

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF CARMEL GALASSO

**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Carmel Galasso for her outstanding commitment to serving her community. She was presented the Mary T. Norton Memorial Award by the United Way of Hudson County on September 16, 2003, at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Secaucus, New Jersey.

Ms. Galasso has demonstrated a remarkable passion for helping those in need and has provided, and continues to provide, valuable services that have touched many lives throughout Hudson County. As a member of the Saint Peter's College Alumni Board, she currently works on special projects for the college, as well as the community as a whole. Since 1996, she has served as the program coordinator of Catholic Community Services for the Hudson County Parish Access Center in Jersey City.

Over the years, Ms. Galasso has worked tirelessly to improve her community. She began as a grammar school teacher and guidance counselor at Saint Aedan's School in Jersey City, where she taught for 8 years. She then became assistant director of Campus Ministry at Saint Peter's College for 10 years, where she spearheaded food and toy drives and walks against hunger. As program coordinator for the Parish Access Center, Ms. Galasso was instrumental in establishing a registration site for families to apply for New Jersey Kid Care and creating satellite offices that provide critical services for families in need. These offices have provided countless family baskets, Christmas gifts, toiletry items, and food gift certificates.

Ms. Galasso's dedication is also evident in her immediate response to the tragedy of September 11. In the days following the tragedy, Ms. Galasso led efforts to provide sandwiches, water, and other supplies needed to help support those impacted by the World Trade Center disaster. With the help of the United Way of Hudson County, Ms. Galasso was able to process 186 cases for families who were impacted by the attack.

Ms. Galasso continues to be involved with the Resurrection Parish and the Bon Secours Health System. She helps coordinate the Parish Nurse Program, which offers medical care to parishioners at local churches through a holistic approach to physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.

Ms. Galasso was born and raised in Jersey City, New Jersey. She received her bachelor's degree in Education from Saint Peter's College and her master's degree in Adult Christian Community Development from Regis University in Colorado.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Carmel Galasso for her outstanding

contributions to the success of community programs that have served countless individuals throughout New Jersey.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DOUGLAS BROWN

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to stand before you today and pay tribute to the career of a dedicated servant from the state of Colorado, Douglas Brown. At the end of this month, Doug will retire from his position as the Director of the Colorado Office of Legislative Legal Services, ending thirty-one years of dedicated service to our state. Doug's hard work and dedication have been instrumental in defining the shape of Colorado's state government, and I am honored to pay tribute to him here today.

Doug began his career as a staff attorney with the Office of Legislative Legal Services in 1972 and was appointed Director of that office eight years later. During his tenure as Director, Doug helped represent the Colorado General Assembly in thirteen cases before the Colorado Supreme Court.

In addition to his duties at the Office of Legislative Legal Services, Doug was also very involved with the National Conference of State Legislatures, serving as a member of the organization's executive committee. Doug also spent a year as an adjunct political science professor at the University of Denver and was a lecturer in law at the University's law school for two summers.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly a privilege to stand here today and honor the career of such a remarkable citizen. Doug Brown's knowledge and expertise will be hard to replace, and I know that his fellow attorneys and the staff at the Office of Legislative Legal Affairs will miss him a great deal. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

“PROJECT 90” CONTRIBUTES TO OUR COMMUNITY

**HON. TOM LANTOS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, too often the source of drug and alcohol addiction permanently destroys lives. For this reason, I invite my colleagues to join with me today in commending Project 90, Inc., for its success in helping to rebuild and reclaim lives which have been shattered by addiction. Project 90, which is located in San Mateo, California, has bene-

fited our community for over 30 years, and it is most appropriate to acknowledge that contribution.

Since 1972, this alcohol and drug rehabilitation program has helped over 6,500 men overcome their addictions. I am proud to note that the success of this program is remarkable, in that, virtually all the men who graduate from Project 90 have successfully eliminated addiction and do not return to drug or alcohol usage. I am also proud to note this program began in my congressional district in San Mateo, California with five men who were determined to overcome the disease of addiction and who were determined to form a recovery process that worked.

Mr. Speaker, Project 90's recovery process is based on “Project Ninety's Social Model Residential Treatment Program,” which is based on the philosophy that an individual must take responsibility for his recovery. The treatment is unique in that it helps addicts learn about the process of recovery, the disease of addiction, and how this has affected their lives. Additionally, the addict learns about the path of self-destruction created by addiction, how circumstances drive him to addiction, and how his behavior perpetuates it.

Treatment services are carried out through written assignments, group and individual counseling, as well as personal work following the twelve-step program of Alcoholics Anonymous. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) also recently recognized Project 90 for its exemplary data collecting methods, and participants in Project 90 have spoken with other SAMHSA grantees to share record keeping methods developed by Project 90.

Mr. Speaker, Project 90 has expanded its facilities so that it now has the space to handle 223 men and 12 adolescent males. The program can accommodate young men struggling with addiction who face incarceration by providing the alternative of treatment in group homes. The remarkable services that Project 90 provides include a work-training program, transitional housing, clean and sober environments, a strong alumni program, and services for men with mental illness and addiction.

As you know, Mr. Speaker, the benefits of this program include not only the men who have received help, but also their spouses, children, employers and communities. Children have fathers again, domestic violence is reduced, and homes are strengthened. Communities are strengthened as these men become productive members of society and increase work place productivity.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join with me in congratulating Project 90 on its success and wish it continued achievement in helping substance abusers win against their fight with addiction. The organization has shown extraordinary vision and innovation in drug rehabilitation, and it has strengthened our community.

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25TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
LIFELIGHT IN PENNSYLVANIA'S  
FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DIS-  
TRICT

**HON. MELISSA A. HART**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have the opportunity to pay tribute to a pioneer in the emergency medical services field which serves Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District. September 26, 2003 marks the 25th anniversary of Lifelight, a service providing emergency helicopter and critical care ground transportation services for critically ill and injured patients.

Lifelight has been awarded some of its industry's most sought-after awards. This year it was named EMS Provider of the Year by the Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council. Over the past two years, members of Lifelight's flight crew have received Pennsylvania Pre-Hospital RN of the Year Awards. Furthermore, in 1999, Lifelight's medical director was named Pennsylvania Medical Director of the Year.

The times we live in pose never-before-conceived-of threats to our citizens. It is reassuring to know that my constituents are served by this award-winning team of first-responders who are committed to their patients and their community.

I ask all of my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in thanking the brave men and women of Lifelight for their dedication, their ability to work under pressure, and their effectiveness in carrying out their critical mission.

RECOGNIZING THE UNION CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CARE PROGRAM

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Union City Police Department's CARE Program. CARE is the acronym for Citizens Aiding Residents and Elderly and is a division of the Union City Police Volunteer Program.

Established in January 2003, CARE is a non-medical, volunteer, in-home visitation program for seniors, shut-ins and dependent adults living in Union City. CARE's four goals are to provide community resources that foster autonomy, independence and individuality, enhance quality of life, provide social and emotional support and provide security and confidence.

CARE volunteers visit the most needy within the Union City community and are trained to recognize signs of elder abuse, malnutrition and other safety and sanitary issues that affect the well being of the CARE clients.

The Union City Police Department has developed collaborative relationships with many organizations that provide CARE clients with necessary services, such as Meals-on-Wheels, Union City Fire Department, Transit Department, Leisure Services and the Senior

Commission, Alameda County Injury Prevention Project, local hospitals, and the Alameda County Department on Aging.

CARE is a unique program and is a first in the Bay Area initiated by law enforcement. I applaud the Union City Police Department for spearheading this valuable resource for its residents. I also pay tribute to the CARE volunteers whose commitment and devotion make a difference in Union City.

CONGRESSMAN KILDEE HONORS  
SUPERINTENDENT REVEREND  
A.C. LEE, SR.

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to pay special tribute to Superintendent Reverend A. C. Lee of the Greater Bible Way Church of God in Christ in Flint, Michigan for providing continuous leadership and support to the church and community. On September 26, 2003 the Greater Bible Way Church family will salute and honor their pastor during a special celebration.

Superintendent Lee was born in Houston, Texas to John and Minnie Lee. He graduated in 1951 from Charlton Pollard High School in Beaumont, Texas. In 1952 he enlisted in the U.S. Military and was stationed in Germany as an instructor and recreation specialist. After serving in the military, Superintendent Lee returned to the Flint area in 1955 to study Business Administration at Mott Community College. He was employed as a welder at the Chevrolet Frame and Stamping Plant from 1957 to 1964, after which he returned to Houston, Texas for a period of two years. Upon returning to Flint, Michigan he was hired by Buick, where he remained until retiring in November of 1981.

In 1966, Superintendent Lee re-established his membership with the Macedonia Church of God in Christ. He also, during that same year received his ordination from the Holy Convocation of Northeast Michigan Jurisdiction, where the Bishop C.J. Johnson was the presiding prelate. On the first Sunday in June of 1970, Superintendent Lee stepped out on faith and founded the Bible Way Church of God in Christ, located at 801 E. Pasadena Ave., in Flint. The Church blossomed and the vision of the Lord became clear to Superintendent Lee that was time to expand, thus the church relocated to its present place of worship at 1602 Montana Avenue on the East Side of Flint. Superintendent Lee serves on numerous boards and community-based organizations, i.e. Job Central Advisory Board, Metro Housing, Salem Housing and the Genesee County Health Department. His service has not gone unnoticed; Superintendent Lee has attained many accolades for his dedication. These awards include the 2001 Faith Community, Business and Education Leadership Award, 2002 Senator Robert Emerson Award for Volunteer Leadership in Health Care Greater Flint (Michigan) Health Coalition; and the 2003 Certificate of Emeritus in recognition of honorable and distinguished service to the north central jurisdiction as Executive Secretary. In 2000 Superintendent Lee established the Reverend A.C. Lee & Dorothy M. Lee Scholarship fund—Mott Community College.

In addition to being an outstanding leader and role model Superintendent Lee is also a devoted husband to his wife Dorothy M. Lee, affectionately known as "Lady Lee" and a supportive father/grandfather to his five children and five grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, as a Member of Congress, I ask that my colleagues in the 108th Congress join me in saluting Superintendent Reverend A.C. Lee for his undying support and leadership to the populace of Flint, Michigan.

HONORING LT. COL. BYRCE W.  
MCINTYRE, USAF

**HON. RALPH M. HALL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pay tribute today to a distinguished officer and an outstanding citizen, the late Bryce W. McIntyre of Bonham, TX, who passed away last year at the age of 85.

Bryce McIntyre, the son of John and Lois Whitney McIntyre, was born on September 15, 1917, in San Diego, California. In 1938 he joined the U.S. Army Air Corps, where he served as a fighter pilot during World War II. Shot down over Germany, he was a Prisoner of War from September 1944 to May 1945. He served again as a pilot in the Berlin Airlift and Korean War, and later with the Military Assistance Advisory Group in Japan. During his distinguished 23-year military career, he was awarded the Purple Heart and four Oak Leaf Clusters. Upon his retirement as a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Air Force in 1960, Mr. McIntyre and his family made their home in Bonham, where he was an active member of the community.

He served as manager of the Bonham Area Chamber of Commerce, followed by a career with the Bonham State Bank. He served with the Fannin County Fair Board, the Boy Scouts of America and Bonham Boys Baseball. He was an active member of the Bonham Kiwanis Club and the Bonham Golden K Kiwanis Club and established the fireworks display for the Fourth of July celebration at Lake Bonham as well as the popular Fannin County Trade Days. He also served as a leader of the Friends of Willow Wild, Inc.

Mr. McIntyre is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Dorothy Castle McIntyre; his children Dr. Lorraine Mitchell and husband Raymond of Cumby, Bryce McIntyre, Jr. and wife Jenny of Bonham, Alice Truitt and husband Dale of Commerce, and Dr. Mike McIntyre of Santa Cruz, CA; his twin brother Bruce McIntyre of Bonham; sister Beryl Riley of Descanso, CA; twelve grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and other family members.

Bryce McIntyre was a beloved and respected member of the Bonham community. His integrity, compassion and sense of service were evident in his love for his family and fellow citizens—and he served as a wonderful role model for all who knew him. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize such an outstanding American and to extend my sympathies to his family and many friends.

TRIBUTE TO WALTER T. McDONALD, PRESIDENT-ELECT, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Walter McDonald, President-Elect of the National Association of Realtors (NAR). NAR is America's largest trade association, representing more than 840,000 members involved in all aspects of the residential and commercial real estate industries. Walter has demonstrated his commitment to Realtor issues and willingness to devote his time and expertise towards furthering the priorities of Realtors nationwide.

Walter has been a Realtor since 1964 and is the broker-owner of Walt McDonald Real Estate, a single-office, independent firm specializing in property sales, leasing and lending. He holds the professional designations of Certified Residential Specialist and Graduate, Realtor Institute.

Currently, Walter serves as a NAR director and has been particularly active in legislative, finance and housing issues. From 1996 through 1998, he served on NAR's Executive Committee. In 1998, he took over as Regional Vice President for NAR, representing the states of California, Hawaii and Guam. He also serves on the association's Leadership Team and Executive Committee. He served as NAR's First Vice President in 2002.

Walter has also been active at the state and local levels of the Realtor Organization. In 1993, he served as President of the California Association of Realtors (CAR), one of the nation's largest state trade organizations with more than 95,000 members. He has served on CAR's board of directors since 1971 and also served as Chairman of the board of Real Estate Business Services, Inc., a subsidiary of CAR. Walter also has been as President of the Riverside/Moreno Valley Association of Realtors and President of the Riverside County Real Estate Council.

In addition to his numerous professional involvements, Walter is also dedicated to his community as well. Walter has served on the advisory boards of the local Habitat for Humanity chapter, the Riverside National Bank and he is currently serving a 2-year term on the advisory board for Fannie Mae. He also served on the California Department of Real Estate Advisory Commission through 1998, under an appointment by the state's governor.

Walter's long list of accomplishments demonstrates why he is ideal for the position of President of the National Association of Realtors. His tireless passion for the real estate industry and his community has contributed immensely to the betterment of Riverside County, California, and our Nation. I congratulate him and wish him the best of luck on his future endeavors as President.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MARGARET MORGAN

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with solemn heart that I stand before you here today and honor the memory of an outstanding citizen of my district. Margaret Morgan of Glenwood Springs, Colorado recently passed away at the age of 106. She was the region's oldest citizen and will be sorely missed. As her family and friends mourn her passing, I would like to take this opportunity to remember the remarkable aspects of Margaret's life.

Margaret was a lifelong resident of Glenwood Springs, having been born there in 1896. Margaret's was the first class to graduate from the county high school in 1916. After graduation Margaret pursued a career centered around her lifelong passion for horses. Margaret got her first horse at the age of four, immediately sparking her interest in riding and grooming the large animals. Over her lifetime, she worked as a wrangler and an outfitter for over thirty years.

Margaret's home was always open to friends and family and was frequently filled with guests from all across the country. Her hospitable nature attracted many friends throughout the years, all of whom are saddened by the news of her passing. She attributed her longevity to a life spent free of any unhealthy vices. Her diet consisted of natural foods eaten regularly, and she refrained from smoking and drinking.

Despite our society's numerous advances in science and medicine, centenarians remain rare in this day and age. Margaret was so much more than Glenwood's oldest resident to her fellow citizens; she was a tremendous asset to the community and, above all, she was a friend to many. I extend my deepest sympathies to her family and friends as they mourn her loss.

