

little hometown which has a sign greeting you as you enter the borough: "Everett's Churches Welcome You", reflecting the value of religion and faith in our community.

Bob Robertson's guidance and sense of vision has been a rock on which the town has built itself as a great place to live and work. Bob is a selfless man who always puts the welfare of others in front of his own. His wife, Barbara, and their children have also played a key role in making our community a better place to live. I personally know of many of his good deeds to help people in need, deeds which have never been publicized but have touched the lives and hearts of many. He is an unsung hero who exemplifies the best there is in those who have dedicated their lives to their God, their church, and the people they serve.

TRIBUTE TO A.G. "BUD"  
HARRISON

**HON. TOM LANTOS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 31, 1997*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege and honor to pay tribute to the exceptional public service career of my dear friend and one of San Mateo County's most dedicated public servants, A.G. "Bud" Harrison, upon his retirement from the Burlington City Council. His extraordinary devotion to serving his community, as well as his longtime commitment to educating young people about the importance of civic involvement, make him a genuine hero to all of us who care about the Bay Area.

Bud's strong belief in public service is rooted in his background and has been proven repeatedly throughout the course of his 67 years. Born in San Francisco, his future political intentions were foreshadowed at a young age when his classmates at Balboa High School elected Bud president of the senior class. After his graduation in 1948, he volunteered for a far more meaningful type of service in the U.S. Air Force. Bud spent 4 years in the military, aided his country during the Korean war, and was discharged in 1952 as a staff sergeant.

After his military career ended, Bud enrolled at the University of San Francisco, where he graduated in 1957 with a secondary teaching credential. It was then that he began his career which was destined to influence the lives of literally thousands of young men and women, as he became a political science teacher at Capachino High School.

Both of my daughters, Annette and Katrina, were privileged to be among those fortunate students in Bud's classes, and they recall his lessons with great fondness and appreciation. Remembered Annette: "In a time of great cynicism, he infused his pupils with a strong sense of civic activism and an appreciation for the remarkable role of politics in America." Katrina described Bud's "enthusiastic spirit which imbued his students with a love of public service."

In Bud's 33 years at Capachino High School, and in his 16 years as a political science instructor at the College of San Mateo, he made a lasting contribution not only to lives of thousands of young people but also to the success and stability of our democratic

system of government. For this, Mr. Speaker, we are all in his debt.

Bud's most significant lessons were those of his own example. He did not preach mere platitudes about public service to his students; rather, he was an inspiring example of the impact that a sole individual can have by becoming involved in his or her community. His 35-year career spanned a wide variety of local offices and an even broader array of well-represented and appreciative constituents. The citizens of Burlingame elected Bud to three terms as their mayor, as well as to 12 years of service as a city councilman. In addition, Bud worked tirelessly as a San Mateo County supervisor, as a Burlingame planning commissioner, civil service commissioner, and a member of the Library Board of Trustees, and as a longtime member of the board of directors of ReCare, formerly Easter Seals, and as the director of the San Mateo County Convention and Visitors Bureau, and in a host of other important civic positions.

Through all of these challenging posts, and all of Bud's dynamic efforts to make Burlingame and San Mateo County a better place to live and raise a family, he has been loyally and lovingly supported by his wife of 44 years, Doris, by his four children, Chuck, Mary, Terry, and Cheri, and by his six grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, as Bud Harrison's distinguished career in public service comes to a conclusion with his retirement from the Burlingame City Council, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to this outstanding man, an example of the best that our communities have to offer, and a true role model to all those he has taught in his classes and in his life of community activism.

EDUCATION: A COMMUNITY  
AFFAIR

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 31, 1997*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 16th Annual Community Education Day to be observed on Tuesday, November 18, 1997. In my hometown of Flint, MI the day will be celebrated at a breakfast meeting for more than 300 people. Hosted by the Genesee Area Community Education Association and the National Center for Community Education, the program will be keynoted by my very dear friend, Dorothy Reynolds, President of the Community Foundation of Greater Flint.

"Education: A Community Affair," is the theme of this year's celebration. Sponsored by the National Community Education Association (NCEA), this special day was established in 1982 to recognize and promote strong working partnerships between schools and communities.

Community Education Day in 1997 focuses on the importance of community members and institutions working together to not only support schools and enhance learning opportunities for students but to provide those opportunities for everyone. The learning community in turn is empowered to build and maintain the support systems—social, economic, health—that make it a nurturing, caring vital place, a place where communities can prosper.

National Community Education Day is co-sponsored by over 35 national organizations, among them the American Association of School Administrators, the National Civil League, the Children's Aid Society, the U.S. Department of Education, and Youth Service America.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues in the House of Representatives to acknowledge the contributions that community education has made to millions of children and families. I am proud that the National Center for Community Education is located in my hometown of Flint. I applaud the efforts of Mr. Daniel Cady and the staff at the center for their commitment to education partnerships. We well know that when educators, families, and communities work together, schools get better. As a result, students get the high quality education they need to lead productive lives. Our children deserve nothing less.

TO THANK AMBASSADOR COWSIK  
FOR AN EXCELLENT JOB

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 31, 1997*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, the Washington diplomatic corps is about to lose one of its brightest lights with the departure of Shymala B. Cowsik, the Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of India. Ms. Cowsik will soon conclude her distinguished 2-year tour of duty in the United States. In her all too brief tenure, Ambassador Cowsik has been a force in the steadily improving relations between the world's two largest democracies, India and the United States.

Mr. Speaker, Ambassador Cowsik has been no stranger to Capitol Hill during her tenure. She has worked tirelessly to educate Members of Congress and their staff about the ongoing economic liberalization process in India, and the possibilities for an ever closer relationship in the fields of trade and investment. Of course, international relations are not just based on economic factors, and Ambassador Cowsik has played a major role in helping to guide a complex and expanding bilateral relationship based on shared values of democracy and human rights, respect for the rule of law, and a growing appreciation for the cultures and traditions of each other's country.

Ambassador Cowsik has had an eminent career in India's Foreign Service. She has served as India's Ambassador to the Philippines, and has held major posts in Thailand and Yugoslavia. She now moves on to serve as India's Ambassador to Cyprus.

As the co-chairman of the Congressional Caucus on India and Indian-Americans, and as a Member of Congress representing one of the largest Indian-American communities in the United States, I consider ties between the United States and India to be of the utmost importance in our Nation's foreign policy. While we still have a ways to go to give Indo-United States ties the priority they deserve, the momentum is clearly moving in the right direction. In the last 2 years, those efforts have made giant strides, and the excellent work of Ambassador Cowsik has played a major role. We will miss her, even as we wish her every success in continuing to represent