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33-year-long career. A native of Durham, NC, Mr. John Lawrence began his professional career in 1963 after graduating from North Carolina Central University with a bachelor's degree in biological science.

While serving full-time as a teacher mentoring countless students at several high schools, Mr. Lawrence juggled his time to earn a master's degree in administration and supervision, while furthering his studies in marine biology at Florida State University and getting another master's degree in adult education at my alma mater, Florida A&M University.

In 1978 he joined the Florida Department of Education as program director of the adult and community education section. His stint in this endeavor proved to be one of the most productive enterprises of his professional career, resulting in his being named chief of the State Bureau of Adult and Community Education.

During his tenure Mr. Lawrence upgraded Florida's adult and community programs, raising them to preeminent prestige and innovation. He was awarded numerous accolades for his visionary leadership and educational entrepreneurship. His advice and counsel were sought by many national school boards and educational councils, giving incisive lectures on the subject of adult and community programs throughout the length and breadth of the educational spectrum. Most prominent among his varied roles was that a serving as a premiere consultant in the World Council on Adult Education in the then-Federal Republic of West Germany.

In 1990 the Council of State Education of Adult and Community Education chose him to serve as chairman. In this capacity the First Lady, Barbara Bush, tapped his expertise in her national adult literacy initiative, taking him regularly to the White House for consultation.

Despite his all-out involvement with Florida's educational initiatives, Mr. Lawrence found time to serve on the Teachers' Credit Union in Leon County, as well as fulfill chairmanships on the Code Enforcement Board of the city of Tallahassee, National Adult Education Professional Development Consortium, National Association of Secondary School Principals, and the National Advisory Committee of the GED Testing Program.

Throughout his career, Mr. Lawrence demonstrated the knack to solidify long-lasting friendships in his professional, civic, social and religious circles. Standing by him in his multifaceted endeavors is Virginia Landers Lawrence, his wife and confidante of 30 years. As proud parents they have instilled into their two sons, John Edward II and Jason Earl, the unerring standard of personal responsibility and moral commitment to the highest sense of self-worth and respect for their fellow human beings.

Mr. Lawrence is indeed the epitome of utmost dedication to the well-being of his family and his church, and personified a dogged determination in enhancing the educational initiatives in his chosen profession. He has become the trailblazer par excellence of our Nation's adult and community education, and his wise counsel in this arena will be sorely missed.

His retirement brings to a close the genuine dedication of one of Florida's unsung public servants. On this occasion I would like to extend my fellow Floridians' utmost gratitude to Mr. John Lawrence for a job well-done and a sterling achievement rarely matched among our Nation's visionaries in educational leadership.

CELEBRATING FEBRUARY 4, NATIONAL DAY FOR SRI LANKA

HON. PATSY T. MINK

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 9, 1996

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, I am very honored and pleased to have this opportunity to offer my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to all of the citizens and friends of Sri Lanka as the country celebrated its National Day on February 4.

Sri Lanka has enjoyed independence from British colonial rule these past 48 years and exemplifies a political system and history steeped in democratic tradition. During the past four decades Sri Lanka has held regular national elections and has enjoyed traditionally friendly relations with the United States, based in large part on our shared commitment to democratic principles. Sri Lanka has experienced some ethnic strife related to Tamil separatists and we encourage newly elected President Chandrika Kumaratunga to find a peaceful and lasting solution to this conflict.

During the past half century, Sri Lanka has served as a glowing example of a young democratic country that has overcome numerous hardships to make tremendous strides in the political, international, economic, and cultural arena. Sri Lanka has much to be proud of. Of note is the high 90-percent literacy rate for both men and women which can be attributed to a Government policy of free public education from primary through the university. These policies will create and foster a vigorous economy and strengthen even further our trade relationship.

Happy Fourth of February to Sri Lanka on its National Day.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON S. 652, TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 1, 1996

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a minute to talk about section 275 of the telecommunications conference report concerning alarm monitoring services. Section 275 generally restricts Bell operating companies and their affiliates from providing alarm monitoring services for 5 years from the date of enactment. It does, however, allow BOC's that were lawfully engaged in the alarm monitoring business on or before November 30, 1995, to continue to provide such services. There are no prohibitions under current law barring Bell operating companies from providing alarm monitoring, and those companies that have chosen to enter this business in reliance on current law should not be unduly penalized after such lawful entry. Moreover, such companies should be permitted to operate and expand their business just like any other company in our free market system. Restrictions on growth deny consumers the benefits that additional competition will bring.

The only restriction on grandfathered BOC's contained in the conference report is that such companies may not acquire any equity interest in or obtain financial control of an unaffiliated alarm monitoring company. Let me be perfectly clear, as is the language of the conference report: This restriction does not encompass customer or asset acquisitions. There is no restriction on acquisitions of customer accounts or the assets of unaffiliated alarm companies by a Bell operating company that was offering alarm monitoring services on or before November 30, 1995. After 5 years, the limited restriction on acquiring an equity interest or obtaining financial control will be lifted and there will be no entry, equity, or financial control restrictions whatsoever on Bell operating company provision of alarm monitoring services.

HONORING THE AWARD WINNERS OF THE DALE CITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 9, 1996

Mr. DAVIS. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure today to rise and bring to the attention of my colleagues some very special and important people in Dale City in the 11th Congressional District of Virginia. These are people who have put the good of their community, Dale City, VA, above their own needs and desires, not only performing their jobs, but going above and beyond the call of duty. These individuals have become role models to others in their professions and to other volunteers. They were honored on Saturday February 3, 1996 by the Dale City Civic Association, one of the largest, most active, and accomplished citizens associations in the Commonwealth of Virginia. I would like to offer my congratulations to the award recipients.

The Dale City Civic Awards Association was created nearly 30 years ago and hosts an annual service awards banquet. In addition, the association awards a number of scholarships for college-bound students from Dale City, monitors development and serves as a sounding board for citizens and businesses.

Citizen of the Year: Jo Ann Mains. Ms. Mains serves on numerous community boards, helps raise money for the Dale City Volunteer Fire Department, ACTS, the Boys and Girls Clubs, and she also gives her valuable time by helping needy families.

Young Citizen of the Year: Shivon Kershaw. Ms. Kershaw serves in many church and civic associations in Prince William County. In addition to these activities she has won Martin Luther King oratory contests both at the middle school and high school levels for the past 2 years. Despite her many extracurricular activities she still maintains a very high grade point average.

Community Service Award: Terrence Spillane. Mr. Spillane served on the County Board of Supervisors for 8 years and was a leader in sound fiscal policies, human services, and economic development.

Nurse of the Year: Deana Michell. Ms. Michell is a nurse at Potomac Hospital whose constant pursuit of perfection and relationship with patients has earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and patients at the hospital.

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