

many generations. I ask that my colleagues rise with me and applaud this remarkable missionary of change.

HONORING FALLEN VOLUNTEER  
FIREMEN AT THE ELWOOD CITY  
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

**HON. RON KLINK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 22, 1997*

Mr. KLINK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the efforts of volunteer firefighters across the country and to pay special tribute to two courageous members of the Ellwood City Volunteer Fire Department, Paul K. Frederick and David E. Martino, who lost their lives in a tragic blaze 8 years ago.

Volunteer firefighters bring peace of mind to the communities they protect. These courageous, civic-minded individuals have recognized a need and have pledged to serve. They risk their own lives to protect our communities from the devastation and destruction that fire causes.

Paul Frederick and David Martino were two individuals who risked their lives and expected nothing in return. While their passing devastated Ellwood City, it united a small town and allowed their family, friends, and loved ones to reflect upon the lives of these fallen heroes.

Emergency personnel volunteers provide an invaluable service. No price can be put upon the feeling of security that accompanies their presence. We honor men such as Paul Frederick and David Martino for the glory they achieved, but did not seek. We remember those who have sacrificed their lives to save others.

And so, Mr. Speaker, I urge you and all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to rise and pay tribute to the memory of Paul K. Frederick and David E. Martino. Furthermore, I commend the Ellwood City Volunteer and Auxiliary Fire Department for their bravery, dedication, and commitment to their community.

IN MEMORY OF MSGR. JEROME E.  
SCHMIT

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 22, 1997*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, the people of northwest Ohio lost a great man, a giant oak, this past week. Msgr. Jerome E. Schmit, who passed away on Thursday, April 10, 1997. Monsignor was born on December 4, 1910, the youngest of five children. He graduated from St. John's High School in Toledo in 1982, St. John's College in 1932, and attended the Pontifical Josephinum in Worthington, OH, where he studied theology and the Scriptures. He received his masters in social work degree from Catholic University of America in 1941.

Overcoming prejudice about a congenital disability which impaired his speaking ability, Monsignor Schmit overcame his cross and was finally ordained a Catholic priest on June 7, 1941. He received his ordination from Bish-

op Karl J. Alter and, over the years, gained not only the respect but love of his flock.

Early in his career, Monsignor was appointed to Catholic Charities in Toledo, and it was there that he truly made his mark—ministering to the legion of children of our community. Guiding the CYO [Catholic Youth Organization] program, Monsignor Schmit developed an entire youth program under which Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and 600 basketball teams flourished. His leadership made the CYO program a proud institution of the Toledo Catholic Diocese. Property was purchased and developed, programs were expanded ever further, and thousands upon thousands of children have now been served by his ministry. He became the cherished relative to every family whose lives he touched.

In 1942, Monsignor Schmit was asked to take over the Catholic Club, a recreational facility, and was soon named director of Catholic Charities and director of the diocesan youth department. He served the Catholic Club until retiring from the position in 1980.

Not content to limit development of local youth sports and recreation, Monsignor Schmit was a part of the Lucas County rec committee which developed the Lucas County Rec Center. Through the committee's work, the recreation center added baseball diamonds and a pool. During the 1950's, a baseball franchise was purchased, and Monsignor Schmit became the secretary-treasurer of the Toledo Mud Hens Triple A baseball team. Until his death, he was secretary-treasurer of the Lucas County Rec Center.

Elevated to papal chamberlain, he was entitled to the title Monsignor in 1954. In 1963, he was elevated to domestic prelate. Associate pastor at St. Patrick's Historic Church from 1951 until 1968, Monsignor Schmit was named the church's pastor in 1968. He retired—but only officially—from those duties in 1981.

Monsignor Schmit's achievements and recognitions are too numerous to mention. In addition to those described above, a few of these include: founder of the council of Catholic men in 1945; awarded the city of Toledo Recreation Award in 1954 for his outstanding contributions to amateur athletics; awarded the Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts of America, whom he served as chaplain, in 1952; member of the Old Newsboys Goodfellows; receipt of the American Red Cross Distinguished Service Award in 1963; St. John's Alumni 1975 Man of the Year; awarded outstanding service as chaplain of the Toledo police department for 25 years in 1980; induction into the Toledo City Athletic League Hall of Fame in 1984; board member of the Toledo Legal Aid Society; founder of the Baseball Hall of Fame in Maumee, OH; founder of the Shoe Bowl football competition; charter member of the Catholic Better Community Development Corp. which provides housing for elderly, disabled, and low-income people; and chaplain of the Catholic War Vet's Logsdon Walla Post.

A man of quiet dignity yet truly profound inspiration and with a wry sense of humor, Monsignor Schmit will be greatly missed. He left our community a magnificent legacy, perhaps best described in his obituary; "Monsignor Schmit's energy, inventiveness, and dedication to the ideal of service has touched virtually every facet of our community's life." He "inspired hundreds of young people to lead wholesome, Christian lives."

Monsignor Schmit was preceded in death by his family: parents Henry and Minnie Schmit; brothers Rev. John Schmit, Rev. George Schmit, and Dr. Bernard Schmit; and sister Ursula Schmit. However, he leaves behind the family of our community, and we will miss his effervescence, his devout faithfulness, his humble manner. Monsignor Schmit epitomized a life well-spent. Godspeed, good and faithful servant.

IN HONOR OF WAYNE STATE UNI-  
VERSITY'S PRESIDENT, DAVID  
ADAMANY

**HON. CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 22, 1997*

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute, honor, and dedication to the work and devotion of Dr. David Adamany, of Wayne State University. Wayne State University, located in the city of Detroit, MI, and in the 15th Congressional District, has produced many illustrious graduates serving our Nation in all aspects, large and small. Dr. Adamany will soon retire as president of Wayne State University. I wanted to take this opportunity to let my colleagues, the people of the great State of Michigan and the citizens of our country, to know of but a few of the stellar advances that Wayne State University have made under the skilled leadership of Dr. Adamany. Dr. Adamany has devoted 15 years of his life serving as president of Wayne State University—the longest serving president at Wayne State University. His retirement will be a significant loss to the university.

Under Dr. Adamany's leadership, Wayne State University joined the ranks of the Carnegie Foundation's top rank of national research universities. At the same time, Wayne State University remained committed to promoting racial equality, ranking with nine historically black colleges and universities among the 10 institutions that award the largest number of bachelor's degrees to African-Americans. Such achievements were largely made possible by the dedication of President Adamany. He is a person of diverse talents, extraordinary intelligence, profound vision, and boundless energy for turning that vision into reality. That reality is embodied in Wayne State University—a university that has succeeded in providing quality education at an affordable price to women and men of every class, station, race, religion, nationality, age, and personal lifestyle who would otherwise have no such opportunity. This commitment to providing the greatest possible access to all individuals seeking higher learning has been driven by Dr. Adamany's deeply held belief in opportunity and democracy.

In addition to his leadership in academic excellence, he has established Wayne State University as an important contributor to the economic revitalization of the city of Detroit and its residents. Indeed, with over \$62 million in service programs and over \$250 million in campus development, Dr. Adamany has led Wayne State University in pursuing policies that have served broader community interests as well as the university's own interests.

It is my honor and privilege to congratulate Dr. David Adamany, president of Wayne State