IN HONOR OF CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S PARADE AND MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Christian Children's Parade and Multicultural Festival, which celebrated its 25th annual parade on Saturday, September 13, 2003, in Jersey City, New Jersey.

For 25 years, the Christian Children's Parade and Multicultural Festival has been providing a wonderful celebration for children and parents, and has enriched the spiritual development of young people throughout Jersey City.

By dedicating the Christian Children's Parade and Multicultural Festival's annual parade to the second anniversary of the September 11th attacks, this event will provide an opportunity for us to remember those who were lost, and to recognize the strength and unity of families and friends who lost loved ones on that horrible day.

Led by the Reverend Jose C. Lopez, president of the Christian Children's Parade and Multicultural Festival, the parade will end with a ceremony in Hamilton Park. I extend my gratitude to Reverend Lopez and his staff for making this important event possible for the children and residents of Jersey City.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Christian Children's Parade and Multicultural Festival for its years of dedicated service to the children of Jersey City, New Jersey.

THE STERLING HEIGHTS FIREFIGHTERS ANNUAL DINNER-DANCE

**HON. SANDER M. LEVIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, September 26, 2003 the Sterling Heights Fire Fighters Union will host their Annual Dinner-Dance honoring their 2003 retirees. This is a wonderful event that I have been honored to attend in the past where hundreds of firefighters, their families, and appreciative members of the community come together to recognize the Sterling Heights firefighting family.

I am proud to rise today to pay tribute to the careers of three distinguished firefighters.

Captain Pat Silver began his firefighting career in 1978. He received the Meritorious Unit Citation for conducting a search and removal of a woman from a well-involved trailer fire. He also received the Fire Chief's Award for assisting the Training Division in developing a performance standard for pumper operations and developing and producing the "FEO" and "Dinosaur" newsletter.

Battalion Chief Bob Moore was appointed a Firefighter in 1973. He received the Fire Chief's Award for work on the Radio Committee, for using his Graphic Commercial Arts degree to mark the fleet of the Sterling Heights Fire Department with the new city logo and for his heroic participation in a house fire.

Fire Marshal Thad Balmas was appointed Firefighter in 1979. He received the Veteran's Recognition Award for serving in the Air Force and the Meritorious Unit Citation for his involvement at a major gas line explosion.

These gentlemen have demonstrated acts of heroism and actions above and beyond the call of duty. Indeed, the people of Sterling Heights have been well-served by the untiring care and concern each has given without limitations to their community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing these gentlemen for their dedication, accomplishments and years of service. I wish them good health and happiness as they embark on a new phase of their lives.

HONORING GREATER HOLY TEMPLE MINISTRIES

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating

the Greater Holy Ministries Church of God in Christ as they celebrate 40 years guiding the people of Flint in the worship of the Lord.

In 1963, now Bishop Roger Lee Jones came to my hometown of Flint at the invitation of the late Bishop John Seth Bailey and organized an additional congregation for the members of the Church of God in Christ living in the area. The first service was held in a building on Genesee Road. The congregation settled on the name of Greater Holy Temple and shortly after, Elder Jones moved the congregation to a location on Mildred Street. Under his spiritual and apostolic direction, the congregation grew. Through their baptism in the Holy Spirit the members were inspired to spread the Word of God as revealed in the Bible throughout the area. The expanding membership required a larger home. In September 1978 the grand opening of the permanent sanctuary was consecrated.

Taking encouragement from the words in Zechariah 4:6 "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts," the members of the Greater Holy Temple Ministries have worked tirelessly to help those with physical and spiritual wants. Their belief in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit sustains them through the task of providing for the less fortunate. Through their efforts they reflect the redemptive work of Jesus Christ.

Bishop Jones has provided guidance to his flock and he has been called upon to lead at the national and state levels. In 1968 he was elected to serve as Chairman of the national board of Trustees. He was appointed Bishop of the Third Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Southwestern Michigan in 1985.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me and applaud the work of the Greater Holy Temple Ministries Church of God in Christ as they celebrate 40 years of enthusiastic and motivating labor on behalf of the Lord.

RECOGNIZING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF HEREFORD TOWNSHIP, PENNSYLVANIA

**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hereford Township, Pennsylvania on the occasion of the Township's 250th Anniversary. I proudly represent the citizens of Hereford Township in the 108th Congress and would like to highlight the history of the Township as the current residents prepare to celebrate this special occasion on Saturday, October 4, 2003.

Before intrepid settlers from Europe arrived in the area we currently know as Hereford Township, the area was inhabited by Native Americans of the Delaware or Lenni-Lenapi tribe. These first inhabitants of Hereford Township practiced limited agriculture in the fertile soils of eastern Berks County while hunting and gathering in the area.

During the early part of the eighteenth century immigrant settlers began to arrive in Berks County. Their origins primarily German, Swiss and English, these settlers found their way to present day Berks County as they sought refuge from religious persecution in

Europe. The very earliest settlers to Hereford Township arrived between 1710 and 1720. At this time, the land was dominated by thick forests that would soon be cleared to provide fields for crops.

While the challenges these first settlers faced were great, in Hereford Township they found a large fertile valley and fields that were very productive, as they remain today. The Perkiomen Creek provide ample water for these crops and was also the base of development for Hereford Township's first industries. The Perkiomen Creek and its tributaries provided power to support grist mills, sawmills, a fulling mill and forges. The early iron industry provided metal for nails, plow blades and other utilitarian devices that made the lives of these early settlers easier. The heavily wooded hillsides also provided the timber for heat, homes and charcoal for the burgeoning iron industry.

During the Fall of 1734, the Schwenkfelders, a religious group from Silesia, arrived in Philadelphia and many quickly made their way to Hereford Township. By 1745, Hereford Township had been settled by not only the Schwenkfelders but also Lutherans, Reformed Menonite and Catholic immigrants. Not long after, on February 1, 1753, Hereford Township was formally established, less than one year after the foundation of Berks County on March 11, 1752.

During the remainder of the eighteenth century agriculture and the iron industry flourished and produced prosperity in Hereford Township. In many ways Hereford Township has remained the same over its 250 years. While we have become more technologically advanced through the years, Hereford Township remains a close rural community, today of about 3200 residents.

Mr. Speaker, again, I rise to recognize Hereford Township and her citizens on the occasion of its 250th Anniversary.

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF ALAMEDA COUNTY TEAMSTERS LOCAL 70

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Teamsters Local 70's Centennial celebration on Saturday, September 27, 2003. For 100 years, the Brotherhood of Teamsters, Auto Truck Drivers, Line Drivers, Car Haulers and Helpers Local 70 of Alameda County has championed the rights of workers. Local 70 is headquartered in Oakland, California and has jurisdiction in Alameda County. It was first chartered October 1, 1903.

Local 70 has thrived under the leadership of Chuck Mack. Mack was first elected Business Agent at Local 70 in 1966. He became Secretary-Treasurer in 1972. During his years of leadership, the Local has been recognized for its militancy and defense of its members. It has a reputation with unions and employers alike as one of the strongest, aggressive locals in the country.

Mack, during his career, has chaired Joint Council 7 Freight negotiations. This Supplement is among the finest in the nation. He has also brought to his members in freight, solid

waste disposal and UPS, a health and welfare program second to none. Perhaps his proudest accomplishment is obtaining pension benefits for workers. Mack has fought tooth and nail for early retirement. His efforts were instrumental in obtaining the "80 and Out" in the Western states.

For 100 years, Local 70 has championed the rights of workers. Through collective bargaining, the Local continues to deliver to members and their families some of the best health and welfare and pension plans in the nation.

Organizing is also a priority. Mack, the officials, and members of Local 70 have been on the street, at the terminal gates, bringing the benefits of Teamster membership to nonunion workers.

Local 70 has been a force in the political arena with the goal of improving the conditions of all workers through legislation and activism.

Local 70's presence has been felt in the community. Whether it is youth activities, food banks or helping other unions, the Local's rank and file as well as their officers and officials are quick to volunteer. They represent Local 70 with pride.

I extend heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Local 70 for 100 years of service.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JERRY STEELE, JOHN DOOSE AND SCOTT STEELE

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress to pay tribute to the brave actions of three outstanding citizens from my district. Jerry Steele, John Doose and Scott Steele selflessly responded to calls for help from a fellow Coloradan and risked life and limb to save the life of a stranger. Their display of courage and willingness to risk their own lives is remarkable. I am honored to pay tribute to their heroic acts today.

While working on a house across the street, the trio witnessed a violent explosion and immediately rushed to the aid of a neighbor in trouble. They would later learn that the spark of a cigarette lighter in a house with a leaking natural gas line had ignited the blast.

Scott ran quickly to shut off the gas valve and prevent any further explosions. Jerry and John pulled the victim, Luke Little, to safety, administering first aid until the paramedics arrived. Their quick thinking ultimately saved Luke's life. Moments after they pulled him to safety, fire consumed the house.

These three men risked their lives to help save the life of a man they had never met. Had it not been for the heroic actions of Jerry, John and Scott, Luke Little most likely would not have survived the accident. Thanks to their quick thinking and remarkable display of bravery, Luke's family is optimistic about his full recovery. This extraordinary act of selflessness is truly worthy of our recognition, and it is my honor to pay tribute to Jerry Steele, John Doose and Scott Steele for their heroic actions.

TRIBUTE TO DAVE E. DiPAOLO,  
CORONA-NORCO UNIFIED SCHOOL  
DISTRICT

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of Corona and Norco, CA are exceptional. Our community has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Dave DiPaolo is one of these individuals. Dave is being honored as he retires after 36 years of dedicated service to the students, employees, parents, and community members of the Corona-Norco Unified School District.

Dave began his teaching career at Corona High School where he was appointed to Director of Activities/Athletics and initiated the Athletic Hall of Fame; designed the school's athletic handbook; served as a board member on the California Activities Directors' Association; and as a charter member and president of the Citrus Belt Athletic Directors' Association.

After serving 21 years at Corona High, Dave was promoted in 1986 to the position of assistant principal at Norco High School where he served on various athletic organizations as well as membership in management and administrative organizations. In 1997, Dave was selected to serve as Director of Human Relations for the school district, overseeing more than 1,800 employees.

Throughout his career, Dave has shown an unlimited willingness to help students, teachers and employees. He has been a role model and mentor to both students and teachers. His consistent "open-door" policy cultivated an atmosphere of communication and understanding. At all times, he has conducted himself with integrity. His leadership and contributions have touched the lives of many students and teachers.

Dave's tireless passion for education has contributed immensely to the betterment of the communities of Corona and Norco, California. Dave has demonstrated his willingness to work hard for quality education and I am proud to call him a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many children, parents, fellow teachers and administrators are grateful for his service and salute him as he retires.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ROYAL  
OAK LIONS CLUB

**HON. SANDER M. LEVIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Royal Oak Lions Club on the occasion of their 75th anniversary.

The Royal Oak Lions Club, founded in 1928, has indeed taken up the challenge that Helen Keller presented to the International Lions Convention in 1925. She asked them to expand their interests and include services to the blind and the visually impaired.

The Royal Oak Lions Club has offered their dedicated service to numerous programs and organizations, including Leader Dogs for the Blind, the Penrickton Center for Multiply Handicapped Children, Lions Visually Impaired Camp, scholarships for hearing-impaired students at Madonna University, and the Beaumont Silent Children's speech program. Not only has this community-minded institution devoted its effort to these programs, it has also provided essential support to a myriad of services for our youth and vital community-based charities.

The Royal Oak Lions Club and its membership are important parts of the fabric of the Royal Oak and Southeast Oakland County community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing their longstanding commitment to public service and wishing the Royal Oak Lions Club continued success in all of their important endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO MIKE ALLEN

**HON. RALPH M. HALL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a beloved friend, outstanding community leader and longtime Congressional aide, the late E.T. "Mike" Allen of Whitesboro, Texas, who passed away on March 14 of this year at the age of 83. Mike served as District Assistant for my predecessor, the late Congressman Ray Roberts, from 1969 to 1980, and as my district assistant from 1980 to 1995. He also served as a member of my screening board for U.S. Military Academies and was my trusted friend and associate.

Mike was knowledgeable about the legislative process—and was so understanding and helpful with constituents who sought assistance with their concerns and problems. He knew the Congressional District from top to bottom, and in addition to being knowledgeable, was always punctual and available. He was always a gentleman and always kind in everything he did.

Mike truly enjoyed people and lived a life of service—both in the workplace and in his community and church. In all that he did—and with all whom he met—Mike brought an abiding sense of optimism and a smile that was his trademark. His favorite saying was "Always keep a happy heart." He loved people. He loved his family. He had a deep and abiding faith in God. I know of no one who knew Mike who did not consider him a friend. He was a man of honor, integrity and a generous nature.

Mike was distinguished in all walks of life. He was a well-liked and well-respected community leader in Whitesboro and Sherman. He served as mayor of Whitesboro for five terms—the last of which he was elected by write-in votes. Among his many civic activities, he served as president of the Whitesboro Chamber of Commerce, president of the local Rotary Club, president of the Quarterback Club, Master of Masonic Lodge #263 and Post Commander of the American Legion Post #398.

Mike was also president of the Grayson County Development Council, a member of

the original committee that secured the site for Grayson County College, chairman of the Parent's Committee for the 125th Anniversary Commission, a Council board member of the Boy Scouts of America and an elder in the Presbyterian Church of Whitesboro. He served on the Wilson N. Jones Foundation Board of Directors and was a board member of the Grayson County Campfire Girls of America, the Old Settlers Park Association in Sherman and the Grayson County Child Welfare.

Mike also was a frequent visitor of the local domino hall and a good player in his own right. Playing dominoes was a cherished tradition that facilitated comradery and friendship and served as an unofficial repository of historic and humorous events in the life of Whitesboro.

It comes as no surprise that Mike was named Outstanding Citizen of Whitesboro twice—in 1970 and 1998.

Mike was born in Whitesboro on December 31, 1919, the son of E.T. Allen Sr. and Mary Anderson Allen. He graduated from Whitesboro High School in 1936 and from North Texas State University in Denton. He entered the U.S. Air Force in 1942, where he became a first lieutenant. On returning to Whitesboro, he entered into private business with his father for 23 years before joining Congressman Roberts' staff.

In 1946 he married his loving wife of 57 years, Mary Ann Roberts Allen, a graduate of Texas Woman's University of Denton. They had a special marriage—and they have a devoted family that includes their son, Michael Allen of Tyler and daughter-in-law Carol and granddaughters Lindsay and Carly; daughter Marcy Allen Brown of Greenville and son-in-law Jon and children Leigh and Ben; sister and brother-in-law Lucille and R.B. Head, Jr., and two nieces.

Mr. Speaker, those of us who knew and loved Mike Allen miss him dearly—but his presence continues to be felt in Whitesboro, in Sherman and in the hearts of his family and many friends. He leaves behind such a remarkable legacy of caring and service. America is blessed to have citizens like my good friend Mike Allen, who answered the call to service for his country and his community throughout his exemplary and noble life. As we adjourn today, let us do so in memory of this great man and great American—E.T. "Mike" Allen.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF  
ROBERT H. DIEFENBACHER

**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert H. Diefenbacher, retiring President of the Exton Region Chamber of Commerce, and commend him for his life long service to our community.

Robert Diefenbacher began his tenure as President of the Exton Region Chamber of Commerce in August of 2000, following his retirement as a successful local entrepreneur. His 38 years of business and marketing experience has been a tremendous asset to the chamber and has provided unwavering guidance and support to its membership. He spent

10 of those years creating and growing his own advertising, graphic design and printing business, a true testament to the hard work and dedication apparent in all his undertakings.

