

Mrs. Nagler was born in Brooklyn, New York, and received her undergraduate degree from the College of the City of New York (now the City University of New York) in 1943, and then a Master of Arts in education from New York University in 1945.

Continuing her inclination towards education, Mrs. Nagler was elected to the San Mateo City Elementary School District Board of Trustees in 1963. She served in that body until 1973, and served as Chairman of the Board from 1965–1967. She was also appointed by the San Mateo City Council to sit on the San Mateo City Library Board of Trustees from 1963 to 1970. She also served as the Director of Community Education for Canada College in Redwood City from June 1968, when the campus originally opened, to June 1980. She then worked as the Director of Community Education for San Mateo County Community College from July 1980 to January 1988.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that the success and vitality of a community is dependent on the actions and involvement of its citizens. I can think of no better example of a concerned and dynamic participant than Ruth Nagler. Ruth has shown a commitment to public service well beyond her enormous contribution in the field of education. She served on the Mills Peninsula Hospitals Board of Trustees from 1975 to the present, and is currently the Chair of the Joint Conference Committee. She is also the chair of the Friends of the Advisory Committee on Women, a position to which she was appointed in November 1986 by the Advisory Council on Women of San Mateo County. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Women's Center of San Mateo County and is the chair of the San Mateo Performing Arts Center Board of Directors (SAMPAC).

Mrs. Nagler's history of community service is indeed long and distinguished. From 1976 to 1986 she was a member of the Executive Board of the Human Investment Project (HIP) of San Mateo County, and served as the chair of that organization from 1984 to 1985. She was also on the Executive Board of the San Mateo County Women's Recovery Association from 1973 to 1984. Mrs. Nagler was a member of the Communications Committee of the San Mateo County American Cancer Society, aided the San Mateo City Citizens Task Force to Study Needs of Seniors, and participated in the United Crusade Sponsored Citizens Task Force to Study Educational Needs in South San Mateo County. She was also a key member of the Executive Board and Planning Committee for the San Mateo County American Revolution Bicentennial Committee from 1974–1976.

In addition to her elected and appointed leadership in these many community service organizations, Mrs. Nagler has been a member of the League of Women Voters since 1951 and served as president of the San Mateo League from 1959 to 1961. She has also been a member of the San Mateo branch of the American Association of University Women since 1965, and was a member of the San Carlos Branch from 1976 to 1979. Other memberships include Women's Resource Center in Palo Alto (since 1973), the Redwood City Soroptimists Club (1976–1977), the Program Committee of the San Mateo County Planned Parenthood Association (1970–1971), the United Nations Association of San Mateo County, and the San Mateo Parents Coopera-

tive Nursery School (1952–1956). The Naglers also served in 1965 as a host family for the Experiment in International Living.

Mr. Speaker, those who know Ruth Nagler well admire her for her dedication and service. Her years of commitment to community have not gone unnoticed by those with whom she has worked. She has received numerous awards and recognitions, of which I will mention just a few. Mrs. Nagler was admitted to the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame in 1988. She received a bicentennial award in 1976 from the Trinity Baptist Church of San Mateo in "recognition of extraordinary accomplishment and outstanding contribution to community education and cultural advancement and strengthening of home and family life." In 1976 she was honored by the Japanese-American Citizens League of San Mateo County with the Community Services Award "for appreciation and recognition for outstanding leadership to the community." She has also received the San Mateo Elementary Teachers Association Community Services Award (1973), the Girls Club of the Mid-Peninsula Community Services Award "for outstanding leadership and contributions to the community" (1973), and the Civil de Hidalgo Certificate of Appreciation for work related to the human rights and education of Hispanic adults and children (1972). She was also given the Special Services Award by minority parents and students of the San Mateo City School District for "long and devoted services to the youth of San Mateo and dedicated service to the integrated learning process" in recognition of her work from 1961 to 1973.

The Park, Foster City and Audubon schools of the San Mateo City Elementary District, the Canada College Patrons Association, and the San Mateo County Community College District have granted Mrs. Nagler honorary life membership in the PTA. Mrs. Nagler's perpetual devotion to education was also duly recognized by friends and supporters who established the Ruth K. Nagler Scholarship Fund at the conclusion of her service on the San Mateo Elementary School Board of Trustees.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Ruth K. Nagler's enormous service to our community are worthy of our praise and commendation. As a Member of Congress, I am proud to pay tribute to Ruth K. Nagler, who has taken such a firm and intense interest in those around her in our area. I join her many friends and admirers in the Bay Area in honoring her on her 80th birthday, and wish her many happy, healthy, and successful years to come.

