

who has made the most outstanding contribution to Florida. Dr. Humphries has tirelessly committed his time and energy to promoting the interests of FAMU and making the school and its community what it is today.

Black History Month is a time to celebrate the achievements of African-Americans. Today, in honor of Black History Month, I hope that the citizens of North Florida will take a moment to recognize the work that FAMU and Dr. Humphries have done to make high-quality higher education available to the nation's African-American students.

In addition, I would like to encourage my constituents to take time to participate in Black History Month. Last month, in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, I took part in several programs throughout North Florida to commemorate the legacy of Dr. King. I found these events to be a wonderful way to learn more about the history of our nation's African-American leaders, and also an opportunity to come together with other community members to share in celebration. I greatly enjoyed attending both FAMU and Florida State University's events honoring Dr. King and participating in Jackson County's Day of Service, among other events. I hope that the people of North Florida will use Black History Month as a chance to learn more about the great role that African-Americans play in every facet of our human society; for when we recognize the contributions of each individual to the whole, we can unify to build a more perfect America.

#### THE BROOKLYN IRISH-AMERICAN PARADE

### HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 1998*

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following: Whereas, The Brooklyn Irish American Parade Committee's organization and purpose is to honor the cultural, educational and historical contributions and accomplishments of the Irish to their community, borough, city, state and nation; and

Whereas, This parade encourages a knowledge and appreciation of an ancient Irish heritage; and

Whereas, This annual event is a celebration of Brooklyn's cultural diversity and richness; and

Whereas, This parade takes place in historic Park Slope on the hallowed ground of the Battle of Brooklyn and commemorates the Marylanders, Irish Freedom Fighters and Americans of other ethnic backgrounds who gave their lives to secure independence for our America; and

Whereas, The Spirit of '76 was, and still is, the ideal of the Brooklyn Irish American Parade; and

Whereas, This year's parade is dedicated to the memory of Patrick Heaney, Drum Major of the Clann Eireann Pipe Band of Brooklyn, for over forty years, and who was a loyal supporter of the Committee; and

Whereas, This year's Parade Theme is the bicentennial of the "Rebellion of 1798" when 100,000 Irish men, women and children, with inspiration from the American Revolution, rose up with bare hands and pitch forks to overthrow British occupation and oppression; and

Whereas, This year the Parade continues the memorialization of the Great Famine (1845-1850), when hunger and starvation devastated Ireland and its people with estimates of a million and a half who perished in Ireland, on coffin ships and in the fever sheds; and

Whereas, The memory of the victims and survivors of when Ireland starved is sacred and never to be forgotten; and

Whereas, "The Great Famine" brought one million of Erin's sons and daughters to the port of New York; and

Whereas, It is only fitting that this year's Grand Marshal is William W. Whelan, President of New York City Fire Department Emerald Society and Chairman of the Great Hunger Memorial to be erected at Battery Park, New York in memory of the victims and survivors of "AN GORTA MOR", now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Brooklyn Irish American Parade Committee on its twenty-third Annual Parade to be held on Sunday March 15, 1998; its Grand Marshal, William W. Whelan, and his Aides, Sister Elizabeth Hill, President of St. Joseph's College and Educator; Richie O'Shea, Band Leader representing Irish Culture; James Buckley representing Irish Business, Buckleys of Flatbush and Kennedys of Breezy Point; Frank Carroll, President of the United Irish Counties of New York; Mildred Kane representing Kings County Ladies A.O.H.; Michael Fitzgerald, President of Brooklyn's Shamrocks Gaelic Sports Club; Alfred F. Donohue, Kings County A.O.H.; Special Parade Honoree: Heinz M. Popp, President of Bay Ridge Car World and 1998 Benefactor to the Irish Community of New York; Parade Chairperson, Kathleen McDonagh; Dance Chairperson, Mary McMullan; Journal Chairperson, James McDonagh; Raffle Chairperson, Helen O'Shea; Parade Officers, Members and all the citizens of Brooklyn, participating in this important and memorable event; and be it further

*Resolved*, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to William W. Whelan, his Aides and the Brooklyn Irish American Parade Committee in Brooklyn.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO UNITED STATES WOMEN'S GOLD MEDAL HOCKEY TEAM

### HON. BARBARA B. KENNELLY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 1998*

Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join with me in recognizing the incredible achievement of the United States Gold Medal Women's Hockey Team. I am particularly proud that Gretchen Ulion of Connecticut's First District played as a member of this team. Gretchen is an accomplished hockey player, having played on three United States Women's National Teams. Gretchen also left a legacy of records at Dartmouth College. She excelled while playing for the Big Green, setting 11 Dartmouth and 4 Ivy League records. She is also a hero off the ice. Prior to the Olympic games, Gretchen taught high school math and history at the Pingree school in Massachusetts. She plans to continue teaching in the fu-

ture. Gretchen is joined on the team by two other members with Connecticut roots: Sue Merz from Greenwich and Angela Ruggiero who is presently attending Choate Rosemary Hall in Wallingford.