During his illustrious career Mr. Diefenbacher has worked as a consultant, professor, and journalist, passing his limitless knowledge on to countless others. He has held various management positions in companies such as IBM Corporation and Decision Data Corporation.

As a young man, after receiving his Bachelor and Master of Management Engineering Degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Robert served in the U.S. Navy as the Chief Engineer on a destroyer in the Atlantic and Mediterranean fleets. His heroics serving our nation as well as serving those in our community demonstrate Robert's tremendous leadership abilities and have allowed him to hold countless positions of prestige. He is the current Chairman of the West Whiteland Township Concert Series, a past President of the Rotary Club of Central Chester County, past Chair of the Chester County School to Career Partnership. He served as Chair of the Continental Committee of Paoli Presbyterian Church and is Past-Chair of the Advisory Committee of the former Penn State Technology Development Center Business Incubator.

Robert's service has not gone unnoticed by his peers, he has received the Service Award from the Exton Region Chamber of Commerce, was recognized with Thirty Awards for Excellence in the Neographics Competition of Graphics Arts Association, received a Philly Gold Award for a Consumer Magazine Advertising Campaign, a Business of the Year Award from the Exton Region Chamber of Commerce, an Outstanding Service Award from the Chester County Intermediate Unit and a Chamber Service Award from the Chester County Chamber of Business & Industry.

I ask that my colleagues join me today to commend and honor Robert H. Diefenbacher for his many years of service to our community and wish him the best of luck in all his future endeavors.

ON THE OCCASION OF THE  
PASSING OF KIT GINGRICH

**HON. PHIL GINGREY**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my condolences to the family of Speaker Gingrich. His mother, Kit Gingrich, died Tuesday night in Harrisburg, PA, at the age of 77.

Having lost a parent myself, I know personally the pain that such a passing brings. My heart goes out to the speaker and to his siblings, who lost a loving and devoted mother. Speaker Gingrich's sister, Susan Gingrich, said nothing brought her mother more pleasure than her family. One of her proudest moments was watching her son, Newt, sworn in as speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives in January 1995.

Speaker Gingrich is from Cobb County, which is my home county, and I represent some of the areas that he formerly rep-

resented. In Cobb County and throughout Georgia, the speaker remains a beloved and revered figure for his great leadership and his contributions to our state and to our nation.

On behalf of the people of Georgia's 11th District, I want to let the Gingrich family know they're in our thoughts and prayers during their time of loss.

COMMENDING MAJORITY LEADER  
TOM DELAY

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the House Majority Leader, TOM DELAY, for his insightful speech yesterday at The Heritage Foundation. The Majority Leader clearly reminded us that we are a nation at war, engaged in a historic battle against enemies of freedom and liberty.

Yet, just two years after September 11th, instead of consistently working together to defeat international terrorism, some of my colleagues seem more intent on criticizing our Commander in Chief. Sadly, as Majority Leader DELAY said, "In the face of two of the swiftest, most humane, and most successful military campaigns in human history, they descend to name calling.

A political party must offer more than anger and name-calling, they must offer a positive agenda. They cannot just criticize, they must offer solutions. The American people, do not want petty partisan politics and constant nitpicking, they want safety and security from terrorism.

The Majority Leader correctly reminded us, "The United States is at war, and we want the nation—and its political parties—united behind our common mission to defeat global terror."

In conclusion, may God bless our troops.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO PAYDEN  
BELL

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to pay tribute to a young man from my district. Payden Bell of Bayfield, Colorado was the victim of a terrible accident earlier this summer and has shown an amazing level of courage by persevering in the face of difficult odds. As he continues on his path toward recovery, I am honored to recognize Payden before this body of Congress.

Payden was working with the family mule when something apparently spooked the animal and it took off running. In the process, a rope got tangled around Payden's feet, dragging him for over a half-mile. Suffering from life-threatening abrasions and gashes to his body and head, Payden was released from the hospital after 18 days and is expected to make a full recovery.

One can only imagine the pain and suffering Payden experienced. Many adults would not have the will power to overcome the agony of such an injury, yet this young boy has recov-

ered so rapidly that his family believes it is nothing short of a miracle. Payden had skin grafts, stitches and was even placed in an antibiotic jacket to help him heal. Less than three weeks later, his wounds were largely healed.

Mr. Speaker, I want to acknowledge Payden's triumphant recovery and his courageous spirit throughout this ordeal. Payden's accident was tragic, and his determination has been remarkable. I would like to wish this young man a continued recovery and all the best in the future.

TRIBUTE TO THE FORDHAM HILL  
OWNERS CORPORATION

**HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to the Fordham Hill Owners Corporation, which celebrated its 20th anniversary in October of 2002.

High on a hill overlooking the Harlem River in the Bronx, New York, is the Fordham Hill community. Its nine buildings are situated on 12 acres of beautiful landscaped property; lofty trees of many varieties reach skyward and the rare black furred squirrels give Fordham Hill a suburban feel.

The residents of the Fordham Hill complex are among the fortunate few to have discovered this hidden oasis; where residents enjoy the benefits of the community's close proximity to various sites such as Yankee Stadium, the Bronx Zoo, and the Bronx Botanical Garden. In addition, a wide variety of nearby services, recreational activities, dining, shopping, schools, universities, hospitals, and churches add to the quaintness of the community.

Mr. Speaker, this beautiful community was planned, designed and completed by the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States in 1950. Initially created to serve as apartments for rent, this complex was transformed by E. Thomas Williams Jr., a skilled real estate investor and entrepreneur, who in 1980 outlined a plan to convert the financially troubled apartments into co-op dwellings. Williams, determined to buy the complex, raised funds, took out loans and eventually gained ownership of 65 percent of the complex. He and members of the original co-op committee worked diligently to gain support for the conversion by convincing tenants that a major benefit of buying their apartments was an opportunity for them to accrue some equity in their property after years of paying rent. By 1982 the conversion was in place, the Fordham Hill Owners Corporation was established, and Fordham Hill became the largest privately funded cooperative complex in the city of New York.

The Fordham Hill Owners Corporation is a diverse community of people from all backgrounds and professions who take pride in the community and play an active role in preserving the quality of life at the co-op. As a result of the direct involvement of co-op members, the community is thriving and continues to add splendor to the Bronx.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring the Fordham Hill Owners Corporation for maintaining a well-run corporation with a high quality of life for residents for more than twenty years.

IN HONOR OF THE HISPANIC-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF ESSEX COUNTY

**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Hispanic-American Chamber of Commerce of Essex County for its efforts in developing and advancing the role of Hispanics in small businesses, and in enhancing the interests of Hispanics throughout Essex County and New Jersey. On September 25, 2003, the Hispanic-American Chamber of Commerce of Essex County will hold its 15th Annual Corporate Lunch and Scholarship Awards Presentation at the Newark Club in Newark, New Jersey.

The Hispanic-American Chamber of Commerce of Essex County (HACCEC) has contributed to the increased prosperity and achievement of Hispanics throughout the State by forming new partnerships with Latin America, bringing products and jobs back to New Jersey, and creating further economic development and business opportunities throughout our region. As a member of the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the HACCEC has successfully brought the issues and concerns of Hispanic-owned businesses to the forefront of the national economic agenda. The Chamber is currently advancing its mission by building the first Hispanic Business Center in Essex County. This will provide the HACCEC with the resources to develop and support economic opportunities for the Hispanic community of Essex County and throughout New Jersey.

I would like to extend my gratitude and congratulations to this year's honorees: Miguel E. Rodriguez; Mario E. Moyano; Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.; Hector M. Corchado; and Anthony F. Ambrose.

Currently president of the HACCEC and former Deputy Mayor of Newark, Miguel E. Rodriguez has led a career proven in leadership and commitment to the Hispanic community. His vast community resources, marketing and management experience, and commitment to diversity have helped make the HACCEC a great resource for small businesses.

The president of American Latin Travel Agents in America, Mario E. Moyano, has been a leader in Newark for over 20 years. Born in Ecuador, he came to the United States in 1969, and by 1975, had established his own business, the Moyano Agency. He is currently the voice of over 160 travel agencies throughout the Newark area.

Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr., has brought quick and impressive change to Essex County. One of his first actions as county executive was establishing the Office of Cultural Diversity and Affirmative Action to ensure adequate minority participation in county affairs. Heavily involved with the Essex County Parks system, Mr. DiVincenzo is the founder of the Newark "Small Fry" basketball program, the Rick Cerone Little League, and other recreational programs.

Newark City Councilman Hector M. Corchado has been an effective and dedicated member of his community. A longtime resident

of Newark, Councilman Corchado was elected to the City Council in 2002. Mr. Corchado began his career in the Newark Police Department over 14 years ago, where he served as a detective and sergeant in the Community Affairs Division. A natural leader in the police department, he went on to become deputy mayor of Newark before serving on the City Council.

As the chief of police for Newark, Anthony F. Ambrose, III, has served with the Newark Police Department for 17 years. Chief Ambrose rose quickly through the ranks of the Department, and has been a dedicated officer and a true public servant, always keeping the interests of the community at the forefront.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Hispanic-American Chamber of Commerce of Essex County and its honorees for playing a critical role in the success of Hispanic businesses throughout Essex County and New Jersey.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF MCGUIRE MEMORIAL

**HON. MELISSA A. HART**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have the opportunity to pay tribute to an outstanding health care facility located in the district I represent in the U.S. House of Representatives. 2003 marks the 40th anniversary of McGuire Memorial, an outstanding provider of care for the multiply handicapped. McGuire was founded in 1962 by the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh through a proposal by the Felician Sisters.

I have personally visited McGuire and, as such, am familiar with the level of care and compassion that this remarkable facility offers its patients. I was inspired by my visit to McGuire and am pleased at the growth that the facility has experienced over the years.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in wishing continued success to McGuire Memorial on the celebration of its 40th Anniversary.

HONORING MAYOR WILMER JONES-HAM

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today and ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Mayor Wilmer Jones-Ham as she is honored with the Woman of the Year Award by the Dr. Marie Wright Tolliver Cultural and Civic Club of Saginaw, Michigan on Sunday, October 5th.

The Dr. Marie Wright Tolliver Cultural and Civic Club is an associated club of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Incorporated. The Woman of the Year Award is named in honor of Dr. Tolliver and the work she has done over the years to improve life in the Saginaw area.

In keeping with the motto of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, "Lift-

ing as we Climb," Mayor Ham has devoted her life to her church, her family and her community. Born and raised in Saginaw, she graduated from Saginaw Valley State University with a Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education and a Masters Degree in Supervision and Administration. She then returned to her roots in the Saginaw School System and taught 7th and 8th grades for 24½ years.

As a devoted proponent of Saginaw her civic involvement is extensive. As an active member of numerous organizations including the NAACP, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, SIGMA, MBS International Airport, Downtown Development Board, New Perspectives, League of Women Voters, National Education Association, Habitat for Humanity, Agape Home for Social Change, Saginaw International Mahogany Models, Boys and Girls Club, Saginaw Soul Children, Saginaw Orchestra, the Mayor's Ball and Scholarship Foundation, and Restoration Community, Mayor Ham has contributed insight, leadership, and direction to every organization fortunate to have her as a member.

Through her position as Music Minister with Tabernacle Baptist Church she has expanded the ministry and founded several organizations devoted to praising God. With her personal motto of "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13), Mayor Ham has developed the 100 Voice Boys Choir, and Women and Men in Praise. Mayor Ham also serves as a member of the Saginaw Interdenominational Ministries and the board of St. John Trinity.

Mayor Ham was married to the late Howard Leon Ham, is the mother to DeRonnie, DeToya and Darvin and the grandmother to Darvin Jr., Donovan, Dominic, Dominique, DeRhonda, and Alexis. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me today and join in congratulating Mayor Wilmer Jones-Ham as she is honored by the members of the Dr. Marie Wright Tolliver Cultural and Civic Club of Saginaw.

RECOGNIZING UNDERSHERIFF CURTIS WATSON

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, we rise today to pay tribute to Undersheriff Curtis L. Watson for his thirty-three years of exemplary service in law enforcement. On October 17, 2003 Undersheriff Watson will be honored at the Hayward South Alameda County NAACP's Community Service Awards Banquet.

Undersheriff Watson is a native of Little Rock, Arkansas, and prior to beginning his career in law enforcement, he served in the United States Air Force from 1966–1970. During the past thirty-three years with the Alameda County Sheriff's Department, he has held a variety of positions. In July of 1980, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and was assigned to the Santa Rita Jail and later to the Criminal Investigation Unit. In July of 1986, he was promoted to Lieutenant and assigned to the jail system before returning to the Criminal Division as a watch commander in Patrol.

In January of 1990, Undersheriff Watson was promoted to Captain and became the

commanding officer of the North County Jail in Oakland. From January 1993, until his appointment as Undersheriff, he served as the Administrative Captain to the Sheriff. On April 8, 1993, he was appointed to the position of Undersheriff for the Alameda County Sheriff's Office.

Undersheriff Watson received his BA degree in management from Saint Mary's College in Moraga, CA. He is currently a member of the California State Sheriff's Association, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives and is a member of the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame Planning Committee.

We join the friends and colleagues of Undersheriff Watson in expressing congratulations as he is honored by the Hayward South Alameda County NAACP. We thank him for continued service to Alameda County.

ON THE BRAVERY OF ARLINGTON  
CEMETERY SOLDIERS DURING  
HURRICANE ISABEL

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, as Hurricane Isabel's winds swept over Arlington National Cemetery, the soldiers who guard the Tomb of the Unknowns were given—for the first time in history—permission to abandon their posts and seek shelter.

But that wasn't what was going to happen, and Sergeant Christopher Holmes knew it. He and other valiant members of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment stood vigil on overnight duty.

"That's never an option for us. It went in one ear and right out the other," Holmes said.

The monument was established in 1921 with the interment of an unknown World War I soldier, and a sentry has been posted there continuously since 1930. Cemetery Superintendent John Metzler didn't want to put the guards in jeopardy unnecessarily with the fierce storm bearing down Thursday night, so cemetery officials decided to let the guards move indoors if they felt they were in danger.

Holmes' group was on duty for 24 hours, from 6 a.m. Thursday until 6 a.m. Friday. They took turns patrolling the tomb in hourly shifts, never leaving their post.

Mr. Speaker, I commend these brave men and women, who do whatever they must to guard the Unknowns. They cherish their post, and consider it the greatest honor to go out and guard this symbol of every man and woman who has fought and died for this great nation. Their patriotism is admired by all Americans.

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF  
W. RONALD COALE AND MARY  
ELLEN FISKE

**HON. RICHARD W. POMBO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. POMBO. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to honor the 50th wedding anniversary of my friends, W. Ronald Coale, and his wife Mary

Ellen Fiske. It is not often that two people so perfectly compatible find each other. Fifty years of happy marriage is a remarkable achievement, and for this I congratulate them.

It was 50 years ago today that Ron wed Mary, his girl from, appropriately, Angel's Camp. These last 50 years have witnessed many happy times in their lives, including the births of their two sons, W. Ronald Jr. and Michael, and their five grandchildren.

Ron and Mary have been dedicated and distinguished members of the Stockton, California community. Ron has served as a commissioner with the Port of Stockton since 1991. Before that he served on the City Council and as Vice Mayor. Both Ron and Mary have long been active in the California Republican Party.

It gives me great pleasure to commemorate these two fine Americans on this special day.