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL E. DEMICHIEI ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2002

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize my constituent, Michael E. DeMichiei of Napoleon, Ohio, who recently accepted his appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Michael will soon graduate from Napoleon High School. During his high school career, he has maintained a high grade point average, and is a member of the National Honor Soci-

ety. He is an accomplished athlete, earning varsity letters in soccer and track. And, he has clearly demonstrated his leadership ability, serving as a delegate to Buckeye Boys State and as captain of the soccer team.

Michael DeMichiei can be very proud of his many accomplishments. He is a credit to his family, his school, and his community. By accepting his appointment, Michael is accepting a unique challenge.

The Academy is the pinnacle of leadership development for the United States Army. As a member of the U.S. Corps of Cadets, he will face a most demanding academic curriculum and physical regimen. He will live, study and prepare in an environment where strong leadership thrives, individual achievement is expected, and personal integrity is demanded.

Mr. Speaker, General John W. Vessey, Jr. once wrote, "The Nation's ability to remain free and at peace depends in no small measure on whether we will continue to inspire our youth to serve."

I am confident that Michael DeMichiei has the character and ability to excel at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him well as he begins his very important service to our Nation.

CHANGE IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS POSSIBLE

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2002

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply disappointed to learn that the Central Committee of the Likud party in Israel recently voted in favor of a resolution never to allow the creation of a Palestinian state. This decision is so troubling because it refuses to address the paradox that all Israelis have wrestled with since the end of the six-day war in 1967. I like to call this the paradox of the occupation. The paradox of the occupation is that the modern state of Israel, post 1967, has not been able to achieve the Zionist dream of a Jewish, democratic state. There are over 3 million men and women who live in land that was occupied by the Israeli Defense Forces in 1967, who are not allowed to take advantage of Israel's nationality law. They are required to carry a special identification card that greatly restricts their freedom of movement throughout the country. They are at the mercy of the Israeli judiciary if they want to become naturalized citizens, regardless of where they were born. They are denied these basic rights of nationality because of their ethnicity. These are Palestinian Muslims and Christians, and they are not citizens in the Jewish state of Israel because they do not have the right ethnic ancestors or religious affiliation. Mr. Speaker, doesn't the current state of affairs in the occupied territories stretch beyond recognition our definition of "democracy?" Isn't the President making the right decision to call for an end to the occupation and the creation of a Palestinian state? According to a public opinion poll taken by the Dahaf Institute in Israel, 67% of all Israelis agree with the President, believing that Israel should withdraw from the occupied territories.

To say, as the Likud party said Sunday night, that there will never be a Palestinian

state is to say that Israel will exist either as a Jewish state or a democratic state, but not both. Or it could be implicitly saying that the Palestinian people will somehow cease to exist. This is troubling, particularly in light of the fact that so many in the Israeli government have openly discussed the prospect of driving Palestinians out of their homes as a means to solving this conflict. Mr. Speaker, we should state openly as President Bush has stated, that the United States will never tolerate the forceful removal of Palestinian people. Driving the Palestinian people out of the occupied territories is not an option.

Mr. Speaker, there is a solution to the paradox of the occupation. This solution would allow Israel to be both fully Jewish and fully democratic. It would dispel forever the notion that Israel has no right to exist, and it would take away the fear of so many Palestinians that they will one day be driven out of their homes. This solution is, as the President has articulated so many times, to have "two states living side by side" in a climate of peace and security. For the first time in the history of this conflict, this vision has become possible. Based on the formula of land for peace, Saudi Arabia has led the Arab states in an unequivocal call for peace with Israel in exchange for an end to the occupation of pre-1967 Arab lands. Can you imagine, Mr. Speaker, how different this troubling region could be if all states were to live together in peace and security? The Middle East would change beyond our imagination.

This change is possible, but only if both sides are given a fair shake in working out a lasting agreement. We need to make the right decisions now, without the taint of political agendas, to create a lasting peace for the future children of Israel and Palestine.

HONORING REVEREND JOHN G. SIMMONS

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2002

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Reverend John G. Simmons. For over 60 years now, Reverend Simmons has dedicated himself to the causes of peace and justice throughout his community and in honor of his achievements, the Reverend John G. Simmons Opportunity House will be dedicated on May 16, 2002. The Opportunity House will serve as a treatment facility for the Mentally Ill Offenders Program.

Born in Mountain Grove, Missouri, Reverend Simmons is a graduate of Drake University, Rutherford Seminary, University of Chicago and the University of Southern California. A devoted family man, he is married to Bethend Simmons and together they have three children—Johnny, Ginger and James. Rev. Simmons is also the proud stepfather to four children—Linda, Tylon, Paul and Karen. His eight grandchildren are his great pride.

