

Several of my colleagues have introduced important bills to encourage greater use of conservation easements. My bill addresses the disadvantage the 30-percent limit imposes on lower income taxpayers.

Mr. Speaker, Gifford Pinchot, the founder of the U.S. Forest Service, once wrote that a nation "deprived of its liberty may win it, a nation divided may unite, but a nation whose natural resources are destroyed must inevitably pay the penalty of poverty, degradation and decay."

In order to save the countryside, we must strengthen our cities. Thanks to the leadership of Chairman BILL ARCHER, fundamental tax reform will be near the top of the agenda of the next Congress. We need to take a look at the impact of tax policy on land use decisions in this country. The bills I am introducing today would go a long way toward correcting two serious problems in existing law.

IN HONOR OF LILLIAN CARINE: AN  
OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY AC-  
TIVIST MAKING A DIFFERENCE  
FOR THE RESIDENTS OF BA-  
YONNE

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 26, 1996*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Lillian Carine, a dedicated community activist who has made a significant difference in the lives of my constituents in Bayonne. Mrs. Carine will be honored at the seventh annual Italian American Heritage Award dinner dance on September 28, 1996, at the F.A. Mackenzie Post in Bayonne.

Family has played a major role in our esteemed honoree's life. Mrs. Carine was born to Sicilian immigrants, Josephine and Nicola Alessi, on July 21, 1911, in Bayonne where she still lives. Alessi married Nicholas Carine on April 11, 1932. Their joyful union, which lasted 57 years until Nicholas' passing in 1989, produced two children, Frank and Rosalie, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Competence and compassion are invaluable words to one who seeks to describe Mrs. Carine. This selfless individual's tradition of community involvement began under the influence of her mother who put her on a "trolley track" of service to others from which Mrs. Carine has yet to disembark. Along the way, there have been a number of stations which Mrs. Carine's trolley has passed through, including the Bayonne Board of Education to which she was elected twice, the Hudson County Juvenile Conference Committee and the Bayonne Child Abuse Prevention Council.

Additionally, Mrs. Carine is a founding member of the Sons of Italy, Father Del Monte Lodge 2560, a member of the selection panel of the Holocaust Memorial Committee of Bayonne, and a member of the Bayonne Visiting Nurse Association board of directors.

Senior citizens and their concerns have interested Mrs. Carine for a long time. She is the producer and host of a local cable television show called "Sixty Plus" geared toward senior citizens, relating information useful to seniors in their everyday lives. The Vial of Life program was an especially gratifying milestone

in Mrs. Carine's chosen vocation. It provides seniors with information important to meet their health care needs.

It is an honor to have such an empathetic individual residing in my district. Mrs. Carine's performance of her civic duties is an example for everyone to emulate. I am certain that my colleagues will rise with me to honor this exceptional woman.

TRIBUTE TO THE 90TH ANNIVER-  
SARY CELEBRATION OF NATIV-  
ITY OF THE BVM

HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 26, 1996*

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join all my friends and colleagues in celebrating the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary's 90th anniversary. This wonderful church has been serving Ozone Park, Queens faithfully for the past 90 years, and is well-deserving of recognition and praise.

I am pleased to congratulate the members of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary for making this area a source of community pride. As a result of the tireless work and vigilant dedication of the church, Ozone Park has maintained its reputation as a safe and quiet community distinct from the city's frenetic atmosphere.

I am certain that the strength of this community would not be what it is today without the commitment of its church. Such countless contributions have ensured the neighborhood's continued growth and stability which are fully appreciated by all.

For years, families have known Ozone Park as a solid community, making it a good place to live. I am honored to celebrate 90 years of civic leadership in Ozone Park—the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary's members have done much to improve the quality of life for all area residents.

CONGRATULATIONS TO POSTAL  
WORKER WHO SAVED CHOKING 4  
YEAR OLD

HON. FRANK MASCARA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 26, 1996*

Mr. MASCARA. Mr. Speaker, I would take a moment today to publicly thank Joanne Johnson, a postal worker from my district, who recently saved the life of a 4-year-old boy who had swallowed a quarter and was choking.

On a recent dreary Monday morning, Joanne was delivering mail on a rural route in her hometown of Hopwood, PA, when she heard the screams of Rosemary Bradshaw who was standing on her front porch.

Not really knowing what was wrong, Joanne jumped out of her mail truck and ran to the woman's aid. Mrs. Bradshaw's son, John Kenneth Thorpe, Jr. stood nearby in obvious distress, unable to breathe. Luckily, Joanne had built up a relationship with John since she began delivering the route in early spring. Daily the boy would raise the flag on his mailbox, even if there was nothing to pick up, just

so he could chat and laugh with her. While Joanne had no formal training in CPR or the Heimlich maneuver, she coaxed him to come to her. She quickly flipped him around and squeezed him tightly. Fortunately the quarter popped out and John began to breathe again.

Local postal officials intend to recognize Joanne for her heroism. As they correctly state, daily Postal Service workers across the country, like Joanne, help citizens in distress, but rarely are these events ever reported on the evening news.

Joanne, naturally, does not see herself as a hero. She says she was just at the right place at the right time and would not hesitate to help again, if she could.

But I know that is not the case. Joanne is a very special person and her family and neighbors and coworkers should be very proud of her. More importantly, each and everyone of us should try and emulate her efforts to reach out to others in need.

Not surprisingly, little John knows a friend when he sees one. Lately, he has been leaving cards and presents for Joanne in the mailbox. She has been leaving him candy.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 3666,  
DEPARTMENTS OF VETERANS  
AFFAIRS AND HOUSING AND  
URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND  
INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1997

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB STUMP

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 1996*

Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the conference report on H.R. 3666, the VA, HUD and independent agencies appropriations bill for fiscal year 1997.

As chairman of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, I am deeply dissatisfied with the way the conference report treats the veterans' portion of the bill.

The conference report switches priorities approved by the House.

The result, veterans lose out to nonveteran programs.

I strongly object to the conference report boosting programs for EPA, NASA, and Americorps at the expense of veterans.

The conference report drops VA medical care \$55 million below the House, inadequately funds VA medical research \$15 million below the House, and skims \$13 million off the House on resources necessary for timely processing of veterans service connected benefit claims.

The conference report bumps up EPA by \$140 million above the House, NASA \$100 million above the House, FEMA \$197 million above the House, and gives \$400 million to "paid volunteers" and bureaucrats at Americorps, which the House had zero funded.

Mr. Chairman, the overall story is unfortunately a weakening of the House-passed priorities for veterans' programs.

Additionally, it is inappropriate for legislative amendments to find their way into appropriations measures.

While I would not necessarily disagree with all the attached legislative amendments had