

when the number of nesting pairs of cormorants dropped by 86 percent. Concentrations of DDE and PCB, both persistent toxic substances, decreased in cormorant eggs by more than 80 percent between 1971 and 1989. Concentrations of chlorinated compounds, such as dioxins and furans which are used in the bleaching process of pulp and paper mills, have decreased in the Great Lakes by 90 percent since the late 1980's.

On November 1, 1997, in Niagara Falls, NY, the International Joint Commission, with Canada and the United States, celebrated the 25th anniversary of the GLWQA. This event was attended by many people in the Great Lakes community hailing from United States and Canadian Government agencies, environmental organizations, public interest groups, and industry. The key speakers at the celebration were Deputy Secretary John Garamendi, United States Department of Interior, and the Honorable John Fraser, Canadian Environment Ambassador, as well as a member of my staff, Mr. Brett Kaull.

At this landmark anniversary of the GLWQA, we must not rest on the laurels of the accomplishments of the past, for there is still much to be done to restore the environment of the Great Lakes. This effort will require vigilance and commitment from the United States and Canada, Federal and local governments, industry, and the public. In 1999, the United States and Canada will review the agreement's objectives and terms to determine whether to update its scope. Let us continue to work together in a concerted effort to achieve the goal of bringing back the Great Lakes to their former preeminence as a natural resource to be enjoyed for generations.

#### TRIBUTE TO RODGER MEIER

### HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 12, 1997*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a constituent and good friend Mr. Rodger Meier, this year's recipient of the Russell H. Perry Free Enterprise Award. It is very difficult to be brief when paying tribute to Rodger Meier, a man who has championed so many noble causes.

I know him as an advocate of entrepreneurial initiatives, community service and public policy issues that has produced opportunities for the citizens of Dallas. The Wright amendment was established to protect the economic opportunities and financial well-being of the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport. Rodger was right there and never fails to express his feelings about keeping the economy strong in the Dallas area.

In addition, he is a long-time supporter of DART and has led to my constituents enjoying better transportation and environmental opportunities while producing more dollars for area businesses and allowing passengers to reach key destinations without clogging our highways and freeways.

And so, it is truly fitting that he is being honored this year with the Russell H. Perry Free Enterprise Award. This award salutes entrepreneurial spirit and how it fosters opportunities, service, and civic responsibility. After all,

Rodger embodies all of these traits. And I shall never forget how he worked so hard and put in all of his efforts in passing into law, the 1985 education bond election. It was critical and he was there.

He was there because he believed in education and that no child should be left behind and that all children must be included in education. Rodger is just so good in every area and he really understands the needs for all of the people. And in addition to all his caring, he has been the No. 1 Cadillac salesperson in all of the country, and we all like Cadillacs.

I first met Rodger when we both were on the board of trustees at Texas Christian University where we both graduated from. And that friendship will never end. I have so much respect for him as a husband, father, Christian man and civic person extraordinaire. In addition to a few things that I have pointed out, Rodger is involved in so many more. He never forgets the young people, whether handicapped or not.

He never forgets to be caring as it relates to any issue and I think that the committee has decided this year to give honor to the award by citing Rodger Meier.

It is my pleasure to congratulate you Rodger, and in addition to congratulating you, I thank you. I thank you for all that you have done to make this world a better place and to make Dallas a better community. The award does itself honor in honoring you. I thank the awards committee. Rodger, my friend you have earned it, you deserve it and I hope that you enjoy it.

#### HONORING ADAM ARLEN

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 12, 1997*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Adam Arlen, a pioneer in providing community living for people with mental disabilities.

Mr. Arlen was born in Poland where he was educated in economics. After experiencing years of hardship during World War II and the oppression of the subsequent Communist government, in a dramatic personal adventure, he escaped to the United States to start a new life in 1966.

During his first years in America, following formal training, Adam Arlen became a nursing home administrator. In the early 1970's, seeing that large numbers of individuals with mental illnesses were being discharged from State hospitals into the community with inadequate aftercare, he pioneered the development of this type of community living in New York State. For almost two decades, he stood out among his colleagues as a supporter of the highest quality of services for individuals under his care. In his role as advocate, he testified before legislative and administrative bodies and supported the creation of award-winning mental health programs. As a founding member of the Institute of Community Living's Board of Directors, he has continued to speak out on behalf of those with mental disabilities offering unique and practical advice that stems from his special personal history and as well as professional interests.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the zealous and faithful advocacy of Adam Arlen on behalf of individuals with mental disabilities.

PATRICIA STARK OF RIVERHEAD, SELECTED AS PERSON OF THE YEAR

### HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 12, 1997*

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my friends and neighbors on eastern Long Island as we pay tribute to Patricia Stark, of Riverhead, in honor of her designation as 1997's Person of the Year by the Paumanok District of the Suffolk County Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Pat Stark's good work is so extensive, it might be more apt to declare her Person of the Decade. She is being honored by the Suffolk County Boy Scouts because they recognize her selfless and seemingly endless contributions of time and energy to the entire Riverhead community. Pat has worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for all her neighbors, whether through supporting the arts, beautifying our community, improving education, protecting the environment, or preserving her hometown's historic legacy.

After a career in education where she taught in several Long Island schools, Pat has directed her talents to private business and is now the vice president of Storage Town East. But she is most loved and respected for her tremendous pride in her community, one that has inspired her devotion to Riverhead. Pat founded the Riverhead Country Fair, serving as the event's cochair for 7 years, with the goal of the focusing the townspeople's attention on the special gifts of the Peconic River. With the help of her friends and neighbors, that purpose was attained and today the riverfront has come alive with the bustle of boaters, fishermen, residents, and tourists.

Pat also served as chairperson of Riverhead Townscape, an organization responsible for allocating the funds raised by the fair on beautification projects. Some of the beneficiaries those efforts include the Peconic Riverfront, Lombardi Park, the flower boxes, trees and plantings along Main Street, plantings in Grangebel Park, the gardens and grounds of the East End Arts Council, and the Riverhead Preservation and Landmark Society.

Pat's other efforts includes serving as cochair of the East End Arts Council's Suffolk Theater advisory committee, the Riverhead Business Improvement District's downtown planning strategies committee, and as president of the Riverhead Revitalization and Preservation Corp., which has just completed a vital historic restoration project on Roanoke Avenue.

Completing her prodigious list of volunteer efforts, Pat is a member of the advisory board of the Hallockville historic site, serves as director of Confraternity of Christian Doctrine for St. John's Roman Catholic Church and is still a prodigious fundraiser for many local non-profit organizations. Patricia has been recognized in the Senate by AL D'AMATO for her efforts in housing restoration and it is altogether fitting that the House of Representatives honor her contributions.

That is why, Mr. Speaker, that I ask my colleagues in the House to join me honoring Patricia Stark and recognize her commitment to promoting and protecting the quality of life of Riverhead and the entire east end of Long Island, for her family and for her community. We