

and carry the banner to end what he recently, and so eloquently, referred to as bloodshed and tears in the heart of the land of milk and honey.

I recently had the opportunity to visit Israel for the first time, and to meet with Prime Minister Rabin. We have lost a unique and valiant man, and our prayers and heartfelt condolences go to the Rabin family and the people of Israel.

To the people of Israel, and all who dream of peace in the Middle East, let me just say that we in America will not forsake your cause. We cannot and must not let the sacrifice that Prime Minister Rabin, his family, and you have paid this week to be in vain. We must all rededicate ourselves to the long and arduous journey begun by leaders of great vision, courage, and wisdom.

We must continue to work together, in a bipartisan fashion, to bring Arabs, Israelis, Palestinians, Muslims, Jews, and Christians together in peace.

Prime Minister Rabin is indeed a martyr to peace. But his dream lives on. Please know that we will continue to support Israel and the peace process and one day, God willing, we will celebrate with you a secure, comprehensive and lasting peace in the Middle East.

IN HONOR OF MAJOR LINDA
SCHWARTZ

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 9, 1995

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, on Veterans Day, Major Linda Schwartz will receive the Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs Commendation Medal. Linda Schwartz truly embodies the spirit of this prestigious award, which is given "to those select few who have distinguished themselves through their service to Connecticut veterans and their families." I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this outstanding individual who has done so much to address the needs of our veterans not only in Connecticut but across the country.

Linda Schwartz' work on behalf of our veterans has earned her the respect and admiration of all who know her. A deeply caring and compassionate woman, she has devoted herself to meeting the needs of Connecticut's homeless veterans. She brought the "stand down" concept to Connecticut in 1992 and has been an integral part of the success of this yearly event which gives homeless veterans access to a wide range of programs and services. Linda also co-founded "project partnership" in which the Vietnam Veterans Assistance Program has renovated houses for homeless and disabled veterans in conjunction with rehabilitation services at the West Haven VA Medical Center.

A skilled nurse who served with distinction in the Air Force, Linda has applied her medical background to the many health issues facing our veterans, including the effects of agent orange and post traumatic stress syndrome. Indeed, she is known nationally for her leadership on issues related to veterans health care and women veterans, and has testified numerous times before both Houses of Congress. She has also been appointed to several Federal advisory committees, including, most re-

cently, the VA Advisory Committee on Women Veterans. Linda has also served as the president of the Vietnam Veterans Assistance Fund since its inception in 1989, and as acting director of government affairs for Vietnam Veterans of America.

It has been my great honor to work closely with Linda on a number of issues affecting veterans in my district. Linda's dynamic leadership and enthusiasm were instrumental in forging a partnership between veterans groups and Connecticut's labor unions to help Connecticut veterans enter the work force through an apprenticeship program. The West Haven VA Center, the Painters Union and the Carpenters Union have now joined together in a cooperative effort that I believe should serve as a model across the country.

Whether working with the local VA center or testifying before Congress, Linda Schwartz has been a tireless advocate for our veterans. I commend her for all that she has done for the veterans in my district, and congratulate her on this well-deserved honor.

TRIBUTE TO SEABURY DAY CARE
CENTER

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 9, 1995

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Seabury Day Care Center, a community-based center, which today celebrates 25 years of service educating and taking care of the children in my South Bronx congressional district.

Twenty-five years ago a group of parents organized to make a difference in our community. They recognized that the problems facing inner-city neighborhoods were detrimental to the community, and decided to provide our young ones with a sound environment in which to live, grow and learn.

This group of parents worked diligently to provide education programs for children. In recognition of their accomplishments they won a special award and were able to open on November 9, 1970 the Seabury Day Care Center. The center would be able to serve 85 preschool children ages 2 to 5 and 40 after-school children ages 6 to 12 with a staff of 33.

Under the direction of Mrs. Genevieve Brooks, who served as president until 1990, the center was able to expand many of its educational programs. A special grant awarded by the Bronx Council on the Arts has made possible a cultural program for 40 children ages 9 to 13.

A separate grant also enabled many of the staff members to continue their training and enroll in classes at Columbia University, Lehman College and New York University. Even after the funding for this purpose was no longer available, many of the staff people continued their studies.

Mr. Speaker, I commend all of those who have been involved in making this center a role model for early childhood development and education.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the efforts of the many parents and members of our community who for 25 years have been able to provide our children with the quality education that they deserve at the Seabury Day Care Center.

STEPHEN R. GREGG, A GREAT
WAR VETERAN AND OUTSTAND-
ING CITIZEN

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 9, 1995

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great man, Stephen R. Gregg, who distinguished himself in combat in World War II and was awarded a Congressional Medal of Honor. Today, Mr. Gregg will be honored at a Veterans Day Ceremony to be held at City Hall in Bayonne, NJ.

This week's ceremony caps a host of honors bestowed on him as a result of his brave deeds which include the naming of a Hudson County Park in his honor. On October 22, 1995 the Bayonne County Park was renamed the Stephen R. Gregg, Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient Park at a ceremony in his honor.

Mr. Gregg, a native of Bayonne, served in our Armed Forces as a young U.S. Army lieutenant. While engaged in the Italian campaign and on the battlefields of southern France, Mr. Gregg won the Nation's highest military honor.

On August 27, 1944, Sergeant Gregg risked his life to save his fellow countrymen. Near Montelinar, France, Sergeant Gregg and his platoon were advancing on the enemy positions when suddenly someone fired upon the leading scout. Sergeant Gregg rushed to the aid of his riflemen who were engaged in fire.

The Germans threw hand grenades at close range wounding several soldiers. While dodging hand grenades, Sergeant Gregg with a machine gun as his only shield boldly led a group of medics up a hill to rescue the soldiers that had been wounded. Despite all the crossfire and hand grenades being thrown at him, Sergeant Gregg risked his life to help his fellow countrymen. Sergeant Gregg stood there firing into the enemy positions while the wounded were removed to safety. In January, 1945, Mr. Gregg received a battlefield commission as a second lieutenant. Shortly afterwards on March 14, 1945 General Alexander Patch presented Mr. Gregg with the Congressional Medal of Honor. Mr. Gregg is one of the few soldiers to have received this great honor while in the field. Among his military decorations are the Silver Star, Purple Heart with cluster, French Croix de Guerre with Silver Star, Bronze Star, Combat Infantry Badge, and many other campaign medals.

I am certain my colleagues will rise with me and pay tribute to this gallant man. As a dedicated citizen, a courageous soldier, and a true American hero, Mr. Gregg embodies the best of American patriotism. Mr. Gregg is a man who has risked his life and contributed his skills to helping maintain and fight for the freedom that America cherishes so much.

HONORING THE VIRGINIA BEACH
VOLUNTEER COUNCIL

HON. OWEN B. PICKETT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 9, 1995

Mr. PICKETT. Mr. Speaker, every year, millions of Americans give their time, talents, and