

who took the time to help others. On behalf of the citizens of the 43d Congressional District, I wish to extend my thanks and appreciation to Sgt. Terry D. Gustin for his years of dedicated service to our community and extend my best wishes in his future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. JOSEPH
DINATALE ON HIS RETIREMENT
AS RIVERSIDE, IL, VILLAGE
PRESIDENT

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 1997

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to an outstanding public servant who recently completed 12 years of service, 8 of them as village president, to the people of Riverside, IL—Mr. Joseph H. DiNatale.

Mr. DiNatale was elected to the village board in 1985, and became president four years later. His leadership helped guide Riverside, one of the crown jewels of suburban Chicago, through an important period of change as younger families moved into the community of rambling Victorian homes and sleek Frank Lloyd Wright-style designs. Most would agree that Riverside is as strong a community, if no more so, as when Mr. DiNatale was first elected village president.

But Mr. DiNatale's service to his community did not begin as an elected official. He spent 7 years as an assistant Cook County State's attorney, prosecuting dangerous felons on behalf of his fellow citizens. For 22 years, Mr. DiNatale has served as governing member of the Chicago Zoological Society, which oversees the world famous Brookfield Zoo. He was also a member of both the parish council and school board of St. Mary's Church.

As a distinguished attorney, Mr. DiNatale has served as a law instructor with various police departments and as a judge at the Northwestern Law School Moot Courts. He has also received numerous professional and civics awards and recognitions. His most recent honor was being named as the Riverside Chamber of Commerce's Man of the Year. However, perhaps his most important achievement has been personal and shared with his wife, Adele, in raising their six children: Joseph Jr., Katherine, Marc, Maria, Cara, and Michael.

Mr. Speaker, I salute Mr. Joseph DiNatale on his years of dedicated community and public service, and extend my best wishes for all the best success for him and his family in the future.

TRIBUTE TO THE SOUTHAMPTON
FULL GOSPEL CHURCH

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 1997

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today before my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to pay tribute to the Southampton Full Gospel Church, in Southampton, Long Island, whose congregants will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the church's founding this week.

Since 1972, the Southampton Full Gospel Church and its members have been vital and active participants in the community life of Southampton Town and throughout the East End of Long Island. Since being installed as pastor in May of 1973, Rev. Donald Havrilla and his wife Eileen have successfully worked to create a ministry that has brought to life the love and saving grace of God through the healing work of church members.

Knowing that to save men's and women's souls, often we must first save their bodies, church members have faithfully tended to their neighbors' physical needs. The life-saving ministries founded by the Southampton Full Gospel Church include a Christian Education program, Bible-based drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs, and pro-life efforts to end the abortion. Also, by working with local school officials, church members have assured that traditional family values are recognized in local public schools. Through their work, church members have come to personify the Gospel message by joyfully tending to the Lord's flock.

Reaching beyond their own community, in 1981 the Southampton Full Gospel Church established a mission in the town of Leogane, Haiti. Nurturing an effort that began by feeding 25 impoverished children, the mission work has grown to feed 1,000 malnourished children a day and employ 55 residents of this poor Haitian community. At the 3-acre church and education mission, another 850 children have their minds and bodies nourished at the K-8 school, while 80 mothers and their children are given medical care at the Momto program.

For the past 25 years, members of the Southampton Full Gospel Church have devoted their time, talents, and resources to provide physical and spiritual sustenance to their fellow man. In so doing, they have brought the Gospel message to life for all of us on Long Island who are privileged to witness their efforts. May God continue to bless us all with the works of the Southampton Full Gospel Church.

REGARDING FATHER MARCOS
ZAMORA

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Father Marcos Zamora and his many accomplishments upon the occasion of his departure from St. Paul the Apostle Church.

Since his ordination in 1990, Father Zamora has been serving his congregants as their priest, mentor, and friend. His sensitivity and concern for all people has been an inspiration to all and an example that is truly worthy of emulation. It is heartening to find an individual as fully committed to the service of others as Father Zamora. This commitment has helped to bring together different ethnic groups, those of different ages and backgrounds in the membership of St. Paul's Church. His vocal and passionate stance on many social issues has also helped to increase awareness within his community and to foster understanding. Father Zamora has sponsored workshops on

issues such as domestic violence and teenage pregnancy as a means of helping his community through education, individual empowerment, and communication.

Mr. Speaker, as Father Zamora prepares to assume a new position at the Good Shepherd Church, also in New York City, I congratulate him on his successes and extend to him the utmost thanks from those whom he has touched. I speak for everyone who knows Father Zamora when I wish him well in his future pursuits.

NURSING HOME PUBLIC
INFORMATION ACT OF 1997

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 1997

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, when millions of Americans must make the difficult decision to put an aging relative in a nursing home, we trust the institution to care properly for our loved ones. But as a recent General Accounting Office [GAO] study points out, nursing homes across the United States don't always treat the 1.8 million residents like family.

At a time when the nursing home industry is undergoing explosive growth as a result of an aging population, my recently introduced Nursing Home Public Information Act of 1997 would allow families to make an informed choice when choosing a nursing home. By directing HHS to publicly disseminate information currently compiled in databases maintained or available to HHS concerning nursing homes, this bill takes a step in the right direction toward educating the public.

While most nursing homes adhere to Federal and State regulations, each year billions of dollars are lost to fraud and abuse. According to the GAO, Federal Medicare and Federal/State Medicaid programs paid nursing home providers more than \$35 billion in 1995. The Department of Justice estimates that as much as 10 percent is lost to fraud and abuse.

By aggressively targeting five states, the Department of Health and Human Services [HHS], through Operation Restore Trust, has obtained 74 criminal convictions and recovered \$67.3 million for Medicare. More than four dozen civil suits have collected \$72.8 million in fines and settlements, and companies have returned another \$47.4 million.

Convicting abusive providers, levying fines, recovering overpayments, negotiating settlements—all these actions are necessary to reduce fraud and abuse. But they will never be more than the second best way to do this. The best way is to prevent fraud, abuse, and waste from occurring in the first place. This requires informing the public. As a recent Government Reform and Oversight Human Resources Subcommittee hearing revealed, the public receives little or no information relating to fraud, abuse, and quality of care in nursing homes.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join my efforts to assist millions of families across the Nation by supporting the Nursing Home Public Information Act of 1997.

H.R.—

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,