

the example set by James Casale, this year's canned food drive more than doubled that amount, raising 3,445 cans.

James had seen people in the newspaper and on television who needed help, so he simply did what he could to help them. When asked why he made such a generous donation, James said that he did for poor people. Wouldn't it be wonderful if everyone who saw a need did what they could and stepped in to fill the void? Too many of us say "I don't have the time," or "I can't afford it", yet James gave freely of both his time and money.

I had the opportunity to meet with James on November 21 and present him with a Public Service Certificate in recognition of his outstanding and invaluable service to the community. I was impressed by both the compassion and drive of this young man.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join me in commending seven year old James Casale for setting an example for his classmates and his community.

CHICAGO DEALER HONORED BY
TIME MAGAZINE—STANLEY
BALZEKAS, JR.

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 11, 1998

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor a fine businessman of the automobile industry, Mr. Stanley Balzekas, Jr. Mr. Balzekas Jr., a businessman in the Chicagoland area, delivers great service to families and individuals in the Chicagoland community.

Stanley Balzekas Jr., president of Balzekas Motor Sales, was honored by TIME Magazine with the 29th annual TIME Magazine Quality Dealer Award (TMQDA). Mr. Balzekas received this award on January 31, 1998 for his outstanding business achievements in the automobile industry. As part of the award, TIME Magazine makes an annual grant of scholarship funds to the University of Michigan Business School in the names of TIME, Good-year, the National Automobile Dealers Association, and the TMQDA recipients.

Stanley Balzekas Jr., a native of Chicago, Illinois, began his career in the automobile industry working part time for his father during high school and college. Upon graduation from DePaul University in Chicago, Illinois, and his completion of a masters degree of business and marketing, Mr. Balzekas climbed his way through the ranks to become president of Balzekas Motor Sales. Currently, Stanley Balzekas resides in Chicago with his wife, three children and three wonderful grandchildren.

I would like to extend my congratulations to Mr. Stanley Balzekas Jr. on his great accomplishments as a businessman and friend to the community bringing families and individuals "the American dream" of purchasing a new automobile.

TRIBUTE TO LEONARD W.
ZIOLKOWSKI, SOUTHSIDE AD-
VANCEMENT ASSOCIATIONS'
MAN OF THE YEAR

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 11, 1998

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a remarkable member of my district, as well as a friend of many years, Mr. Leonard W. Ziolkowski, for being named Man of the Year by the Council of South Side Advancement Association of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The Council of South Side Advancement is a civic network that draws from organizations throughout the area to unite the community and encourages involvement from its citizens. One way in which the Council encourages this is through recognition of outstanding members of the community at the Lincoln Day Banquet. As an honoree at this year's banquet, Mr. Ziolkowski personifies the leadership and involvement for which the organization strives.

Len's professional career exhibits remarkable examples of dedication and leadership. Appointed a patrolman in 1950, he was consistently promoted throughout his longstanding career with the Milwaukee Police Department until his retirement in 1986 as inspector of police. He then shared his experience and knowledge as supervisor of the police science program at the Milwaukee Area Technical College. He also has served as a member of the Fire and Police Commission for the City of Milwaukee and director of the Milwaukee Police Academy, which gained national recognition while under his direction.

Currently president of the South Side Business Club and vice-president of St. Joseph's Foundation, Len's leadership transcends his professional career and carries into his community involvement. As a fellow American of Polish descent, Len promotes his heritage by his participation in the Milwaukee Society and the Polish National Alliance. He is also active in the American Society of Law Enforcement Trainers, Law Enforcement Training Officers Assoc., International Narcotics Enforcement Officers Association, and the American Legion post 415.

I ask that you join me in congratulating Len Ziolkowski as he is honored at the Lincoln Day Banquet on February 22nd, 1998.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. CORRIE BELL
MISSOURI

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 11, 1998

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a pillar in our community, Mrs. Corrie Bell Missouri of Columbia, South Carolina, on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

Mrs. Missouri has offered tireless assistance to her community for many years. She visits Pontiac Elementary School annually, where she entertains the students with facts from her "Wonder Years." One of the skills Mrs. Missouri likes to share is her ability to recite the alphabet backwards. She is very active with the Francis Burns Senior Citizens, as well as

with the Zion Canaan Senior Citizens Bible Study.

Mrs. Missouri was born in Richland County, South Carolina, on March 24, 1898, to Wilson and Estelle Bell. Mrs. Missouri is one of six children. Her siblings include William Harry Bell of New York (89 years old), Marion Bell Foster (deceased), Desport Bell (deceased), Essie Dixon (deceased), and James S. Bell (deceased). Family and good values are Mrs. Missouri's most cherished possessions. At an early age she married Bogan C. Missouri (deceased). They had one son, the Reverend Rufus Levi Mosby. She proudly carries the title of great-grandmother and has two granddaughters, Carrie Boyce and Beverly J. Mosby; and one great-grandson, D. "Ray" Boyce.

In her youth, Mrs. Missouri attended school at Zion Canaan Church. In those days, children only went to school for three months so they could help in the fields the remainder of the year. Mrs. Missouri is a member of Zion Canaan Baptist Church, and she enjoys reading the Holy Bible and listening to all types of Christian music. Her favorite Bible scripture is Psalms 100, which calls for Christians to worship and give thanks to the Lord. She encourages the young to "obey your parents. Parents, love and respect your children, and teach your children about the Lord."

On Tuesday, March 24, 1998, family and friends will gather in celebration of Mrs. Missouri's 100th birthday. Please join me in wishing Mrs. Corrie Bell Missouri a prosperous and happy birthday. Mrs. Missouri is truly a living example of the American spirit that our country's flag represents.

PRESERVING THE DISTRICT OF
COLUMBIA'S CHARITABLE ASSETS

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 11, 1998

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, all across the United States, Blue Cross and Blue Shield health insurance plans are changing their stripes through mergers, conversions, other changes in corporate status, or buy-outs. As many of my colleagues know, these changes have triggered debate in many states over the fate of charitable assets of these plans. As one observer put it, "The Blues see green. Consumers see red."

In California, for example, two new foundations have over \$3 billion for health care, courtesy of the Blue Cross conversion. In New Jersey, an appeals court ruled last year that the Blues there are, in fact, "charitable and benevolent." In Texas, the attorney general is in court to block the merger between the Texas and Illinois Blues. In North Carolina, the state legislature set up a study commission to examine the fate of the Blues plan there. In Kansas, the attorney general has filed a claim against the officers and directors of the Blues for breach of their fiduciary duty in connection with their campaign to deny the charitable status of the assets.

Each of these cases demonstrates that the tug-of-war over charitable assets is a state matter. Rarely, if ever, does Congress become involved, though perhaps the time is drawing near for a national examination of these trends.