Reverend Simmons has been an outspoken advocate and proponent for individuals and families in need of affordable housing and health care, specialized health needs and reasoned, caring healthcare practitioners. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Pacoima Memorial Lutheran Hospital, the

Sunair Children's Foundation and is the Founder of the Golden State Community Mental Health Center and the Los Angeles Family Housing-Valley Shelter.

Along with his dedication to healthcare and housing, Rev. Simmons has also pledged his support to education. As a founder of Casa Loma College, an institution dedicated to licensing vocational nurses, certified nurses and home health aides, he has ensured that qualified and experienced nurses are available to meet the health needs of at-risk individuals. He is also the founder of California Lutheran University, which is dedicated to the educational needs of students throughout the world.

As a strong advocate of social justice, civil liberties and civil rights, Reverend Simmons has been active in the ACLU, NAACP, Amnesty International, the Lutheran Peace Fellowship, L.A. County Commission on Human Relations and the Medical Committee for Civil Rights.

It is with great honor that I ask all Members to join with me in congratulating the Reverend John G. Simmons for his life's dedication to the social welfare of his community and on the dedication of the Rev. John G. Simmons Opportunity House.

IN RECOGNITION OF "A CHILD IS MISSING"

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2002

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I have recently come into contact with "A Child Is Missing," a public/private partnership founded by Sherry Friedlander and sponsored by several prestigious organizations such as the City of Fort Lauderdale and the Florida Police Chiefs Association, among others. I am proud of the people of Florida and their support for this organization, and its service to the general public and the law enforcement community of my home state.

A Child Is Missing is an organization currently working in the state of Florida, whose purpose is to aid the law enforcement authorities to locate missing children, elderly, and people with disabilities. Their mode of work: once a report has been filed of a missing child, elderly, or person with disabilities, the law enforcement agency may call "A Child Is Missing" and give the specifics of the case. Within the hour, "A Child Is Missing" calls and relays an automatic phone message to phone numbers located within the area where the person was last seen. The phone message gives a description of the person, informs of their disappearance, and provides the phone number of the closest law enforcement agency in the area.

"A Child Is Missing's" technology is state of the art, their mode of operation simple and impressively fast. Their degree of effectiveness is so high that in a five-year period their radius of action has increased from a local to a state level, and they are currently trying to make their systems operate nationwide.

It is therefore no surprise to me that police Chief Edward Morley has said, speaking of the case of a missing boy, "The role of 'A Child Is Missing' was instrumental in reuniting him quickly with his family."

I applaud the founders, sponsors and workers of "A Child Is Missing." They have given us an opportunity to help the community, and this is why I am a supporter of this initiative. I look forward to seeing this Florida initiative expanded nationwide.

RECOGNIZING KYLE J. FRIES ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2002

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize my constituent, Kyle J. Fries of Bellevue, Ohio, who recently accepted his appointment to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York.

Kyle will soon graduate from Bellevue High School. During his high school career, he has maintained a high grade point average, and currently is attending Firelands Branch of Bowling Green State University under the Post Secondary Education Option. And, he has clearly demonstrated his leadership ability, earning the rank of Eagle Scout and serving as a delegate to Buckeye Boys State.

Kyle Fries can be very proud of his many accomplishments. He is a credit to his family, his school, and his community. By accepting his appointment, Kyle is accepting a unique challenge.

The Academy is the pinnacle of leadership development for the United States Maritime Service. As a USMMA midshipman, he will face a most demanding academic curriculum and physical regimen. He will live, study and prepare in an environment where strong leadership thrives, individual achievement is expected, and personal integrity is demanded.

Mr. Speaker, General John W. Vessey, Jr. once wrote, "The Nation's ability to remain free and at peace depends in no small measure on whether we will continue to inspire our youth to serve."

I am confident that Kyle Fries has the character and ability to excel at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him well as he begins his very important service to our nation at Kings Point.

TRIBUTE TO RURAL/METRO MEDICAL SERVICES OF ROCHESTER ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 50TH YEAR IN BUSINESS

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2002

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Rural/Metro Medical Services of Rochester as it celebrates its 50th year of service to our community.

Rural/Metro Medical Services is a Rochester success story that deserves to be shared. Originally founded as National Ambulance of Rochester by George S. Heisel, Jr. in 1952, Rural/Metro has grown into a model of excellence for the delivery of emergency medical services. For half a century, thousands of