

and the many dedicated parishioners who have donated so much time and energy over the years to ensure Sacred Heart's place among the most outstanding institutions in Western Massachusetts.

Sacred Heart is a tremendous source of pride for not only the Springfield Diocese but for the entire Second Congressional District. I am honored to represent the outstanding individuals who comprise Sacred Heart parish and I join with the citizens of the Second Congressional District in offering a most heartfelt congratulations on this "golden" anniversary. Sacred Heart has truly succeeded in its mission to foster a cooperative and inclusive spirit in the community and I wish Sacred Heart Church all the best for another successful 50 years.

DON'T DISCRIMINATE AGAINST  
THE HIV-POSITIVE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 1996*

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express strong opposition to an unfair and discriminatory provision in the National Security Authorization Act of 1996. This provision would require all HIV-positive personnel to be immediately and summarily discharged from the military.

The provision is based on prejudice and misunderstanding about HIV and the AIDS virus. Being HIV-positive does not mean being bed-ridden. It does not mean you cannot work. It does not mean you are contagious. In fact, it may take years before people who are HIV-positive show the debilitating symptoms of AIDS.

Current military policy is fair and makes sense. Those who are HIV-positive, as with those with disabilities, are not sent in combat. They are allowed to continue their service until they are too ill to serve.

But this provision would remove such persons outright, whether they are ill or healthy. The assumption is, if you have HIV, you are a threat to others, you are sick, or something is wrong with you.

All of those beliefs are false. Magic Johnson is one, more famous example, but there are tens of thousands of HIV-positive Americans who are healthy, working, and contributing to society.

We should not discriminate against men and women in uniform if they are still able—and still want—to serve their country.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF WAKEFERN  
FOOD CORPORATION

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 1996*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to the attention of my colleagues one of the great business success stories in my State, Wakefern Food Corp. of Elizabeth, NJ.

Wakefern, which to many of us is known as ShopRite, was born in 1946. The Second World War was one of the great tragic con-

flicts of human history, but the peacetime economy that was created in its aftermath laid the groundwork for so many positive opportunities to come. Wakefern was created out of just such an opportunity. In Newark, NJ, eight independent grocers joined together to create a buying cooperative, Wakefern Food Corp., so they could get the benefit of buying discounts. Like so many other companies, their earliest days were filled with endless challenges and difficulties. Yet, through hard work and dedication to a dream they persevered, and the company became the success that it is today.

Today, Wakefern and its ShopRite supermarkets represent the largest retailer-owned cooperative in the United States and are New Jersey's second largest employer. Their 37 members own and operate those supermarkets employing 35,000 associates and serving 500 communities in New Jersey and more than 3 million customers each week. Throughout the region, the firm employs 15,000 more associates.

Wakefern takes its mission of excellence seriously, and it also understands that this mission can only be extended through community involvement. ShopRite's owners and Wakefern have dedicated themselves to improving educational opportunities through programs such as the supermarket careers effort for special needs students. They have worked tirelessly to fight hunger through their support of the Community Food Bank of New Jersey, and they can continuously recognize the spirit of friendship and love through their sponsorship of the New Jersey Special Olympics.

This past March, I was pleased to join with those congratulating Wakefern's general merchandise facility in Jamesburg for winning the Merit Site OSHA Award for workplace safety.

This year, Wakefern is celebrating its 50th anniversary in grand style, with commemorative ceremonies and activities at Liberty State Park and Ellis Island. While we join in this celebration and recognize the dedication of so many that have worked so hard to make Wakefern and ShopRite the outstanding corporate citizen that it has become, we also pay tribute to an individual who helped build this company from the ground up, Tom Infusino. Tom has steadfastly led Wakefern as its chairman for the last 25 years. His vision has helped transform Wakefern from a group of local grocers to the great service corporation that it is today.

Mr. Speaker, I know that my colleagues would join me today in congratulating Wakefern, its 50,000 associates and its great leadership on 50 years of success, and in wishing them 50 more years of service to our community.

CONDEMNATION OF SHOPPING  
CENTER OUTSIDE AUSCHWITZ

HON. ROBERT G. TORRICELLI

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 1996*

Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to condemn, in the strongest possible terms, a proposed shopping mall to be located just outside the Auschwitz death camp in Poland.

The Auschwitz death camp has left a scar in our minds and hearts that can never be re-

moved. It is a reminder of the depths of evil human kind is capable of. And it serves as a warning that we must never let it happen again. For anyone to commercialize Auschwitz or develop its immediate surroundings would be an affront to all of us, and to the memories of the millions of victims of the Holocaust.

