

Concerned Parents for Head Start. Under Ms. Dickey's dedicated leadership, Head Start has grown to accommodate over 700 pre-school aged children in six locations throughout Paterson.

As the Executive Director of Head Start, Cecile soon recognized the need to remain knowledgeable about the newest trends in childhood education in order to ensure the quality education that her students deserved. Deciding to return to college, Ms. Dickey earned degrees in Early Childhood and Special Education from William Paterson University and in Public Policy and Urban Education from St. Peter's College in Jersey City. In 1989, she accepted a lectureship in the Public Policy Department at St. Peter's College where she spent the next 7 years sharing her enthusiasm and expertise with her college-aged students while continuing her duties as the Executive Director of Concerned Parents for Head Start.

In many ways, Cecile Dickey's commitment to the young children of Paterson has extended beyond the classroom walls. She was instrumental in enacting the New Jersey Anti-Lead Bill, and has served on several Educational Task Forces for former Governor Thomas H. Kean. She was the founding president of the New Jersey Head Start Association and a former Vice President of Region II (New York, New Jersey, and Puerto Rico) of the National Head Start Association. Ms. Dickey currently serves on the board of the Second Baptist Church Community Development Corporation in Paterson, and heads a Not-For-Profit Housing Corporation which has completed and sold 47 townhouses in the City of Paterson. She was recently appointed to the Board of Trustees of St. Joseph's Hospital.

Cecile Dickey's exemplary service to the City of Paterson has been recognized both locally and nationally. She is the recipient of the Ann Phipps Memorial Award—the highest honor in National Head Start Service. In addition, she has received the William Paterson University President's Medal, the Passaic County College Woman of the Year Award, and the Johnson and Johnson Fellows MIP Award. Yet, despite the many commendations and prestigious seats on councils and boards that she has received over the years, her work as the executive director of Concerned Parents for Head Start has remained Ms. Dickey's first love.

Mr. Speaker, the job of a United States Congressman involves so much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing the efforts of devoted educators and public servants like Ms. Cecile Dickey. I ask that you join our colleagues, the faculty and students of Head Start, Ms. Dickey's family and friends, and myself in recognizing Cecile Dickey for 38 years of outstanding service to the children of Paterson.

IN RECOGNITION OF BP SOLVAY
POLYETHYLENE NORTH AMERICA

HON. CHRIS BELL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2003

Mr. BELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor BP Solvay Polyethylene North America on the occasion of being named the 2003 Industry of

the Year by the Deer Park Chamber of Commerce.

BP Solvay Polyethylene North America manufactures high density polyethylene plastic in the shape of small round pellets which are used to make a wide range of consumer and industrial products, including milk bottles, gas tanks, children's play toys, plastic bags and liners. The company's world class business processes have distinguished BP Solvay Polyethylene North America's employees as number one in customer satisfaction (out of 675 resin buyers) for the fourth time per Mastio and Company, a well-recognized survey company.

At the core of BP Solvay Polyethylene North America's values lies a commitment to safe operations, preserving the environment, and protecting the health and welfare of employees and neighbors. To accomplish this, the company employs highly skilled, trained, and motivated individuals.

The company's goal is for Deer Park citizens to feel that the community is a better place because of their neighbor, BP Solvays Polyethylene North America. Through the years, the site has worked closely with the Deer Park Chamber of Commerce and numerous other local organizations. The company supports the Deer Park Independent School District on activities ranging from involvement and financial support of the high school's honors recognition banquet, fire prevention safety for students, to sponsorship of an annual art and essay scholarship program. Through the years, the company's employees have particularly enjoyed working with partner school Deer Park Junior High on student plant tours, campus fix-up and environmental projects, and traveling plastic science shows for classrooms.

Besides education, BP Solvay Polyethylene North America supports numerous civic initiatives and groups. The company's volunteer team, named the Community Activities Team, has been active for almost 15 years, guiding over 3,000 volunteer hours per year.

RECOGNITION OF THE 65TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE INDIAN CRAFT
SHOP

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2003

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the 65th anniversary of the Indian Craft Shop at the U.S. Department of the Interior. This shop is one of Washington, D.C.'s most remarkable sites for Native American art enthusiasts. Originally established in order to provide an outlet for American Indian artists to market their work, the Indian Craft Shop has represented quality and authenticity in American Indian arts and crafts in our nation's capital since 1938. Over the years the craft shop has developed a national reputation for carrying a diverse selection of Native American art.

