

on Memorial Day weekend attended by soccer teams from as far away as Virginia.

For 17 years the club has given food baskets to families at Christmas time. A week's food supply plus small toys for children are included in these baskets. For the past several years money for this has been raised by selling raffle tickets for a gift certificate for food at a local market. It has been extremely successful and appreciated venture.

The club has also sponsored glaucoma and diabetes testing clinics, paid for eye examinations and eye glasses for needy families and supported eye research, emergency sight and hearing fund, LCIF and various other projects. It has sponsored community events like the Fourth of July and Halloween parades and parties, Easter egg hunts, pancakes and spaghetti suppers, tag sales, dances, light bulb sales and many other house to house sales.

In 1986 the club embarked on a new fundraising project. After many years of work by many members, L'il Toot was completed. L'il Toot is a locomotive train with two passenger cars which can be rented out to provide rides for children at fairs and carnivals. To date success seems assured.

The Sixteen Acres Lions Club is proud to have four of its members elected district governor. Robert Scott, Fred Hoarle, John Ingalls and Richard Leary have each served as a district governor and are held in high esteem by their associates.

The success of many projects was due to the dedication and hard work of its members.

I wish to commend the Springfield Lions Club for their vital role in the Springfield area. The achievements of these men are a tremendous source of pride for not only the city of Springfield but the entire Second Congressional District. I am honored to represent such outstanding individuals and I join with the citizens of the Second Congressional District in offering a most heartfelt congratulations.

**DELAURO HONORS JOHN KINGSTON
AS HE ENDS OVER 25 YEARS OF
SERVICE ON THE CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF LABOR RELATIONS**

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, on April 1, 1997, John Kingston is retiring from the Connecticut State Board of Labor Relations. I am pleased to rise today to commend Jack on a great career in State service and an outstanding tenure with the Connecticut State Board of Labor Relations.

For more than 25 years, Jack has served as agent to the board of labor relations. His hard work, strong leadership and commitment to excellence have left an indelible mark on the board of labor relations. Jack has seen a number of changes over the last quarter century. During Jack's tenure on the board, the Connecticut State Employee Relations Act was passed. Jack handled the first petitions filed by State employees in their efforts to organize. He also conducted elections for the 30,000 State employees under the new act. His experience in the area of State employee union negotiations is invaluable and his colleagues and coworkers rely on his encyclopedic knowledge of the labor board processes and procedures.

Over the course of his career, Jack has become one of the most highly respected and admired people in the labor relations field. The fact that both advocates for both labor and management frequently call for his advice and counsel, speaks volumes about his reputation. Everyone who knows Jack seems to recall one thing in particular when asked about him and his career. They recall his integrity and sense of fairness. They also talk about Jack's commitment to settling disputes and bringing sides together. Under his leadership, the board has boasted an 87-percent settlement rate for the 1,000 cases they handle per year.

I have been told that as word of Jack's retirement made its way through the State, everyone who heard asked "What are we going to do without Jack?" What is absolutely clear is Jack's commitment to doing his job well so that both labor and management come out ahead.

I am proud to join the entire labor community in congratulating Jack as he retires. He has continually demonstrated his commitment to service. He should take great pride in this moment and enjoy a much deserved tribute. I know that he will continue to do great things in his retirement. I wish him many years of good health and happiness. He truly deserves it.

KILDEE HONORS PAULINE PRYOR

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to rise before my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to pay tribute to an outstanding woman from my hometown of Flint, MI, Ms. Pauline Pryor who is retiring from the Flint Branch of Michigan National Bank after 33 years of service. Ms. Pryor has served as the assistant vice president of the Community Development Office for the past 10 years.

As the assistant vice president of the Community Development Office, Ms. Pryor's professionalism and integrity were instrumental in securing many of the much needed investments in the Flint community. Ms. Pryor believed in the need to rebuild our city through new opportunities in jobs and housing. It is a privilege to know such a dedicated, active, and concerned human being as Ms. Pryor.

Ms. Pryor is also an active member of the Foss Avenue Baptist Church in Flint. Through her volunteer work with her church, she continues to promote the prosperity of the surrounding communities even after her formal workday. Ms. Pryor has contributed in every aspect of her church: from being a Sunday school teacher to serving as the church treasurer. As a result of both her professional and personal devotion, Ms. Pryor has received numerous distinguished service awards in our community over the years.

