

model and mentor to the young girls who have looked to her for help and support. Mickie, thank you for your dedication so much of your time and effort to improving the lives of kids.

Theta Luscumb has been a foster grandparent since 1983. She began at Michener Elementary School but since 1991, Theta has worked at the Onstead Middle School. She is a wonderful source of advice and support to the children who have the privilege to look to her as a role model. An accomplished horsewoman, Theta shares that skill with her kids. Theta, I salute you for your dedication to area children.

Marie Schwalm has been a foster grandparent since 1993. At the Blissfield Elementary School, Marie has demonstrated commitment, compassion, and wisdom in her dealings with young people. Even though she has some trauma in her personal life, nothing has obstructed her determination to serve as a voice of support for kids. Marie, thanks for your dedication.

Those who make an extra effort to help nurture kids and nudge them in the right direction undertake a public service that benefits us all. We owe these women and the many other foster grandparents in Lenawee County and across the nation a debt of thanks.

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#### HONORING BRUCE IRA LEVENBERG

### HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 1998*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, the Association of Jewish Professionals is conferring a well-deserved Leadership in Education award on Bruce Ira Levenberg. Bruce has been a close friend since our days in college together and over the years he has garnered much praise. He has been honored by the American Red Cross and the N.A.A.C.P. He works as a volunteer with AJP Scholarship, the Assisi Project, Holocaust Generations, and is affiliated with Pi Lambda Phi Fraternity. He has been an educator at all levels of schooling and an advocate for children for 28 years. He has earned the praise being given him for his many achievements in education and for helping children. I join his parents, Irving and Sylvia, his wife, Barbara, and their children, David and Jessica in congratulating him.

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#### 150 YEARS OF INSPIRATION

### HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 1998*

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, the strength, stability, and inspiration provided by one's church is one of the most reassuring things in our lives. The congregation of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Frankenlust Township have had the benefit of their church for the past 150 years, and will this Sunday observe their Sesquicentennial as part of their year-long celebration.

St. Paul Lutheran Church was founded by Rev. Ferdinand Sievers and fourteen Bavarian Lutheran immigrants on June 22, 1848 in the barn of Gerhard Dierker near what is now

Saginaw. St. Paul was the first Lutheran congregation in present day Bay County. A log cabin church was dedicated on the present church cemetery site on Squaconning Creek in Frankenlust Township on November 21, 1849, until a frame church was dedicated on October 4, 1857. The present church was dedicated on December 17, 1905, and has undergone a major renovation in 1977, and significant repairs to the roof, steeple, and entrance following a fire caused by lightning in 1984. The church edifice and cemetery were listed in the Michigan Register of Historic Sites on June 5, 1997.

St. Paul Church has also operated its elementary school since 1848, when Pastor Sievers served as the teacher of five students. The current school, the third in the Church's history, has 101 students ranging from pre-school through the eighth grade.

Since 1848, St. Paul has been served by eleven pastors who have helped to bring the teachings of the church to thousands of people over the past 150 years. Many families have had the privilege of looking back at the importance of St. Paul at moments of joy and others of sadness to themselves and their families. The current pastor, the Rev. Paul D. Theiss, provides spiritual guidance to a baptized membership of one thousand, carrying on a history of sanctuary and encouragement.

Mr. Speaker, we should never underestimate the power of prayer or the influence of one's church. The sesquicentennial of St. Paul Lutheran Church is a special event, and one we wish for so many other places of worship. I ask that you and all of our colleagues join me in wishing Rev. Theiss and the congregation of St. Paul the very best on this occasion, with our fond wishes for many more anniversaries to come.

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#### HONORING CASEY SMITH AND NANCY STRIPPEL

### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 1998*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to take a moment to recognize two young students from Colorado who best exemplify the spirit of learning and of academics that we pride ourselves upon on the Western Slope. Their names are Casey Smith and Nancy Strippele and they are both Presidential Scholars from Grand Junction, Colorado. They are the only two from our State, and both attend the same high school, Grand Junction High School, which makes their achievements all the more remarkable. They visited our nation's capital this week in order to receive their Presidential Scholar medallions which were presented to them by the Speaker of the House.