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**HON. SHERWOOD BOEHLERT**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, as Chairman of the House Committee on Science, I am an avid supporter of programs that encourage the youth of America to push the limits of innovation and originality in science. One such program is the Discovery Channel Young Scientist Challenge.

Created in 1999, Discovery Communications, Inc., designed the Discovery Channel Young Scientist Challenge as part of the solution to America's chronic underachievement in science and math. The annual national contest responds to evidence that academic performance and interest in science among American students declines dramatically as students become older. This is particularly evident during the middle school years.

For these reasons, the Discovery Channel Young Scientist Challenge identifies and honors America's top middle school student who demonstrates the best skills in leadership, teamwork, and scientific problem solving. More than 6,000 middle school students have entered the challenge since its inception in order to compete for the title of "America's Top Young Scientist of the Year." Since 1999, scholarship awards for the students have totaled more than \$400,000 and challenge winners have participated in science-related trips to far-off places, including the Roslin Institute in Midlothian, Scotland, and the El Yunque rain forest in Puerto Rico.

On September 17, 2003, Discovery Communications, Inc., announced the 40 middle school students who have advanced to the finals of the Discovery Channel Young Scientist Challenge. Selected from more than 1,700 entrants, the "Final Forty" represent an elite group of young Americans who demonstrated exceptional creativity and communications skills in original science research projects. To commemorate the centennial of the Wright Brothers' first flight, this year's finalists will compete in a multitude of experiments involving the science of flight. The winners will be announced at the awards ceremony on October 22, 2003.

The finalists for the 2003 Discovery Channel Young Scientist Challenge are: Jeffrey Luttrell

of Tempe, Arizona; Tyler Kirkland of Tucson, Arizona; David Edwards V of Tucson, Arizona; Bobby Fisher of Laguna Niguel, California; Jacob Rucker of Del Mar, California; Dana Feeny of Woodside, California; John Reid of Redlands, California; Samantha Bates of San Carlos, California; Patrick Saris of Newbury Park, California; Justin Koh of Bakersfield, California; Taylor Simpkins of Costa Mesa, California; Scott Presbrey of Fort Myers, Florida; Peter Borden of Fort Myers, Florida; Bran Yancey of Miami, Florida; Sravya Keremane of Gainesville, Florida; Sarah Gerin of West Palm Beach, Florida; Joseph Stunzi of Watkinsville, Georgia; Bryce Melton of Terre Haute, Indiana; Anthony Burnett of Derwood, Maryland; Ethan Roth of Kansas City, Missouri; Elena Ovaite of Weston, Missouri; Austin Minor of Lee's Summit, Missouri; Rachel Clements of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Leah Crowder of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Michael Klein of Atlantic Beach, New York; Ryan Lee of Hamilton, Ohio; Bogna Brzezinska of Upper Arlington, Ohio; Lorren Kezmoh of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Katie Sloop of El Paso, Texas; Daniel Steck of San Antonio, Texas; Aron Trevino of San Antonio, Texas; Luis Lafer-Sousa of San Antonio, Texas; Elizabeth Monier of Boerne, Texas; Ian Cummings of Clearfield, Utah; Spencer Larson of Springville, Utah; Ryker Watts of Alpine, Utah; Zachary Hopkins of Highland, Utah; Jennifer Gutman of Wheeling, West Virginia; and Erica David of Pinedale, Wyoming.

At a time when science and technology plays such an enormous role in our lives, I believe it is imperative that we continue to support and nurture the next generation of young scientists. I would like to congratulate these students for their dedication and hard work in the name of science and wish them all good luck during the 2003 Discovery Channel Young Scientist Challenge.

TRIBUTE TO LINDA VROOM

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to the life and memory of a great citizen. Linda Vroom, who lived for many years in Aspen, Colorado, recently passed away. As her family and friends mourn Linda's passing, I would like to pay tribute to her memory here today.

Linda had a noble spirit and was always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need. While in Mexico City during the earthquake of 1985, Linda rescued an infant by jumping out of the third story of an apartment building. She was a talented artist who loved to sing and play the flute. Linda was also an avid biker, though her great passion was for fine wine and good food. Linda was known for helping countless people to educate themselves on these topics at both the Aspen Wine & Spirit and the Cooking School of Aspen. For the past two years, Linda pursued her love of wine by studying to become a sommelier.

Mr. Speaker, Linda Vroom had a great passion for life, and she loved to share that passion with others. While Linda has passed on, her legacy will continue to live. I am honored

to join with my colleagues in honoring Linda here today.

IN HONOR OF MICHAEL LEGGIERO

**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael Leggiero for his leadership and dedication to the North Hudson Community Action Corporation. Mr. Leggiero was honored with the Louis T. Scialli Memorial Award by the United Way of Hudson County on September 16, 2003, at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Secaucus, New Jersey.

As President and CEO of the North Hudson Community Action Corporation, Mr. Leggiero's vision and leadership has helped make the organization the largest and one of the most highly regarded community organizations in Hudson County. The North Hudson Community Action Corporation is currently the largest provider of health and social services in the county and serves as a model for the quality of services it provides the community.

Mr. Leggiero first came to the North Hudson Community Action Corporation in 1971. Through his hard work and communal spirit, Mr. Leggiero assumed directorship in 1978. At that time, the North Hudson Community Action Corporation administered seven programs, which served 5,000 residents per year. After 25 years under Mr. Leggiero's leadership, the North Hudson Community Action Corporation now runs 20 programs that serve over 55,000 Hudson County residents each year.

Mr. Leggiero's foresight and understanding of the community issues has been a great asset to the North Hudson Community Action Corporation. Mr. Leggiero helped create a state-of-the-art community health center, which now provides care and assistance to over 2,000 patients each week. In 1996, Mr. Leggiero spearheaded the production of 49 new affordable housing units and just recently completed a similar venture, which provided the North Hudson community with 37 new housing units.

Michael Leggiero is a lifetime resident of Union City, where he lives with his wife Lois. An active member of his church, Mr. Leggiero is known for his love and dedication to his congregation, with whom he shares a commitment to giving back to the community.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Michael Leggiero for his outstanding leadership and service to the people of Hudson County.

TRIBUTE TO THE INSTITUTE FOR THE PUERTO RICAN/HISPANIC ELDERLY, INC.

**HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to the Institute for the Puerto Rican/Hispanic Elderly, Inc., an organization dedicated to improving the lives of low income minority seniors and their families in the city of New York. This in-

valuable organization will celebrate its 25th anniversary on Friday, October 3, 2003.

The Institute for the Puerto Rican/Hispanic Elderly, Inc., was founded in 1978 to remove communication and other service barriers that separated Puerto Rican and Hispanic seniors from their rights and entitlements under the law. Today, the Institute is the premier Hispanic non-profit organization serving New York City's ethnic minority seniors and their families, with the mission to improve their quality of life.

Serving more than 140,000 seniors annually, the institute's services are delivered in a citywide complex of offices, facilities, programs and senior centers. In addition, the Institute has four subsidiaries: El Cemi Houses, which provides affordable housing for homeless seniors; the Institute Home Care Services; the licensed Innovative Home Health Care Systems; and Clinica Nueva Esperanza, a mental health clinic for seniors.

The Institute also serves as an important resource for non-profits, government agencies and businesses, providing technical assistance and consultation in areas such as management training, culturally responsive service delivery, and access to minority communities.

Mr. Speaker, under the leadership of Suleika Cabrera Drinane, this fine institution has helped to provide essential and quality services to the low income minority seniors of New York City for a quarter of a century. Because of its pioneering and outstanding work, the Institute has received awards and recognitions from city, state, and federal agencies, as well as by other organizations in the community.

For their long standing commitment to the disadvantaged seniors of New York City, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the Institute for the Puerto Rican/Hispanic Elderly, Inc., on their 25th Anniversary.

IN MEMORY OF BILLIE LOU  
"PEACHES" PARKER BROOKSHIRE

**HON. RALPH M. HALL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, earlier this year the citizens of Tyler, Texas, lost one of their dearest and most influential members, Billie Lou "Peaches" Parker Brookshire, who passed away at the age of 72 following a lengthy illness.

The Brookshire family has long been known in the Tyler area for their many contributions to East Texas—with Peaches being a central figure in their philanthropy. Peaches was actively involved in numerous worthy causes, including the Salvation Army Center of Hope, Junior League of Tyler, Tyler Junior Garden Club, American Cancer Society, Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, Trinity Mother Frances Hospital, Green Acres Baptist Church, All Saints Episcopal School, Grace Community School and Hospice of East Texas. In all that she did and with all whom she met, she brought enthusiasm, compassion, a positive attitude and a legendary sense of humor. Peaches also was an accomplished artist. Several of her paintings were recently donated to the Tyler Cancer Center to encourage patients receiving treatment there.

Above all Peaches was a devoted wife to her husband and partner of 53 years, Bruce, whom she met while attending the University of Texas at Austin, and a loving and loyal mother and mother-in-law to Tim and Michelle and to Britt and Sunni. She was known endearingly as "honey" to her nine grandchildren: Amy, Clint, Garnett, Blake, Chad, Ross, Caroline, Emma and Bruce, Jr. Clint Brookshire ably served as my Congressional Assistant in Washington, D.C., and later as District Assistant in my Rockwall, TX, office, before pursuing another career in Dallas. He was a valued and well-liked member of my staff and remains my good friend. Peaches maintained a close relationship with Decie Brookshire, mother of Clint and the two other eldest grandchildren. She also leaves behind her two dear sisters and their husbands, Kay and Darold Cannon Jr. and Judy and Ray Clymer Jr. of Wichita Falls; her mother-in-law and lifelong friend, Mrs. Louise Brookshire of Tyler; numerous nieces and nephews; and caregivers Jeanell and Jesse Richardson of Tyler.

Peaches was the daughter of William Garnett Parker and Opal Louise Parker of Wichita Falls. She attended Midwestern State University and the University of Texas at Austin, where she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. Her grandfather, C.H. Parker, opened Parker Food Stores in Wichita Falls in the 1920s, the same time that her father-in-law, W.T. Brookshire, was opening his first Brookshire's Grocery Store in Tyler.

I have known Peaches and Bruce and their family for many years and have loved and admired them for their ability to so ably balance work, family and community commitments. They are one of the outstanding families in the Fourth Congressional District—and their efforts have helped so many in their community. In recognition of their many significant contributions, Peaches and Bruce were named the recipients of the 2002 Isadore Roosth Outstanding Philanthropist Award in Tyler.

Peaches was devoted to her family, her faith, and her community—and was a model of grace, goodness, and good humor. She was a friend and an inspiration to so many—and she will be fondly remembered by all those who knew her and loved her. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege today for me to pay tribute to an exemplary woman and outstanding citizen of East Texas who made an indelible impression on all those who met her—Peaches Parker Brookshire. She will be dearly missed.

HONORING REV. PAUL D.  
KENNEDY

**HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Reverend Paul D. Kennedy, pastor at the All Saints Episcopal Church in Worcester, Massachusetts and to recognize his achievement as the first ever recipient of the Children's Friends Inc. Ambassadors Award. I am proud of Rev. Kennedy's services.

The Children's Friend Inc. was established in 1849 by a group of concerned Worcester citizens to provide a "safe home" for the city's most vulnerable children: the orphaned, the abandoned, and the neglected children. The

central mission of Children's Friend's is "to promote the emotional, social and physical health of a needy and diverse population of children and to advocate of their rights."

The Children's Friend Inc. Ambassadors Award was established to honor a diplomatic official of the highest rank appointed and accredited to represent an organization's permanent mission to the community. Rev. Kennedy first became involved with the Children's Friend Inc. in 1993 and served on the organization's Board of Directors from 1994 to 2002. He was presented with this award because of his tireless and continued effort to advocate for the well being and welfare of children. This is a testimony to the power that one individual can utilize to benefit the lives of many.

In addition to this achievement, Rev. Kennedy has served the Massachusetts Lutheran and Episcopalian community in a distinguished manner for well over 20 years. After graduating from Harvard Divinity school and the Hama School of Theology at Wittenberg College, Rev. Kennedy began his career as a pastor at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Gloucester, Massachusetts. Since then, he has actively and impressively represented his own congregations and the greater church community through the numerous positions. Some of his many outstanding contributions include serving as delegate to the Lutheran Church in America Convention four times and holding a variety of positions for the Lutheran Service Association, and the Lutheran Social Service of New England.

Rev. Kennedy's commitment to social service and human welfare is extensive. He sat on the American Red Cross Board of Directors, and served as President of the Worcester Chapter of the American Cancer Society. He was a member of the Board of Trustees at Upsilon College and currently sits on the Board of Trustees at Endicott College.

Mr. Speaker, I am certain that the entire U.S. House of Representatives joins me in congratulating Rev. Kennedy for this high honor.

#### 100 YEARS OF UNITED STATES-BULGARIAN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

### HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, last Thursday while Washington was consumed with the arrival of hurricane Isabel, a significant celebration was taking place in Sofia, Bulgaria.

On September 18, the United States and Bulgaria marked the 100th anniversary of diplomatic relations between our two countries.

Since the fall of the Berlin Wall, Bulgaria has worked hard to build a stable democracy and to provide its people the very freedoms we have for so long taken for granted in this country. The people of Bulgaria should be proud of what they have accomplished over this past 13 years.

Bulgaria has also worked to reaffirm and strengthen its friendship with the United States. Bulgaria has worked with us to promote stability and peace in the Balkans by providing peacekeeping forces in Bosnia and Kosovo.

After the tragedy of September 11, 2001, Bulgaria was among the very first countries to denounce terrorism and pledge active support to the United States in the fight against global terrorism. Bulgaria supported Operation Enduring Freedom and the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Afghanistan and is presently providing 500 infantry soldiers to the Iraq stabilization force.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, on the occasion of this 100th anniversary of United States-Bulgarian diplomatic relations, it is appropriate to reflect on this important relationship and to dedicate ourselves to promoting good relations for the next 100 years.

#### HONORING ST. JOSEPH PARISH ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 150TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. CHRIS CHOCOLA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. CHOCOLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Rev. Michael Couhig, CSC, and the congregation of Holy Cross on the 150th anniversary of the founding of St. Joseph Parish by the congregation.

St. Joseph is South Bend, Indiana's oldest Catholic worshipping community. Initially called St. Alexis Chapel, it was established by Rev. Edward F. Sorin, CSC, as a mission chapel of Notre Dame.

Since that time, the congregation has treasured history.

The first building, which was both a chapel and a school, was erected in 1853 in the community of Lowell, at what is now the intersection of Hill and LaSalle streets.

By the next year, the Sisters of the Holy Cross were teaching children in the tiny building. In 1866, that first structure was replaced with a larger building named the Church of the Assumption.

The second church building burned to the ground in 1872. A third church was built nearby on the present site of St. Joseph Medical Center. By 1881, when the cornerstone for the fourth church was laid on the current site, the parish was known as Saint Joseph, and Lowell had been absorbed by the city of South Bend. The parish thrived, welcoming French, English, Irish, Italians, Southeast Asians, and all others as they came. Because of structural weaknesses, the handsome old Gothic church had to be demolished, and the current church was erected in 1965. St. Joe's current parish registration numbers over 720 families.

As the parish grew, so did their school. The school expanded into Assumption Academy, a boarding and day school, which in 1886 was replaced by a larger two-story building. By 1926, that structure was overflowing, and the present school was built. Since that time, the school's high standards have remained unchanged. St. Joseph School is the oldest continuously operating school in the city of South Bend, Indiana, and their building was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1999.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Rev. Couhig and his parishioners for contributing to the spiritual, educational, and economic development of the Michiana community for the past 150 years.

