

and CEO of Globe Fire Sprinkler Corp., located in Standish, MI, which provides valuable jobs to more than one hundred dedicated professionals. He has been essential in building three major sprinkler manufacturing companies: Star Sprinkler Corp., the Central Sprinkler Co., and the Globe Fire Sprinkler Corp. Bob is recognized throughout the world as a fire protection expert and has been a featured speaker on life safety in several countries. Additionally, Bob has represented his company and the fire sprinkler industry on numerous technical advisory committees, and has provided training in the use of the first mini computers for pipeline hydraulics and grid systems.

Bob's professional memberships are numerous, and include the National Society of Professional Engineers, the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers, and the National Fire Sprinkler Association Board of Directors and Manufacturer's Council. Additionally, he is a registered fire protection engineer in California.

Bob is most certainly a talented and capable leader in his field, evidenced by the acclaim he's received from his peers with the Golden Sprinkler Award. Only a select few in his profession have received this award before him. Bob has been an inspiration to us all and especially to his two children who have both decided to follow their father's life work in the fire sprinkler industry.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and all of our colleagues to join me in commending Bob Worthington for his career choice, which blends technical expertise and the desire to ensure the personal safety of others, and in congratulating him for this most deserved award.

A TRIBUTE TO MARJORIE A.  
NUDING

**HON. GLENN POSHARD**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 13, 1997*

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend, Mrs. Marjorie A. Nuding of Decatur, IL who recently passed away. Marjorie was born in Decatur and remained forever dedicated to that city, Macon County, and the State of Illinois by providing nearly six decades of public service. As our citizens grow impatient with the excesses of our campaign finance system, and as this body continues to debate the need and merits of various campaign finance reform proposals, Marjorie represented a simpler, more straightforward approach to politics. As a lifelong Democrat and a precinct committeewoman, she got voters involved the old fashioned way—engaging them one-on-one. The Macon County Democrats will certainly miss her presence, but will have her memory as a guide for the future.

Marjorie was an honorable citizen and enthusiastic local government official. She was a faithful Democrat who helped her party in numerous ways, from serving as local precinct committeewoman to county board district chairwoman. In all of these roles, Marjorie was a model for all Democrats to follow. She wanted to help her party as much as possible, and was active in recruiting her fellow citizens to become involved in politics. She eagerly par-

ticipated in the registration and elective process for her local Democrats and was extremely loyal to her party.

Moreover, Marjorie was also very active in local tax issues. She wanted to make sure that taxes were being assessed fairly in her county. As former supervisor of assessments, she was working for the current supervisor before her death. In addition, Marjorie was field assessor for Long Creek Township and Macon County, former field agent for Illinois Property Tax Division, a member of both Riverside Baptist Church and Decatur Moose Lodge Auxiliary, and was an active participant in the Decatur bowling leagues.

Her loss is ours, fellow Democrats, and Illinois will miss her greatly. I will miss her dedication and her love of this great party.

Mr. Speaker, as you can see, Marjorie dedicated her life to the community, and her party. Now it is our turn to thank Marjorie for all of the energy and love she expended for so many years to make Decatur a better place. It has been an honor to represent Marjorie in the U.S. Congress.

MASON HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER  
TEAM—DIVISION II MICHIGAN  
STATE CHAMPIONS

**HON. DEBBIE STABENOW**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 13, 1997*

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Mason Bulldogs High School Soccer Team. Last weekend, the Bulldogs beat Petoskey High School, 2 to 1 in overtime, to capture the Division II State title.

From the first touch of the ball to Cory Gilbert's overtime goal, the Bulldogs never gave up. They played with pride, they played for the tradition of their soccer program, but most of all, they played for the community of Mason.

This overtime victory is a symbol, of the determination, teamwork, and resilience, the Bulldogs have shown all season. When critics said they were too young to compete throughout the State, the team simply stuck together, never gave up, and did their best.

I am so proud of the effort of these young men. But beyond the trophy, the Bulldogs have shown great character and sportsmanship throughout the year and these are the true qualifications of a champion.

The Mason community is very proud of their team and the example they have set for the future.

In addition, what cannot go unnoticed is the example the whole community has shown the State of Michigan. Whether it be the attendance at the home games or the car-pools to the away games, the Mason community has shown great spirit and support. My congratulations go to the team, Mason High School, and the many fans, young and old.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SMOKE-FREE AND HEALTHY CHILDREN ACT

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 13, 1997*

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, for years, the tobacco industry has blatantly targeted children in their ads. Cartoon characters and glamorous models have made cigarettes appear to be the key to popularity and happiness.

