

that these dedicated people stand ready to respond quickly and effectively in an emergency. Much of firefighting is undramatic—keeping equipment in condition, teaching fire prevention, anticipating causes of fire. But a life-and-death emergency is always only a 911 call away, and firefighters and their families live with that constant risk. For that we say thank you.

I salute the Houston firefighters honorees who have served the community so well: Clifford J. Thompson, Willie S. Bright, Milton Alfred, Samuel Kemp, Willie D. Cooper, Walter T. Brooks, James Johnson, Jr., Rudolph Cline, Aaron Bernard, Otis L. Burns, Edward Jackson, Bricey Childress, James Perry, James Haekney, Larry Kaperhart, Albert D. Robinson, Sr., Julio Terry, Charles Wheeler, Herb Kimbrel, Otis Jordan, Chief Hershel Julian, Thomas E. Patterson, Ozell Love, Robin Allen, Annette Thomas, Maria Jordan, Capt. Gary Cooper, Chief John Mayes, Wilmer Monmouth, Jr., Robyn Waller, and Frank Jackson.

Again, I would like to congratulate and thank the Houston firefighters and the men and women who have dedicated themselves to serving others and keeping our city safe.

TRIBUTE TO RAYMOND TESTA

HON. WILLIAM J. MARTINI

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 1996

Mr. MARTINI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of an outstanding member of the Young Italian (Athletic, Cultural, Educational, Social/Service) Club of UNICO National—Raymond Testa.

Mr. Speaker, for the past 7 years, UNICO has been sharing fellowship, support, benevolence, friendship, and hope with those less fortunate. It provides a living example of what the Roman Statesman Seneca meant when he wrote "that whenever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for kindness."

Mr. Raymond Testa is an ideal example of the type of person that UNICO represents. He graduated from Providence College in 1959 with a bachelor of arts degree in biology and a minor in chemistry. After working for his father in his wholesale fruit and produce store in Waterbury, CT, Raymond decided to attend graduate school. He enrolled in Syracuse University and received a master's degree (1964) followed by a doctorate degree (1966) in microbiology, with a minor in biochemistry.

In the years since his graduation, Raymond has been involved in fermentation yield improvement, biosynthesis, and in vitro and in vivo evaluations of new antibiotics for medical and agricultural uses. Furthermore, he is the coauthor of numerous publications, has delivered notable presentations at national and international conferences and is the co-inventor of many patents related to new antibiotics and their utility. He is presently the section director of infectious disease research.

Furthermore, Raymond is a family man and civic leader. He has been active in numerous organizations, including past president of the Society for Industrial Microbiology and Chair of the Cedar Grove Advisory Council. Finally, along with his wife Carmel, Raymond is expecting his second grandchild at the beginning of October.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Raymond Testa for his tremendous contributions in the field of microbiology and for being a compassionate human being.

TRIBUTE TO OUR LADY OF THE RIDGE VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 1996

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding group of volleyball players in my district. This special group of players are students at Our Lady of the Ridge High School in Chicago Ridge, IL. What makes this group stand out and shine is that when other schools were out for the summer, this group of players extended their season into late June and captured their program's first national title. This is truly a momentous triumph and I am very proud to represent such a fine group of young women in Congress.

This year's Amateur Athletic Union Junior National Volleyball Championships were held in Des Moines, IA, on June 21–25. This year, a division was started which included volleyball players ages 10 years and younger. The division was created to allow younger players to compete in the national competition. This year 10 young ladies from last season's fourth grade team received maximum benefit from the exposure.

The team was led by tournament MVP Jessica Strama and All-Americans Kellie and Katie Pratl. Additionally, Elizabeth Rutan, Cori Omiecinski, Megan Liston, Laura Dirschl, and Katherine Casey played an important role in their aggressive floor play during the game. Stefanie Krawisz and Lauren Uher were top in their field for their outstanding serving ability during the game. The Our Lady of the Ridge team was coached by Milena Strama and Ron Pratl. The team ended its season with an impressive 77–23 record. Finally, the team could not have come as far as they did if it were not for their many sponsors and supporters from the parish community of Our Lady of the Ridge. As the team coach Ron Pratl said, "There was a team of supporters that made it possible for us to get here, and then there was the team that won the gold. My hat goes off to all of them."

Mr. Speaker, I am very proud to have such a fine group of players and supporters in my district. This group of hard working young volleyball players are truly an inspiration and I am pleased to be given the opportunity to honor their hard work today.

TRIBUTE TO EUGENE A. DELLEA

HON. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY II

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 1996

Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, one of the pleasures of serving this great body, is the opportunity to recognize outstanding individuals from across the Nation. It is with great pride that I rise to congratulate Eugene A. Dellea of Massachusetts.

On October 16 of this year, the Hillcrest Educational Centers, Inc., dedicated two student dormitories in Lenox, MA, in Mr. Dellea's name. The Hillcrest Educational Centers is a nonprofit residential treatment facility for abused children from around the country. During his long tenure as a member of Hillcrest's Board of Directors, Mr. Dellea has always worked hard to ensure that the children at Hillcrest receive the best care possible. It is fitting that he is being honored in this way for his many years of dedication and compassion.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure that I speak on behalf, of everyone who has ever worked with Mr. Dellea or benefited from his good works, when I offer my warmest congratulations.

TRIBUTE TO BARBARA AND DAVID DANBOM

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 1996

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a remarkable couple who have served and protected ocean waters and resources. They are impressive figures who have served the local economy as well as the local environment, both being strong participants in the fishing industry. I am proud to announce that Barbara and David Danbom have been named "Ocean Heroes" in conjunction with the Smithsonian Institution's Ocean Planet exhibition now on display in San Francisco.

Barbara and David are among a group of 10 individuals and families on the west coast who have been bestowed with this honor. The Danboms, the only commercial fishing family among those honored, have fished out of Moss Landing, CA, for over 30 years. Those selected for the "Ocean Hero" honor were chosen for their outstanding work in protecting ocean waters and resources.

The Danboms are well known for the top quality frozen troll kings they process aboard their boat the *Vega II*: they are one of the few at-sea salmon freezing operations along the California coast, serving an upscale restaurant chain in southern California. As impressive as their business operation has been, their dedication to a sustainable fishery has been even more notable. Dave Danbom, was a member of the first California Citizens Advisory Committee on Salmon & Steelhead Trout formed in 1970; and has served briefly on the committee when it was reestablished in 1984.

Dave Danbom was also a founding director of the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations and vice president for 9 years. An early proponent of California's commercial salmon stamp, in 1982 Danbom instigated the expansion of that highly successful program, which is now the State's single largest source of dollars for salmon restoration. He currently sits on the committee overseeing the expenditure for monies from that fund. In 1983 Dave was a "Highliner of the Year" recipient, the fishing industry's highest award. He was the first salmon troller appointed to a seat on the Pacific Fishery Management Council, serving two terms.

Barbara Danbom, an accomplished vessel skipper and fisherman in her own right, works alongside husband Dave during the fishing season. In the off season she tends to much