

"There has always been a 'disconnect' between everybody's agreement that prevention is a good thing and some estimate of that benefit. That's what's new here," said Peter Greenwood, RAND's director of criminal justice programs and the study's primary author.

"In one sense, it's surprising how effective some of these things are," Greenwood said. "But on the other hand, it shouldn't be surprising at all.

We all know the two institutions that socialize kids and keep them on the right track are the family and school. And our study shows that incentives for graduation and parent training are the two things that work."

A program on St. Paul's West Side called Teens Networking Together provides a good example of how kids can be kept on the right track.

The West Side youth program is concentrated on building self esteem of high-risk youth, mostly minorities, through mentoring and anti-gang programs.

"The program showed me that there were two paths for me: One, the life of a gang member, and the other something that involves giving back to my community," said Roberto Galaviz Jr.

One year away from getting a degree in management from Concordia College, Galaviz is the program director of Teens Networking Together, a program he joined seven years ago to keep himself out of trouble. He still has gang members as friends, he said, but the program has made his life different from theirs.

Galaviz said critics of youth programs for high-risk kids should visit the Teens Networking Together center to see the progress it has made in the West Side community.

"The people who are doing the criticism don't know the hardships and obstacles of being minority and living in the inner city. This program gives people like me a goal and direction in life."

The RAND study of crime prevention programs comes at a time when congressional Republicans are proposing yet again to increase penalties for juvenile offenders, and to eliminate the Office of Juvenile Justice in the Justice Department,—the primary source of leadership and funding for crime prevention.

It also comes at a time when juvenile jails are dangerously overcrowded.

The RAND study does not suggest "that incarceration is the wrong approach" to this rising tide of juvenile crime, the authors said in a statement. Nor that the three-strikes laws, which affect primarily adults, are not worth their high cost.

However, the current obsession with longer and tougher sentences has produced a "lopsided allocation of resources," they said, that gives short shrift to preventing crime among kids who can still be saved.

HONORING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LONG'S PEAK SCOTTISH HIGHLAND FESTIVAL

HON. WAYNE ALLARD

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 1996

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the 20th anniversary of the Long's Peak Scottish Highland Festival which will be celebrated September 5-8 in Estes Park, CO. In the past, I have had the honor of participating in this event which

highlights the contributions and ethnic cultural roots of the Celtic people of the United States.

I would like to commend the festival committee on its ability to orchestrate one of the largest and most diversified events in North America. Not only does the Long's Peak Scottish Highland Festival celebrate the long-term alliance of the United States, Canada, and Great Britain, it exemplifies the attributes of hard work and perseverance.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to congratulate the Long's Peak Scottish Highland Festival on 20 very fine years, and to honor one of the largest events of its kind in North America by recognizing September 5-8, 1996, as "20 Years of Celtic Tradition Week."

TRIBUTE TO ESTHER LEAH RITZ

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 1996

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my friend, Esther Leah Ritz, who is being honored by the Jewish Community Centers Association of North America with the 1996 Community Builder's Award.

In honoring Esther Leah, the JCCA is paying tribute to an individual who has done so much for the Jewish community. Esther Leah has played a major role in several local and nationwide organizations, including serving as president of the JCCA. In addition, she has provided leadership for Americans for Peace Now, the Council of Jewish Federations, and the World Confederation of Jewish Community Centers.

Throughout her career, Esther Leah has also been a strong advocate for promoting Jewish education, both formal and informal. As president of the JCCA, she implemented the Commission on Maximizing the Effectiveness of Jewish Education. Her leadership on this issue has served as an example for all within the Jewish community to follow.

Over the years, Esther Leah has become a good friend and a trusted adviser. I have called on her for advice throughout my career on various topics, especially for her input on Israeli issues that are debated by this body. She always provides me with an honest, well thought out view of issues important to the Jewish community and to all Americans.

The Jewish Community Centers Association has made an excellent choice in bestowing upon Esther Leah the Community Builder's Award. I share in her family's pride for her receiving this recognition.

Congratulations, Esther Leah, that is an honor that is well deserved.

IN MEMORIAM—BRIAN WILLIAM McVEIGH

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 1996

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, Brian William McVeigh, Airman First Class, U.S. Air Force, was born in Sanford, FL and a resident of Debary, FL. Airman McVeigh was killed in a terrorist attack in Dhahran, Saudia Arabia

June 25, 1996. The following are remarks by U.S. Congressman JOHN L. MICA at his memorial service at the Trinity Assembly of God Church in Deltona, FL on July 3, 1996:

We come together as loved ones, neighbors and Christians to recall the life of Brian McVeigh. We come together today to honor the service of Brian McVeigh to his country. How honored am I as Brian's Congressman to be asked to help pay tribute to his memory. However, as my first responsibility I must on behalf of the entire Florida congressional delegation and on behalf of all the citizens of our community and State extend my deepest sympathy to Brian's family and loved ones.

To Brian's parents and especially his mother Sandy Wetmore, I cannot think of any greater sacrifice than for a mother to lose a son in service to his country. To Brian's loved ones and his fiancé—we as a community share your grief. To Brian's friends we as a community mourn your loss. To the terrorist who cowardly took Brian and 18 other Americans from us we will not rest until justice is served. Today we gather as a family, friends, and a community to remember Brian's sacrifice and death in service to our country. Tomorrow, ironically we celebrate the anniversary of the birth of our Nation.

Without the service and sacrifice of patriots and heroes like Brian McVeigh there would be no Independence Day. There would be no America as we know it. So today we recall as we have for 220 years that freedom has never been free. Today we honor a modern patriot, Brian McVeigh for his life, his service, and his love.

Brian's life should be a reminder of a comment he was said to have made, that "He wanted to give something back to this country." Brian's service to his country should be remembered by us all, for he placed it before his own life and he sacrificed his life in service to all Americans. Brian's love we celebrate together today, his love for his mother, his love for his fiancé and family and his love for his God and his country. The sad part about today is that we cannot have one brief moment as loved ones to tell Brian how much we cared. The sad part about today is that we cannot have one moment as friends and a community to tell Brian how much his service to our Nation meant to each of us.

The wonderful thing about today is we have Brian's life to remember as an example to all of us. So as we gather this week to celebrate our Nation's birth and everyday and every holiday, let us remember Brian and all the other patriots whose memory we must always cradle in our hearts. Let us remember our hero, Brian McVeigh.

May God bless Brian and God bless America.

ARTISTIC DISCOVERY

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 1996

Mr. KING. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to take this opportunity to honor some very special and talented young people from my district. The students who participated in the "Artistic Discovery" Congressional Art Competition are all deserving of praise for their efforts.

These students each demonstrated remarkable enthusiasm, boundless creativity and outstanding artistic talent. I was awed by the remarkable display of artwork at the Third Congressional District's local competition.