

earn a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, in 1967. In 1974, he graduated with an M.B.A. from Xavier University.

Following West Point, George proudly served our country in the U.S. Army. From 1967 to 1969, he was stationed in Europe, and, between 1969 and 1970, he served in Vietnam, where he earned a Bronze Star.

George will tell you that his experience at West Point and service in the Army prepared him well for the business world. He initially joined Fifth Third Bank as a management trainee in 1971, and, by 1990, he was the President and CEO of the bank. Since then, Fifth Third has routinely posted double digit growth rates. Under George's tenure, total revenues have grown from \$393 million to \$4.2 billion—an astonishing 1000 percent increase. Currently, Fifth Third is the 15th largest bank in the U.S., and among the top ten U.S. banks in market valuation. George is rightfully regarded as one of the top bankers in our nation.

George's other activities and civic commitments include: Chairman of the Board of the University of Cincinnati; the Children's Hospital Center Medical Center Executive Committee; the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee; and the Health Alliance of Greater Cincinnati Executive Committee. He has given of his time and energy to a number of other worthy organizations including: the Cincinnati Institute of Fine Arts; the Johnny Bench Scholarship Fund; the United Way; and the Taft Museum of Art.

With all of his great accomplishments, he's particularly proud of his marriage of 35 years to his wife, Betty, and their three children and four grandchildren. All of us in the Greater Cincinnati area congratulate George on his induction into the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky Business Hall of Fame, and wish him the very best on his current and future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF DENA MALLACH

### HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 2002*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dena Mallach for her outstanding service as Executive Director of the Jewish Family and Counseling Service (JFCS) of Jersey City, Bayonne, and Hoboken. Mrs. Mallach was awarded the 2002 Mary T. Norton Memorial Award on September 17, 2002, at the United Way Kick-Off, which was held at the Crowne Plaza in Secaucus, New Jersey.

Mrs. Mallach has devoted her life to the care of others. Her inspiring credentials include being trained a disaster mental health worker within the Red Cross system, her work in child protective and developmentally disabled youth services, on a crisis intervention team, and over fourteen years of experience at the JFCS, where she was appointed Executive Director in September, 2000.

Some of her most admirable feats have come at the darkest of times. She volunteered in the recovery efforts of countless local disasters, such as the deadly Seton Hall fire, and in numerous national emergencies, such as Hurricane George. And when her country

needed her most, she worked tirelessly to help the families and colleagues of the victims of the terrorist attacks on America. In addition to personal care, she directed the opening of a branch office in Hoboken after 9/11 and brought aid and advocacy services to the distressed residents.

This award is given in recognition of the deep commitment to human services exemplified by Congresswoman Mary T. Norton. It recognizes women who have made outstanding contributions to the success of programs both in their community and throughout the nation.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dena Mallach for her selfless dedication and volunteerism in her community and beyond.

HONORING DR. MICHAEL  
VINCIGUERRA

### HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 2002*

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Michael Vinciguerra, who will be inaugurated today as the 8th President of the University of St. Francis in Joliet, IL.

Dr. Vinciguerra comes to the University of St. Francis from the State University of New York (SUNY) at Farmingdale where he served since 1970 as professor, vice president for academic affairs, and provost. While at SUNY-Farmingdale, he led the effort to transform the college to a four-year institution as well as helping to create a campus Bioscience Park in collaboration with Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory and a leading biotechnology company, OSI Pharmaceutical. He also initiated a campus-wide outcomes assessment program; pursued continuous improvement in programs and upgraded fiscal enrollment management.

Experienced in Catholic Education, Dr. Vinciguerra is a graduate of Iona College in New Rochelle, NY with a degree in chemistry. He holds a master of science degree and Ph.D. in physical chemistry from Adelphi University. Michael and Grace recently relocated in Joliet, IL, and have one son, Michael, who is married to Darcy and one grandson, Christopher who lives in Spotsylvania, VA.

With his wealth of academic experience and his ability to work closely with the community, Dr. Vinciguerra is the right choice to lead the University of St. Francis community in its 2002–2003 Annual Theme of “A Time of Renewal, to reconnect, reaffirm and rejuvenate the many qualities that make St. Francis unique.”

Mr. Speaker, I ask this body to join me in welcoming Dr. Michael Vinciguerra as the President of the University of St. Francis.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING  
GERALD BENSON

### HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 2002*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, whereas, Gerald Benson became a citizen of the United States

of America 25 years ago on November 8, 1977; and

Whereas, Gerald Benson showed his responsible citizenship by also voting on the same November 8, 1977; and

Whereas, Gerald Benson has demonstrated a commitment to his community of Cambridge, Ohio; and

Whereas, Gerald Benson has worked hard to become an American success story;

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Gerald Benson on the 25th Anniversary of his being a United States of America Citizen.

TRIBUTE TO ROSS LOVE

### HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 2002*

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ross Love, a friend, community leader, and accomplished businessperson who will be inducted into the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky Business Hall of Fame on September 26, 2002. Ross is being honored for his outstanding business career, which includes leadership roles at the Procter & Gamble Company, Blue Chip Broadcasting, and Blue Chip Enterprises.

Ross was born and raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and graduated from Syracuse University in 1968 with a Bachelor of Arts. Shortly after earning his degree, Ross began a very successful career with Procter & Gamble, where he worked for 28 years in marketing and advertising. After running a number of the company's key brands, he was appointed Vice President of Advertising and oversaw the marketing of Procter & Gamble's products for 10 years.

In 1995, Ross founded Blue Chip Broadcasting, which initially included an investment in just one radio station. By the time he sold Blue Chip Broadcasting last year, he had grown the company into a 19-station group—the second largest African-American owned radio broadcasting company in the United States. Currently, Ross is the President and CEO of Blue Chip Enterprises, a company he founded in 2001. Blue Chip Enterprises has helped increase the number of African-American owned businesses in the Cincinnati region.

Even while achieving great business successes, Ross has been active in making our community and our country stronger. Nationally, he led the Partnership for a Drug-Free America in developing virtually all of its anti-drug messages targeted to the African-American community. Among his important local activities, he serves as Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees of the United Way of Greater Cincinnati, and as Co-Chair of Cincinnati Community Action Now (CAN).

Ross and his wife, Cheryl, have been married for over 30 years, and they have two children, Jonathan and Ayanna. All of us in the Cincinnati area congratulate Ross on his induction into the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky Business Hall of Fame, and wish him the very best with his current and future endeavors.