

IN HONOR OF ANTHONY BAMONTE

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 1997

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay a respectful tribute to a gentleman from my district, Mr. Anthony Bamonte, who is this year's honoree at The Board of Directors of School Settlement Association's 37th Annual Testimonial Dinner Dance.

Anthony Bamonte was born in 1940 in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn. As a child, he attended Williamsburg's public schools; later, his many artistic talents steered him to the Industrial Arts High School and his interest in business led him further to the New York Technical College, where he took courses in hotel and restaurant management.

Mr. Bamonte has put his restaurant management knowledge to good use over the years running his family's business, Bamonte's Restaurant on Withers Street. Bamonte's, a Williamsburg landmark, was founded by Mr. Bamonte's grandparents in 1900 and has since been passed down from generation to generation. Mr. Bamonte and his sister Anita are the third generation running the family business. His three daughters, Laura, Lisa, and Nicole, are the fourth generation of Bamontes to continue the family tradition.

Throughout his life, Mr. Bamonte has devoted himself to his family and his restaurant, yet has still reserved valuable time for his community. Among his various civic duties, Mr. Bamonte is a member of School Board District 14, a participant in the American Cancer Society's Culinary Classic and the host of an annual fundraiser at Bamonte's for Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues rise with me in this tribute to Anthony Bamonte on this special evening. I am honored to have such a great family man, businessman, and community leader in my district.

COMMENDING THE PINE-RICHLAND
MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR THEIR
VOLUNTEERISM

HON. RON KLINK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. KLINK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the students and faculty of the Pine-Richland Middle School for their efforts in assisting the homeless people in and around the Pittsburgh area. This week they will be honored by the Points of Light Foundation and the USA Weekend Magazine for their inspiring volunteer work.

Pine-Richland's project is a shining example of the impact of volunteerism on a community. I would like to recognize the efforts of Dr. Susan Frantz and Mrs. Aleta Lardin, the teachers who coordinated the project, as well as all of the students who volunteered their time to assist homeless members of our community.

As part of the Sixth Annual USA Weekend Make A Difference Day, the students oversaw every aspect of a food and clothing drive to

benefit Pittsburgh's homeless. They collected enough food, clothing, and toiletry items for over 200 individual provision bags and over 100 brown bag lunches to be distributed to the city of Pittsburgh's homeless population. Additionally, students personally delivered most food items, toiletries, and warm clothing.

In his address to the attendees of the Presidential Summit for America's Future, President Clinton issued a call to action to all Americans "to serve our children, and to help teach them to serve—not as a substitute for government, but to meet our major challenges as one community, working together." The students of Pine-Richland Middle School have issued and answered their own call and have served the homeless of Pittsburgh well.

While there are no Government statistics that measure the impact of public service on the morale, psyche, or character of this Nation, I am certain that Pine-Richland has set a benchmark for service that we would all do well to strive to achieve.

So my fellow colleagues, it is with great pleasure that I urge you to join me in commending the efforts of the students and teachers of the Pine-Richland Middle School. They have demonstrated a commitment to service that their family, friends, community, and the entire Fourth Congressional District can be proud of.

KINDNESS POLICE PROGRAM IN
RUTLAND, MA

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, the Kindness Police Program, founded and directed by Mirna Raya, took place at the Naquag Elementary School in Rutland, MA, as a prelude to the National Acts of Kindness Week. Third grade students were given mock police badges and citation pads with instructions to ticket people they knew and trusted if the children caught them committing an act of kindness. During the 3-week period, 329 citations of kindness were written by the children. I would like to recognize the following teachers, administrators and third-grade students who participated in the Kindness Police Program and commend them for teaching the value of kindness toward others:

Students Timothy Auger, Trevor Brown, Jessica Carpenter, Jedidiah Daviau, Emmett Dickman, John Donahue III, Cayleigh Eckhardt, Caitlin Gagne, Eric Gennert, Brendan Godin, Jeffrey Ham, Caitlin Harvey, Ryan Lamoureux, Brian LeDuc, Christopher Lizewski, Kelleen Lynch, Patrick Massey, Corie Merhib, Katlyn Metterville, Michael Metzmaker, Kevin Moore, Lindsay Myers, Lindsey Powers, Carolyn Purington, Paige Raymond, Jonathan Rocha, Tiffany Thompson, Jeffrey Tod, and their class teacher Patricia Scales.