Of course, these ads didn't tell kids the truth, which is that cigarettes kill more Americans than AIDS, alcohol, car accidents, murders, suicides, illegal drugs, and fires combined. But these ads were effective and every day 3,000 kids under the age of 18 become regular smokers. One out of every three of these children will eventually die of a tobacco-related illness like cancer or heart disease.

Yet studies show that if you don't start smoking as a teenager, you probably never will—and you will lead a longer, healthier and more productive life. That's why we need to take action now to stop America's young people from smoking.

Yesterday, I was proud to stand with 19 of my colleagues to introduce a bill that will help accomplish that goal—the Smoke-Free and Healthy Children Act. Experts agree that the best way to reduce teen smoking is to raise the price of cigarettes. Teens with little pocket money. This bill will do so by raising the tobacco tax by \$1.50 per pack over 3 years.

This tax will raise \$20 billion per year for the Federal Government. But more importantly, it will direct approximately \$10 billion to the National Institutes of Health—almost doubling the NIH budget and allowing researchers to expand studies into cancer and addiction prevention and treatment centers.

The bill will also direct approximately \$10 billion per year to increase research and investment in early childhood development, including initiatives for children aged 0–3 and expanded Head Start and child care. We have learned so much recently about the importance of the first three years in a child's development; now more than ever we know that giving a child a good start in life can help ensure they grow up to be healthy and productive members of society.

We need to take action now to protect our children. We must work together to counteract the tremendous ad campaigns of the tobacco industry and teach our kids that smoking doesn't make you cool, and it won't make you happy. It will only make you sick.

I urge all of my colleagues to stand up for America's children and cosponsor the Smoke-Free and Healthy Children Act.

THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP  
OF STONY BROOK,  
LONG ISLAND

**HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 13, 1997*

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute the

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at Stony Brook, Long Island on their 35th anniversary.

The name "Unitarian" was coined in the 16th century for Protestant dissenters who rejected the doctrine of the trinity. In practice, the term is used to identify those who believed in a loving god who would not condemn any of his creation, but rather would save all. The Unitarian Fellowship strives to create a compassionate community founded on trust, love, forgiveness and acceptance, where people of all backgrounds and persuasions can come together for worship.

Members of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Stony Brook have a variety of religious experiences and each offers their own intellectual, theological and spiritual stimulation to the group. Though the members are diverse in their background and experiences, they are uniform in their dedication and loyalty to the Lord. They are committed to achieving a world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all, and they believe that by encouraging spiritual growth and maintaining respect for one another this can be achieved.

I believe that an organization that honors human dignity, nurtures individual potential, and works for social justice and the common good deserves recognition. That is why, Mr. Speaker, I rise today in this hallowed Chamber and ask my colleagues for joining me today in celebration of this special anniversary for the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Stony Brook.

SMALL BUSINESS LEADERS IN LA  
JOLLA, CA

**HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 13, 1997*

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and admiration that I rise to commend a group of small business owners in the downtown Village of La Jolla who have contributed thousands of hours to improve the economic vitality of this area.

Starting with a small group of local business owners in 1987, this business association named their group "Promote La Jolla, Inc." The name identified their goal of developing, maintaining and promoting a healthy local business community. Capitalizing on the charming, picturesque nature of this 100-year-old seaside Village, they identified the visitor industry as a key element to long term economic strength and vitality. They worked with local tourism organization and developed special hosted day long events to this lively Village by the sea along with a promotional program to build positive awareness of La Jolla as a very desirable visitor destination.

Over this ten year period, this small group of business owners recognized that achieving economic vitality in a downtown area would require a much more complex strategic plan and a broader membership base. In 1992, this group of pioneering business owners joined with the City of San Diego to form the "La Jolla Business Improvement District."

Now, representing over 1,400 businesses covering a 30 block area, the La Jolla Business Improvement District is the largest in the State of California and one of the largest in the United States.

Combining the entrepreneurial energy of small business owners along with the leadership of this group of 15 dedicated Board members, the Promote La Jolla Business Improvement District has developed a comprehensive strategy of Promotions and Marketing, Beautification and Design, Economic Development and Restructuring.

This approach to improving economic vitality of the seaside Village of La Jolla has made Promote La Jolla Business Improvement District one of the leading business organizations in the City of San Diego.

The founding members of the board: Alexander Bende, Gerhard Klein, Robert Carlyle, David Brands and Friedhelm Worunann set the foundation for the latest group of board members who continue to donate hundreds of hours each year to improving the economic vitality of the historic 100-year-old downtown Village of La Jolla. This year, Mrs. Bende and Mrs. Klein celebrate ten years of dedicated service and executive director Christopher Stokes celebrates his fifth year.

