

and wellness center, a gymnasium/student activities center, new dormitories, a communications center and a new administration building.

As a former member of the Wilberforce Board of Trustees, I have always found Dr. Henderson to be a dedicated educator and administrator, and a true advocate for the students and faculty at Wilberforce. His professional demeanor and extensive experience in Ohio's outstanding system of higher education have always made it a pleasure to work with Dr. Henderson and I have been privileged to have been able to work on the school's behalf in the Ohio State Senate and in Congress.

Dr. Henderson's comprehensive knowledge of higher education has been recognized with his selection to leadership positions in numerous educational organizations. He is a member of: the Board of Directors of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, the Council of Independent Colleges and Universities, the National Commission of Cooperative Education, the Council of Presidents of The College Fund/United Negro College Fund, Minorities in Mathematics, Science and Engineering and the Givat Haviva Educational Foundation that oversees the education of college students in Israel.

Most recently, President George W. Bush appointed Dr. Henderson to serve on the President's Advisory Council on Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

Dr. Henderson received his bachelor's degree from the Hampton Institute in 1955, and his Master's degree in Education in Counseling and Guidance from the University of Cincinnati. Dr. Henderson continued his studies at the University of Cincinnati and received his Doctorate of Education in Counselor Education.

As Ohio's Seventh District Representative to the Congress of the United States, I take this opportunity to publicly recognize Dr. Henderson and his achievements on behalf of Wilberforce University. His many contributions to the educational growth of the nation's oldest privately funded historically black co-educational institution of higher learning are noteworthy and I thank him for his service.

A TRIBUTE TO HOWARD PITSCHE

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2002

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Howard Pitsch in recognition of his long-term dedication to his community.

Howard is a twenty-year resident of Fort Greene who has assisted in promoting the progressive revitalization of the community. He is the chair of the Fort Greene Association, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to historic preservation, strengthening community relations and improving the quality of life and parks. In this position, he has used his professional expertise as a marketing manager for Newsweek to enhance the profile of this vital community organization.

He builds relationships with social and cultural organizations to improve the Fort Greene and Downtown Brooklyn areas. The Fort Greene Association sponsors a scholarship for a student to attend the Brooklyn Music School. The Association also works to restore Fort

Greene Park and contributes to the creation of a Brooklyn Bridge Park.

As Fort Greene Association Chair, he serves as the liaison between the Association and elected officials, Community Board Two, the 88th Precinct Council and the Brooklyn Borough President's office. His ability to juggle and maintain these various relationships is a true talent.

Mr. Speaker, Howard Pitsch has dedicated himself to serving his Brooklyn community. As such, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

IN TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT FIRST CLASS DANIEL ROMERO

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2002

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an American hero. Sergeant First Class Daniel Romero was killed while diffusing ordinance in Afghanistan on April 15, 2002. A member of the Colorado National Guard from Lafayette, Colorado, Daniel was called to active duty following the September 11 attacks against our country.

A ten-year veteran of the National Guard, Daniel was a communications specialist in the Special Forces. He also attended jump school, language school, and paramedic school. Daniel received the highest praise from his fellow soldiers including his Master Sergeant, who said, "I always rode him hard and every time he stepped up to the plate." He was sent with his unit to Afghanistan as a paramedic coordinator and ended up mastering a new communications system that had confused the rest of the unit. Daniel's versatility was just one of the traits that made him a model soldier.

Like so many of our brave men and women, Daniel left his home to defend his country. He left behind his parents Michael and GERALYN, his two sisters Stephanie and Gabrielle, and his new wife Stephanie Wendorf. To them, our humble nation thanks them and praises them, for they have paid the ultimate price in the name of freedom.

Mr. Speaker, as we are engaged in this battle to free the world from terror, I am sure that every one of my colleagues will join me in saluting Sergeant First Class Daniel Romero. His dedication and devotion to his family, his unit, and his country can serve as an example to all Americans. He is a symbol of the values that makes America great and is a testament to the spirit that will see this country through even these troubled times.

CONGRATULATING NASA AND DR. FRANKLIN CHANG-DÍAZ FOR A SHUTTLE MISSION

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2002

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate NASA on the successful launch of the Space Shuttle Endeavour on June 6. This important mission has delivered the Expedition Five crew, and continues to in-

stall the Leonardo Multi-Purpose Logistics Module and the Mobile Remote Servicer Base System on the International Space Station.

