since 1968 when the Cincinnati burn center first opened.

Unfortunately, infants and young children face greater risks from burn injuries than adults or older children. They rely more on the adults around them to ensure their environment is safe and free from potential burn-causing hazards. That is why in addition to treating over 20 percent of all pediatric burns in the nation at their four national burn centers in Boston, Galveston, Cincinnati and Sacramento, Shriners Hospitals focus on education and prevention of burn injuries.

The Shriners Hospitals for Children is a unique charitable organization that has never sought nor received federal, state, local or third party funding of any kind. Additionally, Shriners Hospitals are distinctive in that they offer full physical, psychological, and emotional care to all the children they treat.

With the 2002 budget for the 22 orthopaedic and burn hospitals totaling over half a billion dollars, and with an active patient roster at over 156,000 children, it is obvious how important the Shriners Hospitals are to the health of our children. The Shriners Hospitals are 100 percent free, despite the fact that they will spend \$1.5 million dollars on children every 24 hours in 2002.

In recognition of Burn Awareness Week, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to commend such charitable organizations as the Shriners Hospitals that contribute greatly to the care, education, and research necessary to treat and work to prevent children's burn accidents.

RECOGNIZING THE 91ST BIRTHDAY
OF RONALD REAGAN

SPEECH OF

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 6, 2002

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I sincerely do wish former President Reagan and his wife well on his birthday and my thoughts and prayers are with them as he deals with the terrible disease of Alzheimer's; however, the resolution went well beyond a simple birthday wish. I could not in good faith cast a vote for a bill that stated that the Reagan Administration ensured renewed economic prosperity when millions of Americans were hurt by its economic policies and the federal government incurred massive deficit spending.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THEODORE
"TED" MAKRIS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Mr. Theodore "Ted" Makris and recognize his contributions to this nation. Now a resident of Pueblo West, Colorado, Ted began his service as a soldier during the Vietnam War when he joined the Army and served in Southeast Asia. During his tour, Ted was stationed in the province of Quang Loi, and like many young Americans, was involved in fierce fighting for the control of South Vietnam.

Ted was recently decorated with an award long overdue for wounds sustained in combat. On September 15, 1967, Ted was wounded during an enemy engagement. Suffering from numerous shrapnel wounds to his body, Ted refused medical treatment and continued to fight amongst his fallen and wounded comrades. After several days of constant prodding from his commanders, he finally relented to leave the battlefield and receive treatment for his wounds.

When a member of our armed forces is killed or wounded in combat, he or she re-

ceives the Purple Heart medal for their sacrifice. Ted refused the medal once in 1967 and still refuses it today. Despite his objections and belief the he does not deserve the decoration, his wife Jan has persisted. She, along with family friend Brigadier General Philip Erdle, worked diligently to see that Ted received the long overdue award for his dedication and commitment to his country. The medal was presented to Ted at his home in late December by General Erdle.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to recognize Theodore "Ted" Makris before this body of Congress and thank him for his dedicated service during the war. If it were not for servicemen such as Ted, America would not enjoy the many freedoms that we have today. He served selflessly in a time of great need, bringing credit to himself and to this great nation. Thanks Ted for your service.

TRIBUTE TO FREDERICK
WITTENBURG

HON. CHET EDWARDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2002

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, January 31, 2002, Central Texans were saddened and diminished by the death of Frederick Wittenburg, Jr. of Lometa. Fred Wittenburg was a warrior. For three decades, he fought for the disadvantaged, the elderly, the infirm, the homeless, and for hungry and neglected children. He devoted those thirty years to improving the communities of the Texas Hill Country and the lives of its people as Executive Director of the Hill Country Community Action Association.

Fred joined President Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty in 1966, administering a brand new community action agency that provided a wide range of services in Llano, Mason, Mills and San Saba Counties. In 1968, he became Executive Director of the growing organization, expanding its services to Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas and Milam Counties. He tirelessly raised local funds for Hill Country Programs to provide and expand services to those who needed them.

Fred Wittenburg was born in Belton, Texas in November 1930, one of four children. His parents moved to Goldthwaite, where Fred attended elementary school. Always active in sports and extracurricular activities, he graduated from high school in the Lometa School System in 1948, and was recognized as the Senior Class "Best All Around Boy."

He attended St. Edward's University in Austin for two years and then transferred to Texas Tech University in Lubbock. A Red Raider through and through, Fred was a member of the Silver Key Fraternity and the Saddle Tramp service organization. It was in a line at the campus bookstore that he met a freshman named Mary Alice Close, who would become his bride and share his life for nearly fifty years.

In thirty years as Executive Director of the Hill Country Community Action Association, Fred's dedication to the war on poverty and his vision of "building people and communities" were reflected in the commitment and energy of his staff, one of his most enduring legacies.