

Among other organizations, Ms. Vega was a member of the Puerto Rican Day Parade Committee, Cruzada Civica Del Voto, Puerto Rican Civil Rights Association, Area Policy Board, Community Planning Board #9, Bronx County Democratic Committee, and the Bronx County Democratic Women.

Ms. Vega leaves a legacy of courage, faith, hope, responsibility, love, and commitment. She is survived by her five children, ten grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying homage to the life of Lillian Vega, who still remains with us through the many people she served and touched.

HON. JAMES ZANGARI, A CARING  
PUBLIC SERVANT

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 25, 1996*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to pay tribute to an extraordinary individual, Hon. James Zangari, minority leader pro tem of the New Jersey State Assembly. A man, who for 20 years, has served the public with dedication and conscience. A gala tribute will be held in his honor on Friday, January 26, 1996 in Old Bridge, NJ.

Assemblyman Zangari's illustrious career in politics began almost 20 years ago. Born and raised in Newark, NJ, Assemblyman Zangari was elected as an Essex County freeholder in 1978. Shortly thereafter, he was elected assemblyman of the 28th legislative district. Since his election to the General Assembly, Assemblyman Zangari has authored more than 100 pieces of legislation. Assemblyman Zangari's legislative initiatives address many issues of great concern to the residents of New Jersey, including crime prevention, drug abuse, education, unemployment, senior citizens, and environmental consumer protection.

Through his experiences as an Essex County freeholder and executive director of Irvington's property maintenance department, Assemblyman Zangari has been able to bring expertise to his Assembly leadership position. Assemblyman Zangari is a man who takes great pride in representing the area where he grew up and truly cares about his constituents. For eight terms in the General Assembly, Assemblyman Zangari has fought hard for the issues that are important to him and his community.

While in the Assembly, Assemblyman Zangari served as a member of the Revenue, Finance and Appropriations Committee, the Subcommittee on Taxation, and the Labor and Transportation Committee, as well as many others. He was elected majority whip for the 1986-87 term and served as assistant minority leader in the 1988-89 term.

A man of extraordinary talents and a fighting spirit, James Zangari has been honored by various organizations. His many civic awards include distinctions from the New Jersey Education Association, the Essex County Education Association, the Fraternal Order of Police, Irvington, P.A.L.—Man of the Year, and Essex County PBA—Legislator of the Year.

I take great pleasure and honor in paying tribute to James Zangari. He is a man that has fought hard for issues of concern to all the citi-

zens of New Jersey. Please join me in honoring a remarkable individual.

TRIBUTE TO MAYOR EDWARD  
GALLAGHER

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 25, 1996*

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Mayor Edward J. Gallagher of Old Tappan, NJ, on the occasion of his retirement. Mayor Gallagher served 16 years as mayor and 4 years as councilman. His many friends will honor him at a testimonial dinner January 21. Mayor Gallagher's 20-year contribution to municipal government has been exemplary. He will be missed.

Mayor Gallagher was sworn in as a member of the Old Tappan Borough Council in 1976 and promptly rose to key leadership positions in the borough government. He served in successive years as chairman of the council's committees on finance, public works and health, and police and civil defense. He was also chairman of the Old Tappan Golf Course Commission.

He became mayor in 1980 and held the post until January 1 of this year.

Mayor Gallagher's expertise was well recognized throughout the State. He was a president of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities and served on Governor Jim Florio's Municipal Issues Advisory Group, which was formed to help alleviate State fiscal problems related to municipalities. He was president of the Pascack Valley Mayors Association and a member of the Northern Valley Mayors Association and the Bergen County Republican Mayors Association. He was president of the Old Tappan Republican Club, a member of the advisory committee of the Bergen County Utilities Authority and Old Tappan's representative to the joint insurance fund.

The mayor's contribution to public service has gone beyond government office. He serves as a eucharistic minister at St. Pius X Church, and has been a trustee and treasurer of the Old Tappan Lions Club, a coach of the Old Tappan Little League and active with Old Tappan Boy Scout Troops 132.

A graduate of Pace University and of Stanford University's executive program, Mayor Gallagher is the retired financial vice president of E. Leitz, Inc., and president of Optometric Inc. of Houston.

Mayor Gallagher's long commitment to public service is well appreciated by the people of Old Tappan. I offer my congratulations on his dedicated career.

46TH REPUBLIC DAY FOR THE  
WORLD'S LARGEST DEMOCRACY

HON. SHERROD BROWN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 25, 1996*

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate India on the 46th anniversary of Republic Day.

For 46 years India has been showing the world that an extremely diverse democracy

can work. With over 52 major languages, 950 million people, in a country geographically much smaller than the United States, India has upheld the ideals of judicial review, multi-party elections, secular government, and a peaceful transfer of power.

For 46 years India has encouraged higher education and self reliance. Today India is one of the world's largest software manufacturers and has put rockets into space. Their entire domestic market has developed indigenously. Now India is considered one of the most important emerging markets in the world.

For more than 46 years Americans of Indian descent have been leaders in their communities. Indian-Americans represent one of the best educated, financially secure populations in the United States.

Now our two nations are beginning a new path. America has begun to look to other nations to do business. India has begun a remarkable economic liberalization process which has opened up one of the largest consumer markets in the world. United States companies are already the largest source of foreign investment in India and will continue to be a major provider of goods and services.

I congratulate India on their success as the world's largest democracy, and look forward to our two nations becoming ever closer in the future. I join with my colleagues here in wishing India continued good fortune for the future.

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM M.  
SCHREIBER OF INDIANA

HON. ANDREW JACOBS, JR.

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 25, 1996*

Mr. JACOBS. Mr. Speaker, once in a while strong partisans are strongly liked by both parties. It happens, I think, because even though partisan, such people are also public spirited enough to put our country first and are decent enough to care about the personal feelings of their opposite numbers.

Such a person was Bill Schreiber of Indiana whom cruel cancer took from us on January 11, 1996.

He was 52 and the father of a months-old baby boy, Will. The following shows the affection felt for him by Hoosiers who knew him, Democrat and Republican alike.

Our hearts go out to little Will and his mom, Connie. Bill Schreiber is irreplaceable.

[From the Indianapolis Star, Jan. 13, 1996]

WILLIAM M. SCHREIBER, 52, WAS STRATEGIST  
FOR DEMOCRATS

William M. Schreiber, 52, a key strategist for the Indiana Democratic Party and an aide to Lt. Gov. Frank L. O'Bannon, died Jan. 11 in Community Hospital East.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the rotunda at the Statehouse, followed immediately by a memorial service.

Mr. Schreiber died of cancer which was discovered in October, six weeks after his wife, Connie Bainbridge Schreiber, gave birth to a son, William.

State Rep. John D. Gregg, D-Sandborn, a close friend, said Thursday: "He was probably the smartest Democratic politician, with a razor-sharp wit, to hit Indiana in the '70s and '80s and this decade."

Mr. Schreiber was the mastermind behind the election in 1990 of a majority of Democrats to the Indiana House of Representatives, ending 15 years of Republican control.