This launch marks Endeavour's 18th flight and also marks the 14th shuttle flight to the space station. This launch is also historically significant because Astronaut Franklin Chang-Díaz makes a record-tying seventh flight into space. He now shares the record with Astronaut Jerry Ross.

During this mission, Astronaut Franklin Chang-Díaz, along with French Space Agency Astronaut Philippe Perrin have also preformed three scheduled spacewalks that continue the assembly of the International Space Station. These extravehicular activities mark the first time that Chang-Díaz and Perrin have been the first spacewalks for both astronauts.

Four years ago, I had the privilege of meeting and getting to know Dr. Franklin Chang-Díaz, an outstanding scientist and an accomplished astronaut. During this four year period, Dr. Chang-Díaz has accompanied me to nine middle schools in my district to talk about the importance of our national space program and to encourage students to take more math and science classes. I have also had the opportunity to visit his plasma propulsion laboratory at the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center in Houston.

Dr. Chang-Díaz is a man of many talents. Not only is he the second human to make seven space flights, he is also currently developing the new Variable Specific Impulse Magnetoplasma Rocket (VASIMR) concept. The VASIMR prototype rocket engine is designed to shorten the trip to Mars and provide a safer environment for the crew.

Dr. Chang-Díaz has been working with scientists at NASA and the Department of Energy to develop this project. To date, he has been able to secure just enough funding to keep the project operating. However, this project is too important to allow it to just survive. I am hopeful that NASA will quickly realize the need to have a dedicated stream of funding for the VASIMR project.

Our nation is fortunate to have such outstanding individuals, like Dr. Chang-Díaz and the other crew members, as part of our national space program. Our NASA astronauts are scheduled to arrive back to earth on Monday, June 17. At that time, I look forward to welcoming back our heroes.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Astronaut Franklin Chang-Díaz, the Johnson Space Center in Houston and everyone at NASA for a successful launch and a successful mission.

HONORING NADINE CIOFFI AND THE WILLIAM FLOYD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. FELIX J. GRUCCI, JR.

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2002

Mr. GRUCCI. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Ms. Nadine Cioffi and the William Floyd Elementary School in Mastic Beach, New York, upon their receipt of The New York State Health Facilities Association's "Group Volunteer of the Year" award for 2002.

Ms. Cioffi is honored today for her unwavering commitment to the students of William

Floyd Elementary School by establishing a pen-pal club 13 years ago for her 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders.

Every September the students of Ms. Cioffi's classes send letters to the residents of Cedar Lodge Nursing Home in Center Moriches, New York and have the opportunity to meet with their pen pals later in the year. This program has served to enrich the lives of both students and seniors alike.

The value of bringing lives together has been rich and fulfilling. Students have the opportunity to speak and listen to seniors who have much to give of themselves. Students provide company and friendship to the residents of Cedar Lodge, friendship they might not otherwise have received in their day to day lives.

Ms. Cioffi has shown a commitment to excellence and a spirit of ingenuity that has fostered a thriving relationship between her students and residents of Cedar Lodge Nursing Home. She has planted and nurtured the seeds of friendship and virtue within the budding minds of her students. I am truly touched by her devotion, and wish her success in all of her future endeavors.

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY HONORS
MR. ALLEN M. SILK, ESQ.

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2002

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize, honor and thank Mr. Allen Silk, a dedicated advocate for abused and neglected children and their families in the Trenton/Mercer County area since 1976.

Over four separate decades, Mr. Silk has been active in helping children and families through the Mill Hill Child and Family Development Corporation. Established in 1971 as a child care center and safe haven for babies ages 2–12 months, Allen has helped to expand the center's reach tremendously. Specifically, Allen Silk has helped to expand the services of the Mill Hill Center from just sixty children to over one hundred and forty children at any given time.

Mr. Silk has also played an integral role in forming the Mill Hill Foundation, and in doing so he has aided in raising awareness and funds for the abused and neglected children at the Mill Hill Center. By increasing awareness, Mr. Silk has helped many Americans to come to terms with the reality of child abuse and neglect.

I commend Mr. Silk on the work he has done to help children and families. Mr. Silk has helped those children who do not have a chance to defend themselves from the ravages of abuse and neglect, and I am sure that Mr. Silk has helped to improve the lives of thousands of children.

Allen Silk has truly been a champion for those children and families served by Mill Hill. I am very pleased to be able to recognize his passion and devotion to helping so many people.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, again, I rise to celebrate and honor this true New Jersey treasure. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Allen M. Silk, Esq. of the Mill Hill Child and Family Development Corporation.