Mr. Speaker, thanks to the efforts of places like the Indian Craft Shop, American Indian art, in all forms, has never been more alive and dynamic. Today, Native American art continues to be one of the most gratifying and exciting forms of art to collect. With over 45 Native American tribal groups' artwork on display,

the Indian Craft Shop offers quality artwork to the novice as well as the skilled collector.

American Indian art combines age-old tradition, innovation and talent that results in a wide variety of art for all levels of collecting, irrespective of whether you are beginning with a first time purchase or have been collecting for years. Craft areas represented in the shop include pottery, jewelry, quill and beadwork, kachinas, sculpture, weavings, basketry, sandpainting, fetish carvings, Alaskan crafts/carvings and many other craft items.

Through its tireless efforts, the Indian Craft Shop has successfully built a widespread appreciation for the skill and time involved in the crafts and the continuation of artistry through today's generation. Without a doubt the shop will continue to play a large role in expressing the livelihood of American Indian artisans and in the preservation of this country's only indigenous art. Therefore, on this day, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 65th anniversary of the Indian Craft Shop.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN D. LAVELLE

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2003

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late General John D. Lavelle, who was born on this day in 1916.

A proud son of Ohio, Jack Lavelle was born and raised in Cleveland and graduated from John Carroll University in 1938. On the eve of war, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in June 1940. During World War II, he flew combat missions in the European Theater, where he served with the 412th Fighter Squadron.

Following the war, Jack Lavelle was assigned to Wright Field, Ohio. A career airman, his service would span 32 years and include assignments around the globe. He rose to the rank of four-star general as commander of the U.S. Seventh Air Force in 1971.

During his career, Jack Lavelle was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with three oak leaf clusters, the Air Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, and the Belgian Fourragere.

Jack Lavelle passed away on July 10, 1979. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembrance of this courageous and patriotic American.

TRIBUTE TO MARK MARTENSEN

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2003

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a gifted and talented local artist from the San Diego area, my friend, Mark Martensen. Mark was asked by his hometown of Chula Vista to create a sculpture that will be displayed outside the city's new fire station in Otay Ranch. Mark's piece, as yet unnamed, will be unveiled on September 11, 2003, serving as a lasting memorial to the brave firefighters who risk their lives to protect ours.

Born and raised in Chula Vista, Mark has been making a living selling his western art for 20 years. Described as his generation's Olaf Wieghorst, San Diego's most recognized western artist, Mark is represented in art galleries all over California, Arizona, New Mexico and Indiana.

A few years ago, Mark presented the Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, General Charles Krulak, with a bronze sculpture he created of Lt. Gen. Chesty Puller, a hero and legend to all Marines. General Krulak was deeply impressed with Mark's work and clearly moved. Just as impressed was President Bush when, earlier this year, Mark and I went to the White House to give the President a bronze he created titled "Texas Skip."

As plans for the new fire station were finalized, it was determined that the facility must include some type of public art. Mark was a natural choice, and he has not disappointed. His first life-size sculpture, weighing 700 pounds and depicting a veteran firefighter with his hand on the shoulder of a kneeling rookie, required 15-hour work days for three months. The piece will stand on a pedestal in front of the firehouse with water falling from the fireman's hose.

In 1985, President Reagan told recipients of the National Medal of Arts that, "Where there's liberty, art succeeds." This couldn't be more true. Generations of San Diegans will have the opportunity to admire Mark's work and reflect both upon the sacrifices and the privilege of living in our great nation. Thank you Mark for using your talents to remind us about what is important.

IN HONOR OF MARIA TORRES-GIL

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2003

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Maria Torres-Gil on the occasion of her 80th birthday. She is a life-long resident of Monterey County and has dedicated herself to working in and giving back to her community.

Maria Torres-Gil was born in Los Angeles; the daughter of two Mexican emigrants who had come to California in the aftermath of the Mexican Revolution. Like many other Americans during the Great Depression, Maria's family worked as itinerant farmers throughout the San Joaquin Valley before settling in Castroville in the early 1930s. She married Rafael Torres-Gil in 1947, but when he passed away at a young age, she had to raise their nine children on her own. Although she was only able to attend school through the sixth grade, all of her children went on to college and successful careers.