Mr. Speaker, it is indeed an honor and a pleasure for me to rise today before my colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Pauline Pryor. She is a woman of high moral character committed to improving the welfare and dignity of those in need. I wish her many years of joy in her retirement.

**TRIBUTE TO LILLIAN HECKER
FREED**

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lillian Hecker Freed, a dedicated community leader who is being honored as an inductee into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

Lillian Hecker Freed has been a champion for those less fortunate and a political activist since she was a teenager. She became her employer's first female departmental supervisor in the 1950's, and was a leader in her company, encouraging and assisting other women. She was a peace activist during the Vietnam war and led union opposition to racial discrimination in San Francisco. Lillian Hecker Freed is now 80 years of age, and gives generously of her time and talents to the San Mateo Central Labor Council, the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, the Contra Costa Hills Conservation Club, the Peace Action Association, the Talmalpais Conservation Club, and the California Alpine Club. She is president of the Federation of Retired Union Members and continues her valiant fight for social justice.

Mr. Speaker, Lillian Hecker Freed is an outstanding citizen and I salute her for her remarkable contributions and commitment to our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and congratulating her on being inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

REMEMBERING THE RAJAH

HON. JULIA CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mrs. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, Indianapolis lost one of its outstanding citizens last Tuesday. He was Roger Brown, the first player ever signed to the Indiana Pacers and a pillar of the Indianapolis community following his basketball career.

A graduate of the University of Dayton, Mr. Brown was the third all-time leading scorer for the Pacers, scoring 10,058 points over his career in the American Basketball Association. Had it not been for a gambling scandal during his college career, which he was cleared of, Roger (The Rajah) Brown would be in basketball's Hall of Fame.

Those who saw him play consider him one of the best to play the game. Oscar Robertson, himself a NBA star and a native of Indianapolis, advised the Pacer organization to seek out Brown in the early 1970's and sign him to the team.

Yet Mr. Brown was not merely one of the best to play the game. He also contributed much to his inherited community of Indianapolis. He served as a city-county councilman and worked with local law enforcement officials to improve Indianapolis' streets and help protect our young people.

The community remembered him for this as well. When Mr. Brown was diagnosed with cancer of the liver, he was faced with mounting medical bills due to his lack of medical

coverage. The community of Indianapolis chipped in, with teammates, fans, and local businesses helping the Rajah pay for his medical care.

Perhaps the most poignant testimony of Roger Brown was his statement after learning about his cancer. "If I was to die tomorrow, I've lived a hell of a life," said Mr. Brown. "I've dealt with my mortality. I did that coming out of Brooklyn, because you don't know if you're going to make it to the next day. The quality of life is what's important, because everybody's got to go."

Mr. Speaker, perhaps this body could learn a little from Roger Brown, a person who lived his life unassumingly but understood that in the end, it was the value of a life well-lived that mattered the most. For Mr. Brown, we should continue to look for ways to ensure that all have the quality of life they deserve. In the words of Pacers coach Larry Brown, "we have lost a good friend."

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, on February 27, 1997, I reintroduced legislation, H.R. 897, that would require the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to take advantage of abandoned and underutilized buildings and grounds in economically depressed areas of the country when selecting new site facilities. I ask all of my colleagues to become cosponsors of H.R. 897.

In this age of reinvestment in our large cities, programs such as enterprise zones and HUD grants offer economically depressed communities the opportunity to pick themselves up and forge ahead with their recovery. However, Federal agencies, such as NASA, should look at those same communities when looking to expand their facilities. Much like a major sports team, NASA expansion into an economically depressed area would boost the area's financial status, self esteem, and morale. Often these last two items simply cannot be fixed with a simple government-sponsored grant.

H.R. 897 would also allow older buildings and underused facilities in decaying cities the chance to be fully utilized, thereby furthering the economic and cosmetic recovery of those cities. And because those facilities would already be in place, NASA would not have to spend a fortune on constructing all new buildings and support infrastructure.

