

teachers the training they need to make sure our students reach world-class standards in education."

Wasn't this the president who came into office preaching about the need to repair America's infrastructure?

He apparently has forgotten about his promise. He also missed the boat on accuracy.

Money for the roads that Clinton attacked will come from a trust fund that can only be used for highway construction projects. The trust fund has about \$18 billion from special taxes on fuel, tires, and certain weights of trucks.

The money cannot be used to train teachers or build safe schools, as the administration alleges. If it isn't spent building and repairing highways and bridges, it just sits there doing nothing.

We urge area residents to tell Clinton that he is wrong in attacking the highway projects in central Pennsylvania and especially route 220, which will have a major impact on our economic future.

We need the highway link to I-80, and we should challenge anyone, including the president, who claims the road is just an unneeded and unwarranted "pork" project.

ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS

HON. ROBERT G. TORRICELLI

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 1995

Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate a special couple from my district who will celebrate a milestone wedding anniversary on June 19, 1995.

In these turbulent times, it is so wonderful to recognize Kay and Frank Purritano, a couple who have honored their vows to each other for 40 years. Family and friends will gather on June 3 in Albany, NY to wish them well.

Frank worked for over 30 years at Alleghany-Ludlum Steel before he retired. Kay has been a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother. She is extremely creative, is a gourmet cook and enjoys sewing and baby-sitting for her grandchildren.

The couple raised their five children, Debra, Francis, Jr., Joseph, Marie and Michael in New York but, after Frank retired, they moved to my district in New Jersey to be closer to their children and grandchildren. They are devoted parents and are the proud grandparents of seven, Laura, David, Scott, Anthony, Anastasia, Joseph and Nicholas.

It is an honor to commend this couple for their life together and to offer my best wishes for the years to come.

HONORING MICHAEL SCHENKLER

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 1995

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join with my constituents of the Fifth Congressional District and many other citizens of New York as the Queens Council on the Arts celebrates its 29th anniversary by honoring the long-time Publisher of The Queens Tribune, Michael Schenkler.

Mr. Speaker, Mike Schenkler epitomizes a success story that stands as a shining example of dedication and achievement for the citizens of Queens County and its many communities. A product of the New York City schools, Mike first became involved in community affairs as a student at Queens College. Upon graduation, he began his professional career in the New York City school system, and quickly rose to the rank of principal.

In 1978, when I needed someone to take over the day-to-day operations of the community newspaper I had published, I was fortunate enough to lure Michael away from a career in education and introduce him to the world of journalism and small business. This was a move that would have a major impact not only on Mike's own career, but on the borough of Queens as well.

Mike departed from the school system and became totally immersed in the operation of The Queens Tribune, which quickly became the county's dominant weekly newspaper. In 1989, the Tribune merged with News Communications, Inc., and Michael rapidly rose to the rank of president and CEO of the newly formed company.

From his start in the private sector in a small storefront operation in Flushing, Mike Schenkler now runs a publishing empire that employs more than 300 people and publishes 23 different newspapers and magazines throughout the New York metropolitan area and in Washington, DC.

As the Queens Tribune grew, so did Michael's love for community, politics, the arts, economics, local sports and the many areas that join together to represent the dynamics of the borough of Queens.

Testimony for this dedication can be found every week on the pages of his newspapers, which cover all aspects of the Queens community. The annual Guide to Queens and the historical anniversary editions have highlighted the paper's ability to cover all the news.

The Queens Tribune is a living tribute to Michael Schenkler, his borough and the dynamic communities that thrive in Queens. The paper has received numerous journalism awards, including the New York Press Association Award for Mike's column, QUIPS. In 1994, Michael was named Businessman of the Year by the Queens Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Speaker, Michael Schenkler is a true American success story: a successful businessman, a warm and caring individual, a person dedicated to his family. I am truly honored to consider him my friend.

I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join with me and the Queens Council on the Arts in extending our best wishes to Mike, his lovely wife, Lillian, and their two children, Lee and Allison, and in saluting Michael Schenkler for his energy, vision and tireless efforts on behalf of the people and the arts of the Borough of Queens.

HIGHLANDS TRAIL DEDICATION

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 1995

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call attention to the dedication of the Highlands Trail, which took place May 20 at Echo Lake in West Milford, NJ.

The Highlands are part of an ancient chain of mountains formed of Pre-Cambrian rock. This area has been widely recognized for its natural resources, especially water, wildlife and recreation, which are of great benefit to the dense populations of New Jersey and the New York metropolitan area.

The Highlands Trail is a result of a project initiated in 1993 by the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, with technical assistance from the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program. Assisting in the development of this exceptional trail were more than three dozen organizations, including the State of New Jersey and the counties of Passaic and Warren. All of these organizations are to be commended by the Congress for creation of this trail and their work to make more accessible to the people of our region a landscape of exceptional beauty and wilderness.

The Highlands area is a landscape of national significance but has been described as a hidden jewel in the emerald necklace of the Appalachian mountain chain.

The Highlands Trail is intended as the first of many trails in the Highlands region that will eventually be interconnected. When finished, the overall trail will stretch 150 miles, from the Hudson River at Storm King Mountain, NY, to the Delaware River at Phillipsburg, NJ. Marked by rugged slopes, narrow valleys and scenic ridge lines, the trail will link more than two dozen county, State and Federal parks, forests, historic sites and public open spaces. While the National Park Service will provide technical assistance, volunteer trail clubs and other community groups will conduct management and maintenance.

The New Jersey section being opened this weekend is 20 miles long. It offers breathtaking views of the Wanaque and Monksville reservoirs toward the Manhattan skyline 30 miles away. The route extends to the 35,000-acre Pequannock watershed wilderness, the source of Newark's water supply and home to numerous black bear.

I congratulate everyone involved in the creation of this magnificent trail. I am certain it will play a major role in helping preserve New Jersey's scenic outdoor culture for generations to come.

TRIBUTE TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES

HON. BRUCE F. VENTO

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 1995

Mr. VENTO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the success of a volunteer organization that has served the Twin Cities community since 1869. This year the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis is celebrating its 125th year providing social services to Twin Cities area residents in need.

Catholic Charities began with a commitment and desire to help the most vulnerable residents of the community, the children. In the late 1800's, events such as the Civil War and epidemics added to the already harsh pioneer life leaving many children without parents. Trying to do what they could to help, a group from Assumption parish in St. Paul organized a small orphanage to care for six Germanic