Despite these hardships, Maria remained active in her community. She organized the first advisory committee for the Monterey County Housing authority, developed a school bus program for the children living in housing projects who lacked transportation to school, and also served as a vocal advocate for families in the housing project. In addition to working on local issues, Maria volunteered to serve as a translator for the Monterey County Department of Social Services. She was hired as an eligibility worker and served with the Department for many years. After retiring she

was a featured columnist for the Salinas based Californian newspaper, in which she focused on parenting issues and community service.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Maria Torres-Gil's achievements and accomplishments. She has demonstrated outstanding dedication to her community and family. Maria has made a lasting impact on our community and the people with whom she worked. I join the County of Monterey, and friends and family in honoring this truly commendable woman and all of her lifelong achievements.

TRIBUTE TO MR. IRA CLARK: A DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVANT

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2003

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to one of our community's most remarkable public servants, Mr. Ira Clark, former President of our County Public Health Trust and Chief Executive Officer of Miami-Jackson Health System. His friends and supporters will honor him this Friday, September 12, 2003 at a special benefit dinner at the Hotel Intercontinental in Miami.

This event will recognize Mr. Clark for 16 years of exceptional service to the residents of our community, particularly the countless indigents and immigrants. Having dedicated the longevity of his stewardship over our county Jackson Memorial Hospital, he has been relentless in his development of innovative healthcare service programs that now respond to the crying needs of our community. His was indeed a mission of genuine love and utmost commitment that maximized thorough understanding and common-sense compassion for many destitute families who lack the basic financial wherewithal to have a loved one access quality medical care and treatment in a modern urban hospital setting.

Under his leadership many lives have been saved and many more families have been rendered whole because of his dedication to providing accessibility to affordable quality healthcare services. One of the most impressive achievements under his watch was the acquisition of a predictable source of recurrent funding when the residents of Miami-Dade County voted in 1991 to have an extra half-penny sales tax to fund Jackson Memorial Hospital. An essential component of this securely funded system was his ability to create a partnership with the University of Miami School of Medicine, which now provides the expertise of this medical center to spread worldwide in specialties like trauma care, organ transplant, spinal cord injury, pediatrics, high-risk obstetrics and a host of quality healthcare innovations.

Other highlights of his tenure contributed to the decompression of the county hospital facility through the creation of the Jackson North Maternity Center, the Taylor Breast Health Center, the Diagnostic Treatment Center, the state of the art Ryder Trauma Center and the recent opening of Jackson South Community Hospital to benefit the residents living in the South Dade area. The event this Friday will raise funds to help build a state-of-the-art Rehabilitation Facility at this premiere hospital.

These facilities are eloquent testimonies to Mr. Clark's mission to provide a single high standard of medical care to all people. This sterling commitment has raised the bar of quality healthcare for the vibrant community of Miami-Dade County, which uniquely symbolizes a virtual mosaic of immigrants representing virtually every country of the world.

It is his vision that spearheaded the introduction of the Jackson Health System corporate identity in the Spring of 2000, which led to the creation of a network of some 12 primary care centers across the county. The role he played in developing our excellent healthcare system evokes a unique passion that led to our community's ability to receive the recognition of its strength amidst its diversity, and help the less fortunate in their quest for quality medical care and treatment.

Indeed, it is an honor to have the privilege of the friendship of Mr. Ira Clark, a caring public servant par excellence. The tribute he will receive on Friday is genuinely deserved. I salute him on behalf of a grateful community that he truly loved and cared for so deeply.

THE TIES THAT BIND

HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2003

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I wish to submit for the RECORD a speech delivered by Ambassador Joseph Verner Reed, Under Secretary General of the United Nations and a distinguished resident of Greenwich, Connecticut. Ambassador Reed's remarks were made at a ceremony at the Greenwich Town Hall commemorating Bastille Day on July 14, 2003.

THE TIES THAT BIND

Citizens of the Town of Greenwich and the French Community of our Town are thankful to be commemorating a date that is both significant and symbolic in the shaping of our two countries.

Allow me to paraphrase a few words spoken by President George W. Bush on May 30, 2003, during an interview with a French journalist. France and the United States share the same objectives on all vital subjects. Regarding security in our democracies, peace in the world and international commerce, we are largely in agreement. President Bush was echoing those famous words from President Franklin D. Roosevelt: "no two nations are more closely bound by the ties of history and mutual friendship than the people of France and that of the United States of America."

On July 4, 2003 citizens of France deposited a red rose on each of the 60,511 graves in honor of the American soldiers buried in eleven cemeteries, who died in France during World War I and II for the preservation of French freedom.

We celebrate the sovereignty and dignity of our two nations with our respective national anthems.

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars,
through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,