for innovative information sharing, advocacy, and institution building.

Whereas, David L. Phillips has enjoyed the respect and admiration among his peers in the human rights community and the appreciation of the board of the directors of the Foundation.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the board of directors of the Parliamentary Human Rights Foundation commends David L. Phillips for his seven years of exceptional service as President of the Foundation and wishes him continued success in all future endeavors.

NORTHERN INDIANA BUILDING WITH STEEL ALLIANCE

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 27, 1995

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, as an officer of the Congressional Steel Caucus, I am pleased to call your and my other colleagues' attention to a dynamic force in steel-framed housing: the Northern Indiana Building with Steel Alliance. This innovative collaboration is the result of an alliance between northwest Indiana's five major steel companies—U.S. Steel, Bethlehem Steel, LTV Steel, Inland Steel, and National/Midwest Steel—the Northern Indiana Public Service Co., Ivy Tech State College, Dietrich Industries Inc., Unimast, Inc., and Dale/Incor Industries. This alliance is the first public/private partnership in the Nation with a concentration on steel-framed housing. The Northwest Indiana Forum is the glue that holds the alliance together.

The alliance will promote steel-framed housing to builders this evening, September 27, 1995, at the Builders Dinner, which will be held at the Radisson Star Plaza in Merrillville, IN.

Northwest Indiana should be a national showcase for steel housing. This region represents the largest concentration of steel production in North America, and Indiana's First Congressional District leads the Nation in steel production. Since we're No. 1 in steel production, it makes perfect sense that northwest Indiana should be No. 1 in steel-framed housing. In fact, to promote the use of steel for housing, I've cosponsored a resolution that would authorize a demonstration of steel housing on the Capitol grounds.

The use of steel for housing is not only good for our domestic industry, it's smart. First, steel provides affordable and high quality construction materials. Second, steel is resistant to termites, vermin, and fire, and resilient in natural disasters. Finally, since steel is America's most recycled material, steel-framed houses help to conserve natural resources.

Steel-framed housing is one of the fastest growing markets in the industry. The demand for light gauge, galvanized steel for residential applications saw an enormous growth in 1994. There was a total of 40,000 steel-framed houses constructed in 1994, compared to only 13,000 in 1993. According to the American Iron and Steel Institute, about 525,000 tons of steel will be used in steel framing for homes in 1995. Another 275,000 tons will be used in roofing. As a result, these steel-framed houses will allow our steel mills to produce 1.5 to 2 million additional tons of steel in which $1.3 to $3.6 billion will be generated. Moreover, these special houses will provide 6 million man-hours of work, or 2,900 new jobs.

The goal of the Northern Indiana Building with Steel Alliance is to eventually capture 25 percent of the residential applications market. Their hope is that this will be achieved as builders become more familiar working with steel and its inherent benefits. Key components of the regional initiative include assistance to builders with special seminars and training programs through Ivy Tech; cooperating with the Housing Futures Institute at Ball State University to develop new alternatives in housing technologies; and assisting local Habitat for Humanity sponsors to promote steel framing in homebuilding projects.

Representatives of the steel companies participating in the alliance include: Jon Oram, Bethlehem Steel; Scharlene Hurston, Inland Steel; James Stoyka, LTV Steel; John Walsh, Midwest/National Steel; and Ed Charbonneau, U.S. Steel.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate these innovators, along with the other participants of the Northern Indiana Building with Steel Alliance, for taking the first step in lighting the fire that will fuel the American homebuilding market, as well as the economy of Indiana's First Congressional District.

TRIBUTE TO ABE SACKS

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 27, 1995

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, 50 years ago a young Army lieutenant returned home from World War II. During the preceding 5 years, he served his country with distinction. This young lieutenant is a constituent of mine. He is also one of my dearest friends. His name is Abe Sacks.

On October 7, 1995, 1st Lt. Abraham Sacks will finally receive his World War II medals—half a century after his return home from war. Surrounded by his family and friends, Abe will receive the European African Middle Eastern Medal with Silver Star, the American Campaign Medal, the American Defense Service Medal, the Army of Occupation Medal with Germany, the Good Conduct Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Abraham Sacks served in the U.S. Army from 1941 to 1946. In 1942, he was commissioned second lieutenant and subsequently served overseas in campaigns in Africa, Italy, France, and Germany. I met Abe 30 years ago. During this time, he has been a devoted husband, the father of two beautiful children, Andrew and Laura, and an active volunteer at his synagogue and in the community.

Fifty years is a long time to wait for medals that were awarded but never received. As late as these medals are in being presented, this day might never have come if it had not been for Abe's wife, Bea. Earlier this year, while rummaging through Abe's army chest, Bea came across some old papers that said he was entitled to receive these medals. When Bea asked him where his medals were, Abe replied, ''Who has time for medals? All I wanted to do was stay alive and keep my men alive.''

The time has finally come for medals and recognition for achievement and dedicated service. I join Abe's family, friends, and the entire Nation in expressing congratulations for a job well done.

MALONEY HONORS PULASKI DAY PARADE

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 27, 1995

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, as a Representative from New York's 14th District, which includes the vibrant Polish-American community of Greenpoint, I would like to take this opportunity to pay special tribute to the participants in the Pulaski Day Parade. This year's Pulaski Day Parade honors Gen. Casimir Pulaski and pays special homage to Pope John Paul II on the occasion of his visit to New York next month. The Pulaski Day Parade is a shining example of the active and dedicated Polish-American community in Brooklyn and the New York metropolitan area.

Mr. Speaker, the Pulaski Day Parade commemorates that great son of Poland, Gen. Casimir Pulaski, the ''Father of the American Calvary.'' At the age of 30, General Pulaski came to America on July 23, 1777, to help our struggling Nation in its fight for independence against British tyranny. This heroic son of Poland organized the calvary forces of our infant republic and died of a wound received at the Battle of Savannah on October 11, 1779.

The October 1, 1995, Pulaski Day Parade carriers the sub-theme, ''A Tribute to His Holiness Pope John Paul II.'' The consensus of the members of the General Pulaski Memorial Parade Committee, Inc., chose to give tribute to His Holiness Pope John Paul II, the first Pole to attain the highest ecclesiastic office of the Catholic Church.

The grant marshal of the 1995 Pulaski Day Parade, Alexandria E. Patras deserves special recognition. In 1985, Mrs. Patras, with the help of her husband, Stephen, and many others, organized the Polish Children's Heartline. Mrs. Patras's contributions to New York City and to the New York Polish community are remarkable and deserve the recognition of this Congress.

Mr. Speaker, the Pulaski Day Parade provides well-deserved recognition of General Pulaski, the New York Polish community, Mrs. Patras, and His Holiness Pope John Paul II. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to the participants in the 1995 Pulaski Day Parade. By continuing to highlight the contributions of General Pulaski and the entire Polish-American community, events like this one ensure that the strength of our Nation continues to be the diversity of our people.

IN HONOR OF SIGNALMAN FIRST CLASS, DOUGLAS ALBERT MUNRO

HON. KAREN L. THURMAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 27, 1995

Mrs. THURMAN. Mr. Speaker, American spirits were recently raised by the celebrated rescue of Air Force Capt. Scott O'Grady from