#### TRIBUTE TO RALPH SAMPLE

### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to the life and memory of Ralph Sample who recently passed away at the age of 85. A lifelong resident of New Castle, Colorado, Ralph was an enterprising and hard working man who was extensively involved in his community. I am honored to pay tribute to his memory here today.

Ralph was born in Glenwood Springs in 1917. Later in life, Ralph settled with his wife Edna in his native Glenwood Springs, where they farmed, raised cattle and sheep, and Ralph operated Sample's Jersey Dairy. In addition to farming and ranching, Ralph was an entrepreneur. He helped to establish both the Glenwood Insurance Agency & Realty and Valley Realty.

Many community groups benefited from Ralph's participation. He was extensively involved with the Glenwood Springs Masonic Lodge as a member of both the York Rite and the Scottish Rite. Ralph was also an active community leader with the Glenwood Springs Rotary Club and the Elk Creek Grange No. 415. He devoted countless hours to their many philanthropic pursuits.

Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in extending my deepest sympathies to the family of Ralph Sample. His hard work and civic-mindedness stand as a shining example of the spirit of Colorado. While Ralph has passed on, his legacy will live on with all those who knew him. I am honored to recognize his life and passing here today.

#### HONORING MAESTRO ENRIQUE DIEMECKE

### HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Maestro Enrique Diemecke as he begins his fifteenth year as the Music Director and Principal Conductor of the Flint Symphony Orchestra. Maestro Diemecke will be honored for his service at a dinner on October 4th.

Enrique Diemecke became an integral part of the Flint musical community in 1988. An internationally recognized musician and maestro, he is considered to be one of the best young maestros working in the world today. His list of accomplishments is extensive. After studying at Catholic University in Washington, DC, and the Pierre Monteux School for Advanced Conductors he embarked upon a musical career that spans several continents. He has served to the delight of audiences as the conductor for orchestras in North America, Europe, New Zealand and South America. His sublime interpretation of both classical composers and emerging talents have won rave reviews everywhere he performs.

His musical endeavors have not been limited to live performance. Maestro Diemecke has recorded several pieces of music. He won

the Bruno Walter Orpheus d'Or Prized for Best Opera Conductor by the Academy of Lyric Recordings for his live recording of Mascagni's Parisina. His 1993 recordings of the music by Revueltas, Chavez, and Moncayo was honored with the Golden Record Award and was a top ten seller in Mexico for over a year.

As a composer, Enrique Diemecke's work commands international respect. During the 1998 World Cup, he was commissioned by Radio France Festival to compose a work in honor of the soccer spectacular. His composition, Die-Sir-E, was heard around the world and has been performed at other venues since the World Cup. His compositions are increasingly presented to the public by orchestras in several countries.

It is an honor to ask my fellow members of the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Maestro Enrique Diemecke for his collaboration with the Flint Symphony Orchestra. During the past fifteen years, Maestro Deimecke has inspired a spirit of joy and enthusiasm with each performance, enriching the life of the greater Flint area with his talent and blessing our community through his continued association with the Flint Symphony Orchestra.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE VICTIMS OF THE KATYN FOREST MASSACRE

**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of the victims of the Katyn Forest Massacre of 1940. A Memorial Service sponsored by the Katyn Forest Massacre Memorial Committee of the New Jersey Division of the Polish American Congress was held on Sunday, September 21, 2003, at the Katyn Monument in Jersey City, New Jersey.

The Katyn Forest Massacre Memorial Service is a tribute to the bravery of the Polish people who fought valiantly during World War II. Over sixty-three years ago, during the Soviet invasion of Poland, over 15,000 Polish military officers, intelligentsia, prisoners of war, clergy, and Polish civilians were attacked and killed by Soviet military and secret police. Over 4,500 bodies were discovered in the Katyn Forest in a single mass grave.

This year, the Katyn Massacre Memorial Service will also pay special tribute to the brave men and women who perished in the horrific terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and Flight 93 in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, on September 11, 2001. Although more than 60 years apart, the loss of innocent lives in both tragic events have had a profound effect on our society. To lay wreaths and flowers in memory of all of the victims is a fitting tribute, as the site of the Katyn Monument in Exchange Place in Jersey City once looked upon the towers of the World Trade Center just across the Hudson River.

Today, I ask that my colleagues join me in remembering the victims of the Katyn Massacre and the September 11th attacks, and honor their sacrifice and courage. May we continue to honor the memories of those who were lost, so we will not be destined to repeat the horrors of the injustices suffered by these innocent victims.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 1588. NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004

**HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the brave men and women of our armed services who are carrying out the mission to provide hope and freedom to the Iraqi people. I would also like to commend Representative CROWLEY for his leadership and advocacy for our men and women in uniform.

Like many of my colleagues, I am concerned with the increasing frequency and duration of Reserve component deployments. During the Cold War era, the Reserve components were a manpower pool that was rarely tapped. However, this resource has become increasingly important to our peacekeeping and counterterrorism missions. As a result, the demands placed on Guard and Reserve families are quickly growing. Not only do these families often have to adjust to life on much smaller salaries, they may have to worry about maintaining their health coverage. This situation is unacceptable, and we need to provide our Guard and Reserve with this coverage from the start so that the stresses of deployment are not compounded by worries about healthcare. I believe offering the guarantee of long-term health coverage would not only help the families of activated Guard and Reservists, but also increase recruitment and retention of some of our most valuable personnel.

As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I firmly believe that members of our National Guard and Reserve should have benefits commensurate with those of active duty forces. With the announcement that the Reserves' total commitments could now be in excess of a year in some circumstances, this problem must be remedied immediately, and if not by the Pentagon then by Congress. We place enough burdens on these families as it is, I want us to make every effort to remove at least this one. I urge my colleagues to support the Crowley motion to instruct.

HONORING PAUL DEVAUL

**HON. STEVE ISRAEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Paul DeVaul, a decorated veteran and past County Commander for the Suffolk County American Legion. On October 5 2003, the American Legion will be honoring Mr. DeVaul for his service to veterans on Long Island.

After entering the United States Army in December of 1961, Paul was assigned to the United States Army Special Warfare School at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. During this time Paul was awarded numerous awards, including the Army Commendation Medal and the Good Conduct Medal upon his discharge on December 16, 1984.

Paul has been an active member of the Bay Shore Post, #365, of the American Legion

since 1990 including serving as County Commissioner in 2001. Paul is one of the few Legionnaires who has served as County Commissioner for two years. One of his more notable accomplishments was when he took it upon himself to gather the names of all Korean and Vietnam War veterans from Bay Shore to create an Honor Roll to recognize their sacrifices for this country.

Paul also developed recognition programs for community groups, individuals, and students who support Veterans and American Legion programs; such as the Spirit Of American Award, which honors individuals for their efforts on behalf of veterans or for their community work. On September 11, 2001 Paul coordinated seven local American Legion posts to serve as shelters for the emergency workers at Ground Zero.

Paul continues to play an active role in the American Legion community and he serves as a role model for all Legionnaires. I commend Paul DeVaul for his dedicated service to our country during his time in the Army and in the aftermath of the attacks on the World Trade Center, and for his hard work on behalf of veterans on Long Island.

TAIWAN'S BID FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS

**HON. PETER T. KING**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in support of Taiwan's bid for membership in the United Nations (UN).

For the 32nd consecutive year, the U.N. convenes its annual General Assembly without the membership of Taiwan and once again its 23 million citizens will be denied a voice in vitally important global matters. Although Taiwan has long been a significant player in world affairs with a GNP and population larger than three quarters of U.N. member countries, it has repeatedly been denied membership.

The transformation of Taiwan from an impoverished State into an industrial powerhouse, and from a one-party dictatorship into a multi-party democracy, is among the most impressive economic and political marvels of our time. Free and fair elections are held at all levels of government. Taiwan's constitution guarantees its citizens freedom of assembly, freedom of expression, freedom of religion, freedom of the press and it is a strong supporter of human rights.

Already, Taiwan is an active participant in international organizations as exemplified by its membership in the Asian Development Bank, its admission as a full member to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) group, and its membership in the World Trade Organization (WTO).

Taiwan has also used its successes to become an active contributor to international humanitarian efforts. It has made significant donations to countries devastated by natural disasters and war including relief efforts in Kosovo, Afghanistan, Turkey, and Iraq, to name a few. Taiwan is well prepared and quite willing to actively support U.N. endeavors.

Furthermore, it is not uncommon to have parallel representation of divided countries in

the U.N. such as the case of East and West Germany before German reunification in 1990. This type of representation currently exists with respect to the membership of both the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea.

By large margins, both Houses of Congress have endorsed Taiwan's desire for participation in the United Nations. Taiwan, a country seeking peace and stability in its region, deserves the right to membership in the United Nations.

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TRIBUTE TO LARRY REED

**HON. RON PAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to pay tribute to one of America's leading advocates for liberty, my friend Larry Reed, who celebrates his 50th birthday on September 29th. In 1993 Larry founded the Mackinac Center for Public Policy in Midland, Michigan. Under his leadership, Mackinac has emerged as one of the largest, most prolific, and effective think tanks in America. Mackinac focuses on issues affecting Michigan; however, much of their work is useful to policymakers at the State and national level.

Prior to founding Mackinac, Larry served as Chair of the Department of Economics at Northwood University in Midland, Michigan. While at Northwood, Larry developed the university dual major in Economic and Business management and founded the University's "Freedom Seminar." Larry has also been a candidate for Congress.

In addition to running Mackinac, Larry is a prolific author. He has written over 800 newspaper columns and articles, 200 radio commentaries, dozens of articles in magazines and journals in the United States and abroad. Larry is also the author of five books including *Lessons From the Past: The Silver Panic of 1893* and *Private Cures for Public Ills: The Promise of Privatization*. All of Larry's writings reflect his unwavering commitment to limited government and the free market as the best way to promote human happiness.

Larry has also found time to deliver more than 700 speeches, traveling to 40 states and 10 foreign countries to spread the freedom philosophy. Larry also promotes liberty as a member and past chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation for Economic Education (FEE), the nation's oldest free-market educational institution.

In 1993, Larry was appointed by then-Governor John Engler to head the Headlee Amendment Blue Ribbon Commission. Governor Engler also appointed Larry to the task force of the Secchia Commission on Total Quality Government, where Larry helped develop policies aimed at streamlining Michigan's state government. I am sure the taxpayers of Michigan are grateful to Larry for his efforts to reduce unnecessary spending.

Mr. Speaker, the great economist Ludwig Von Mises once said that "everyone. . . must thrust himself vigorously into the intellectual battle. None can stand aside with unconcern; the interests of everyone hang on the result. Whether he chooses or not, every man is drawn into the great historic struggle, the deci-

sive battle into which our epoch has plunged." Few have so vigorously thrust themselves into the intellectual and policy battle on the side of freedom as Larry Reed. It is therefore my privilege to pay tribute to this champion of liberty on his 50th birthday.

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TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH MURPHY

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to the life and memory of a great citizen from my district. Joseph Murphy of Durango, Colorado was a dedicated teacher, enthusiastic coach, and devoted public servant. As his family and community mourn Joseph's passing, I would like to pay tribute to his memory here today.

Joseph was born in Pueblo, Colorado in 1922. Like many of his generation, Joseph served his country in the Army during World War II. Later, he and his wife Marie settled in Durango, where they became fixtures of the community by getting involved in local politics.

Joseph taught Journalism and English at Durango High School and at Fort Lewis College. As an athlete, baseball was dear to Joseph's heart and he shared his love of the game with others in many ways. Joseph was seemingly always involved with baseball, playing semiprofessional ball, coaching a team, officiating for years, and announcing sports news on the radio. In addition, Joseph was a dedicated public servant. He served on the Durango City Counsel for four years and served one term as Durango's Mayor.

Mr. Speaker, Joseph Murphy embodied the spirit of America. When his country needed him, Joseph bravely fought in World War II. When his community needed him, Joseph faithfully served as its Mayor. When his students needed him, Joseph worked to enrich their lives. When his teammates and players needed him, Joseph inspired and supported them. While Joseph has passed on, his legacy will live on. For these many reasons, I am honored to join with my colleagues in recognizing Joseph here today.

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IN HONOR OF LA CASA DE DON PEDRO

**HON. ROBERT MENEDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. MENEDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor La Casa de Don Pedro for providing invaluable community programs and services for residents of New Jersey. La Casa celebrated its 30th anniversary on Friday, September 12, 2003.

Since 1973, La Casa de Don Pedro has been providing a wealth of services to the residents of Newark, New Jersey and surrounding communities. La Casa currently provides over 20 programs and services that have made a profound difference in many lives. A true community-based organization,

La Casa was founded and continues to be driven by members committed to changing and improving their community.

La Casa de Don Pedro has been tremendously successful in providing critical services for children, young people, adults, and families ranging from education and job training to emergency assistance. In 2002, La Casa provided after-school programs to more than 300 children, ages 6 to 18, and Early Childhood Education programs for parents of 130 families, 80 percent of whom maintained employment or remained with the program. La Casa's Weatherization Assistance Program helped 294 homes become more energy efficient, which will help families save thousands of dollars in energy costs.

More than 410 adults received English language education or citizenship assistance from La Casa, and over 130 adults received immigration assistance. La Casa's Welfare to Work initiative had one of the highest job placement rates in Essex County in 2002, and its Telecommunications Learning Center served as a model for New Jersey's new Workplace Literacy Program. From its inception, La Casa has been a leader for the quality and wealth of services that it provides to members of the community, and its success proves that it will continue to be a model for similar organizations.

La Casa de Don Pedro received the 2002 Excellence in Hispanic Leadership Award from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs' Center for Hispanic Policy Research and Development and was listed as one of the top 25 Hispanic Nonprofit Organizations of 2002 by Hispanic Business Magazine.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring La Casa de Don Pedro for thirty years of outstanding and dedicated work, and for making critical differences in the lives of many New Jersey residents.

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REAUTHORIZATION OF THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY AND TRANSIT PROGRAMS

**HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, we must quickly enact a multiyear surface transportation bill to provide the assured and continuing funding of transportation programs that is so vital to the Nation, to the States, and to our local communities. But, we must also ensure that the bill that we pass adequately addresses the Nation's transportation needs.

The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee is crafting a bipartisan bill to do just that: to provide the necessary infrastructure investment (\$375 billion over six years) to begin to improve our Nation's highway and transit infrastructure. Our country's economic strength, our ability to create jobs and improve business productivity, and our desire to create a safe, efficient, and secure transportation system are all dependent upon increasing investment in our Nation's infrastructure.

We are fortunate to have a strong surface transportation system today. But that system is being challenged by a continuing growth in passenger travel and an ever-increasing demand for fast, efficient movement of freight.

As a result, highway travel is growing at 2.3 percent per year and is now 2.8 trillion vehicle miles traveled per year. Commercial trucks alone move 14,000 ton-miles of freight each year for each person in the country. The demand for transit has increased exponentially. In recent years, transit ridership has increased by almost one million trips per day.

Congestion in our surface transportation system, especially urban congestion, is worsening as demand continues to outstrip the ability to add capacity. In the Nation's largest 75 large urban areas, an average commuter encountered 62 hours of delay in the year 2000. In that same year, congestion costs for these 75 urban areas totaled a whopping \$67.5 billion—3.6 billion hours of delay and 5.7 billion gallons of excess fuel consumption.

