

50 years of marriage, with June 29 being the actual date of their anniversary.

When one thinks about 1946, some remember and many of us can only imagine the relief that was felt around the country because the war was over. While many men and women remained on active duty, many families for the first time in years were able to know that their loved ones were safe from harm, and many people were ready to get on with their lives. Marriages abounded, and the Glazas were part of that joyous trend.

Those moments of bliss were followed by years of joy, and decades of accomplishment. There was joy because two people very much in love were together, joined by their five wonderful children, Connie, Eileen, Carl, Paul, and Donna, plus two grandchildren, Corey and John, and one great grandchild, Jared. They instilled their children with a strong sense of values, treating them as equals, and offering help whenever possible, even today.

Walter and Valerie have a strong thirst for information, being avid readers with a strong interest in government and what it does. Their efforts at staying informed hold a strong example for all of us who should appreciate the fact that there is always more to learn, and that part of the joy of life is understanding more tomorrow than we do today, and certainly more than we did yesterday.

Mr. Speaker, when we hear about family values, we should recognize that there are many Americans who taught and followed those values before it became the item that it seems to be today. Walter and Valerie Glaza are true examples of family values: a life of commitment to each other, to their children, their grandchildren, and their great grandchild. I urge you and all of our colleagues to join me in wishing them the very best for their 50th anniversary, and many more to come.

TRIBUTE TO CHRISTINE E.
GOODMAN

HON. ALBERT RUSSELL WYNN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 1996

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Miss Christine E. Goodman, a national winner, from the fourth Congressional District of Maryland, in the Veterans of Foreign

Wars of the United States and its Ladies Auxiliary's 1996 Voice of Democracy broadcast scriptwriting scholarship competition.

The Voice of Democracy Scholarship Program was started 49 years ago with the endorsement of the U.S. Office of Education and the National Association of Broadcasters, Electronic Industries and State Association of Broadcasters. This year more than 116,000 secondary school students, from over 7,900 schools, participated in the competition for the 54 scholarships totaling more than \$118,000. The contest theme this year was "Answering America's Call."

Christine is a resident of Silver Spring, MD, and is a 17-year-old honor roll senior attending Springbrook, High School, where she is the assistant editor of Musings, the school's literary magazine; and a member of the Chamber Singers, the Shakespearean Troupe, and the Thespian Society. As a national winner of this year's Voice of Democracy Program, she is the recipient of the \$1,500 Department of Colorado and Auxiliary Scholarship Award. She has also distinguished herself by being awarded first place in acting and second place in poetic interpretation by the Montgomery County Forensics League; Springbrook High School's Renaissance Award for academic achievement; best actress in the Paint Branch High School Shakespeare Symposium; and excellence in acting at the Folger Theatre's Student Shakespeare Festival. Ms. Goodman has been an honor roll student throughout her high school career.

James and Joni Goodman, Christine's parents; Mr. Donald Kress, her high school principal; and Ms. Hummel, her English teacher and coordinator of this program at her school, must be extremely proud of her achievements as she prepares for a career in acting and drama at New York University upon graduation.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating this fine young American's achievement. I would ask to include the text of her winning script into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

ANSWERING AMERICA'S CALL

(By Christine Goodman)

"I'll get the phone."

"Hello? (pause) Yes it is. Whom may I ask is calling? (pause) Oh. Can I help you? Wait. Don't answer that. I know that I can help you. I just don't know how. (pause) No. You don't need to call back later. It's best that I face this challenge now. I'm ready. Tell me

what to do. (pause) What do you mean that it's up to me? It's hard at my age to find some way to make a difference. (pause) What do I have to offer? Well, I have so many ideas, but no idea of how to start. And I'm not the only one. Are you aware of the fact that there is a large, eager and intelligent generation stirring in the background of this society? We are merely waiting for a chance to contribute our ideas for positive change and growth in America.

(Pause) No, I don't believe that being a patriot is pointless. This is the garden of Democracy and I feel that it is our job as a nation to water the sprouting plants. By encouraging youth to stand up and speak out, America will be encouraging those who will someday take their place in the forefront of society. (pause) No, I don't think that's a glittering generality. If it is, America will suffer for it.

You know, as I talk to you, I am beginning to see what I can do. I can contribute my voice. I've never realized just how powerful it can be.

There are so many issues that need our thoughts and voices. For example, does AIDS represent a moral breakdown in our society or is the moral breakdown our failure to deal with it? AIDS is not alone as an issue; how are we going to support our older population in the future? What more can we do as a people to stop the increasing rate of violence? Is our society such that homelessness is an unavoidable consequence or is there something more that can be done to help these people? And what about jobs? Is it possible to expand the job market to include all productive individuals and to make them feel that their contributions are productive? Should limits be set on modern technology or should it be allowed to flourish, creating limitless possibilities for the future? With all of these ideas for tomorrow, have we stopped to consider today? Our environment is slowly deteriorating and we need to find ways to protect these natural resources. In a modern democracy, is it necessary for the pursuit of value to overshadow the value of pursuit? As an informed member of the public, I can express my views and ideas as well as talk to those who are my age and encourage them to take an important role in our country, too. Without concerned people, there is no Democracy, no future, no America.

(Pause) Thank you for calling me. I know that if I had not talked to you, I would not have contemplated what my role in this great democracy might be. (pause) Yes. (pause) Sure. Alright, take care. We'll keep in touch.