

as P.A., Steve Eller, and scoreboard attendant, Casey Medlin.

To principal Wayne Thrift and to all of the students, faculty, families, and fans of Thomsville High School, we extend our congratulations on capturing the State high school 2-A football championship. Best of luck to the Bulldogs for another successful season in 1996.

THE 104TH CONGRESS WELCOMES
EMILY ALEXA FIELDS

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 23, 1996

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I want to share some joyous news with you and all my colleagues. Our good friend, JACK FIELDS of Texas, recently welcomed a new addition to his family—a daughter, Emily Alexa, born in Houston on Thursday, January 18.

I know you and all my colleagues join me in congratulating JACK and his lovely wife, Lynn, on Emily's birth. Emily was born at 3:01 p.m. CST on Thursday at Methodist Hospital in Houston, and, thankfully, both Lynn and Emily are feeling fine. Emily weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 inches in length.

As you know, JACK announced last month that this will be his last term in Congress. In his retirement announcement, JACK made clear his desire to spend more time with his family—Lynn, Josh, Jordan, and now, Emily.

I know you join with me, Mr. Speaker, in extending to the Fields family our congratulations and our very best wishes on this joyous news.

THE CHOICE IS YOURS

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 23, 1996

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize BMG Entertainment and commend them for their Black History Month Campaign, "The Choice Is Yours." The campaign seeks to expand voter registration and education, and participation in the National Marrow Donor Program.

BMG Distribution, a unit of BMG Entertainment, designed this campaign to highlight the importance of civic participation for African-Americans in the political and social arenas.

"The Choice Is Yours" campaign will offer African-Americans and others the opportunity, at various retail music outlets across the country, to register to vote and to join the National Bone Marrow registry. Through a user-friendly format, the project will work to make young people educated, aware registered voters, and potential bone marrow donors.

"The Choice Is Yours" campaign is an excellent example of what can be accomplished when the for-profit and non-profit sectors pool their energies and resources in order to help involve citizens and save lives. I am proud to recognize that this unique BMG Black History Month campaign will be initiated in my State of New York on February 1, 1996 and I commend BMG for all their efforts.

IN HONOR OF STATE SENATOR
JOSEPH F. ANDREA

HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 23, 1996

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to one of Wisconsin's outstanding public servants, State Senator Joe Andrea. Joe's public service began in the U.S. Navy. On the local level Joe has served Kenosha, WI for 30 years as a constable, county supervisor, State assemblyman, and State senator, always with his trademark smile and sense of humor. And as a former telephone company employee for 31 years and president of the Communication Workers of America Local 5510, he has served his community well.

Joe has set the standard for constituent services for all elected officials. Knowing the people in this community and making sure he knows their concerns is Joe's top priority. He deeply believes that people are most important and it has been his life service to listen to them.

His legislative accomplishments are many. He was the father of the Life Means Life sentencing bill in Wisconsin, the trout stamp bill in 1983, and a key player in the creation of the utility holding company bill. He brought the Dairyland Dog Track to Kenosha creating hundreds of jobs for the area. Needed transportation projects and a tourist center have found their way to the Kenosha area with Senator Andrea's backing. In addition, economic vitality has come back to Kenosha with Joe Andrea's assistance.

Mention his family and you'll see Joe react with pride. He has been married for 43 years to his wonderful wife, Olivia. He is the father of four successful children and a grandparent to four beautiful grandchildren.

Joe has been honored and recognized many times over the years. He holds an honorary degree from Carthage College. He has even had a street, a regional cancer center, a lake, and a race track named after him. On January 15, Joe received the Gateway Technical College Humanitarian Award. It is my great honor to add my congratulations to State Senator Joe Andrea on this occasion and for a lifetime of achievements.

A TRIBUTE TO JIM PAGE

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 23, 1996

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Jim Page, who on January 3, 1996, retired after a long and distinguished career with the U.S. Forest Service and his position over the last 9½ years as Supervisor of the Monongahela National Forest in West Virginia.

It is sad, but true, that many in this body these days take pride in denigrating Federal employees, especially those in uniform. I will not be a party to those antics, and committed public servants like Jim Page illustrate the degree of professionalism that swells the ranks of many agencies such as the Forest Service.

Since June 1986, Jim served with distinction and dedication as the Supervisor of the Monongahela National Forest. He now retires after serving the public as an employee of the Forest Service for 33 years. Starting his career with the Forest Service as a temporary employee at the Wallawa-Whitman National Forest in Oregon during June of 1959, Jim Page ultimately served in 12 forest units including stints in various capacities at the Chugach and the Tongass National Forests in Alaska, the Clearwater in Idaho, the Cherokee in Tennessee, the Ouachita in Arkansas, and the Daniel Boone in Kentucky.

I have been extremely proud to have had the honor to know and work with Jim Page. To say the least, I am dismayed that he is retiring. His humor, patience, fortitude, and vision will be sorely missed.

In conclusion, it is my understanding that Jim and his wife Sarah may move back to their native State of North Carolina. He will bring with him a wealth of memories from his years with the Forest Service, and he will bring with him our friendship and respect.

On behalf of myself and Jim Zoia of my staff, we wish Jim and Sarah Page the very best.

HONORING ATHENA KROMIDAS

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 23, 1996

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join with constituents of the Fifth Congressional District and the members of the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Flushing, NY in celebrating the 10th anniversary of service of Mrs. Athena Kromidas, principal of the church's Greek Afternoon School.

Mrs. Kromidas has long promoted the role of the Greek community educator who strives to instill into our youth an effective education based upon Hellenic traditions. Through her efforts, parents have taken an increased measure of involvement in their children's education. She has guided the Greek-American parents of the Greek Afternoon School to mold their children into citizens who will have a positive impact upon our entire community.

A native of the island of Chios, Mrs. Kromidas has consistently worked to perpetuate the Hellenic roots of second and third generation Greek-American children. She strongly believes in having her pupils remember their roots as a way of establishing and supporting their faith. In 1994, Mrs. Kromidas, in cooperation with a local public high school, was successful in establishing a course in the modern Greek language.

As a person who has toiled in the vineyards of selfless dedication to the community, Mrs. Kromidas has consistently struggled to infuse a strong and dynamic sense of family values and tradition into the entire school community. There already exists a growing list of both students and families who have credited this most outstanding educator with bringing stability and success to their lives.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in recognizing Mrs. Athena Kromidas for an inspiring decade of dedication and devotion to the children and parents of our community.