

and celebrate the opening of the Paul Hom Primary Care Building, I ask all my colleagues to join me in saluting this great humanitarian.

To say that Dr. Hom was a man of great intellect would only begin to skim the surface of his scholarly prowess. Dr. Hom graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, with a degree in History. In 1966, Dr. Hom completed his law degree from Hastings College of Law, University of California. During his brief, yet meaningful legal career, Dr. Hom exhibited his trademark commitment to social justice by serving as a VISTA volunteer in Texas and Mississippi in 1966 and 1967. In 1969, Dr. Hom volunteered for Attorney-Neighborhood Legal Services in Compton, California. Driven by a realization that the poor cared more about medical issues than voting and civil rights, Dr. Hom enrolled in medical school and earned his medical degree from the University of California, Davis in 1973. In 1978, Dr. Hom received a degree in Epidemiology from the University of California, Berkeley. Dr. Hom's impressive academic achievements are a testament to his intelligence and work ethic.

During his second year in medical school, Dr. Hom and Dr. Garrett Lee held a series of meetings with a group of concerned undergraduate students to discuss improving health care for Sacramento's elderly Asian residents. The students concluded that many of the elderly Asians as well as the newly arrived immigrant families were having difficulty in obtaining adequate health care due to socioeconomic and language barriers and decided to start a free clinic to target this problem.

In 1972, the Asian Clinic was established to become an elective course for medical and undergraduate students. Since 1972, the Asian Clinic continues to serve the Asian community in downtown Sacramento every Saturday. Today, the posthumously named Paul Hom Asian Clinic is the oldest existing Asian clinic in the United States and a vivid reminder of the positive vision and powerful legacy of Dr. Hom.

The many functions of the Paul F. Hom Primary Care Center will serve as the proper embodiment of the vision of its namesake. The Center, designed to handle 100 patient-visits a day for primary care and 150 walk-ins, provides a full range of services including a Chest clinic, Pharmacy, Public Health Laboratory, Radiology Department, Healthcare for the Homeless program and Refugee Health Clinic. It also serves the medically indigent of Sacramento County who are in need of medical assistance and ultimately improves access to care for residents of Sacramento County. All in all, the Paul F. Hom Primary Care Center will enhance the access to quality and effective health care for people without health care. In addition, the center will also enable health administrators to carry out their important responsibilities in a more efficient method.

Mr. Speaker, as Dr. Hom's friends, family, and colleagues gather to celebrate the opening of the Paul Hom Primary Care Building, I am honored to pay tribute to one of Sacramento's most giving and cherished citizens. Dr. Hom's legacy is a true testament to community service. If a template for leadership could be made, it would surely bear the resemblance of Dr. Paul Hom. Although he is no longer with us, his legacy of compassion and care for the disadvantaged will continue to live on. I ask all of my colleagues to join with me

in thanking Dr. Paul F. Hom for his numerous contributions to the Sacramento community.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING  
GREG MCCLEERY

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 4, 2003*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Greg McCleery has devoted himself to serving others through his membership in the Boy Scouts of America; and

Whereas, Greg McCleery has shared his time and talent with the community in which he resides; and

Whereas, Greg McCleery has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Greg McCleery must be commended for the hard work and dedication he put forth in earning the Eagle Scout Award;

Therefore, I join with Troop 402, the residents of Coshocton, and the entire 18th Congressional District in congratulating Greg McCleery as he receives the Eagle Scout Award.

NEW YORK'S FINEST: THE MEN OF  
THE 75TH PRECINCT

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 4, 2003*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Edward Vasquez, Dino Anselmo and Brian Latimore; detectives of the 75th Precinct in Brooklyn, for their recent heroic efforts.

While we are rightly reminded about the heroism of police officers, and other first responders after 9/11, police officers risk their lives to save others' lives every day of the year. As an example of one such heroic effort, I am submitting for the RECORD an article published on November 3, 2003, in the N.Y. Daily News about how three Brooklyn detectives who saved the life of a young girl trapped inside a burning building. For their efforts, all of us from New York City, especially those from Brooklyn, are proud and grateful.

[From the New York Daily News]

HERO OF THE MONTH: COPS DONNED FIRE HATS

(By Patrice O'Shaughnessy)

(Hero of the Month spotlights those men and women, civil servants and civilians, who go beyond the call of duty to make New York a better place.)

Edward Vasquez, Dino Anselmo and Brian Latimore are three longtime detectives in East New York, Brooklyn, used to confronting gunmen and tracking down murder suspects. Racing into a smoke-filled building recently to evacuate tenants proved to be equally tense.

"It's just a reaction," Latimore said. "You see a guy with a gun, you don't think about it while you're doing it. You just think about getting another gun off the street. We saw the smoke; we all knew we were going to go."

The result brought the same satisfaction. "Everybody got out safe; that's what it's all about," Latimore said.

For disregarding their own safety and rescuing a 4-year-old girl and several adults from a fire, the three are the Daily News Heroes of the Month.

"They could have just stood outside and called 911," said Mariano Alvarado, whose daughter, Taija, was carried out by the cops. "They cared about getting people out. They ran in themselves."

The detectives, all of whom have young daughters, were driving on Pitkin Ave. on their way to the 75th Precinct station at 9:45 a.m. on Sept. 23, after searching for a robbery suspect, when Anselmo spotted smoke.

Latimore turned their car down Ashford St., and they saw smoke pouring out from the top of a three-story building.

It was raining hard. "Not a soul was on the block," Vasquez said.

The building was run-down—the windows of the top floor boarded up, tenants on the second floor, squatters living on the first.

"I was pretty sure it was occupied, because I saw a Big Wheels on the second-floor fire escape," Vasquez said. "We got out of the car and ran right in."

They started banging on doors on the first floor. The smoke was coming down the stairs and filling the hallway, which was dimly lit to start with.

"The landing was all black smoke," Anselmo said. "Brian went to the car to get a flashlight. . . . I found three adults in the rear apartment on the first floor. We asked if anyone was upstairs, and they said a family and a little baby."

Vasquez went up. "I was holding onto the wall going up stairs. The plywood was hot. . . . I was afraid the stairs would fall."

He kicked an apartment door open and saw Alvarado waking up in an apartment full of smoke. Alvarado said he had not smelled any fire. "I heard someone trying to kick in the door. . . . My daughter was watching TV in the bedroom, my wife and baby daughter were at the hospital and a detective was in my kitchen," he said.

"He grabbed my daughter and another cop grabbed me. It was pretty smoky in the stairs." Vasquez put his jacket over Taija and Anselmo hustled Alvarado out. "I could hear crackling and crashing, and I started coughing, and then I saw a little beam of light," Anselmo said. "Brian got us out."

Taija was taken to a hospital and treated for smoke inhalation. Anselmo was given oxygen, then he and Vasquez went to the 102nd Precinct in Queens to interview some gun suspects. Latimore went back to the squad room and finished his shift.

"You reacted, did what you had to do and got back to work," Anselmo said. "Later, as people started to ask us about it, it felt good."

Alvarado and his family are in temporary housing; his youngest child has high levels of lead from substandard housing and requires medical treatment. "I don't know where we will go next," Alvarado said. They cannot return to 344 Ashford St. because the utilities have been shut off—the building was declared dangerous to live in—and the apartment has been looted of pipes and a new radiator, Alvarado said.

The three detectives were recognized by the police Honor Legion. Vasquez said his 10-year-old daughter, Rachel, was so excited that she kept trying on different dresses to wear to the dinner. "A lot of guys have done a lot of good things here," Vasquez said. "You feel great after the fact. And my family was very proud."