Mr. Speaker, as you also know, the United States Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964, by Executive Order of the President, to recognize and honor some of our Nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors. In 1970, the program was extended to recognize students who demonstrate exceptional talent in the visual, creative, and performing arts. Each year, up to 141 students are named as Presidential Scholars, one of the Nation's highest honors for high school students. The Scholars are

chosen on the basis of their accomplishments in many areas—academic and artistic success, leadership, and involvement in school and the community. The Scholars represent excellence in education and the promise of greatness in young people. In honoring the Presidential Scholars, the President of the United States symbolically honors all graduating high school seniors of high potential.

The Presidential Scholars Program has honored over 3,700 Presidential Scholars for over 30 years. All these distinguished young people have demonstrated leadership, scholarship, contribution to school and community, and accomplishments in the arts, sciences, or other fields. The work of the Commission on Presidential Scholars reaffirms, on behalf of the President, the Nation's commitment to education that enables people to lead lives of challenge, accomplishment, and fulfillment.

I would also like to commend the work and dedication of Lorena Thompson, their teacher who deserves a great deal of credit for the success of these two scholars. Her devotion to teaching and evident ability to inspire the youth of Colorado, is truly what education is all about. I thank her for her labor on behalf of her students. I also want to congratulate the faculty and staff of Grand Junction High School who also deserve our thanks for the work they do.

Mr. Speaker, let me conclude by saying that I am very proud of the accomplishments of Nancy and Casey, and know that they will achieve even greater success in the next stages of their already remarkable lives.

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#### CONGRATULATIONS TO JACK AND MARCHETA OWEN

### HON. FRANK RIGGS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 1998*

Mr. RIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I want to tell the House of Representatives about two very special people from my Congressional District, Jack and Marcheta Owen of Del Norte County, California. It is especially appropriate to single them out for recognition today, as they approach a milestone in their lives: Jack and Marcheta will be celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary on July 11, 1998.

Fifty years can be a long time, but in their case it's just the blink of an eye. They are a busy couple. They have always taken an active interest in their home community of Gasquet and in the affairs of Del Norte County in general.

Del Norte County is a predominately rural region, hundreds of miles from the nearest major city. In communities like these, people rely more on their neighbors than elsewhere. The people of Gasquet and Del Norte County have come to see Jack and Marcheta Owen as people they can depend on to make a lasting and positive contribution. The North Coast of California is a much better place to live, work and raise a family because of Jack and Marcheta Owen. I know the many people whose lives they have touched join with me in wishing Jack and Marcheta well as they prepare to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Over the years, their advice to me personally has been invaluable and their friendship

has been unwavering. On behalf of the United States House of Representatives, I am honored to wish them all the best on this very joyous occasion.

HONORING SEAN MANNION

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 1998*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak in praise of a man who came to the United States from Ireland and has in every way made his adopted country a better place for his coming.

Sean Mannion is being honored by his colleagues in the Riverdale Post of the American Legion for his four years of service as Commander of the Post.

Sean came to us from County Mayo in 1958. He served his new country in the army as a combat engineer from 1960 to 1962 in Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, Fort Sheridan, Illinois, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and Fort Dix, New Jersey, seeing more of the United States than most citizens born here. He was on a ship heading towards Cuba during that missile crisis when the Soviet ships pulled back.

Sean's wife of almost 30 years, Marion, also comes from County Mayo. They have two children, Sean Jr. and Aundree. Sean and his family live in Riverdale where he has become part of the fabric of the community. At Saint Gabriel's Church he is a eucharistic minister and for ten years he has served on the Parish Council. He also gives his time to the Concourse House where he helps the homeless and the destitute.

Next year Sean will serve as County Commander of the American Legion in the Bronx. If the United States were to place ads for immigrants, Sean is the kind of person we would want to apply. He brings a sense of service, of giving, and of helping others.

I am proud to stand for him today for he epitomizes what America is and how its immigrants have made this country great.

SALUTING SIENA HEIGHTS COLLEGE

**HON. NICK SMITH**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 1998*

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Siena Heights University in Adrian, Michigan.

On July 1, 1998, Siena Heights College will officially change its name to Siena Heights University. Siena Heights was founded in 1919 by the Adrian Dominican Sisters, and for nearly 80 years, has served the needs of southeast Michigan.

