

opened its door and welcomed its first patients. The hospital has, of course, grown tremendously since then. Today, it is a full-service, 291-bed hospital providing a wide range of the most advanced, technically sophisticated health care services available. Pascack Valley Hospital serves 16,000 inpatients and 70,000 outpatients a year, yet still maintains an excellent reputation for individualized attention to the needs of each and every patient. The hospital is part of the Well Care Group Inc., which includes the hospital; Pascack Community Services, which provides outreach and educational services; Pascack Valley Hospital Foundation, the fund-raising arm; and Life Key Ventures Inc., which includes the Center for Human Reproduction, the Pascack Valley Psychiatric Institute, Pascack Valley Imaging Associates, the Bergen Nursing Team and the Pascack Healthcare Institute.

The Auxiliary has remained an active force during the hospital's nearly 40 years of growth. Members have helped establish and run programs including baby hats, baby photos, the bookmobile, central transport, clerical services, the gift cart, gift shop, information desk, menu service and messenger service. The Auxiliary has raised more than \$2.7 million over the past half-century, making an important financial contribution in addition to the incalculable value of its volunteer services. The current President, Barbara Musso of Park Ridge, and her officers and members, carry on in the tradition of public service set by Louise Bohlin and Mary G. Walker.

A local hospital is one of the most basic amenities a community can be expected to offer, as vital as a police and fire department or infrastructure such as water, sewer and good roads. It was the women of the Pascack Valley who realized this necessity half a century ago, perhaps because it is women—even today—who are most often in charge of health care issues for their families. The hard work and dedication of the Pascack Valley Hospital Women's Auxiliary made a local, community hospital a reality and helped make the Pascack Valley the successful region it is today.

I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in thanking the Auxiliary, its leaders and its members for their vision, perseverance and dedication over the years.

TRIBUTE TO JESSE E. NASH, JR.

HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 15, 1998

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jesse E. Nash, Professor Emeritus at Canisius College, as he enters retirement.

A lifelong resident of the City of Buffalo, Jesse Nash is truly a leader in our community. He began his career with the Department of Sociology/Anthropology of Canisius College in 1965, and remained there until the close of classes last Spring.

In addition, to his outstanding performance as an Educator, Professor Nash has been extremely active in our Western New York community. In 1981, he was appointed to the New York State Commission on Minorities in the Health-Related Professions in Higher Edu-

cation. He has served as a member of the Robert T. Coles project team, which has implemented "Citizen Participation" components for the Buffalo War Memorial Stadium Renovation Project, the Buffalo Light-Rail Rapid Transit Station Area Land Use Study, the Erie County Community College City Campus Physical Education Feasibility Study, and the Buffalo Waterfront Alternatives Study.

Since 1978, Professor Nash has served as President of the Seventy-Eight Restoration Corporation, a community-based economic development company. This company won national acclaim for its development and restoration of the Emerson Row Houses, which provided affordable housing in a truly historic setting.

In recognition of his tremendous commitment to Education, Professor Nash has been honored with the Canisius College President's Medal, the President's Award at the State University of New York at Buffalo, a Doctorate of Humane Letters at Canisius, an induction into the National Jesuits' Honor Society Alpha Sigma Nu, and in 1998, was distinguished as Professor Emeritus of Canisius College.

For his dedicated service and leadership in our community, Professor Nash has been honored with the Lifetime Community Service Award from Sheehan Memorial Hospital, the "Red Jacket" Community Service Award from the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society, the Marcus Garvey Award from the Jamaican and American Association, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Award from Canisius College.

In addition, Professor Nash has received the Buffalo Urban League's Evans-Young Award and the Brotherhood Award from NCCJ. In 1993, Governor Mario Cuomo recognized his lifetime commitment with the prestigious Governor's Award for Distinguished Blacks in New York State. In 1990, along with his wife, Hortense, Professor Nash received the prestigious Medgar Evers Award from the Buffalo Chapter of the NAACP.

Mr. Speaker, today I would like to join with Professor Nash's wife, Hortense; his children, Jesse III, George, and Deborah; the faculty, staff, students and alumni of Canisius College; and our entire Western New York community in tribute to Professor Jesse E. Nash, Jr.

With retirement comes many new opportunities. May Jesse Nash meet each new opportunity with the same enthusiasm and vigor in which he demonstrated throughout his brilliant career, and may those opportunities be as fruitful as those in his past.

Thank you, Professor, for your tireless effort and personal commitment to our community and to the many young men and women fortunate enough to have had you as a teacher throughout the past thirty-three years.

TRIBUTE TO THE OWNERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE ION EDGE CORPORATION

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 15, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the owners and employees of the Ion Edge Corporation in Ft. Collins, Colorado. Their hard work and dedication earned the Small Business As-

sociation's National Tibbetts Award and national recognition for pollution prevention. This company's innovative process virtually eliminates pollution from the process of metal plating.

Traditional methods of plating require dipping in large vats of chromium, cadmium and other metals. Ion Edge, however, developed a zero-waste dry plating process whereby metals are vaporized and sprayed onto aircraft and other parts. Today, the company sells 50,000 plated fasteners for aerospace manufacturing. The Environmental Protection Agency has also granted the company funds for research into a similar process for chrome plating.

By eliminating waste, Ion Edge has developed a process that is both good for business and the environment. I commend Mandar Sunthakar, the company president, and all of the people whom have contributed their time to this sound effort.

TRIBUTE TO THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON TAIWAN'S NATIONAL DAY

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 15, 1998

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, October 10, 1998 was the occasion of the Republic of China's National Day. Eighty seven years ago, Sun Yat Sen and his fellow revolutionaries declared independence from the authoritarian Manchu government and founded the Republic of China.

Echoing the famous words of one of America's greatest leaders, Abraham Lincoln, at his Gettysburg address, article I of the constitution of the Republic of China states that Taiwan "shall be a democratic republic of the people, to be governed by the people and for the people." The Republic of China is living proof that democracy works. Founded as a democracy, Taiwan has grown, matured and evolved from a single party system into a multiparty democracy with a stable economy. Free and fair elections are a reality here, not a false promise, and open and lively debate is a trademark of Taiwanese politics.

Ronald Reagan, who singlehandedly brought down the Iron curtain and communism, once referred to America as the "Shining city on the hill." Well, that is an apt metaphor for Taiwan too. Thanks to the leadership and vision of Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek, former President Chiang Ching Kuo and President Lee Teng Hui, Taiwan is also a shining example of freedom and democracy and a strong bulwark against communism.

Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of the eighty-seventh birthday of the Republic of China, I wish to offer my most heartfelt congratulations for a nation that has done so much in such a short period of time. I am confident that we can all look forward to continuing our long and prosperous partnership with one of our strongest allies in East Asia.

Finally, I would like to commend Stephen Chen, Taiwan's representative to the U.S. His hard work and patriotism is an asset to his nation.