

service. Located along the shores of Lake Erie, it has been a favorite with tourists for decades. The department was created when the mayor appointed a committee to purchase three fire extinguishers to be placed at various locations throughout the village. It is still a volunteer department, but the equipment has grown from three extinguishers to three pumps, a rescue truck, and three ambulances.

The present fire chief is Harold Zura, a 25-year fire department veteran, with two assistant chiefs, Jim Lucas and Russel Zura. Marblehead was the first fire department in Ottawa County to begin ambulance service and now has a full-time paramedic/firefighter and several emergency medical technicians, in addition to well-trained firefighters. Throughout its history there has never been a lack of enthusiasm or labor for its many services.

Anniversaries are a time to reflect upon a steadfast tradition of service. They are also a time to look toward new horizons. The fire department has made it its responsibility to serve those in need by keeping pace with the ever increasing challenges facing residents.

Mr. Speaker, it is obvious that the community and the members of the department have greatly benefited from the effort that was started in 1885. I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the achievements of the Marblehead Fire Department and encourage its volunteers to continue to uphold what has become the standard for excellence in Ohio.

TRIBUTE TO FELICIANO "NINO"  
GIORDANO

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 5, 1995*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, April 13, 1995, a retirement dinner will be held for Mr. Feliciano "Nino" Giordano, the Deputy Director of the Research, Development and Engineering Center for the Army's Communications-Electronics Command [CECOM] at Fort Monmouth, NJ.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to pay tribute to Nino Giordano, a man who truly epitomizes the American dream. A native of Italy, Mr. Giordano immigrated to the United States in 1956. He holds degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Fairleigh Dickinson University and Northeastern University. Mr. Giordano has had a distinguished career with the Army, lending his technological expertise and leadership skills to the ongoing effort to keep our armed forces the best equipped and most technologically advanced in the world.

In his current capacity, Mr. Giordano is involved in managing the organization and has responsibility for directing strategic and operational planning for all technical programs to achieve the digitization of the battlefield. Prior to his current position, he was the Center's associate director, with responsibilities for electronic and signals warfare, night vision and reconnaissance, surveillance and target acquisition systems. Previously, he served as the Program Executive Officer, Strategic Information Systems, and directed the management of the Army's worldwide upgrade of strategic command and control capabilities. He also directed the acquisition, development, testing

and fielding of Army and Defense Communications Agency communications and information systems on a worldwide basis.

Now, I know that some of this terminology sounds like a real mouthful, but what it boils down to is leadership on the cutting edge technology that makes U.S. forces the best in the world. The American people, and the world, had a chance to see that technology in action during Operation Desert Storm, when United States forces routed the Iraqi forces with stunning speed and effectiveness. While we rightly pay tribute to the heroic fighting men and women who made that victory over tyranny possible, we should remember the highly talented and dedicated civilian professionals whose technological breakthroughs give our soldiers, sailors and Air Force personnel the edge they need. People like Nino Giordano, working at top-notch facilities like CECOM at Fort Monmouth.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to pay tribute to Nino Giordano, whose distinguished career has been dedicated to preserving and enhancing the national security of our country. Although most Americans are probably unaware of the breakthroughs that Mr. Giordano has worked for, we can all rest easier knowing that he has served his adopted country, and the cause of world peace and stability, so well.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MAX  
SCHENKLER ON HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 5, 1995*

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask my colleagues in the 104th Congress to join me in congratulating Max Schenkler on the occasion of his 90th birthday, on April 16, 1995. A decade after I extended my best wishes to Max on his 80th birthday, I am proud to again extend my regards in this same Chamber.

Mr. Speaker, Max Schenkler spent nearly 25 years as a pillar of the community in my home of Queens County. As a result, the entire neighborhood felt a sense of loss, when he and his wife Pearl relocated to Boca Raton, Florida, years ago. Max and Pearl had made everyone feel like a part of their family.

Max and Pearl Schenkler are special people, who are appreciated by everyone who has come to know them. Fortunately, in Queens, a great deal of people came to know them, through their generous contributions to their neighborhood and synagogue, through Max's many years as a teacher and educator, and through their loving service in community organizations. Every time then return to New York for a visit, the warm welcome they receive is a testament to how much they are missed.

Through his endeavors, Max gives himself to people in many ways. He spent 40 years sharing his talent, humor and insight with New York City school children. His enthusiasm for life and gift for sharing himself with others enabled him to form special bonds with his young charges. Max Schenkler was the type of teacher that students remembered for a lifetime. He has a way of showing students how to grow, and how to stretch their minds and imaginations to meet new challenges.

Mr. Speaker, Max had a distinguished career as both an educator, and as a principal of Public School 143, an elementary school in Queens. As a principal he inspired and trained scores of dedicated teachers leaving a legacy that will be felt for many generations. He is a man of varied interests and talents, one who throws himself into whatever he is doing—whether he is helping someone in need or in trouble, spending time with family or friends, or pursuing his most beloved pastime—doting on his children and grandchildren.

Max's professional and family life have been rich with success. His 90th birthday is a joyous occasion for his many friends and his beautiful family—his lovely wife Pearl, his loving daughter Carol Jacobson and her husband, Gil, and daughter, Debbie, and Max's son and my dear friend Michael, his wife Lillian and their children Lee and Allison. Max always gave his children the love and encouragement they need when the time came to make tough decisions or face new challenges.

Mr. Speaker, Max Schenkler is a beautiful man who has touched many lives. I would like to ask all of my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join with me now in wishing him a joyous 90th birthday. I wish him continued health and happiness, and look forward to again returning to this Chamber in 10 years, to congratulate Max Schenkler when he turns 100.

PROPOSED STUDENT LOAN CUTS  
HARMFUL TO AMERICA'S STUDENTS

**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 5, 1995*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, today I joined hundreds of college and university students from around the Washington metropolitan area in a rally against proposed cuts in student aid and loan programs. The average American family today simply cannot afford to send a child—much less two or three—to college without some form of student aid. That is why I believe that cutting student aid is penny-wise and pound foolish. The Republican tax cut bill wants to provide families with a \$500 per child tax cut, while at the same time proposing that each student who receives student loans will pay, on the average, about \$4,000 more in additional interest costs over the 10-year life of a loan.

At today's rally was a young graduate student from the University of Maryland. Mr. Dominic Perri spoke on behalf of the National Association of Graduate and Professional Students and spoke of the additional costs that he and thousands of graduate students across this country would be forced to pay under this Republican plan. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to share with my colleagues the remarks of Mr. Perri and urge my colleagues to read his remarks and understand the severity of these potential student aid cuts.

REMARKS OF DOMINIC J. PERRI, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS

Good Afternoon, my name is Dominic Perri. I am a graduate student at the University of Maryland at College Park, and I want