

and the many dedicated parishioners who have donated so much time and energy over the years to ensure Sacred Heart's place among the most outstanding institutions in Western Massachusetts.

Sacred Heart is a tremendous source of pride for not only the Springfield Diocese but for the entire Second Congressional District. I am honored to represent the outstanding individuals who comprise Sacred Heart parish and I join with the citizens of the Second Congressional District in offering a most heartfelt congratulations on this "golden" anniversary. Sacred Heart has truly succeeded in its mission to foster a cooperative and inclusive spirit in the community and I wish Sacred Heart Church all the best for another successful 50 years.

DON'T DISCRIMINATE AGAINST  
THE HIV-POSITIVE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 1996*

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express strong opposition to an unfair and discriminatory provision in the National Security Authorization Act of 1996. This provision would require all HIV-positive personnel to be immediately and summarily discharged from the military.

The provision is based on prejudice and misunderstanding about HIV and the AIDS virus. Being HIV-positive does not mean being bed-ridden. It does not mean you cannot work. It does not mean you are contagious. In fact, it may take years before people who are HIV-positive show the debilitating symptoms of AIDS.

Current military policy is fair and makes sense. Those who are HIV-positive, as with those with disabilities, are not sent in combat. They are allowed to continue their service until they are too ill to serve.

But this provision would remove such persons outright, whether they are ill or healthy. The assumption is, if you have HIV, you are a threat to others, you are sick, or something is wrong with you.

All of those beliefs are false. Magic Johnson is one, more famous example, but there are tens of thousands of HIV-positive Americans who are healthy, working, and contributing to society.

We should not discriminate against men and women in uniform if they are still able—and still want—to serve their country.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF WAKEFERN  
FOOD CORPORATION

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 1996*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to the attention of my colleagues one of the great business success stories in my State, Wakefern Food Corp. of Elizabeth, NJ.

Wakefern, which to many of us is known as ShopRite, was born in 1946. The Second World War was one of the great tragic con-

flicts of human history, but the peacetime economy that was created in its aftermath laid the groundwork for so many positive opportunities to come. Wakefern was created out of just such an opportunity. In Newark, NJ, eight independent grocers joined together to create a buying cooperative, Wakefern Food Corp., so they could get the benefit of buying discounts. Like so many other companies, their earliest days were filled with endless challenges and difficulties. Yet, through hard work and dedication to a dream they persevered, and the company became the success that it is today.

Today, Wakefern and its ShopRite supermarkets represent the largest retailer-owned cooperative in the United States and are New Jersey's second largest employer. Their 37 members own and operate those supermarkets employing 35,000 associates and serving 500 communities in New Jersey and more than 3 million customers each week. Throughout the region, the firm employs 15,000 more associates.

Wakefern takes its mission of excellence seriously, and it also understands that this mission can only be extended through community involvement. ShopRite's owners and Wakefern have dedicated themselves to improving educational opportunities through programs such as the supermarket careers effort for special needs students. They have worked tirelessly to fight hunger through their support of the Community Food Bank of New Jersey, and they can continuously recognize the spirit of friendship and love through their sponsorship of the New Jersey Special Olympics.

This past March, I was pleased to join with those congratulating Wakefern's general merchandise facility in Jamesburg for winning the Merit Site OSHA Award for workplace safety.

This year, Wakefern is celebrating its 50th anniversary in grand style, with commemorative ceremonies and activities at Liberty State Park and Ellis Island. While we join in this celebration and recognize the dedication of so many that have worked so hard to make Wakefern and ShopRite the outstanding corporate citizen that it has become, we also pay tribute to an individual who helped build this company from the ground up, Tom Infusino. Tom has steadfastly led Wakefern as its chairman for the last 25 years. His vision has helped transform Wakefern from a group of local grocers to the great service corporation that it is today.

Mr. Speaker, I know that my colleagues would join me today in congratulating Wakefern, its 50,000 associates and its great leadership on 50 years of success, and in wishing them 50 more years of service to our community.

CONDEMNATION OF SHOPPING  
CENTER OUTSIDE AUSCHWITZ

HON. ROBERT G. TORRICELLI

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 1996*

Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to condemn, in the strongest possible terms, a proposed shopping mall to be located just outside the Auschwitz death camp in Poland.

The Auschwitz death camp has left a scar in our minds and hearts that can never be re-

moved. It is a reminder of the depths of evil human kind is capable of. And it serves as a warning that we must never let it happen again. For anyone to commercialize Auschwitz or develop its immediate surroundings would be an affront to all of us, and to the memories of the millions of victims of the Holocaust.

Approximately 1.5 million people were killed at Auschwitz during World War II. The 50,000 people who visit the camp sites every year are there to understand the monstrous inhumanity that took place. To exploit the camps for economic gain is an insult to everyone who has worked to ensure the Holocaust's unique place in the world's history and culture.

The Polish Government recently announced that it would temporarily halt further development of the shopping center outside the Auschwitz death camp and set up a special government commission to examine the legality of the planned supermarket. The First Secretary also noted that Poland's President Aleksander Kwasniewski "strongly criticized the proposed construction." The final decision on whether to proceed with the shopping center lies with the town council of Oswiecim-Brzezinka.

There must be no equivocation on termination of this shopping center. The construction must stop permanently. A commercial endeavor so close to Auschwitz would be offensive not just to the memories of those who were murdered there but to the sense that Auschwitz stands as one of the most prominent symbols of the lesson of the Holocaust, "Never Again."

IN HONOR OF OFFICER KEITH  
BRADDOCK

HON. EARL POMEROY

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 1996*

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Speaker, this week has been designated National Police Week. In conjunction with this, I would like to take a moment today to honor a North Dakota peace officer recently killed in the line of duty. Watford City police officer Keith Braddock died March 20 of this year after he was shot while responding to an incident at the American Legion Club.

Mr. Speaker, Keith Braddock was a family man. He was married and had three children. While his family must now try to move on from this horrible nightmare, I hope it provides them some comfort to know that every North Dakotan is grateful for his service to the people of our State. Cities and small towns all across America are more secure because of dedicated peace officers like Keith.

The tragedy that unfolded late that afternoon on Main Street has awakened the 1,800 residents of Watford City that they are not immune to the all-too-prevalent acts of violence occurring in our Nation's cities. Protecting citizens from harms way is a dangerous task—both in our urban centers and in rural America. Although peace officers in many small communities may know most of the folks in town, they can't be too cautious. For the most part, these officers are out there on their own—backup can be miles away.

This unfortunate situation has underscored the fact that senseless acts of violence can