

the October 13, 2002, banquet of the Luzerne County Italian American Association. He has served as Sergeant-at-Arms for the last three years and on the board of directors of the Association.

Anthony is the son of the late August and Lucille Serignese Bianco. He is a graduate of the Pittston High School Class of 1954.

Over the years, he has participated in numerous civic and religious organizations. He is a lifelong member of the Holy Name Society of Mount Carmel Church, Pittston, where he is a volunteer assistant at all functions. He is also a member and volunteer of the American Red Cross, where he has participated for more than 21 years in community blood drives, which resulted in the Red Cross presenting him with the "21 Year Pin" recently.

He has also represented the Italian American Association at the Pittston Tomato Festival Parade and serves as a volunteer for the groundskeeping work at the Columbus statue in Pittston throughout the year. He has represented the 7th Ward, 3rd District in the City of Pittston as the Democratic Committeeman for more than 25 years and also serves as Judge of Elections for that ward.

Anthony has worked for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and for the past 32 years, he has been employed at the Luzerne County Veterans Affairs Bureau, where he has been responsible for delivering veterans' stone markers and flags to all cemeteries in Luzerne and adjacent counties of his jurisdiction.

He is a lifelong resident of Pittston. His family includes a brother, the late Philip Bianco, and a sister, Grace Bianco Nolan. He has three nieces and a nephew, along with several great-nieces and great-nephews.

Mr. Speaker, for all these reasons, I am pleased to call to the attention of the House of Representatives the well-deserved honor being accorded to Anthony Bianco, and I wish him all the best.

#### TRIBUTE TO MARY ANN SOLBERG

##### HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 10, 2002*

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to my friend Mary Ann Solberg of Troy, Michigan for her outstanding commitment to public service. On October 23, 2002, Leadership Troy will name her this year's Distinguished Citizen.

Mary Ann Solberg has become the leader in community anti-drug coalitions, not only in Michigan, but throughout the country. She served as Executive Director of the Troy Community Coalition for twelve years and also created and served as Executive Director of the Coalition of Healthy Communities—a consortium of community anti-drug coalitions in Michigan. Earlier this year, she was sworn in as Deputy Director for the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

During Mary Ann's tenure as Executive Director, the Troy Coalition grew from a group of concerned community members meeting around a kitchen table into one of the most respected anti-drug coalitions in the country—earning the "Best Coalition" designation from the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America in 1997.

Troy has become a model to other communities hoping to duplicate their success. Mary Ann traveled extensively as a lecturer and consultant helping communities from prevention coalitions and providing technical assistance to community's partnerships and coalitions. She also served as an advisor to the Department of Health and Human Services' Center for Substance Abuse Prevention and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America. President Clinton named her to serve on the Advisory Commission on Drug Free Communities, where she was elected by her peers as President of that Commission.

Mary Ann Solberg is an example of what makes the Troy community so strong. She has a tireless commitment to changing attitudes about drug and alcohol use and fighting abuse, especially by our youth. She has a passion for grassroots activism and a warmth of character that draws people to her and her causes. I am privileged to call her a friend.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mary Ann Solberg as she deservedly receives this year's Distinguished Citizen Award from Leadership Troy for all she has done for prevention and to strengthen the fabric of our community.

#### ON INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION CONCERNING NATIONAL RUNAWAY PREVENTION MONTH

##### HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 10, 2002*

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution that recognizes the goals and ideals of National Runaway Prevention Month, which is sponsored by two organizations that work with runaway youth: the National Network for Youth and the National Runaway Switchboard.

These two organizations have chosen the month of November to bring attention to the important issue of runaway youth. The prevalence of young people who leave their home is confounding, with one out of every seven youth in the United States running away at least once before the age of 18. Studies suggest that between 1.3 million and 2.8 million young people live on the streets of the United States each year.

Preventing young people from running away is a national priority, as today's young people are tomorrow's teachers, doctors, workers and leaders. The hardships that runaway youth face on the streets would be too much for an adult to face. The impact on the young person, as well as society, is staggering.

National Runaway Prevention Month will bring national attention to this important issue and remind parents of the importance of effectively communicating with their kids. All of the conditions that lead young people to leave their homes are preventable when families are strong and when young people can find the support they need.

I am hopeful that the recognition of this issue will prevent other young people from running away by stressing the importance of families and communities.

#### TRIBUTE TO ADRIAN AKER BRADFIELD

##### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 10, 2002*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I recognize the life of Adrian Aker Bradfield of Dolores, Colorado. Mr. Bradfield passed away this July and, as his family mourns their loss, I would like to pay tribute to his life and the irreplaceable contributions he has made to his family, his friends, and the entire community of Dolores, Colorado.

Mr. Bradfield was born April 29, 1917, and grew up in a ranching family, acquiring a deep love for the land and the cowboy lifestyle at an early age. He worked for many years on the Bradfield Ranch in Cahone, Colorado until the ranch was sold in 1969. In 1938, he began working in partnership with his father Harold, where they spent many enjoyable days working side by side with one another. Perhaps one of Mr. Bradfield's fondest memories was the annual brandings up on Glade Lake when family and friends would all come together for the big event.

Mr. Bradfield always made people his number one priority and liked to spend his free time in the company of family and friends who loved listening to his countless stories. Although Mr. Bradfield was very busy with his ranching operation and growing family, he always found time to be actively involved in his community. Mr. Bradfield served a number of years on the Dolores County School District Board and as a Dolores County Commissioner. He was also a member of the Southwest Colorado Cattlemen's Association and Farmers Union of America. Mr. Bradfield loved working on the many issues that confronted his community and served the people of Dolores with distinction and honor.

Mr. Speaker, it is with deep respect that I recognize Mr. Adrian Aker Bradfield before this body of Congress and this nation for all he has done for Dolores and the entire State of Colorado. My sincere condolences go out to his wife Nellie, his sister Janice, and his children Charles, Wilson, Kenneth and Nancy. Mr. Bradfield was one of Colorado's true American cowboys, his strength, character, and way of life have helped shape our state's culture and heritage throughout his life and has made a lasting impression upon our nation's history.

#### TRIBUTE TO GILBERT "GIGI" ZIMMERMAN

##### HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 10, 2002*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my good friend and former schoolmate, Gilbert "Gigi" Zimmerman. Despite significant challenges, this extraordinary man is an award-winning community activist, scholar, educator and an advocate for the disadvantaged.

I met Gigi when we were students at South Carolina State College (University) in Orangeburg. We were both active in the civil rights