Mr. Speaker, NASA's operations should not just be something we see pictures of on television. Once again, I urge all House Members to cosponsor H.R. 897.

TRIBUTE TO JOANNE RON
GILBERT

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Joanne Ron Gilbert, a dedicated com-

munity leader who is being honored as an inductee into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

Joanne Ron Gilbert is an educator who specializes in at risk students. According to her nomination, she "has received no formal awards, but is recognized by those who know her as someone who has transformed lives." Transferred from Detroit to San Mateo County in 1984, newly divorced with a teenaged son, her job was soon eliminated. She worked out a homesharing plan to provide her son with a secure environment, returned to school to earn a teaching credential, got a full-time teaching job, and developed a private tutoring practice. She also managed to volunteer as a landlord-tenant dispute mediator, coordinate events for the Jazz for the Homeless Program, and worked in local political campaigns. As a member of the county Human Relations Commission, she developed the first and only County Hate Crimes Conference. In 1992, finally able to buy her own condominium and seeing her son enter law school, she was diagnosed with thyroid cancer. During her battle with this disease, which left her voiceless and unable to work for 3 months, she maintained correspondence with her students, providing them with support and counsel. Back at work since February 1995, she is taking classes in alternative dispute resolution and educational therapy.

Mr. Speaker, Joanne Ron Gilbert is an outstanding citizen and I salute her for her remarkable contributions and commitment to our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and congratulating her on being inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ST. JOSEPH
PARISH, LEBANON, IL

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I want to ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to St. Joseph Parish in Lebanon, IL, which is celebrating its 135th anniversary this month. For over a century, St. Joseph Parish has provided essential services to its parishioners, local residents, and to communities throughout the diocese through a number of organizations and programs.

Locally, St. Joseph Parish works with other parishes to provide substantial financial assistance to Christian Home Care Services, an ecumenical nonprofit organizations. With the help of St. Joseph's, this group focuses on keeping people in their homes as long as possible by providing low-cost, nonmedical care in the form of companionship, transportation, light housekeeping, and meal preparation for the elderly and disabled in the community. St. Joseph Parish seeks to meet the emotional needs of the community as well through its participation in the family care ministry which helps strengthen individuals and families by providing low-cost counseling. The most immediate needs of local residents are not overlooked by St. Joseph Parish, which also contributes to a local food pantry and provides financial resources to transient individuals, and to individuals needing rental assistance.

The parish's tradition of giving extends well beyond the local community. Through its local chapter of Saint Vincent dePaul, St. Joseph Parish provides children in the neighboring community of East St. Louis with school supplies during the school year and Christmas gifts during the holiday. St. Joseph's also aids the community by donating clothing, furniture, and household items, and has participated in various flood relief efforts in recent years through these means.

St. Joseph's has a rich history of helping others and has become one of the mainstays of this small, close-knit community. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating St. Joseph Parish's parishioners and friends on their 135th anniversary.

HONORING STEPHANIE
CAVANAUGH

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to take this opportunity before the House to congratulate Ms. Stephanie J. Cavanaugh on her 22 years of commitment to the ladies auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars No. 554 in Somerset, PA.

Stephanie has served in a variety of positions within the organization, including four terms as auxiliary president and one term as district president. She has chaired numerous programs, at times while simultaneously serving in her leadership positions or serving her community as president of the Somerset County Council, which she did for two terms. Additionally, she was elected to the high offices of department guard, in 1991, and department president, in 1996. She has garnered numerous awards, including a national award for best promotional materials during her tenure as membership chairman from 1993 to 1994.

Stephanie followed her late father's example of leadership and service to fellow citizens. William S. (Bill) Orban served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and was a founding member and first commander of Post No. 7565 in Hooversville, PA.

Stephanie is also a trained paramedic, has worked with mentally handicapped. In the scenic mountain wilderness of scenic Somerset County, she was a member of the County Sheriff's Department search and rescue team, certified in as a tracker, dog handler, and in rope rescue.

I hope you will all join me in applauding Stephanie Cavanaugh for her stellar achievements in the service of her community and the ladies auxiliary.

TRIBUTE TO MARGARET TAYLOR

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Margaret Taylor, an extraordinary, dedicated community leader who is being honored as an inductee into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.