I extend my best wishes to Bill Price, Alexander Bende, Candice Stephens, Joyce Snell, Jeff Stone, Gerhard Klein, Joost Bende, Gerhard Bendl, John Wolfe, Steve Riddle, Patti Keyes, Beth Dunn, Ron Searfoss, and Mike McGeath, the current Board of Directors who have shown the continued dedication to make the Village of La Jolla, the "Jewel of the California Coast" for now and many years to come.

A FAREWELL TO DR. DOWNING

**HON. STEVE C. LATOURETTE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 13, 1997*

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, on a December morning in 1996, Lake County Coroner William C. Downing walked into my district office in Painesville, OH, with a photograph taken 44 years earlier in Okinawa, Japan. The photograph showed a young Dr. Downing being presented with a scroll of appreciation from the Governor of Okinawa.

About the time Dr. Downing stopped by my office, there had been a rash of bad publicity about U.S. servicemen in Okinawa following the rape of a 12-year-old girl. Dr. Downing, a former Army surgeon, was distressed by it all, and remembered how warmly he had been received by the Okinawan people nearly five decades earlier. He hoped that the story behind the aging photograph might make up for some of the negative images Okinawans had of Americans in uniform.

Doc, as he was known by everyone in Lake County, handed one of my caseworkers the photograph, taken January 9, 1952, and asked for our assistance in locating the folks in the picture. We realistically did not know if we would be successful, as the picture had been taken almost a half century earlier. But Dr. Downing was adamant about trying to find out what became of the people in the photograph, especially the 4-year-old girl who was held by her parents. After all, in 1952 he performed life-saving surgery on the child in the photograph, Sachiko Ikei.

Dr. Downing recalled how the little girl had swallowed a game piece about the size of a checker, and for more than a week it had

been lodged in her throat. Her parents had taken her to every doctor on the island but no one could help her. Young Sachiko was unable to eat and could barely drink. "The doctors said to take her home and let her die," Doc recalled.

As a last resort, Sachiko's parents brought her to Ryukyus Army Hospital in Okinawa where Dr. Downing, then about 30 years old, was chief of general surgery. Dr. Downing, the handsome, young American surgeon, agreed to perform lifesaving surgery on the little girl, at no cost to her family or the Okinawan Government.

As Dr. Downing explained it to us, there was no hesitation in his decision to save the little girl's life. He had never forgotten the first autopsy he performed as a young physician in training. It was in 1946 in Cleveland, and a 5-year-old boy had died after choking on a bean from a toy beanbag. Dr. Downing recalled removing the swollen lima bean blocking the boy's larynx, and thought it so senseless that an innocent child had died from playing with a toy. Six years later, he had the chance to save a child in a similar predicament, and he did. He made an incision in the girl's neck, and then entered her esophagus to retrieve the game piece.

Over the years, Dr. Downing married, had a family, and worked for 30 years as a general surgeon before becoming the Lake County Coroner in 1985. Over the years he thought about the little Okinawan girl often, but never knew what became of her or her family. Shortly after leaving Okinawa, he had been transferred to Tokyo, where he served as chief of surgery in a M\*A\*S\*H hospital for the tail end of the Korean war.

Although Dr. Downing had never forgotten Sachiko, it took the rape of a 12-year-old girl in Okinawa to prompt him to start his search for the child he had saved decades earlier. His wife, Jan, after much searching, found the photo in a box of old memorabilia.

Armed with nothing more than an aging photograph, our office set out to find the people in the picture. We contacted Army officials, the U.S. State Department, and the congressional affairs section of the Embassy of Japan. Dr. Downing believed if the people in the photograph were still alive, someone would be able to locate them. He never imagined it would happen so fast, however.

Within 2 weeks of receiving the photograph, our office was able to determine the whereabouts of all those in the photograph. Most of the folks in the photo had passed away, including Sachiko's father, who had died in 1970. Sachiko's mother, meanwhile, was alive and well and lived in Okinawa. The little girl in the kimono, then just 4 years old, was now a mother and grandmother. She lives in Opelika, AL, and works for the State of Alabama for the department of vocational rehabilitation. Her name is Sachiko I. Thompson.

The first time Dr. Downing called Sachiko she wept, as she had never had been able to thank the kind American doctor who had saved her life. As it turned out, Sachiko had moved to the United States in 1973 and had never returned home to Okinawa in all those years. She had met an American while working in a photography studio in Okinawa, and wound up marrying his brother.

Sachiko said she often wondered what happened to the American doctor, and remembers trying to learn more about him when she was