The challenges of travel growth are compounded by the overwhelming investment needs of our transportation systems. Just a few months ago, the Department of Transportation (DOT) submitted its report on the conditions and performance of our Nation's highways, bridges, and transit systems. DOT's Conditions and Performance Report estimates that all levels of government should be spending a combined average of \$127 billion per year to maintain and improve these transportation systems. Based on the historic Federal cost share, the needs assessment suggests a Federal highway and transit program of \$51 to \$76 billion per year. This level of funding is in marked contrast to the Administration's proposal to spend just \$37 billion on highways and transit in 2004 and only slightly higher levels in subsequent years.

Regrettably, this Administration has thrown up roadblocks to increased infrastructure investment at every turn. The Administration's proposed \$247 billion six-year reauthorization bill (SAFETEA), has a great name, but little else—it does not even begin to provide the level of funding necessary to address our infrastructure needs. Moreover the Administration, which has presided over the loss of an astonishing 3.3 million jobs, has sent repeated signals that it opposes any effort to increase infrastructure investment.

We cannot afford to shortchange our Nation's transportation systems. To effectively reduce congestion, to increase mobility, to truly improve highway safety, and to achieve continuing long-term increases in productivity and economic growth, we must invest in our Nation's transportation future. And we must do it now.

That is why the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure has proposed a highway and transit program to invest \$375 billion in our Nation's highways and transit systems over the next six years.

There are stark contrasts between our Committee's proposal and the Administration's proposal.

First, the Committee's proposal meets the investment needs identified in DOT's Conditions and Performance Report to maintain and improve our highways, bridges and transit. The Administration's proposal does not meet those needs.

Second, the Committee's proposal will provide badly needed economic stimulus and do so much more extensively than the Administration's proposal. According to the Administration's own statistical models, the Committee's proposal will create millions of new, family-wage construction jobs. The Federal Highway

Administration reports that every \$1 billion of federal funds invested in highway infrastructure creates 47,500 jobs and \$6.2 billion in economic activity. Moreover, a recent study found that the Committee's bipartisan proposal to invest \$375 billion in surface transportation over the next six years would add \$290 billion more to the Nation's Gross Domestic Product than the Administration's proposal. The Committee's proposal would also lead to an additional \$129 billion of household disposable income and an additional \$98 billion in consumer spending—millions of new, good-paying jobs, billions of dollars of new consumer spending; now that's the way to get the economy growing again!

Third, the across-the-board increased investment of the Committee's proposal will help us stem the highway death toll that grows ever higher. Last year, 42,850 people died and almost three million more were injured on our highways, the highest number of highway deaths since 1990. In addition to the enormous personal toll of these accidents, the economic cost is a staggering \$230 billion a year! To stem this tide, our Committee's bipartisan TEA 21 reauthorization bill significantly increases, and provides more overall funding, for National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), motor carrier safety, and highway safety construction programs than does the Administration's proposal.

Mr. Speaker, Congress must act on a full, six-year reauthorization as quickly as possible. Doing so will create jobs and stimulate economic growth, both badly needed in today's economy. We can effectively reduce congestion, increase safety, and improve mobility throughout the Nation if we invest in our Nation's highways and transit systems in an amount that is sufficient to meet our Nation's growing needs.

I look forward to working with Chairman YOUNG, Subcommittee Chairman PETRI, Subcommittee Ranking Member LIPINSKI, and all of the Members of our Committee and of this House, to invest in our Nation's transportation future.

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I mistakenly voted no on rollcall vote 498, the Ney of Ohio amendment to H.R. 2622. I should have voted "yes."

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#### WHAT EXCUSE WILL THEY USE THIS YEAR?

**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, the Members on our side of the aisle can hardly wait to hear what half-baked excuse our Republican colleagues will use this year for failing to complete our appropriations work on time.

Remember last fall's favorite punching bag? TOM DASCHLE and Senate Democrats.

As if the other body had anything to do with the Republican majority's refusal to even bring up eight of the 13 annual spending bills on this floor for a vote.

We all know last year's little secret: The House GOP—so famously derided as the "perfectionist caucus" by Former Speaker Newt Gingrich—didn't have the votes on its side of the aisle to pass those bills.

So, you pointed the finger of blame at the Senate.

When we considered the first continuing resolution last year, the majority leader (Mr. DELAY) said:

"The Democrat House leadership embraced the decision by the other body [the Senate] to proceed with no governing fiscal oversight called a budget. For any theoretical elective body, the decision to proceed forward without a governing budget would be foolhardy and grossly irresponsible."

The chairman of the Transportation-Treasury Appropriations Subcommittee, Mr. ISTOOK, passed the buck with even more gusto:

"The law requires both houses to enact a budget. This body has done so. The other body still has not done it. No wonder we have gridlock and deadlock."

But few could match the bluntness of my friend from Georgia (Mr. KINGSTON):

"There is a sinkhole on the Capitol, not over here, but over there [the Senate]," said Mr. KINGSTON.

"Now, this sinkhole ate up the budget this year. So here we are forced to pass a continuing resolution because we cannot deal with some group that does not have a budget."

Well, the last time I checked, my Republican friends, there was a Republican majority in this body, a Republican majority in the other body, and a Republican chief executive at the other end of Pennsylvania Avenue.

And while this house has passed all 13 spending bills, we have only adopted three conference reports.

So what is your excuse this year?

We all know the answer to that. It's your inability to compromise even with members of your own party.

And it's an affliction that is not just holding up the appropriations process.

It's also preventing us from passing an energy bill, from extending the child tax credit to 6.5 million working American families, and giving our seniors a real prescription drug benefit that is not designed to destroy Medicare.

The GOP has no one to blame this year for this legislative failure but itself.

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#### HONORING THE LIFE OF PETER STROH

**HON. JOHN D. DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable businessman, a dedicated philanthropist, a civic activist, a committed conservationist, and a splendid humanitarian: Peter Stroh. He was one of the finest men I have known, and as we celebrate the centennial year of the National Wildlife Refuge system, I want to convey the thanks and gratitude of the people of Michigan to Mr. Stroh and his family.

Peter Stroh was a lifelong Michigander. Born in Detroit in 1927, he returned to the city in 1951 after completing his education at Princeton. He had hoped to join the United States Foreign Service, but circumstances forced him to take over the family's brewery. While our diplomatic corps will never know its loss, the people of Detroit and Michigan will never forget his contributions.

The Stroh's Brewery was founded in Detroit in 1850. Peter Stroh was able to turn his family's brewery into the third largest beer maker in the nation. But business success was not the focus of Peter's life. He understood that the true measure of a successful life was not the bottom line of a balance sheet, but rather the legacy of one's contribution to their community.

Standing on the roof of the Detroit brew house in 1967, he mournfully watched as riots burned the city that he loved. At his retirement he recalled, "I felt that we, as Detroit stakeholders, had to take some responsibility for what happened in Detroit, and our company would have to take some responsibility for helping to prevent it from happening again." He dedicated the final thirty-five years of his life to that proposition.

He served on the board of almost every organization that was working to solve Detroit's problems and build a new future for the city. He was on the Board of the Urban League of Detroit, Detroit Renaissance, and chaired the NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner. He helped create the Detroit Medical Center and later served as its chair. He spearheaded the development of River Place. That project has grown to 600,000 square feet of office space, 350 residential units and the OMNI/River Place Hotel.

Mr. Speaker, it was Peter's love of the natural world that brought us to work closely and collaborate on the creation of the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge. He was an avid fisherman, he loved the water and would spend much of his free time either fishing the waters of Michigan or going to the best fishing spots around the world. He recognized that as Detroit and southeastern Michigan developed, it had the unintended effect of cutting people off from the natural beauty of the river and the surrounding lakes.

The Detroit River Refuge will be at the center of the national celebration for the 100th birthday of the National Wildlife Refuge System. Secretary Norton will be there, as well as hundreds of dignitaries, community and business leaders, and many more people from the area who fish, hike, and boat along the Detroit River every day. The Wildlife Refuge is Peter's living legacy. Without his steadfast commitment this natural jewel might have been lost to development, pollution, and neglect.

Mr. Speaker, Peter left us a year ago. His life was a testament to the positive influence that one person can make, not only in the lives of those who knew him, but to future generations who will enjoy his legacy. Years from now, people will find homes in the communities he built, jobs in the institutions he founded, and enjoy nature in an ecosystem he preserved. I ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating the life of a remarkable man, Peter Stroh.

## TRIBUTE TO BEN PEREA

### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress today to pay tribute to an outstanding citizen from my district. Ben Perea of Pueblo West, Colorado selflessly dedicates his time and services to helping the children of a Mexican orphanage. His hard work and dedication are an inspiration, and I am honored to recognize him here today.

Once a month for the past two years, Ben has made the long trip from Pueblo West to Chihuahua, Mexico to deliver clothing, food, and supplies to the 120 children of the Casa Hogar Misericordia (House of Mercy) orphanage. His devotion and selflessness have improved the lives of countless children.

Ben collects all of the supplies that he can and then takes them himself to the children of Chihuahua. Though Ben helps the children obtain more than just food and clothing, in November of 2002, he was able to secure a 72-seat school bus for the orphanage to help these children attend school.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand and recognize the selfless actions of Ben Perea. His dedication and service have improved the lives of hundreds of children. I join with my colleagues in commending Ben for his endless work and wish him the best of luck in all of his future endeavors.

## IN HONOR OF MAUREEN WALLISER

### HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Maureen Walliser for her tireless commitment to community service. She was presented the Memorial Mary T. Norton Award by the United Way of Hudson County on September 16, 2003, at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Secaucus, New Jersey.

For over 30 years, Ms. Walliser has been working to improve the lives of individuals living with disabilities. She has been a leader in her field, and continues to promote employment for individuals with disabilities.

Currently, Ms. Walliser serves as the governmental affairs chairperson of Access New Jersey, a statewide community-based employment service organization that serves individuals with severe disabilities. Previously, Ms. Walliser served as vice president and two terms as president of Access New Jersey. Ms. Walliser was also a co-founder of one of the first thirteen charter schools in New Jersey.

Ms. Walliser began her career as a rehabilitation counselor for the New Jersey Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services. She then began working at the Occupational Center of Hudson County, where she has served as president for the last 15 years. Under her direction, the Center has flourished into an organization that provides a wealth of services beyond rehabilitation. Now known as Hudson Community Enterprises, the organization provides school-to-work programs, job training and placement, and is creating social enter-

prises that will open up further opportunities for individuals with disabilities seeking to gain employment.

Committed to expanding the field of vocational rehabilitation, Ms. Walliser has been an adjunct professor at Saint Peter's College and New Jersey City University, and was a vocational expert for 5 years at the Social Security Administration. She continues to be an active member in her church in Woodbridge, where she provides support and services for individuals with disabilities. She also works with many professional groups in Hudson County, including the Private Industry Council and the Hudson County Human Services Advisory Council.

A native of Jersey City, Ms. Walliser received her bachelor's degree from the College of Saint Elizabeth, and her master's degree in Special Education from New Jersey City University.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Maureen Walliser for her commitment to community service and for her advocacy and support of people with disabilities.

## HONORING SUGAR SHANE MOSLEY

### HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with tremendous pride that I rise today to honor Sugar Shane Mosley, for his impressive win against Oscar de la Hoya on September 13, 2003 in Las Vegas. This hard-fought victory made Mosley the super welterweight world champion for the third time in his spectacular professional career. This was his second world championship win against Oscar de la Hoya; the first was in 2000. Mosley entered this year's contest as a 2-to-1 underdog, but his hard work and determination led to his 12-round victory by unanimous decision.

Mosley hails from Pomona, California, the largest city in my 38th Congressional District, and I am honored to count him among my constituents. He started boxing at the age of eight under the guidance of his father, who continues to coach him to this day. He had an outstanding amateur career with 250 wins out of 260 fights. He had an amateur win against Oscar De La Hoya in Pasadena when he was 12 years old. Mosley also traveled with De La Hoya as part of the U.S. national team.

Sugar Shane Mosley has been in 42 professional fights, winning an impressive 39. A three-time world champion and veteran of 16 world championship fights, he is a true boxing superstar and recognized as one of the best fighters in the world. Mosley's extraordinary offensive and defensive skills, quick reflexes, superb mobility, excellent physical conditioning and will to succeed contribute to his remarkable career and winning record.

Outside of the ring, Mosley is a devoted son, husband and father. He is married to Jin Mosley, a native New Yorker. Together, the couple has two sons—two-year-old Najee and one-year-old Taiseki. Sugar Shane Mosley also has a 13-year-old son, Shane Mosely, Jr., who is affectionately known as "Little Shane".

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring a role model, husband, father and super

welterweight world champion Sugar Shane Mosley. I wish him all the best for his future.

SET ASIDE RELIGION IN PUBLIC DEBATE

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2003

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, last month the Kansas City Star carried an insightful guest column by Rabbi Mark Levin of Congregation Beth Torah of Overland Park, Kansas, which is located in my congressional district.

Rabbi Levin's column addresses the increasingly corrosive blending of religious doctrines with policy discourse in our Nation's public life. I commend his views to you and to the membership of the House and I hope we all can follow the guidelines he suggests.

[From the Kansas City Star]

SET ASIDE RELIGION IN PUBLIC DEBATE

(By Mark H. Levin)

As a member of a minority religion, I know that in order to enter the public square with my deeply held religious beliefs I must frame arguments in ways that address a commonly held language of all members of this society, no matter what their religion might be.

If I engage in a public debate I cannot quote Jewish literature and expect my fellow citizens of different religions to feel commanded to act, or even persuaded for that matter, because they do not accept the authority of the argument.

I may argue out of the American legal tradition or on philosophical grounds, but I cannot expect to have others respond to my arguments simply because I say that God commanded such and such, or because the Jewish traditions say so.

A terrible confusion occurred last week with the insulting debate in the Senate regarding the nomination of Alabama Attorney General William Pryor to a federal appeals court. Some felt that he was being excluded by his Catholic religious values. Or, as one advertisement put it, "Catholics need not apply."

Pryor's religious affiliations should be inconsequential to his possible role as a judge. Even if Pryor came to his conclusions because he is a Catholic, he, as well as those who support him and those who oppose him, must publicly debate those values as part of their nonsectarian, American philosophy, not based upon their religious beliefs, no matter how fervent.

Thus in a multicultural, religiously diverse society, religious values must be translated into general philosophical principles. All those who argue in the public square are obligated to state their principles and values in terms of our common philosophical heritage.

To oppose a person's personal religious conclusions is not to oppose his religion. The issue is not how a person arrives at his or her conclusions, but how she or he defends those conclusions in the nonsectarian language that forms the core of public debate in this democracy.

Arguing on religious grounds, we do not share philosophical assumptions and therefore the debate will never be truly joined. We will be speaking only to our co-religionists, while feigning a public debate.

Our politicians should know and understand that their personal lives and values remain their own, but their public debates must be based on the nonsectarian assumptions of philosophical argument that all citizens can accept.

RECOGNIZING JOHN M. CONNOLLY'S TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2003

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the twenty years of service that Ward 6 Alderman, John M. "Jack" Connolly, has selflessly given to the city of Somerville, Massachusetts.

Alderman Connolly was born and raised in Somerville and has become a pillar of the community and a champion of the people. Dedicated and hardworking, he has always had the best interests of Somerville at heart.

As a true public servant, Alderman Connolly has been a consistent supporter of affordable housing and was instrumental in bringing subway service to Somerville's Davis Square, which aided in revitalizing the city in the 1980s.