Approximately 1.5 million people were killed at Auschwitz during World War II. The 50,000 people who visit the camp sites every year are there to understand the monstrous inhumanity that took place. To exploit the camps for economic gain is an insult to everyone who has worked to ensure the Holocaust's unique place in the world's history and culture.

The Polish Government recently announced that it would temporarily halt further development of the shopping center outside the Auschwitz death camp and set up a special government commission to examine the legality of the planned supermarket. The First Secretary also noted that Poland's President Aleksander Kwasniewski "strongly criticized the proposed construction." The final decision on whether to proceed with the shopping center lies with the town council of Oswiecim-Brzezinka.

There must be no equivocation on termination of this shopping center. The construction must stop permanently. A commercial endeavor so close to Auschwitz would be offensive not just to the memories of those who were murdered there but to the sense that Auschwitz stands as one of the most prominent symbols of the lesson of the Holocaust, "Never Again."

IN HONOR OF OFFICER KEITH  
BRADDOCK

HON. EARL POMEROY

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 1996*

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Speaker, this week has been designated National Police Week. In conjunction with this, I would like to take a moment today to honor a North Dakota peace officer recently killed in the line of duty. Watford City police officer Keith Braddock died March 20 of this year after he was shot while responding to an incident at the American Legion Club.

Mr. Speaker, Keith Braddock was a family man. He was married and had three children. While his family must now try to move on from this horrible nightmare, I hope it provides them some comfort to know that every North Dakotan is grateful for his service to the people of our State. Cities and small towns all across America are more secure because of dedicated peace officers like Keith.

The tragedy that unfolded late that afternoon on Main Street has awakened the 1,800 residents of Watford City that they are not immune to the all-too-prevalent acts of violence occurring in our Nation's cities. Protecting citizens from harms way is a dangerous task—both in our urban centers and in rural America. Although peace officers in many small communities may know most of the folks in town, they can't be too cautious. For the most part, these officers are out there on their own—backup can be miles away.

This unfortunate situation has underscored the fact that senseless acts of violence can

happen anywhere. We owe a debt of gratitude to those like Keith Braddock who put their own lives at risk to make us a little safer.

FREMONT HIGH SCHOOL  
STUDENTS, FREMONT, MI

HON. PETER HOEKSTRA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 1996*

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge a bright, young group of students from Fremont, MI, who met with me yesterday. A special wish for a happy birthday is extended to Mr. T.J. Meister. A list of those representing the school follows:

Fremont High School Students, Fremont, MI: David Ammirati, Brooke Bacon, Sara Breuker, Christine Cooper, Jennifer Dueling, Jennifer Eitnrear, Connie Erickson, John Hughes, Heather Kralej, T.J. Meister, Jessalynn Nieboer, Billie Jo Novak, Julie Rottman, Kari Schipper, Jenna Scott, April Smith, Kristine Stariha, Andrea Stroven, Mike Vanostenberg, and Amy Vanzant. Baars Bultman, teacher.

MAY IS NATIONAL PHYSICAL  
FITNESS AND SPORTS MONTH

HON. JOE BARTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 1996*

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, May is National Physical Fitness and Sports Month, conducted by the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. Every American should take this opportunity to celebrate and begin a fitness routine. The benefits from exercise are far-reaching. Studies have revealed that there is a direct connection between exercise and lower death rates from heart attacks, stroke, hypertension, non-insulin-dependent diabetes, brittle bones, anxiety, and depression. However, in lieu of this information many Americans continue to remain inactive, with little or no physical activity in their daily lives.

Even low- to moderate-intensity activities like walking, gardening, or biking can bring benefits. I realize this so I have taken the opportunity to share my love of biking with my constituents. On my home page, you will find "Biking with Barton." This is a detailed exploration on the Internet that allows you to link with other bike pages. I have included all sorts of biking information from biking events and books, to community activities, and details on how to bike to work.

I am also happy to support organizations like the National Coalition for Promoting Physical Activity. They have a long-term mission to motivate more Americans to be physically active. The national coalition is a collaborative partnership of groups who have identified physical activity and health as their primary mission and is facilitated by the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance; the American College of Sports Medicine; and the American Heart Association. To accomplish its goals the national coalition will use its network to provide leadership to the American public and policymakers to increase the understanding, com-

munication, and promotion of physical activity and health. They seek to develop consistent exercise messages to clarify for Americans the confusing array of information that currently exists and coordinate education efforts between the public and private sectors.