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL OF
THE OHIO BURGEE

HON. DAVID L. HOBSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2002

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the adoption of the Ohio state flag, which is officially and affectionately known as the Ohio burgee because of its unique swallowtail design. The Buckeye State is the only state in the union to have a flag that isn't rectangular, which is fitting, since Ohio is unlike any other state.

Cuyahoga County resident John Eisenmann designed the burgee and then transferred his rights and interests in the flag to the State of Ohio. He received a U.S. patent for his design in 1901 and the Ohio Legislature officially adopted it on May 9, 1902. Mr. Eisenmann, an accomplished architect, may have been inspired by the shapes of the guidons carried by the U.S. cavalry. The flag was intended to be first flown from the Ohio building at the Pan-American Exposition of 1901, a circumstance which also may have contributed to its unusual shape. Mr. Eisenmann also designed the Cleveland Arcade; was instrumental in the effort to construct the Perry Victory and International Peace Memorial at Put-In-Bay, and authored Cleveland's first comprehensive building code.

The flag's large blue triangle represents Ohio's hills and valleys, and the stripes represent roads and waterways. The 13 stars grouped about the circle represent the original states of the union; the 4 stars added to the peak of the triangle symbolize that Ohio was the 17th state admitted to the union. The white circle with its red center not only represents the "O" in Ohio, but also suggests Ohio's famous nickname of "The Buckeye State."

For 100 years, the Ohio burgee has been one of the most instantly recognizable symbols of the State of Ohio. It has flown beside Old Glory on thousands of flagpoles and been carried in parades celebrating our independence, noteworthy events in state history, even at the head of columns of Ohio troops returning from conflicts overseas.

As we look forward to the upcoming Centennial of Flight celebration in Dayton and the state Bicentennial in 2003, I encourage all Ohioans to proudly display their Ohio burgee on its 100th anniversary.

A TRIBUTE TO REVEREND CRAIG
B. CADDY SR.

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2002

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Rev. Craig B. Caddy Sr. and his spiritual service in the community.

Born to Lucille Atkins, Rev. Caddy began his ministry 19 years ago under the leadership and teachings of the late Rev. Dr. D.W. Batts in his native home of Bedford-Stuyvesant. He realized the needs of his community and saw the vital role that the church played in meeting those needs. In 1999, he was called to serve as the Pastor of the Friendship Baptist

Church. Since then, he has built the Friendship Baptist Church into a community centered institution that provides GED preparation and testing, computer literacy, computerized bookkeeping, computer technology, introductory Spanish courses, as well as a partnership with Phoenix House of America.

Rev. Caddy is currently a board member of the NAACP, the Bedford Stuyvesant Legal Services, the State University of New York (BEOC), the Neighborhood Advisory Board, and the Community Action Board. In addition, he serves on the Chaplain Staff of the New York City Police Department and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

Rev. Caddy is not only a spiritual father to his community, but also the father of two children of his own, Nyasha Joy and Craig Jr.

The Bedford Stuyvesant community is blessed to have Rev. Caddy serving them. May God continue to bless him and the work that he does. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Rev. Craig B. Caddy Sr.

A BILL TO AMEND THE TOXIC
SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT AND
THE FEDERAL INSECTICIDE,
FUNGICIDE, AND RODENTICIDE
ACT

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2002

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, today I join my colleague Representative PAUL GILLMOR in introducing legislation submitted by the Administration which would implement three very important international agreements involving the distribution and sale of chemicals and pesticides in international commerce.

This legislation will amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, and the Toxic Substances Control Act in order to comply with our obligations under the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs Convention), the Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Persistent Organic Pollutants (LRTAP POPs Protocol), and the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade (PIC Convention).

Due to their unique characteristics, POPs, which include substances such as DDT, PCBs and dioxins, are chemicals of both local and global concern. POPs are toxic, persist in the environment for long periods of time, and accumulate as they move up the food chain. The United States, among the very first to call for a global POPs Convention, provided strong leadership throughout the negotiations to bring this important environmental treaty to a successful conclusion.

Likewise, the PIC procedure is designed to give participating countries in the developing world information about the risks posed by banned or severely restricted chemicals, as well as certain severely hazardous pesticide formulations.

Each of these conventions represent a well thought out and balanced approach at gaining international agreement on procedures to protect human health and the environment. I commend all of the negotiators from the