

HONORING CRANFORD HIGH  
SCHOOL

**HON. MIKE FERGUSON**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Cranford High School in Cranford, New Jersey, for being named a 2004 National School of Character at the Character Edu-

cation Partnership's Annual Forum. Cranford is receiving this award in recognition of its exemplary work to encourage the ethical, social and academic development of its students through character education.

Suffering from growing disciplinary problems and other challenges 1990s, Cranford High School began to focus on educating its students on character qualities such as respect for others and responsibility. The school aimed to "create a caring community through service learning by the year 2006." Through peer fa-

cilitation, a mentoring program, a focus on service education and character education, Cranford has reached its important goal ahead of schedule.

Cranford is one of only 10 schools in the country selected as a 2004 National School of Character. I commend all the students, teachers, administrators and parents of Cranford High School for their hard work and for setting such an excellent example for all those involved in educating the youth of America.