

more aware of their specific health risks, and how to react if they recognize them. The patients and community at Potomac Hospital have truly benefited from her work.

Police Officers of the Year: Officer Ruben D. Castilla and James C. Virgil. Officers Castilla and Virgil have been instrumental in making Dale City's streets more inviting and safe for community residents. Specifically, Officers Castilla and Virgil were commended by their department for the thorough investigation of the vandalism cases which led to the closure of twenty-one cases and the clearance of an unreported attempted armed robbery. These two officers are also credited with removing two area juveniles who had been harassing residents. Their efforts have provided protection to the residents of Dale City, so they can sleep peacefully at night.

Deputy Sheriff of the Year: Sergeant William O'Connell, Jr. Sergeant O'Connell is an individual who cares deeply about the people he serves. As a member of the Sheriff's Department and resident of Dale City for eleven years, Sergeant O'Connell is credited with developing an innovative Mentoring Program for middle school students in Prince William County and the cities of Manassas and Manassas Park, bringing together a variety of criminal justice agencies. Sergeant O'Connell also serves as the Sheriff's office representative to the Northern Virginia chapter of the Virginia D.A.R.E. Association. Sergeant O'Connell has proven his dedication to making Prince William County safer for all residents.

Firefighter of the Year: Todd Zavash. As a Battalion Captain with the Dale City Volunteer Fire Department he has been instrumental in the personal and professional growth of over eighty firefighters whom he has supervised in two Battalions. His leadership has allowed the residents of Dale City to know that firefighting personnel are ready to respond to all calls for assistance. Captain Zavash is recognized by his peers as an individual who is always willing to lend a helping hand or a sympathetic ear.

Emergency Medical Technician of the Year: John Dooley. Mr. Dooley has served as a volunteer EMT with the Dale City Volunteer Fire Department for the past eight years, and is currently the lead paramedic on Battalion 1. Mr. Dooley being awarded this honor is the culmination of years of dedicated service to the people of Dale City. Mr. Dooley is highly respected for his professionalism and dedication as a senior staff member by his peers and the community. He is truly a remarkable person who has provided excellent medical care to those who call in need.

Elementary School Teacher of the Year: Miss Bella Raphael. Miss Raphael is a Second Grade teacher at Kerrydale Elementary School. In addition to her regular teaching duties, Miss Raphael volunteers in support of a number of school activities. She is well-known for her work with the Special Needs Committee which is a community outreach program to assist families during special holidays and emergency situations. As part of her work with this group she spends the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays preparing and delivering baskets of toys and food for families in need. Miss Raphael is also active in the Prince William Alliance of Black School Educators, which is an organization that promotes academic achievements for minority students in Prince William County Schools through a scholarship

fund. Through her many varied activities Miss Raphael has certainly made a positive mark in Dale City's educational system.

Middle School Teacher of the Year: Suzanne Johnson. Mrs. Johnson is a seventh grade teacher of language arts at Stuart M. Beville Middle School. At Beville, she is involved in many extra-curricular activities, and was a charter faculty member of the school in 1990. Mrs. Johnson is known among the students and faculty alike as "An energetic and resourceful teacher", always willing to offer that extra help to a student in need. She brings tremendous caring and dedication to her work, and inspires her students to excel.

High School Teacher of the Year: Jeannine Turner. Mrs. Turner has been an AP English teacher at C.D. Hylton Senior High School for the past thirty-three years. She has encouraged her students to excel in their studies using innovative teaching techniques and dedicating as much of her own time as necessary. Her work in this area has enabled the students at Hylton to achieve higher academic levels than ever before. Additionally, she volunteers her time to the alternative education program and works with at-risk students through the night school and summer school programs. Mrs. Turner is an individual who is able to unlock each student's desire and motivation to learn and gives completely of herself.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in congratulating these outstanding citizens for their tireless efforts to make Dale City, Virginia a better place to live. Through the untiring and selfless efforts to citizens like these, many others across the country are inspired to do likewise. Not only Dale City, but America is enriched by their accomplishments and dedication.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE GEORGE GOLDT

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 1999

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my good friend, the late George Goldt, a man known far and wide as "the gentle giant."

As Undersheriff of Ocean County, George met Michael Gillick, a young cancer patient, and took him under his wing, naming Michael "Honorary Sheriff." In fact, when Michael was honored, even standing on a chair, he only reached George's waist. It was his interest in Michael that led to George's wanting to learn more about kids with cancer.

George Goldt and Linda Gillick, Michael's mother, joined forces and began the organization, Ocean of Love, aptly named by George for Ocean County and for the love he felt for the kids. Starting with 12 children, Ocean of Love now helps over 200 afflicted children and their families.

A person who never had to be asked twice, George Goldt worked tirelessly in behalf of the young people he loved and cared so much for. In fact, his last earthly act was trying to obtain food for a needy family, when he was felled by a heart attack at a very young age.

He was instrumental in coordinating fund raisers, and always preferred to remain in the background, never seeking credit for his actions.

The spirit of George Goldt, the gentle giant, will always be a large part of Ocean of Love due to his efforts in behalf of kids in need.

I remember George best during the years he served as President of the Manchester Township Republican Club. During those years George and his wife Bev were among my most avid and energetic supporters. George knew what should be accomplished and made sure it was, and almost always without me even asking. The success of the club and the candidates it supported under his leadership speak volumes about George.

The recipient of this year's Ocean of Love Public Service Award, George Goldt is truly deserving of this posthumous honor, and of the love and gratitude of the community.

THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MORRIS CENTER YMCA, COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 1999

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the Morris Center YMCA, of Morris County, New Jersey.

Since January 2, 1874, the Morris Center YMCA has provided programs essential to the people of Morris County. The 172 founding members first gathered in meeting rooms located in the Old Post Office in Morristown. In 1889, the Board of Directors dedicated a new building which included a gymnasium, classrooms, bowling alleys and a game room. A second building was dedicated in 1912 which included a wing exclusively for women. By 1968, however, it became clear that a new building was needed and plans were made to begin construction.

On March 1, 1981, the grand opening of the newly completed Morris Center YMCA took place. The Center featured a 25 meter swimming pool, gymnasium, track, racquetball courts, weight rooms and a fitness center. Over the years renovations have been made to the building, bringing many more programs to people of all ages in Morris County. In 1985, the Center added an in-house After School Care program. Later, in 1988, the Center added the Y's Owl Care Child Center which provides care to approximately 130 children each day.

The Owl program received national accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Building on the reputation of the Y's Owl Child Care Center, the Morris Center YMCA was selected to create and manage the child care center of the Morristown Memorial Hospital, and opened the Children's Corner in the late fall of 1996.

The Center currently has over 400 volunteer members comprising the Board of Directors, all of its committees and program leaders. These volunteers are the heart of the Morris Center YMCA, working in all aspects of the organization. In short, the Center is people caring for people, not just buildings and equipment.

Mr. Speaker, for the past 125 years, the Morris Center YMCA has provided the citizens of Morris County with programs that benefit all those who participate. I ask that you and my