

wishing him a very happy, healthy and prosperous retirement.

HONORING AMERICA'S CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

**HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 18, 1995*

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, on February 1, 1995, America will celebrate National Appreciation Day for Catholic Schools. It is certainly appropriate that we acknowledge the institutions that are preparing our young people for fulfilling lives of service, dedication, and achievement.

Over the years, this Nation's Catholic schools have educated thousands of students. They have given each child a value-added education this inspires him or her to grow intellectually and become a person of integrity. All students, regardless of race, creed, color, or gender are given the opportunity to succeed and become contributors to the community.

This year's theme is "Catholic Schools: Schools You Can Believe In." Students not only develop reasoning and problem-solving skills they learn to confront the problems of their communities and their Nation. Taking an active role in their communities gives these students self-confidence and the satisfaction of helping others. It is testimony to the strong educations that young people receive at Catholic schools, that so many of these students have gone on to careers of public service and leadership.

I know my colleagues in the House of Representatives will join me in wishing this Nation's Catholic schools many more years of success. It is clear that the educators at these schools understand the value in investing in our country's most precious resource, our children.

TUCSON'S MAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. ED PASTOR**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 18, 1995*

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Jim Ronstadt who was chosen Tucson's Man of the Year for 1994. This award, given by the Tucson's Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, recognizes outstanding individuals who have selflessly helped others through personal sacrifice.

As a Tucson native, Mr. Ronstadt has truly dedicated his life to improving the quality of the lives of those around him. In addition to serving as Pima County's parks and recreation director since 1978, Mr. Ronstadt has spent a substantial amount of his personal time volunteering in the community. A few of his activities have included serving as president of the Rotary Club, the downtown active 20-30 club, and the St. Mary's centurions board, who recently made him an honorary life member.

He also has served as chairman of the Catholic Foundation and the Diocese of Tucson Building Committee. Mr. Ronstadt has been a key player in bringing baseball spring training to Tucson and more recently was instrumental in drawing the U.S. National Senior Olympics to Tucson in 1997.

Mr. Speaker, Jim Ronstadt is an exceptional person whom I am honored to recognize. His distinguished contributions to society serve as an example to the citizens of Arizona and are to be commended. Again, I would like to send my sincerest congratulations to Mr. Ronstadt for this deserved award.

M.C. DONALD KINGSTON RETIRES AFTER 31 YEARS OF NAVAL RESERVE SERVICE

**HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 18, 1995*

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, those of us who have served in the military know that the noncommissioned officer is the backbone of our armed forces. They're the ones who make everything work.

One of them, a particularly outstanding noncommissioned officer, is retiring after 31 years of service in the Naval Reserve, and he will be honored at a ceremony this Sunday, January 22. I'd like to say a few words about him today.

His name is M.C. Illustrator Donald D. Kingston of Clifton Park. He is one of the people I like to call a quiet American hero, Mr. Speaker, because that's what Master Chief Kingston is. He has served this country with energy and conscientious dedication, setting an example for his shipmates.

Subordinates, peers, and superiors alike have known Master Chief Kingston to be a combination of strong leadership and tact who always promoted the high morale and spirit of teamwork necessary for the completion of the service's varied missions.

As command master chief, he has been responsible for counseling, training, and setting standards of order and discipline for more than 500 enlisted reserve and active duty personnel.

His assignments have included the Naval Imaging Center and the Naval Intelligence Command here in Washington, DC, the NR Weapon Station Earle 402 in Colts Neck, NJ, and the NR NCSO Uruguay 402. In the course of those assignments, he has received numerous awards and citations, both for his technical mastery and for service in the finest tradition of the U.S. Navy.

We will certainly miss Master Chief Kingston, Mr. Speaker, but we are reassured by the fact that his value to his country included training younger men and women to take his place. For that, and for everything else this great patriot has done for his country, I ask all members to join with me in paying our own tribute. To M.C. Donald Kingston, let us express our appreciation for a job well done and best wishes for many enjoyable retirement years.

LETTER BY HAROLD S. STEIN, JR.

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 18, 1995*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to insert the following insightful letter written by Mr. Harold S. Stein, Jr., into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. In my view, his words are instructive, timely and bear a timeliness to them as well.

DECEMBER 27, 1994.

Hon. ANNA ESHOO,  
*House of Representatives,*  
*Washington, DC.*

DEAR CONGRESSWOMAN ESHOO: Our anger must not outpace our love. As desperate as these times may be, as fraught with fear our expectations, there is much that we can do to set things right. My concern is that in the process, through passion's flame, we violate the very principles we strive to serve.

I suspect that these sentiments influenced the patriots who declared our independence, drafted our constitution, struggled to maintain the sovereignty and unity of the republic, and labored to give birth to and make viable the United Nations as a harbinger of world peace and order. In each era, in each instance of great social need, there has always been the probability that the pendulum of change would sweep to its opposite moment; that the dynamics of overturning one act of usurpation would lead to an opposite extreme, no less a tyranny.

Today, Americans are an angry people, filled with frustration bordering on pure fury. It is evident in the streets and in the voting booth. It is voiced in our radio and television talk shows and printed in the Op-Eds. It fuels our movies, propels our music, and truncates our language into a handful of vicious epithets and slogans. It has caused us to resort to placing ill-fitting and simplistic labels on each other not to describe but rather mark who should be the targets of our next assault; surely a self-defeating strategy destined to fail as a solution and demean and make ignoble our ambitions.

In short, our internecine wars between ethnic groups, political parties, social tiers, races, religions, and sexes has blinded us to the fact that we are citizens of one great nation, obligated to solve the grand alchemy of working together for a life of quality. We have taken the first steps by being dissatisfied with our present condition: our behavior toward each other and our environment is suspect. That is good. But in our rejection of the status quo and our demand for change, we must now pause and recognize that the "ins" and "outs", the "haves" and "have-nots", and the "pros" and "cons" are all from the same family.

This is what is meant by healing. It is not giving in to bad social habits or maintaining failing systems and faulty priorities. It is rather making the changes with circumspection and sensitivity, recognizing and being alert to corrective moves that, like that pendulum, may swing too far to a new excess.

Let us make 1995 a year in which we make a positive move towards achieving a quality of life for ourselves and our children. Let us with wisdom build a more noble world with an enthusiasm and energy born of love and not anger or hate.

Sincerely yours,

HAROLD S. STEIN, JR.