As a member of the Somerville community, Alderman Connolly is better known as "Jack." In addition to his position on the Board of Alderman, he has been a referee for youth soccer and basketball leagues and is also active in the local chapter of the Kiwanis Club. It should not be a surprise that the proceeds from a celebration of his service to the city are being donated to benefit a free performance series for Somerville's children.

Alderman Connolly is currently the Chair of the Board of Aldermen's Licenses & Permits Committee, and he has served twice as the Board's President and Vice President.

Mr. Speaker, it is with pleasure that I recognize and honor Alderman Jack Connolly's efforts and achievements.

A TRIBUTE TO RODNEY C. GILLIS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in memory of Rodney C. Gillis, in recognition of his dedication, his heroism, and his ultimate sacrifice for his city and Nation.

Rodney was a man of purpose, integrity, intelligence, and compassion in both his professional and personal life. He was born on September 26, 1967 at St. Mary's Hospital in Brooklyn, New York and along with his beloved family, he grew up in the Crown Heights, Williamsburg, and Brownsville sections of Brooklyn.

Rodney had a distinguished academic career, graduating from the Park West High School in Manhattan and later, earning a Sports Management Certificate from St. John's University. Afterward, he studied at the Island Drafting and Technical College and received a diploma for studies in mechanical and electrical drafting and an Associate Degree in Computer Aided Drafting and Design. He also graduated with a diploma in Law, Police Science and Social Science from the New York City Police Department Police Academy.

In 1983, he began his professional career working as a manager at the Cooper Lantern

Restaurant and then at Gibbs and Cox Naval Architects and Marine Engineers Inc., as a C.A.D.D. Supervisor. Later, Rodney joined the New York City Police Department and was assigned to the 71st precinct. He later served as a Patrol Officer in the 79th precinct and in the Emergency Service Squad 8. Additionally, he served at the 77th precinct as the FTU Supervisor. He eventually returned to Emergency Service as a Sergeant, initially in squad 4, and finally in squad 8.

His life long dream became a reality the day he got assigned to the New York City Emergency Service Unit. He quickly excelled, becoming proficient in every aspect of his new job. From taking down a jumper from the Brooklyn Bridge to extricating a victim from a vehicle, Sergeant Gillis always exuded passion and dedication in his job.

He was certified as an Emergency Medical Technician, Hazardous Materials Technician, Emergency Psychological Technician, P.A.D.I. Certified Diver, Rescue Level I Repelling, Jaws of Life Rescue System Operator, and a New York City Special Weapons and Tactics Member and Supervisor. He was also a member of the Guardians Association, the Police Benevolent Association, the Honor Legion of the Police Department of the City of New York, and the Fraternal Order of Police and Sergeants Benevolent Association.

Rodney's hard work earned him numerous medals and honors including the Excellent Police Duty award seven times, a Meritorious Police Duty award twice, and a Commendation. He was also awarded, posthumously, the prestigious Medal of Honor.

Mr. Speaker, Sergeant Rodney C. Gillis served his city in exemplary fashion as a member of the New York City Police Department, and on September 11, 2001, he gave the ultimate sacrifice to New York and the Nation. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF NAPA'S PARAMEDIC PROGRAM

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2003

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Napa City Paramedic Program as it celebrates its 25th anniversary of service to the community.

In 1973 the standard level of care for emergency responders in Napa as in many communities throughout the nation, mirrored the advanced first aid training taught by the American Red Cross. Acknowledging a need for a higher standard of care, all Napa City Fire Department personnel were provided with EMT-1 training beginning in 1974. While this was seen as a positive first step, there was a recognized need for a full EMT/Paramedic Unit.

In 1976 the Napa City Council submitted Ballot Measure C to voters to authorize a tax levy for paramedic services. Measure C was approved by a 2 to 1 margin in November 1976.

The first four firefighters, Don Barstad, Steve Butter, Bob Putney and Kim Suenram

received their paramedic training through Stanford University and graduated in 1978. The five other firefighters to receive their training in that inaugural season were Dave Mellow, Skip Rains, Jon Treebotich, Joe Baez and Tony Balsa, who were schooled in Southern California.

As the call volume increased, so did the need for another paramedic unit. In 1992, the department decided that the most effective way to deliver paramedic services was by attaching them to engine companies rather than as a stand-alone unit. In 1994 three paramedic engine companies were put into service. In July 2003, the city's paramedic capability increased with the addition of a fourth paramedic engine. The new fire station for Engine Company 4 will open in January 2004.

Mr. Speaker, in a city of 74,000 people where more than 60 percent of the emergency calls require paramedic intervention, the Napa City Paramedic Program provides an invaluable service to our community. It is therefore appropriate that these men and women be honored and acknowledged for their commitment to the well being of the citizens of Napa, California.

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TRIBUTE TO SALLIE WATKINS

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to an outstanding citizen and educator from my district. Sallie Watkins, a physics teacher from Pueblo, Colorado, has worked tirelessly to teach and inspire her many students. I am honored to share her story here today.

In 1946, Sallie began teaching at Notre Dame Academy in Cleveland, Ohio. Her dedication and commitment toward the betterment of humanity came through in her work within the church. Leaving the convent, Sallie came to Pueblo in 1966 to continue her work. She took a position at Southern Colorado State College. Through the years, she has continued to teach and inspire countless students.

In addition to teaching, Sallie has been very involved with the local community. She helped found the Girls Club, which became part of the Boys and Girls Club of Pueblo. She also oversaw the creation of the Pueblo Program, a program to improve science teaching and curriculum in the local schools. Many community organizations, such as the American Cancer Society, the YMCA, and the Colorado Association of Mental Health, have benefited from Sallie's involvement.

Mr. Speaker, Sallie Watkins has dedicated her life to serving others. She is an inspirational teacher and a loving volunteer. Sallie's students hold her in such high regard that they are currently creating a physics scholarship in her name. Sallie is an inspiration and a person of the compassion. I am honored to join with my colleague in thanking Sallie for all her hard work and wishing her the best of luck in the future.

IN HONOR OF ESTUARY DAY 2003

**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the city of Elizabeth's Estuary Day 2003. Estuary Day was held on Saturday, September 20, 2003, at the Marina in Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Estuary Day 2003 provides families from the city of Elizabeth and surrounding areas the opportunity to learn about and celebrate the importance of the Elizabeth River and the Arthur Kill. In addition to providing recreational uses for residents, these two estuaries have a unique historical significance to the city of Elizabeth.

Elizabeth's Estuary Day is part of National Estuaries Day, which seeks to promote awareness about the importance of estuaries. The National Estuary Program has been critical to administering the goals of the Clean Water Act, and to improve the quality of estuaries nationwide. This program mandates the protection of public water supplies and the protection and propagation of indigenous population of shellfish, fish, and wildlife.

Estuary Day provides an opportunity for many residents to become aware of the natural wonders present in their backyard. As estuaries are some of the most important ecosystems on the planet, it is important for residents to view our waterways as part of the community, and to maximize their recreational and environmental uses.

Estuary Day presents the importance of protecting and appreciating our natural resources to the people of Elizabeth, by providing fun and educational activities. Such interactive environmental educational opportunities, presentations and environmental boat rides, allow for an in-depth and hands-on approach to learning about life within and around estuaries.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Future City Inc., in conjunction with the city of Elizabeth's staff and Mayor J. Christian Bollwage, a committed member of the New York/New Jersey Harbor Estuary Management Committee, for planning Estuary Day 2003 in Elizabeth.

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HONORING ALEX KAZMIERCZAK,  
JR. ON HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable craftsman and community leader from my District on the southwest side of Chicago, Illinois. I would like to honor Alex Kazmierczak, Jr., on achieving two milestones in his life, celebrating his 65th birthday and retiring after forty-one years in the plumbing service.

Mr. Kazmierczak has been employed by C.J. Erickson Plumbing Company since 1959. He is a man dedicated to his field. Alex has spent his career involved with such prominent organizations as the Plumbers Union Local 130 and the National Underground Contractors Association, as well as affiliated with the

Ground Hog Club and the South Side Master Plumbers Social Club.

The strength of this man is measured by his love for his wife, family, faith, friends and community. Alex and his wife, Rosemary, have been married for 41 years and they have been blessed with a wonderful family of four children and seven grandchildren. The family has been a part of the St. Gerald Parish for over 36 years.

The commitment, dedication and energy given by Alex Kazmierczak to his community have been an inspiration to many individuals. For 12 years, Alex served as Commissioner for the Oak Lawn Park District. He has coached youth hockey and baseball teams in Oak Lawn and even initiated the District's T-ball program.

His civic duties are still called upon him today as he sits as a member on the Oak Lawn Board of Appeals, Service Commission, and as chairman for Oak Lawn Parks Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Alex Kazmierczak, Jr., on his achievements and wish Alex many years of future success.

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IN RECOGNITION OF SHARON K.  
VALASEK, THE FIRST HONORARY  
CONSUL FOR THE CZECH REPUBLIC  
TO REPRESENT KANSAS,  
MISSOURI, AND NEBRASKA

**HON. KAREN MCCARTHY**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise to recognize the historic appointment of Sharon K. Valasek as the first Honorary Consul for the Czech Republic to represent Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska. Czech Republic Ambassador to the United States, His Excellency Martin Palous, who officially announced her appointment, will take part in the installation ceremonies September 24-26, 2003, in the Greater Kansas City Metropolitan area. Sharon K. Valasek holds a Masters of Business Administration Degree from Avila College. As Honorary Consul, she will incorporate her education and her expertise in business and trade to facilitate United States commerce with the Czech Republic. She has valuable telecommunications and marketing experience from working for a global provider of broadband and wireless services. Her marketing and developmental skills will be of great value to the business partnership between the United States and the Czech Republic.

Honorary Consul Valasek is committed to supporting local relationship building initiatives. She has a strong base for fostering new partnerships in the Czech Republic since her relatives live in Moravia. She serves as a board Member for the People to People International, Club President of the Czech and Slovak Club of Greater Kansas City, member of the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences, and Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International.

Ms. Valasek will serve as an advocate of educational and cultural initiatives while preserving customs and traditions.

The importance of an Honorary Consul in our region stems from shared heritage and our

combined histories that provide a foundation for exchange. Immigrants from the region of Czechoslovakia migrated to the United States since the 1800s, many finding their way to Missouri and a home in the Kansas City area. In the Fifth District, Sugar Creek has a rich heritage fostered from their Czechoslovakian immigrants, many who found work at the oil refinery.

In 1989, we witnessed the overthrow of communist totalitarian rule in Czechoslovakia with the Velvet Revolution, a modern day revolution for independence, which brought a new beginning for the people of Czechoslovakia.

In 1993, Czechoslovakia evolved into two independent states: the Czech Republic and Slovakia. On March 12, 1999, the Czech Republic became an international member of NATO. Today, Prague is the capital of the Czech Republic, a tourist destination with its rich architectural treasures, educational opportunities and the center of activities and events.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in proudly recognizing Honorary Consul Valasek's appointment as an opportunity for cultural exchange and economic advancement to further our shared goals for both of our nations.

#### TRIBUTE TO CHARLES B. FORBES

##### HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the sad passing of Charles B. Forbes, who leaves a lasting impact on the district I represent. Charlie is survived by his wife Barbara Cameron Forbes, known to all as Cam. While the passing of this fine man saddens me, I am grateful for the 80 years he lived, many of them publishing local newspapers and serving community organizations. This morning, the Times-Review papers on Long Island published an obituary on Charlie's life. I'd like to submit this piece for the RECORD.

CHARLES BOWMAN FORBES

Charles B. Forbes, former publisher of Long Island's first Sunday newspaper, The Sunday Review, and the state's largest newspaper, The News-Review of Riverhead, died Sept. 22 at his home in Hampton, N.H., at age 80.

The youngest of five sons, he was born in New Rochelle, N.Y., on May 24, 1923, to T. Harold and Carrie Forbes.

Mr. Forbes was a graduate of Manhasset (L.I.) High School and Colgate University, and served with the U.S. Army during World War II. He started his newspaper career at the New York Daily News. After he sold The Sunday Review and The News-Review to Cowles Communications in the 1970s, Mr. Forbes worked for The Traveler-Watchman in Southold and WRIV Radio in Riverhead.

Mr. Forbes was a longtime member of the Riverhead Rotary Club and Riverhead Chamber of Commerce, a former president of the Quogue Board of Education and a member of Quogue Fire Department. He and his wife, Barbara (known to all as "Cam"), were among the early members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee in Westhampton Beach and are the only husband and wife to be honored and named, separately, as grand marshals of the popular parade. He later relocated to New Hampshire and worked with his son, Tom, founder of

Forbes Marketing Group, an advertising specialties business.

Mr. Forbes is survived by his wife; his son; five daughters, Susan Lilley, Cameron Howard, Lisa Ryan, Shelley Natalie and Melissa Forbes; and four grandchildren.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO FERN DOHERTY

##### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to an outstanding citizen from my district. Fern Doherty of Trinchera, Colorado has worked tirelessly to promote and preserve a Western heritage, the ranching way of life. Fern is an active and devoted member of her community who donates her time to numerous community groups. For her tireless efforts and years of service, I am honored to pay tribute to Fern here today.

For eighty-two years, Fern has been an active member of the Las Animas County community. She has molded the community's youth by serving as a 4-H leader and by remaining active with the local Parent Teacher Association. An active member of the ranching community, Fern has served as President of the Las Animas County CowBelles, an organization devoted to advancing the interests of the beef industry, and was recently named the Las Animas County Cattleman of the Year for 2003. In addition, Fern was the 2000 Silver Queen for the Trinidad Round-up, which honors the courageous outlook on life and youthful spirit of a senior in that community.

Mr. Speaker, Fern Doherty exemplifies the true spirit of the American West. She is devoted to her family, committed to her community, and active in her support for the ranching way of life. Her dedication and hard work keep the tradition and heritage of the West alive, and I am honored to join with my colleagues here today in extending my thanks to Fern and in wishing her the best of luck in the future. Thank you, Fern, for your service to Colorado.

#### IN HONOR OF MARIA NOLFO

##### HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Maria Nolfo for her 32 years of leadership and dedication to the students of Bayonne. Ms. Nolfo will be honored with the Italian-American Educator Award by the Bayonne Columbus Committee at the 2003 Honoree Dinner-Dance on September 27, 2003, at the Chandelier Restaurant in Bayonne, New Jersey.

Since 1972, Ms. Nolfo has been an exceptional educator in Bayonne's public schools. She began her career in the school system teaching English as a Second Language, helping children adapt to a new language and new environment. Her dedication and gift for teaching led Ms. Nolfo to teach courses in conversational Spanish for fellow teachers in the Bayonne school district.

In 1974, Ms. Nolfo became a teacher at Bayonne High School, where she remained until her retirement in 2002. In her final year, she was voted Bayonne High School Teacher of the Year by her students and peers.

Born and raised in Bayonne, Ms. Nolfo attended the Academy of Saint Aloysius and received her bachelor's degree from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Ms. Nolfo received a master's degree from Rutgers University.

Ms. Nolfo is not only an inspiration in the classroom but a leader in her community. A member of Our Lady of Assumption Parish, she is a mass lector and former director of the Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults program. Ms. Nolfo was also president of the Bayonne Italian American Committee for Culture and Education.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Maria Nolfo for her tireless work in educating the youth of Bayonne and leading them towards a brighter future.