I urge all Americans to challenge themselves this May, National Physical Fitness and Sports Month, to make physical activity a regular part of your life.

TRIBUTE TO EDEN PRAIRIE HIGH  
SCHOOL

HON. JIM RAMSTAD

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 1996*

Mr. RAMSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise the entire Eden Prairie High School community for being named winner of the U.S. Department of Education's prestigious Blue Ribbon Award.

The Department of Education could not have selected a more deserving high school for this highly coveted honor. When it comes to a comprehensive and successful approach to excellence in teaching, student achievement, leadership and parental involvement, Eden Prairie has, for a long time, set a lofty standard.

Mr. Speaker, this high distinction was well earned. Everyone at Eden Prairie High School played a role in achieving this extraordinary level of educational excellence.

Under the visionary leadership of a most remarkable man, Principal Arne Johnson, Eden Prairie High School has flourished. Arne is always there for each and every student. He provides at all hours of the day a willing ear, an understanding shoulder and a marvelous and diverse source of advice and encouragement.

Former superintendent Jerry McCoy and new superintendent Bill Gaslin have also been instrumental in preparing the fertile ground and providing the necessary resources to grow the special love for learning that exists at Eden Prairie. The students have blossomed under their effective management.

A school board full of caring and committed citizens has selflessly devoted the time, talent and energy necessary to make Eden Prairie High School one of the best in all of America.

This historic designation was accomplished through the pioneering and innovative contributions of a truly dedicated administrative staff and dynamic collection of committed teachers. Their deep and unwavering commitment to the students forms the foundation for a very special relationship with the young people at Eden Prairie High School. The teachers and staff have gone above and beyond all reasonable expectations to help kids, from the extra hours spent coaching and teaching extracurricular events to their efforts to bolster their professional credentials through additional postsecondary education.

Mr. Speaker, another key ingredient in the overwhelming success of Eden Prairie High School has been the precedent-setting and inspiring level of involvement by parents and members of the community. In this day and age when we in Congress hear so much blame being placed on the lack of participation by parents in their children's education. Eden

Prairie's parents and other residents stand out as a shining lighthouse of an example of the miracles that can happen when adults take the time to help out at their schools.

But, Mr. Speaker, the No. 1 reason Eden Prairie High School has been chosen as a Blue Ribbon Award winner is its spirited students. This student body is focused in a most impressive way on real achievement and a relentless pursuit of the highest standards of excellence. The students have worked hard to create a safe, supportive and drug-free environment. They have worked hard to establish a record of academic excellence across the board.

From student leadership to participation in public service projects to help people in need in the community, from the heavy emphasis on scholastic achievement to the enthusiastic way they revel in the success of their classmates, the students of Eden Prairie High School deserve to claim this national honor as their own. The students at Eden Prairie High School are the kind of young people any parent would be proud to call their own.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the entire Eden Prairie High School Community on a job well done and for setting such a powerful example of what can be accomplished by a school if everyone pitches in and strives to do their best.

Today we salute Eden Prairie High School as a blue ribbon award winner and for proving that schools all across America can succeed if everyone puts their minds and hearts into the effort like they do at Eden Prairie High School.

LEWIS AND CLARK DISCOVERY  
EXPEDITION 1996

HON. JAMES M. TALENT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 1996*

Mr. TALENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Lewis and Clark Discovery Expedition 1996: the reenactment of the world's most noted expedition. This 22-stop voyage will retrace the first 6 weeks of the path of the original expedition which began from St. Charles, MO, 192 years ago.

Meriwether Lewis and William Clark's pursuit of discovery in the newly acquired Louisiana Territory revealed some 168 unknown species of flora and 128 types of animals. They used courage, hard work, and perseverance in overcoming extraordinary obstacles along their frontier exploration. The Lewis and Clark Discovery Expedition 1996, will highlight the historic, scientific, and cultural consequences of this celebrated journey. It will also examine several other important themes such as the development of the United States and the American character.

The primary vehicle for this reenactment is a replica keelboat constructed by boatwright Glen Bishop. The Keelboat, which Bishop spent 10 years constructing, will contain numerous exhibits which highlight the historical, cultural, and scientific discoveries made by Lewis and Clark. It will retrace the original voyage, making stops along the path that the explorers followed during the Missouri leg of their journey.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge this fine celebration of