

supporting the implementation of state laws like California's Holocaust Victims Insurance Relief Act or the enactment of federal legislation like H.R. 1210, the Holocaust Victims Insurance Relief Act, which I introduced earlier this year.

Justice delayed is justice denied. Today, on Yom Hashoah as we mourn the victims of the Holocaust we must renew our determination to help the remaining survivors attain justice in their lifetimes.

PRESIDENT OF POLISH HERITAGE ALLIANCE, JOHN J. WALLOCH, TO BE HONORED

**HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2003*

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, on Sunday, May 4, 2003, the Pulaski Council of Milwaukee will be honoring John Walloch, President of Polish Heritage Alliance, at its twenty-third Heritage Award Dinner.

Mr. Walloch's ties in our Polish community run deep. The proud son of Leonard and Helen Walloch, John grew up on Milwaukee's southside where he graduated from my alma mater, Don Bosco High School. Following his time at Don Bosco, he entered the Milwaukee Institute of Mortuary Science and graduated in 1961 with certification as both a Funeral Director and Embalmer. With the assistance of his parents, he opened the John J. Walloch Funeral Home in 1966 and has been overseeing its operations ever since.

Despite his hectic professional schedule, John has always found time to serve his fellow Milwaukeeans. He has previously held leadership roles for the South Side Business Club and Xaverian Missionary Fathers Advisory Board, and is currently a member of St. Joseph's Foundation, the Knights of Columbus, St. Alexander's, and St. Roman's Parishes.

For many years, John has also played an important role in the Polish-American community in the Milwaukee area. He is an active member, and past president, of the Milwaukee Society of Polish National Alliance, a fraternal Polish-Americans organization. In 2002, he assumed the presidency of the Polish Heritage Alliance. Under John's leadership, the Polish Heritage Alliance has continued to gain notoriety as the directing organization for Milwaukee's famous Polish Fest, America's largest Polish Festival. During each visit to the festival, attendees are sure to see him dancing the polka while donning a red czapka.

John, the avid outdoorsman, likes to spend his "free time" boating, hiking and entertaining friends and his two daughters, Linda and Christi, and his son, Jason, at his recently refurbished second home on Elkhart Lake. In the past years, John has been collecting stamps in his passport, and had the opportunity to visit the homeland of his ancestors, Poland.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I extend my congratulations to John Walloch for his exemplary work in the Polish-American community. May he continue to be blessed with happiness and success for years to come. Sto Lat!

EL DÍA DE LOS NIÑOS

**HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2003*

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow is a very important day. It is "El Día De Los Niños (The Day of the Children)—Celebrating Young Americans. This traditional Latin American holiday has been observed nationally since April 30, 1998.

In preparation for that first El Día De Los Niños, young Americans in dozens of cities across the nation signed petitions and testified before city councils to ask for local recognition of the celebration. It is a day for parents, families and communities to value and uplift Latino children and all other children in the United States.

Across the Nation, communities are organizing their own activities to celebrate their children on April 30th. I am proud that my 15th Congressional district of Texas celebrates El Día De Los Niños with great enthusiasm and fanfare. This week 600 hundred elementary school children will enjoy a day of festivities at Edinburg Municipal Park. Another 600 children will be celebrating in McAllen at Seguin Elementary School.

These celebrations are possible because the entire community—schools, community-based organizations, colleges, and local businesses come together to uplift the children of the Lower Rio Grande Valley to show them how much we care about them, and how important they are to our future.

El Día De Los Niños has a powerful message for us all. El Día De Los Niños provides a bridge for children to learn more about being an American.

Their first hands-on civics lesson is to ask their city council to declare and celebrate the Day of the Children. Young Americans have told the Nation what it should be doing. They have accepted the gift of a special day from the Latino community and are building a national celebration of hope and diversity for all children in the United States—a gift we can all cherish.

I encourage my colleagues to help celebrate this important day in their own communities and with their own children.

TRIBUTE TO LINDA MOSEMAN RAYMOND

**HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2003*

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my constituent, Linda Moseman Raymond, for her exceptional leadership and community service. Mrs. Raymond is a resident of Woodstock, New York and is currently serving as Department President of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of New York. The American Legion Auxiliary is the largest women's patriotic service organization in the world. Their primary goals are to serve veterans, their families, and children in their communities and to promote patriotism and Americanism.

Mrs. Raymond is a charter member of the Woodstock Unit #1026 in Ulster County. She

is presently employed at AMETEK Rotron as the Customer Service Manager. She manages the Department and is responsible for all European accounts and export compliance for the company.

Mrs. Raymond has been very active in her community, serving as an EMT on the Woodstock Rescue Squad, a firefighter in the Woodstock Fire Department and an Instructor in CPR and Water Safety.

Each year the Department President chooses a project of particular interest to her and raises funds to assist in that effort. Having dealt closely with community emergency situations, Mrs. Raymond has chosen to raise funds for two children's burn camps—the New York City Firefighters Burn Center Foundation and the Strong Memorial Hospital Burn Camp through the Rochester Medical Center Burn Unit. Both burn camps provide the opportunity for children having suffered the devastating effects of burns to spend some time in a summer camp with specially trained counselors, nurses, psychologists and firefighters. Through her community volunteer work, Mrs. Raymond has seen first hand the tragic effects that severe burns have on the lives of children. To be able to spend time with other children that do not stare or judge, tease or ridicule their burn injuries is necessary for these children. To date, more than \$40,000 has been raised through the efforts of the members in The American Legion Auxiliary in New York.

Mrs. Raymond has always been a strong supporter of children's programs, and she has clearly demonstrated her dedication again as she promotes this worthwhile cause. The American Legion Auxiliary is proud of the efforts on her behalf. During these difficult times for our nation, Mrs. Raymond's service to these children is most noteworthy.

Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to join the American Legion Auxiliary in honoring Linda Moseman Raymond for her ongoing commitment to children and to her community.

HONORING BONIFACIO COSYLEON

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Mr. Bonifacio "Boney" Cosyleon for his leadership in the Pueblo, Colorado business community. In addition to becoming a successful businessman himself, Boney has volunteered his time to a wide range of community organizations and today I want to honor his accomplishments before this body of Congress and this nation.

"Boney" has served the Pueblo community for nearly twenty-three years as a member of the Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce and the Pueblo Economic Development Corporation. As the owner of a construction company, Byerly and Cosyleon, Inc., he has been an instrumental player in the Colorado Contractors Association's outreach to minority businesses. From 1988 to 1992, "Boney" served as chairman of the CCA's Affirmative Action Committee, helping to develop the Emerging Small Businesses Program. ESB offers training opportunities, technical assistance and referrals to eligible small businesses and