Students Justine Almstrom, Amanda Bastarache, James Bedard, Kristen Cammuso, Samantha Campbell, Kevin Capite, Julie Circosta, Joshua Cruz, Krystal-Lee Gleason, Kimberly Haines, Roy Hatstat, Alyssa Hutchins, Michael Laxer, Courtney Macaruso, Angela Marzo, Kelley McGuinness, Joshua Nicholson, Evan Oliveri, Edward Panaccione,

Sean Raya, Bryan Riley, Kelly Robbins, Tyler Russell, Alyssa Sandstrom, Stephanie Santoro, and their class teacher Linda Harris. Students Shanna Anderson, Michelle Belanger, Stephanie Brooks, Whitney Costello, Erica Degaetano, Ross Ducharme, Alexandra Esteves, Lisa Farrow, Christina Gerolomo, Johnathan Goguen, James Hogan, Jennifer Hussey, Katelyn Kane, James Keller, Samantha King, Brandon Mackay, Allen Miller, William Morrow, Stephanie O'Brien, Robert Piccinino Jr., Timothy Quill, Lynn Russo, Rachael Starbard, Daniel Wilde, and their class teacher Anna Hagberg.

Students Brian Alisch, Daniel Arioli, Daniel Belsito, Timothy Canale, Kevin Carlson, Elizabeth Carville, Casey Chapman, Gillian Costello, Katherine DeForge, Steven French, Meghan Hennessey, Julie Katzenberg, Anthony Kewley, Thomas Lawless, Derrick Leroux, Christopher McKenna, Nicole Nunnari, Timothy Olson, Anthony Queeney Jr., Patrick Regele, Katie Richey, Ian Soderberg, Kera Stewart, Danielle Vozzella, Amanda Whitner, and their class teacher Gail Pryce.

Naquag Elementary School principal Judith Daniel, assistant principal John Bebas, guidance counselor Thomas Olson, and Mr. Chester Leonard.

FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION
PERFORMANCE AND PERSONNEL
ENFORCEMENT ACT

HON. SUSAN MOLINARI

OF NEW YORK

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Ms. MOLINARI. Mr. Speaker, I am introducing H.R. —, the Federal Railroad Administration Performance and Personnel Enforcement Act. The bill will provide for institutional reforms at the Federal Railroad Administration and other improvements to the rail safety statutes aimed at promoting a safer, more secure railroad network. I would like to emphasize that the railroad system is essentially safe today, thanks to the substantial gains in safety that have been achieved since the late 1970's. In 1978, the train accident rate was nearly 15 accidents per million train-miles, or 3.9 times what it was in 1995. Railroads are safe when compared to other modes of transportation as well. About 40,000 people are killed each year on the Nation's highways, compared to about 600 fatalities that are attributed to railroad operations.

Yet rail travel is becoming increasingly complex, and we must ensure that our safety requirements keep up with today's operational realities. Traffic on the mainlines continues to grow, and the increased mix of freight, intercity passenger and commuter traffic on the same corridors poses new challenges for ensuring safety.

During the 104th Congress, I sponsored three hearings on the issue of rail safety. These hearings focused on the issues of human factors and grade crossing safety, equipment and technology in rail safety, and advanced train control technology.—This last hearing was held jointly with the Technology Subcommittee of the Science Committee.

I believe that the hearings showed that reform is needed at the Federal Railroad Administration. While I applaud the efforts of the