

have done on behalf of women and children in my State.

WIC is a proven program that efficiently, effectively, and humanely helps children and families by providing food for pregnant women, breast-feeding women, and young children. Participants meet with a professional nutritionist who assess their nutrition needs, then issues coupons that may be redeemed at local supermarkets for products such as milk, infant formula, baby food, cereal, and other nutritious food. Unlike food stamps, the coupons can be used only for specific products—a coupon for a gallon of milk cannot be used to purchase snack food or candy, for example. The GAO says that for every \$1 spent on WIC, America realizes \$3.50 in savings on health care costs during the most important formative years of childhood. WIC means healthy mothers and healthy babies. In this, the most technologically advanced nation in the world, we cannot allow children to go to bed hungry.

In addition, WIC is a major Federal program that has endured none of the scandals that have plagued so many programs. It is most efficiently run. Yet this program has come under the threat of cuts repeatedly in recent years. I have had to fight to eliminate a cap on the number of participants and to restore cut funding in the last two Congresses. Further attacks on this program will not be left unanswered. Cutting WIC is literally a matter of taking food out of the mouths of babies.

I had the pleasure of visiting St. Joseph's recently to meet with both professional providers of services and the women who benefit from the program. It is clearly one of the best-run WIC clinics in existence and participants truly appreciate the assistance they receive. It shows that WIC funding is, in fact, well spent.

Founded in 1978, St. Joseph's is the largest WIC program in the State. With 19,000 clients per month, it serves residents of Bergen, Morris, and Passaic counties at 23 facilities across the tricounty area. Sites include hospitals, Health Department offices, community centers, Head Start programs and other social service agencies—locations where low-income mothers are present and able to learn of the services offered by the program. One clinic is located in a Paterson storefront and another is a mobile WIC on Wheels to enhance outreach.

In addition to its wide variety of locations, St. Joseph's takes other steps to make WIC services accessible. The main office in Paterson is open three evenings a week and the storefront office in Paterson is open Saturdays. If funding becomes available, extended hours may be offered at other locations as well. The staff reflects the cultural and ethnic mix of the programs participants, including speakers of Spanish, French, Italian, and Arabic. Outreach programs are conducted with Hispanic and African-American grassroots organizations and an Arab community liaison.

the clinic also promotes breast-feeding with a lactation consultant and two lactation peer counselors who visit new mothers in hospitals and follow up with telephone calls and home visits as necessary. Breast pumps and other supplies are offered at no cost.

The clinic provides a wide variety of other services, including immunization registry and referral; referrals to other health and social services agencies such as substance abuse and food pantries; and special education pro-

grams such as dental hygiene, child safety, and parenting. The clinic is also a training site for student nutritionists from Montclair State University and other colleges.

Nationwide, more than 7 million women, infants, and children depend on WIC for nutrition assistance. St. Joseph's is one of the most outstanding centers in that national network. This is one of the most efficient and effective programs our Government has to offer. And it is the type of program the government should offer—real help with real problems for people unable to help themselves. Never let us take the food out of the mouths of babies.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN J. GRADY

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 28, 1997

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of John J. Grady, a constituent, a community leader, and a good friend who passed away this month.

Jack Grady, born in Springfield, IL, came to Washington to attend Catholic University. Although he returned to Illinois briefly, he called Montgomery County home for most of his life, and with his wife Patricia, raised his wonderful family here. He had a distinguished career in government and business, and he contributed to the community life of the entire Washington metropolitan area.

A former FBI agent, Jack also worked for the Foreign Operations Administration, first as the inspections division director and then in recruitment. He later became deputy to the Assistant Air Force Secretary and then deputy director of the International Cooperation Administration.

Jack was twice the recipient of the Air Force Exceptional Civilian Service Award and was presented the prestigious Arthur S. Flemming Award, given to the top 10 government workers under the age of 40. After leaving government service, he served as vice president of Carl M. Freeman Associates and head of its management company. In 1965, he founded Grady Management Inc., a firm that today employs 400 people and manages 12,000 apartments, as well as commercial buildings, in the Washington-Baltimore area.

Jack also served with dedication on the boards of the Apartment Home Council, the Apartment Owners and Builders Association, and the Century National Bank. A member of the John Carroll Society and the Knights of Malta, Jack also contributed his many talents and gifts to the board of trustees of Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring.

Above all, Jack was devoted to his friends and especially his family. My husband and I have precious memories of celebrating Pat and Jack's 50th wedding anniversary 4 years ago. The outpouring of love was moving and inspiring. Jack will "live on in love."

I offer condolences to his wife Pat, sons Kevin and John III, and his daughters Cheryl and Jan.

Mr. Speaker, I honor the memory of John J. Grady, a man who touched the lives of many people and a man who will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FLORIDA MARLINS

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 28, 1997

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Florida Marlins for having won the 1997 World Series Championship. Created by Wayne Huizenga, administered by Don Smiley, built by Dave Dombrowski, and managed by Jim Leyland, this young team achieved the top honor, to which 28 teams aspire, in just 5 years. By reaching the World Series in record time, the Florida Marlins is the youngest franchise ever to win the World Series and has thus assured itself a place in history.

Before this reason, the Florida Marlins had never been in the play-offs. Throughout the 1997 division series, however, they never trailed in games won. They initiated their quest by overpowering the San Francisco Giants and then went on to win the National League Championship Series by upsetting the Atlanta Braves. Then, in a dramatic, extra-inning, seventh game, they defeated the Cleveland Indians to become the 1997 World Series champions. Within 5 years, the Florida Marlins attained a monumental goal that has historically taken championship teams decades to accomplish.

The 25 players who achieved this feat are: Kurt Abbott, Moises Alou, Antonio Alfonseca, Alex Arias, Bobby Bonilla, Kevin Brown, John Cangelosi, Jeff Conine, Dennis Cook, Craig Counsell, Darren Daulton, Jim Eisenreich, Alex Fernandez, Cliff Floyd, Felix Heredia, Livan Hernandez, Charles Johnson, Al Leiter, and Greg Zaun.

The Marlins' victory was a victory for all Floridians. In a community as diverse as ours, people from different backgrounds have united in their admiration and pride for our baseball team. I applaud the athletic prowess of these men and commend the dedicated efforts of their coaches and manager. I know that the Florida Marlins will continue to give Floridians as a spirit of unity and strength in years to come and look forward to another championship season in 1998.

TRIBUTE TO BECK MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON ITS 183d ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 28, 1997

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Beck Memorial Presbyterian Church, a South Bronx landmark that on October 26, 1997, celebrated its 183d anniversary in a worship service. The theme for the service was "Standing on the Promises."

Beck Memorial Presbyterian Church was founded in August 31, 1814 as West Farms Presbyterian Church, in the West Farms School House on the west side of Boston Road. The present church, directly opposite the original building, was constructed with a legacy from Charles B. Beck and dedicated on October 29, 1905. Beck has seen the South