#### LET TAIWAN BACK IN THE UNITED NATIONS

##### HON. DANA ROHRBACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Republic of China on Taiwan's re-admission to the United Nations. For the last 32 years, Taiwan's people have had no representation in the United Nations. It is incongruous that a world body founded on the principle of universality and self-determination excludes a free, democratic and independent nation of 23 million people—a population larger than three quarters of the U.N.'s current member states.

Let's be clear. Taiwan does not seek the expulsion of the People's Republic of China from the United Nations, but asks only that it be given a voice at the U.N. There are well-established precedents for parallel representation of divided nations at the U.N. East and West Germany, now unified, and the still divided Republic of Korea and Democratic People's Republic of Korea are the outstanding examples.

Taiwan's participation in international bodies is well documented as shown by its membership in the Asian Development Bank, its admission to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation group as a full member, and its membership in the World Trade Organization.

Taiwan possesses ample resources to contribute to the work and funding of the U.N. as shown in its many contributions of humanitarian aid. Such projects by Taiwan include relief supplies for Iraq and Afghanistan, AIDS prevention in Africa, the dispatch of rescue teams following natural disasters in El Salvador, Nicaragua and Turkey and assistance to victims of the 9/11 disaster here in the United States.

Taiwan's accession to the United Nations is long overdue. Its 23 million people deserve this important vehicle to full participation in the global community.

As Taiwan bids to return to the United Nations, I wish to say that I totally support Taiwan's aspirations to be a member of this global body. Taiwan has all the qualifications: a

sound political system, a much-admired economy and a genuine desire to maintain peace and prosperity in East Asia and the world.

With membership in the United Nations, Taiwan will become a truly useful international player, contributing its finances and ideas to combat nuclear proliferation, environmental abuses, and the spread of infectious diseases such as AIDS and SARS. As of now, Taiwan has not been invited to any of the various U.N.-sponsored conferences and programs on HIV/AIDS. Moreover, no U.N. bodies are willing to accept Taiwan's aid for Afghanistan and Iraq. This is not in the interests of the Afghan and Iraqi people.

Also, with membership in the United Nations, Taiwan will be able to incorporate itself into the international system of human rights protection, abide by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and the Vienna Declaration and Program of Action. It is heartening to know Taiwan's commitment to human rights is very serious. It is establishing a National Human Rights Commission in accordance with the principles outlined by the United Nations.

Being the world's 17th largest economy, Taiwan will most certainly be able to carry out all United Nations Charter obligations. Taiwan's efforts to help other countries would be much more effective if they could be coordinated with international efforts sponsored by the U.N. and its specialized agencies.

Perhaps one of the best reasons for supporting Taiwan's membership in the United Nations is that Taiwan is willing and anxious to be a full contributing member of the United Nations. So, let's speak up for our friend and ally, the Republic of China on Taiwan. Let's tell the world how unfair it has been to deny the 23 million people of Taiwan their voice and representation in the United Nations and especially their willingness to other nations in need.

#### HONORING RAFAEL PALMEIRO

#### HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express appreciation to my colleagues for passing H. Res. 315 on September 10, 2003. Most will recall this legislation as recognizing the outstanding feat of Rafael Palmeiro, an alumnus of Mississippi State University (MSU), who hit his 500th homerun as a major leaguer at Arlington Park, Texas, on May 11, 2003.

Also, I want to extend a personal thanks to my good friend Representative PETE SESSIONS for introducing and sponsoring this legislation.

As most of you know, MSU is the flagship university in Mississippi's Third Congressional District. Located in Starkville, it is known throughout the country for its great baseball tradition under legendary Coach Ron Polk, who began his 30th season in 2002 with an 1165-558-1 career record. He is ranked 8th among active NCAA Division I baseball coaches.

It is with pride in the University, pride in Coach Polk, and pride in Rafael, better known to the MSU family as "Raffy" that I present these remarks to identify, and further amplify,

the many achievements of this great athlete during his college career.

In addition to the achievements specified in H. Res. 315, "Raffy's" college career highlights include:

Three-year starter in left field for MSU.

Set MSU & SEC career record for home runs (67), runs batted in (239) and total bases (530).

Led SEC and ranked second nationally with 29 home runs in 1984.

Led SEC and ranked third nationally with 94 RBI in 1984.

In 1984 became the SEC's first Triple Crown winner, leading the league in batting average (.415), home runs (29) and RBI (94).

Named Baseball America's Freshmen of the Year in 1983.

Became SEC's first three-time All American in Baseball.

Helped lead MSU to its highest national finish in baseball (tied for 3rd in 1985).

Named to 1983 SEC All-Tournament Team.

Named to NCAA regional all-tournament teams in 1984 and 1985.

First round draft pick (22nd overall) of the Chicago Cubs (June 1985).

Named All-American in 1983, 1984, and 1985.

Mr. Speaker, there is no doubt in my mind that one day in the near future Rafael Palmeiro will be inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, New York. He is a super star par excellence that we all can relate to. He has proved himself as a great athlete, a great and caring American, a great role model among Cuban-American, and an inspiration to all those seeking the American Dream. Because of his love for baseball, his MSU family, and his country, it gives me great pleasure to join with the full House in congratulating Rafael Palmeiro for hitting his 500th homerun and his outstanding baseball career.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL ACT

#### HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to submit, with fifty-one of my colleagues in the House, the College Opportunity for a Better America Act.

Higher education has long served as a critical vehicle to move the country forward and provide the opportunity for a better life to millions. But too many low and middle income students and their families are struggling with soaring college costs, taking on mountains of debt and working long hours that hurt their academics and overall college experience. And still many others cannot afford to attend college at all.

The College Opportunity Act for All will establish innovative programs to allow students to earn their degrees quicker, increase opportunities for Latino families to pursue advanced degrees, and encourages the best graduates to pursue public service careers.

Republican tax policy and education budget cuts have weakened American higher edu-

cation at exactly the time that more people need college training to be competitive in the global marketplace. Instead of meeting that challenge, virtually every state—crippled by federal policies that increased national and state debts—is cutting college funding and raising tuitions at public colleges: a one-two punch that is closing the doors of higher education to millions including disadvantaged and minority students and those who need more education to find new jobs. And the President has frozen the major federal higher education grant program, forcing students to take on more debt or forgo college.

The College Opportunity Act for All goes in a very different direction—it would increase college opportunities for millions of Americans through smart investments and innovations.

The College Opportunity Act for All will: Allow student borrowers burdened with high interest rates to refinance their loans and save money; stop the unfair tax on working students, allowing students who work to save more of their earnings for college costs; double the maximum federal college scholarships (Pell Grant) to \$11,600 by 2011, to help restore its buying power; establish a new competitive grant program to expand graduate-level degree programs at Hispanic Serving Institutions; greatly increase the investment in all Minority Serving Institutions, providing the resources necessary to serve the burgeoning population of minority students; provide public service scholarships to students who pursue careers in teaching, nursing, and other national high priority needs which are having difficulty recruiting and retaining trained personnel; and drastically simplify the student aid application.

While we must address the problem of spiraling tuition this year, however we must not take the wrong-headed approach of Republican proposals that would impose price controls and punish innocent students for tuition raises they have no role in determining. Instead we must address the fiscal policies that result in states' cutting aid to colleges and thus forcing students to pay higher tuitions.

The future of our economy hinges on the ability of young people to afford college. Nearly 2 out of the 3 new jobs that will be created over the next 7 years will require some post-high school training. If we can lower the current 32 percent gap between college participation by low and high income young adults, we could add \$250 billion in gross domestic product and \$85 billion in tax revenue that will help to strengthen the economy.

The Republican tax cuts and budget cuts have devastated states and along with the weak economy pushed higher prices onto college students and their families and now the Republicans propose slashing funding to colleges in retribution for tuition increases. That means even more tuition increases for students, and a weakening of our higher education system. We have to work with the states, who are forcing tuition increases because of education cutbacks, to craft a solution that brings tuition costs down.

I strongly urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this tradition by supporting the College Opportunity for a Better America Act. It is an important step towards making college more affordable and accessible for all Americans.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES  
ON H.R. 1, MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION  
DRUG AND MODERNIZATION  
ACT OF 2003

SPEECH OF

**HON. BART STUPAK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 24, 2003*

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in favor of Representative KIND's Motion to Instruct on the Medicare prescription drugs bill.

The Medicare program presently contains payment disparities that are biased against rural areas such as Northern Michigan, which I represent.

This language instructs the Medicare prescription drug bill conferees to address the inequities that cause many of the providers in Northern Michigan to be paid significantly less than our urban counterparts for the same services.

This problem puts our health providers at a severe disadvantage and adversely affects seniors' access to quality health care in our communities.

As a Member of the bipartisan House Rural Health Care Coalition, I insist that the conferees and the President pay close attention to the rural Medicare fix that is outlined in both this motion and the letters sent by our Coalition to the conferees and the President.

As I've mentioned over and over, rural seniors are generally older, sicker, and poorer than those in non-rural areas.

Why we would turn our backs on the seniors who most need our help is beyond me.

The Kind motion instructs the conferees to select the essential rural provisions from the House and Senate Medicare bills and ensures that rural beneficiaries and providers are not left behind.

TRIBUTE TO TYLER MATTHEW  
PINCHOT

**HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Tyler Matthew Pinchot, a 23-year-veteran of the Buena Park Police Department.

Tyler was raised in my district in the city of Garden Grove and he was a graduate of Golden West College's police program in 1979.

He was the only Buena Park police officer to win the Officer of the Year Award two years in a row in 1991 and 1992.

When not on duty protecting citizens, he volunteered his time for his community. He was a Special Weapons and Tactics team member, station house Santa Claus and a tactical officer at Fullerton College's police reserve academy.

Sadly, on June 13 Tyler was trying to catch up to a traffic violator when a car struck his motorcycle. He later died as a result of his injuries.

Tyler was a great citizen. He was a man who devoted himself to his community. His hard work and dedication will serve as inspiration to others.

DEDICATION OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY MEMORIAL TO THE VICTIMS OF THE SEPTEMBER 11 ATTACKS

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, just a short time ago, the sunlight shone from the heavens and brightened and warmed the names of the eleven beloved members of our county who perished in the awful attacks two years ago. That moment reflected how we will remember them: as eleven individuals, men and women who warmed the lives of their family and friends and brightened our entire community.

This beautiful memorial allows us—each in his/her own way—in solitude or in the company of others, to remember the eleven individuals who gave their lives to our country that day.

And as I read the beautiful passages inscribed on the benches, I was filled with great hope and great faith. For the inscriptions make clear that those who took the lives of the eleven souls two years ago utterly failed in their ultimate purpose. For where they sought to divide us, they have only strengthened our bonds. Where they sought to instill fear, they have seen resolve. Where they sought to sow despair, they have been met with faith. Where they sought to poison our hearts with hate, they have seen the strength of love.

And as the sun shining down on those eleven names has shown, where they first brought darkness, remembering them has brought light and warmth. And America will never forget.

RECOGNIZING THE PUBLIC  
SERVICE OF COLE FINEGAN

**HON. MARK UDALL**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Cole Finegan, who for the past sixteen years has made significant contributions to the political, philanthropic, legal and social fabric of Colorado. Cole has recently been selected to serve as the City Attorney for Denver by Mayor John Hickenlooper, where he will serve with distinction.

A native of Oklahoma, Cole graduated from Notre Dame in 1978. He completed his law degree at Georgetown University in 1987, where he worked for the Tax Lawyer Law Review.

No stranger to the House, his public sector experience began with Congressman Jim Jones of Oklahoma, for whom he served as a legislative aide, campaign manager and later as chief of staff.

Cole later served as chief legal counsel and policy director for Colorado Governor Roy

Romer, handling all legal matters for the governor and advising on all judicial appointments. As policy director, he supervised the development of policy on economic, environmental, health care, energy, telecommunications, transportation and education. Those close to Governor Romer will confirm that Cole was highly respected and had the affectionate esteem of the Governor and his staff, in large part because he respected dissenting opinions and always found time to mentor those who were less experienced.

As a senior member of the law firm, Brownstein, Hyatt and Farber, Cole worked on land use issues, regulatory and administrative matters and election law. I am proud to say that he also found time to serve as my counsel, and has been a trusted advisor for the time I have served in Congress. Other members of the House will recognize Cole's involvement with the Democratic National Campaign Committee, and his friendship, political advice and steady support for so many of our colleagues.

Cole's service has not been limited to partisan matters, however. His commitment to educational opportunity is demonstrated by his service as Vice Chair of the Denver Public Schools Foundation Board of Directors, a member of the Board of Directors of the I Have a Dream Foundation, a member of the Urban Land Institute, and a member of the Advisory Board of Directors for the Community College of Denver. He has also served on the Colorado State Board of Agriculture governing Colorado State University and the Board of Trustees for the State Colleges of Colorado.

This long list of public accomplishment for such a young man, however, is not what impresses me most about Cole Finegan. I count him as a friend and a role model because Cole has lived the adage in politics that "one can disagree without being disagreeable." He is a man of accomplishment in the public arena to be sure, but he is also a man with a great and good heart.

One story may suffice to demonstrate my point: I learned only recently that Cole has for many years provided legal service to an indigent man whom he befriended during a past political campaign. Many busy and successful lawyers with high-rise offices overlooking Denver's fashionable 17th street would find it more convenient to pass this work on to a subordinate or even quietly ignore a face from the past. Cole made time to treat this man like a valued human being, and in fact, most of those who've worked with Cole, including those who've found him to be a worthy adversary, will insist that Cole's great gift is that he honors the humanity in people.

In short, I believe Cole Finegan deserves to be mentioned here—not because he is a highly successful public servant—but because he has proven that excellence in public service does not have to come at the expense of being a good and kind human being.

With his unique blend of public, private and nonprofit experience, Cole Finegan will bring wisdom and experience to the office of Denver's City Attorney and assume a leadership role that will build innovative ideas and management to city government. I wish him well in this exciting endeavor and thank him for his commitment to public service and the citizens of Denver and Colorado.

CONGRATULATING NORTH HILLS  
COMMUNITY OUTREACH, MILL-  
VALE TEN-YEAR ANNIVERSARY**HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2003*

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate North Hills Community Outreach on their Millvale satellite's ten-year anniversary. Founded in Allison Park, Pennsylvania, in 1987, North Hills Community Outreach is an interfaith nonprofit organization that addresses the basic needs of individuals and families who are in crisis, hardship and poverty. I am

proud of their effectiveness and compassion as they help the people of my district in the midst of difficult times.

The Millvale satellite was established in 1993 and was originally housed in the choir loft at Christ Lutheran Church. Having outgrown that space, the offices were moved to a storefront at 223 North Avenue in 1997. Unfortunately, the need for North Hills Community Outreach's services continues to grow and they are planning to move to an even larger facility. To that end, North Hills Community Outreach is collaborating with Millvale Borough on the potential expansion and refurbishment of the Community Center in Millvale.

I applaud North Hills Community Outreach's holistic approach to helping people. The orga-

nization's case management program includes such services as employment assistance, utility and rent assistance, an emergency food pantry and the Faith in Action program in which volunteers help the frail elderly and adults with disabilities with transportation, yard work and light chores.

Over the past ten years, thousands of people in need have benefited from North Hills Community Outreach's caring, professional staff and dedicated volunteers. I commend North Hills Community Outreach on their mission of "people helping people" and their belief that no one in northern Allegheny County should ever feel hungry, alone or forgotten.

I wish them the best of luck with their move and hope for much continued success.