

swift placement of children in permanent homes is essential to their positive development and well-being.

Adoption allows people the opportunity to extend their homes and their hearts to people in need. I commend Lauran Howard for her work to break down the barriers that stand between foster children and their adoptive families. She is truly worthy of the Angels in Adoption recognition.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENT
OF GLORIA WISE BOYS & GIRLS
CLUB

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of The Gloria Wise Boys & Girls Club of the Bronx, New York. I congratulate them on their recently awarded \$218,500 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice.

This grant will fund the Juvenile Mentoring Program (JUMP). JUMP is a one-on-one mentoring program that takes at-risk youths from the Bronx neighborhoods of Co-Op City, Baychester, Edenwald, and Williamsbridge, and gives them the kind of activities they want and need. The goals of this program are to reduce gang participation, promote academic achievement and school attendance, and promote positive social behavior. The activities include college campus visits, outings to sporting events, and reading time with caring adult mentors.

That is precisely what is so wonderful about Gloria Wise—it recognizes the needs of this community and it provides services that serve this community. That is the mark of understanding, seasoned leadership—leadership provided by Gloria Wise's Executive Director, Charlie Rosen. Mr. Rosen has proven his commitment to the neighborhood for decades. And he continues to respond to the needs of this varied and diverse community.

Under his leadership, Gloria Wise has grown into a model community center, serving the young, the old, those in need of assistance, and those who long to help, this center serves all of us.

This Federal grant certainly speaks to the quality of Mr. Rosen's leadership. It also speaks to the quality of the Gloria Wise programs and staff, people like the Jeff Aulenbach who is the Deputy Executive Director who actually wrote the grant application—an application that was successful in a very competitive year where only three of these awards were given out in New York State.

This program has a lot of people behind it, including myself. This center has been blessed with incredible staff and an incredible leader. I am glad that the Federal Government and the Department of Justice has recognized how exceptional this Boys & Girls Club is to the Co-Op City community.

For all of their work, I thank them.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO HOLLY
COORS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to an individual who has contributed selflessly to the betterment of her community, Holly H. Coors of Denver, Colorado. It is my pleasure to honor Holly as a pillar and a pioneer to the advancements of our society.

Holly Coors was born and raised in Philadelphia by a caring charitable family. She moved to Colorado where she nurtured her own family with her example of humanitarian service. Holly has donated countless hours of service at St. Luke's Hospital and Spalding Rehabilitation Hospital in Denver Colorado in addition to serving as the Colorado State Chairman for Reagan/Bush in 1980 and 1984. Holly's appointment as the United States Ambassador to the National Year of Americas by President Reagan highlights her ability to represent her country and her willingness to reach out. Holly has also helped found and fund the organization Women of Our Hemisphere Achieving Together to help women improve their lives through entrepreneurship. Through this organization and her support of Latin American schools and clinics, Holly has economically uplifted many developing communities and received numerous awards for her dedication to educational and health care issues.

Holly's humanitarian legacy extends to the Caribbean where she helped rebuild the fire ravaged Parliament House in the commonwealth of Dominica. When Hurricane Mitch wreaked havoc along its destructive path, Holly sent five plane loads of diapers to hospitals there. Appointed to serve as Ambassador-at-Large to Latin America by President George H. W. Bush, Holly moved throughout the western hemisphere standing out as a determined advocate and mentor to the women in every country she visited. She continues to tirelessly serve her country as an advocate on many health care issues at home and abroad.

With such a distinguished list of accomplishments, it is no surprise the Jefferson Symphony Orchestra has chosen to honor Holly at its 50th Anniversary Gala in December. It is our chance to give her the recognition she deserves for her years of volunteer service and philanthropic assistance she has given to her community, her state, and her nation.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration that I extend my praise to Holly Coors before this body of Congress and this nation. Holly brings great care and sincerity wherever her mission takes her and she is truly an individual of great character and conduct deserving of the honors and awards bestowed on her throughout her career.

REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11, 2002

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, as we reflect on the tragic attacks on America on Sep-

tember 11, 2001, and the remarkable heroism of those who responded selflessly to those attacks, the weapon we have most, that we need most, and that we need now more than any time in the history of the Republic is prayer.

We need prayer for our brave men and women in the military who are fighting the war on terrorism and for those who will go, prayer for our President and our leaders as they chart our Nation's course, prayer for the families and friends of the more than 3,000 citizens who lost their lives in New York City, on the place that crashed in Pennsylvania and at the Pentagon, and prayer for the safety and security of our Nation.

We need prayer as well for the selfless and hardworking members of our police, firefighter and emergency response teams. The harsh reality of the danger of their jobs came crashing down on America on September 11 when 343 firefighters, 23 police officers and 37 Port Authority officers in New York City lost their lives at the World Trade Center.

With a year to ponder the terrible losses suffered that day and the threat of terrorism and evil still looming over our Nation, we realize now more than ever the debt of gratitude that we owe to those who place themselves in harm's way to protect our Nation and our citizens.

September 11 unified America and reawakened a spirit of determination and patriotism not seen since World War II. On that day we were reminded that freedom is not free—that there is a price that must be extracted to defeat tyranny and terrorism and to preserve the precious freedoms for which previous generations of heroes have fought so valiantly.

The war on terrorism will be a long war—but it is a war that we can and will win. So as we remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country and those still on the front lines in the battle for freedom, we are filled with renewed resolve that those who perpetrated these terrible acts will be brought to justice and that such a tragedy will never happen again in America.

May God bless the families of the victims of September 11, and may God continue to bless America.

STATEMENT ON POW/MIA
RECOGNITION DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to bring my colleagues' attention to POW/MIA Recognition Day, which is tomorrow. Designated by the President and observed every year on the Third Friday of September, we take this day to remember the sacrifices of armed service-members who were captured in wartime, and whose ultimate fate remains unknown. Over the course of the last century more than 142,000 Americans were taken captive when fighting for their country. Those unfortunate enough to be taken prisoner all too often suffered from the very worst human treatment. Let us remember the sacrifice they made for their country.

I would encourage my colleagues not only to remember those who were captured, but