Currently Siena Heights has seven degree completion centers that stretch across southeast Michigan. It is a student-centered education facility that serves a wide range of students, from traditional students to adults seeking to complete their degrees. Siena Heights is also a mission-driven University that is always ready to respond to the changing needs

of society. I know the faculty and student body share my belief that learning is a life-long experience.

On the first day of July, when the name change is official, I am certain that Siena Heights will continue to fulfill its great commitment to educational excellence.

I join our community in saluting this wonderful institution for its dedication to higher education and congratulate the university on its name change.

A TRIBUTE TO RICHARD F. TEERLINK

**HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 1998*

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Richard F. Teerlink, Chairman of Milwaukee-based motorcycle manufacturer Harley-Davidson, Incorporated, who will be honored Wednesday, July 8, 1998, by the State of Israel Bonds organization at a National Corporate Tribute Dinner in Milwaukee. Rich will be presented with the prestigious Israel 50th Anniversary Award by the government of the State of Israel in recognition of his past and ongoing support of Israel's economic development, involvement in humanitarian causes and distinguished service to business and industry.

Rich Teerlink has served in a variety of positions since joining Harley-Davidson in 1981 as the firm's Chief Financial Officer. He skillfully guided the company's return to public ownership and its revitalization while in various leadership positions, as President, then Chief Executive Officer and later in his current role as Chairman of the Board. He also serves on the Board of Directors of several other successful Milwaukee-area businesses and organizations. Mr. Teerlink's efforts in our community are quite diverse, as reflected by the committee which organized the July 8th tribute dinner. It consists of elected officials—from both political parties—on the local, state and national level; corporate, business and financial types; leaders in the Jewish community, and education.

I came to know Rich Teerlink several years ago when I discovered that the police officers assigned to protect Capitol Hill were riding non-American made motorcycles. Knowing that Milwaukee-based Harley-Davidson is the largest provider of police motorcycles in the world, I found it disturbing that their cycles were not part of the standard uniform for the Capitol Hill police force. With help from other pro-American business Members of this body, I am proud to say that the Capitol police force today includes Harley-Davidson.

Again, I'm pleased to join in this well-deserved tribute to Richard Teerlink. Milwaukee thanks you for all your efforts.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MARK E. SOUDER**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 1998*

Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Speaker, on June 16 on Rollcall No. 233, I was in the chamber and

voted, but my vote for some reason was not recorded. I would have voted "yea" on House Resolution 401, expressing the sense of the House concerning promotions in American schools.

HONORING BRONX SHEPHERDS RESTORATION CORPORATION

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 1998*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, a little more than a decade ago the Bronx Shepherds Restoration Corporation was organized by ministers and lay people to help save a borough that, while growing again, was in serious need of help. They decided that their goal would be to stimulate the physical, economic and social rehabilitation of their neighborhoods, while simultaneously providing spiritual sustenance and leadership.

The Bronx Shepherds, who come from throughout the Bronx, chose an area to help that had many public housing projects and a growing number of families on public assistance. They have worked in many areas to help these people, from weatherization and job training to renovating vacant buildings and sponsoring and marketing homes for low- to middle-income families. They also worked to complete a 267-unit condominium project in cooperation with the New York City Housing Partnership.

A large part of the effort by the Bronx Shepherds has gone to training young people for jobs and helping them complete their education. More than 300 young people got their high school equivalency diplomas and the Bronx Shepherds trained another 300 in housing maintenance and repair. They also have programs to move children under 6 who have tested positive for lead in their blood to safe homes and have initiated another program for the frail/elderly.

The Bronx Shepherds are a model of what a group can do to help the community and the people in it. I am honored to stand here today to praise their many good works and their persistence in accomplishing them.

EASTER IS OUTRAGEOUS

**HON. FRANK RIGGS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 24, 1998*

Mr. RIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to my colleagues' attention a sermon delivered on Easter Day (April 12, 1998) by the Very Reverend Pierce Klemmt, Rector of Christ Church in Alexandria, Virginia. I feel the sermon contains many concepts that we, as elected leaders, should keep in mind as we carry out the people's business on the House Floor.

EASTER IS OUTRAGEOUS

I have preached Easter morning for a quarter of a century. Year after year I would unravel the Easter miracle ... make it sound reasonable ... plausible ... accessible ... especially for the hard to budge agnostics and intellectuals whose families can only get