

THE 1996 JC PENNY GOLDEN RULE
AWARD

HON. DEBORAH PRYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 1996

Mr. PRYCE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the outstanding philanthropic efforts of the 17 semifinalists for the 1996 JC Penny Golden Rule Award. I am proud to represent these people and organizations in Congress, for their commitment and devotion to the central Ohio community is truly exemplary.

The Golden Rule Award ceremony publicly honors local volunteer efforts, and is presented in more than 200 markets in 45 States. The 1996 semifinalists have proven themselves to be clearly deserving of this recognition, having demonstrated continued, selfless sacrifice to the Columbus, OH, area. They serve as a model to us all.

America's generosity both at home and abroad is unsurpassed on this planet. Regrettably, however, the day-to-day volunteer efforts of so many Americans go regularly unnoticed. We take for granted their generous work with the poor, the elderly, the sick, and the neglected. But their unheralded and noble deeds are duly noted by those they help, often providing a bit of hope during times of great distress.

At a time when our Nation demands that government become smaller and spend less, the importance of voluntarism and community service grows profoundly. These semifinalists prove once again that the most important work done in our country is not done within the beltway, but within the shelters, pantries, and soup kitchens of our local communities. We must never lose sight of the fact that Americans' innate sense of sacrifice continues regardless of what may transpire in Washington.

I proudly salute the following people and organizations for their inspiring work, and join with my colleagues in congratulating them for this most deserving recognition.

Ms. Julie Rose Cook, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Franklin County Volunteer Guardian Program, Hyatt Force on Capitol Square, Bob Merideth/Skip Teaford—Christmas in April.

Parents of Murdered Children and Other Survivors of Homicide, Capital University Circle Kiwanis, Residential Care Team, Teen Parent Connection Volunteers.

Kaleidoscope Youth Coalition, L.E.A.D.E.R. Institute, Jean "Rambo Granny" Smith, Rick Baumann, Dorothy Burchfield, Dianne Glaser, Dora Browne.

FLORIDA CRUSHED STONE WINNER
OF THE SENTINELS OF SAFETY
AWARD

HON. KAREN L. THURMAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. THURMAN. Mr. Speaker, I want to draw the attention of my colleagues to a great achievement registered by one of the leading companies in the 5th Congressional District of Florida.

Florida Crushed Stone of Brooksville has earned the reputation for being one of the

safest rock mining companies in America. This distinction did not come about by accident. It took an enormous amount of dedication, determination and attention to detail to make steady improvements in safety year after year.

Mr. Speaker, recently, one mine owned by Florida Crushed Stone, the Gregg Mine, was honored with the Sentinels of Safety Award. The Gregg Mine garnered this award three other times, in 1986, 1990 and 1994.

The Sentinels of Safety Award is a national award for outstanding safety in the mining industry and is presented by the Mine Safety and Health Administration and the National Mining Association.

Mr. Speaker, to qualify for the award, a mine has to have accumulated 30,000 man hours of work with no accidents or deaths. Mr. Speaker, the Gregg Mine went far beyond this level, accumulating a staggering 198,050 man hours of work without a serious injury or loss of life.

My congratulations go out to Mr. F. Browne Gregg, chief executive officer; Carl Lunderstadt, president; Joe Piermatteo, senior vice president; Billy Lee the general manager; and Bryan Adkins, gregg mine safety manager.

These company officials have obviously made safety a very high company priority and have instilled the goal of safety in the minds of every one of their employees.

CONGRATULATIONS MARGARET
ANGELA BAKER ON HER 100th
BIRTHDAY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, Jr.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Margaret Angela Baker of South Amboy, NJ, a valued and cherished member of our community, on her 100th birthday.

Margaret Baker was born in South Amboy on July 11, 1896. Her father passed away when she was 3 years old and her mother, Catherine Ketzner, remarried when she was 9, to the owner and operator of a saloon, named Jacob Baker. Margaret Baker left school after the ninth grade and began working in a factory piecing together clothing. She then worked in a playing card factory and then went on to work in a factory that manufactured military uniforms, where she worked her way up to full-time inspector, while doing part-time clerical work.

Margaret met Mr. John Joseph Dooling on a bus when she was in her 20's. John and Margaret were married March 23, 1924, in Saint Mary's Roman Catholic Church in South Amboy. The couple had a daughter, Rita Catherine Dooling who was born on September 8, 1929, in South Amboy Hospital. John passed away in 1959 at the age of 70. Margaret has three grandchildren: Jamie C. Smith, Karen H. Brent and Amy S. Moore. In addition, she has five great grandchildren: Emily, Christopher, Meghan, Tyler, and Kaitlin, ranging from age 5 years to 2 months.

Mr. Speaker, as she reaches the century mark Mrs. Baker can look back on a 20th century that has seen America and the world transformed in ways that could scarcely have been imagined in her childhood. For example,

during her lifetime, Mrs. Baker witnessed many inventions and technological breakthroughs, including automobiles, electricity, and telephones.

Mr. Speaker, I am indeed honored to join in congratulating Margaret Angela Baker on this remarkable milestone.

1996 ELLIS ISLAND MEDAL OF
HONOR RECIPIENTS

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, every year, the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations honors Americans from all ethnic backgrounds with its Ellis Island Medal of Honor. This year, I was deeply honored to be one of the recipients of this prestigious award.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of this year's honorees. It is a distinguished group of Americans, including my colleagues, Senator SPENCER ABRAHAM, Congressmen BEN GILMAN, RAY LAHOOD, TOM MANTON and CHARLIE RANGEL.

The Ethnic Coalition of Organizations is dedicated to pursuing harmony between all ethnic groups. This is a goal which I applaud. I would like to enter into the RECORD a press release announcing these awards, and a list of these distinguished award recipients.

ELLIS ISLAND MEDALS OF HONOR AWARDS
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ELLIS ISLAND, NY, MAY 19.—Standing on the hallowed grounds of Ellis Island—the portal through which 17 million immigrants entered the United States—a cast of ethnic Americans who have made significant contributions to the life of this nation, among them Gov. George E. Pataki, U.S. Rep. Charles B. Rangel, NYC Police Commissioner Howard Safir, and "street singer" Arthur Tracy, today were presented with the coveted Ellis Island Medal of Honor at an emotionally uplifting ceremony.

NECO's annual medal ceremony and reception on Ellis Island in New York Harbor is the Nation's largest celebration of ethnic pride. This year's 10th annual event was dedicated to the memory of U.S. Rep. Barbara Jordan, a 1990 Ellis Island Medal recipient, who recently passed away.

Representing a rainbow of ethnic origins, Pataki, Rangel, Safir, Tracy, and other Ellis Island Medal of Honor recipients, including Baltimore Orioles baseball team owner Peter Angelos, entertainer Jerry Vale and NAACP President Hazel Dukes, among others, received their awards in the shadow of the historic Great Hall, where the first footsteps were taken by the millions of immigrants who entered the U.S. in the latter part of the nineteenth century.

"Today we honor great ethnic Americans who, through their achievements and contributions, and in the spirit of their ethnic origins, have enriched this country and have become role models for future generations," said NECO Chairman William Denis Fugazy. "In addition, we honor the immigrant experience—those who passed through this Great Hall decades ago, and the new immigrants who arrive on American soil seeking opportunity. Everyone came here with little more