

during Desert Storm. For the past 5½ years he has served with distinction as the Army's liaison to the Appropriations Committees. Colonel Cunningham diligently and successfully worked budget submissions and resource issues through seven legislative cycles. During that time he has accompanied me on countless trips to almost every trouble spot in the world from the hunger and violence of Somalia and Haiti, to the destruction in the Balkans. This officer was always on top of the issues of the day, and could always be relied on to insure the Congress got the right information.

Lieutenant Colonel Cunningham's awards include the Legion of Merit, five awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, two awards of the Army Commendation Medal, and two awards of Army Achievement Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal with Bronze Service Star, the Kuwait Liberation Medal, the Parachute Badge, the Air Assault Badge, and the Army Staff Badge.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor for me to present the credentials of Lieutenant Colonel Cunningham before the Congress today. It is clear through his stated and unstated accomplishments for his country that he has been a man who daily dedicates himself to the peace and freedom we enjoy as a nation today. All his actions reflect a true leader with a clear sense of purpose, conviction, and conscience of service to his Nation. We wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

RABBI AND MRS. SCHWAB
HONORED BY TEMPLE SINAI

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 1997

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to honor two remarkable residents of New York's 20th District. Rabbi Joel Schwab and Aviva Schwab of Orange County, NY, are, and have for years been, exemplary community leaders. So much so that they have been designated "Distinguished Members of the Year" by Temple Sinai in Middletown and will be honored at a luncheon on October 26.

Rabbi Schwab has served 15 years as rabbi of Temple Sinai. But his commitment to the Greater Middletown community goes beyond his rabbinical duties. The Jewish Family Service of Orange County was cofounded by Rabbi Schwab. He has been involved with numerous local organizations, many of which he is still actively involved with today. These include the Jewish Federation of Orange County, the Hebrew Day School of Orange County, Interfaith Council of Greater Middletown, the Emergency Housing Group, Middletown Psychiatric Center, and the Rabbinical Assembly of America, Mid-Hudson region. Rabbi Schwab has also served members of the Jewish faith while acting as chaplain at the Mid-Hudson Psychiatric Center, as well as serving on the clergy committee of Horton Hospital.

Mrs. Schwab, wife of Rabbi Schwab, has served in a significant role in the education of children of Orange, Rockland, and Dutchess Counties. The Systematic Training for Effective Parenting [STEP] has been of particular importance to her as she brings these STEP

workshops to parents throughout the Hudson region. Her work with the David Moore Heights Children's Library and the Hebrew Day School of Orange County have added to his ongoing legacy of supporting education. Mrs. Schwab's work for the Jewish community has been outstanding. As a lifetime member of Hadassah, the temple shul crier, director of the High Holiday Sitting Service and Shabbat Morning Sitter Service, and member of Temple Sinai's Sisterhood, Women's American ORT, and the Jewish Federation of Orange County Aviva has selflessly given of herself to her community.

Mr. Speaker, Rabbi Joel and Aviva Schwab have clearly dedicated their lives on behalf of their community. Middletown and the entire 20th District are proud that these two outstanding citizens are such good neighbors.

I invite my colleagues to join in congratulating the Schwabs for their devotion to their community.

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PUBLICATION OF THE FIRST MERRIAM-WEBSTER DICTIONARY

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Merriam-Webster, Inc., who, today celebrates the 150th anniversary of the publication of its first dictionary. In the early 19th century, Noah Webster created the original work that laid the groundwork for the Merriam-Webster dictionaries of today. However, it was the initiative of two brothers, George and Charles Merriam, that established Merriam-Webster dictionaries as the standard.

In 1831, George and Charles Merriam opened a printing and book selling operation in Springfield, MA. G. and C. Merriam Co., later renamed Merriam-Webster in 1982, inherited the Webster legacy by revising and updating Webster's dictionary after his death in 1843. From that day on, the two brothers continued to uphold Webster's integrity and style and incorporated Webster's mastery into their own editions. In keeping with the Webster tradition, the Merriam brothers selected Chauncey Goodrich, Webster's son-in-law and literary heir, and William Webster's son, to serve as editors of the first Merriam-Webster dictionary.

President James K. Polk, several U.S. Senators, and many other prominent people regarded the first Merriam-Webster dictionary as a great resource for all. By 1850, it became a resource for students across the country and continues to be America's most trusted authority on the English language. Today, Merriam-Webster reference products are found in every office, home, and school. These products serve the global community and are acknowledged with much prestige.

For the past 150 years Merriam-Webster, Inc., has maintained a staff that embodies character and standards formulated by Noah Webster and the Merriam brothers. This philosophy continues to be the driving force behind the company, which today boasts the

largest group of lexicographers in North America. This knowledgeable and experienced staff has and will continue to ensure that the style, voice, and integrity of its founding fathers continues into the future.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud and honored to have Merriam-Webster be a part of the Second Congressional District in Massachusetts. I ask my colleagues to join me today in congratulating Merriam-Webster, Inc., on the occasion of its 150th anniversary of its publicized dictionary.

HONORING STAN MARSHALL

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 1997

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in paying tribute to an outstanding individual, Mr. Stan Marshall. Mr. Marshall is being honored by United Automobile Workers Local 599 with the dedication of the Stan Marshall Union Hall on Saturday, September 27, 1997, in my hometown of Flint, MI. I am particularly pleased with this designation since UAW Local 599 was my father's local.

Stan Marshall is a giant in the labor movement. His career with Buick Motor Division began in 1950 working on the assembly line. He began working with the United Automobile Workers as an alternative committeeman and quickly moved to the positions of committeeman, shop committeeman, and chairman of the shop committee. Stan was appointed to the International Union staff in Region 1C in 1977. In 1983 he was elected to the United Automobile Workers International Executive Board as the director of Region 1C.

After two terms in this position Stan was elected as the United Automobile Workers vice-president in June, 1989. In this capacity he headed the union's Chrysler Department, the National Organizing Department, the General Dynamics Department, the foundry department, and the technical, office and professional department. He served in this position until his retirement in 1995.

Stan Marshall has been a major influence in the Flint community. In addition to his duties with the United Automobile Workers, Stan has devoted numerous hours working for the betterment of everyone. He has been active with the American Red Cross, the March of Dimes, the United Way for Southeastern Michigan, the Metropolitan Detroit AFL-CIO, the Metropolitan Affairs Corp., the Economic Alliance of Michigan, and the Delta Dental Plan of Michigan. He is also the father of seven children.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise today to pay tribute to an individual as special as Stan Marshall. His outstanding leadership abilities and communication skills have served the members of the United Automobile Workers well. He is an inspiration to me and many other individuals. I treasure his friendship and value his advice. I know that by naming this great facility in his honor his union brothers and sisters are expressing their gratitude for his selfless dedication to our community.