

Dick Leshner's energy and vision has transformed the direction and thinking of the chamber leading to the creation of the most advanced and effective communications network of any business organization. With television facilities producing daily and weekly syndicated business programming, satellite training seminars and televised town-hall meetings. Her chartered the National Chamber Litigation Center, a public policy legal arm, that widely represents business interest in the Federal courts with great success. And, he created an extensive pro-business, proactive and powerful grassroots legislative-action network throughout the country to track, rank and hold Members of Congress accountable for their voting record on business issues. Dr. Leshner's accomplishments were honored in March 1994 when association Trends presented him with their Executive of the Year Award for " * * * the dynamic leadership that he has brought in sharpening the focus of the chamber and broadening its activities."

Dr. Leshner has been a great leader and a forceful spokesman for business and I urge my colleagues to join with me in congratulating Dr. Leshner for his years of service and wishing him a long, happy, and healthy retirement.

A TRIBUTE TO MRS. RUTH LYNCH

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 1997

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to a great woman. I call her great because she has always known the value of giving back to the community by using her artistic ability for the betterment of others. The woman of whom I am speaking is Mrs. Cornelius (Ruth) Lynch, a resident of South Glens Falls, NY. Mrs. Lynch will be honored by the Historical Society of Moreau and South Glens Falls for her 80 years as an artist on August 17, 1997.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Lynch was born in Indiana, but spent her early years in Florida. While in Florida, Mrs. Lynch received her artistic training at the Miami Art School. She later studied at the Hyde Museum under Joseph Dodge and Frank Murone where she further developed her artistic abilities. Mrs. Lynch distinguished herself as an animator for the Fleicher Studios completing work on such full length films as, "Gulliver's Travels" and "Mr. Bugs Goes to Town," not to mention work on famous cartoons like Popeye and Betty Boop. But Mr. Speaker, although any other artist would have been satisfied with these accomplishments, Mrs. Lynch has continually sought to use her artistic inclination to help others while avoiding the spotlight herself.

Mr. Speaker, it is this side of Mrs. Lynch that makes her so special to the South Glens Falls community. Her benevolent record began during World War II, where she helped to produce training films for the Army Signal Corps Photographic Center on Long Island. Mrs. Lynch was only too happy to do her part in this noble effort. After her marriage to Cornelius Lynch, Ruth moved to New York and continued her good work. Her work for the community extended to numerous areas, whether it be designing Christmas cards for

UNICEF, or teaching schoolchildren the art of cartooning through the ATTIC [Art Techniques To Inspire Children] program, Mrs. Lynch has always given her time, talents, and energies in a selfless manner.

Actions like these are what makes Mrs. Ruth Lynch a pillar of the South Glens Falls community. Mrs. Lynch, who remains an active member of the Historical Society of Moreau and South Glens Falls, is indeed a model we would all do well to emulate. An example of one who helped others, and whose artwork brought enjoyment to many, I wish to personally offer my congratulations to this great American. On that note, Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and all Members of this House rise and join me in this tribute to Mrs. Lynch.

HONORING THE BRONX

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 1997

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise not to praise a person, but rather the spirit of a group of people—the residents of the Bronx.

My borough, where I was born, live and which I am proud now to represent in the House of Representatives, became a regular stop in Presidential politics as a symbol of inner city decay and was nationally televised during a World Series game as burning. The borough became an example of desolation for Hollywood. When people said Bronx Zoo they meant it as a term of derision, not the world famous facility it is.

But throughout it all the people of the Bronx knew how to work with sparse resources, how to work together, and how to go the distance.

Community groups joined to make the most of what was available. Through their perseverance they showed what could be accomplished by keeping their eye on the prize and not on the distractions.

The hard work of our people showed they cared deeply about their home county. They worked on the problems that plague all American cities: crime, poverty, inadequate education, and homelessness among others.

They worked for 20 years and their work has now been recognized by the National Civic League and the Allstate Foundation which named the Bronx one of 10 All American Cities.

Now the world knows what we Bronxites have known for a while—the Bronx is back and better than ever. Being named an All American City is a cheer for the Bronx from the rest of the country which is richly deserved.

HONORING SHERIFF YOUNG

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 1997

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it has been 6 months since Hunt County Sheriff Bobby Young retired, and I hope that he is finally able to enjoy some peace and quiet after serving 20 years as the chief law enforcement officer of Hunt County. He was and is a close

friend of mine, and I have always enjoyed every contact I had with Bobby.

Sheriff Young occupied that office longer than any other Hunt County sheriff, having first been elected in 1976. During his tenure the old jail in the Hunt County Courthouse was replaced by the Hunt County Criminal Justice Center, and his department grew over the years in an effort to provide more protection for the 840-square-mile area of jurisdiction for which he was responsible. Despite these accomplishments, Sheriff Young notes that there is still much more that needs to be done. His successor, Don Anderson, will have that opportunity.

Sheriff Young spent much of his life maintaining law and order in Hunt County and protecting its citizens—and they rewarded him for his efforts by continuing to re-elect him for 20 years. Mr. Speaker, law enforcement officials like Sheriff Young not only uphold the peace—they uphold the principles of justice and liberty that define our way of life. They are often the unsung heroes of our communities, so I am honored today to salute this legendary law enforcement officer of Hunt County and to wish him well in his retirement. As we adjourn Congress this day, let us do so in honor of and with great personal thanks to Sheriff Bobby Young.

THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL— GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE VACANCY

HON. NEWT GINGRICH

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 1997

Mr. GINGRICH. Mr. Speaker, before leaving for the August recess, I want to address the House briefly on the matter of the vacancy in the Office of the Comptroller General. The General Accounting Office is a vital organization to the Congress, and the person selected to head the GAO must have the confidence of both the majority and minority. When a vacancy occurs, a commission is established by statute to consider and recommend candidates to the White House. The members of this commission are: the Speaker of the House, the President pro tempore of the Senate, the majority and minority leaders in the House and Senate, and the chairman and ranking member of the House Committee on Government Reform and Oversight and the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee.

Members should be advised that the commission has been organized on a bipartisan, bicameral basis, and we are moving forward. Based on the precedent of alternating between Houses, I will serve as vice chair of the commission and the majority leader of the Senate will serve as chair. There are a number of candidates who have already expressed their interest in the Comptroller General position, but I wanted to put all Members on notice that we are open to additional candidates and recommendations. If any Member knows of someone interested in being considered for the position, please advise one or more of the members of the commission as soon as possible to ensure that the commission has an opportunity to consider all qualified candidates.