The Women's Gold Medal in hockey is a great step forward for women and marks their contribution to athletics. The women's team's brilliant play showed not only their talent but their love of the sport. The team showed that a desire to prove themselves and earn respect for their game could lead to success. Women athletes prevailed in the 1998 Winter Olympics, winning eight of the thirteen medals earned by the United States. As Cammi Granato (captain of the 1998 United States Women's Olympic Hockey Team) carried the flag in the closing ceremonies, she became a symbol of the ideals that we cherish so deeply for our youth: heart, dedication, and unity, the kind of ideals that we now find in women athletes like Connecticut's Gretchen Ulion.

This Gold Medal, earned by the United States in the first-ever full medal Women's Olympic Hockey competition is a sign of things to come. As Jack Edwards of ESPN Sports Zone remarked, "They brought home the glittering gold. They'll have the rest of their lives to savor its aura."

#### THE PASSING OF PATRICK J. CAMPBELL

### HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 1998*

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep regret that I inform our colleagues of the passing of one of the outstanding labor leaders in our nation, an individual whose footsteps will be difficult to fill.

Patrick J. Campbell is one of the few last members of a generation that truly knew the meaning of the word hardship. He is one of the last who learned at an early age that hard work is the path not just to success, but to survival.

Pat was born in New York City on July 22, 1918, and was orphaned six years later. This was an era when child welfare and social services were limited, so Pat went to work at a tender, young age. And work he did: shining shoes, hawking newspapers, and working in a candy-making factory.

At the age of 20, Pat moved to Rockland County, New York, in what is now my Congressional District. He became an employee at the Rockland State Hospital, but three years later his career was nipped in the bud with the dropping of enemy bombs on Pearl Harbor. Pat, at the age of 23, enlisted in the Army Air Force, and was one of the many of us who saw action in the South Pacific.

Soon after he returned to Rockland County, after a distinguished career of heroism in the service throughout World War Two, Pat signed up as an apprentice in Local Union #964, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners. Someone with Pat's talents, drive, and determination to work was not going to be kept down for long. He quickly moved up the ladder: to journeyman, to carpenter, foreman, general construction foreman, superintendent, and, finally, he was elected President of Local Union #964 in 1954.

Just a year later, his accomplishments as Local President were so impressive that he was appointed by U.S. General President M.A. Hutcheson to the International organizing staff. In this position, Pat met carpenters from throughout the free world and gained a greater insight into the problems facing the labor movement at the halfway mark of the 20th century.

In 1957, Pat was appointed a General Representative and assigned to the Niagara Power Project, one of the largest construction undertakings in U.S. history. Pat served as Chairman of the Labor-Management Committee of the entire operation.

Pat continued to advance through the ranks of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners. In 1966, he was appointed Assistant to the General President; in 1969, he succeeded to the position of First District Board Member; and in 1974 he was promoted to the high office of Second General Vice President of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. He advanced to First General Vice President in 1980.

After 37 years of devotion to the well being of his fellow carpenters and to the labor movement, Patrick J. Campbell became General President of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America when his predecessor retired, on November 1, 1982.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to report that Pat Campbell was just as willing and eager to help and advise after his rise to the National Presidency as he was prior to it. He never forgot his roots in Rockland County, and never hesitated to step forward any time he thought he could be of assistance to my efforts. I shall never forget the superb advice and assistance with which Pat was so generous. He was truly of great help to me in the burdens of public service.

Pat received many honors and awards throughout the years, and continued to serve as Vice President of the New York State AFL-CIO, as Director for the Board of the Urban Development Corporation for the State of New York as a Board Member of the Federal Committee on Apprenticeship, on the Executive Board of the maritime Trades Department, and in many other positions.

Mr. Speaker, I invite our colleagues to join in mourning the passing of a true gentleman who personified the best that the labor union movement has to offer, and to join me in expressing our condolences to his widow, Catherine Keane; his sons, Patrick and Kevin; his daughter, Cynthia; and his six grandchildren. Although no mere words spoken today can possibly help ease their grief, they may take some comfort in knowing that many of us share their sense of loss on the passing of this remarkable, big-hearted gentleman, Patrick J. Campbell.

MR. TIM MOORE AND THE STUDENTS OF HERITAGE CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL ARE 'WE THE PEOPLE' CHAMPIONS

**HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 1998*

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize truly outstanding students from

West Allis, WI. Together with their teacher, Mr. Tim Moore, a group of students from Heritage Christian High School united hard work and dedication and have been judged this year's State of Wisconsin 'We the People' champions.

Heritage Christian High School students have consistently succeeded at the 'We the People' competitions, this year being the second time in recent years that a group has emerged victorious from the event. This consistency is no accident, and would not be possible without an impassioned interest by both Mr. Moore and his students in the Constitution of our nation.

The 'We the People' program, funded by the U.S. Department of Education by an act of Congress, compels students to critically examine our Nation's Constitution and provides an arena in which students can explore the intricacies of the document. With the help of a team of volunteers from outside the school, the students studied the history of the document and considered its present day applications.

I would like to again congratulate Mr. Moore and the students from Heritage Christian High School, and wish them continued success in this year's national competition in Washington, D.C.

ERIN WHITTEN—A GUSTY AND TALENTED ATHLETE

**HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 1998*

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, there's one face missing from that Wheaties box, and it's that of Erin Whitten of Glens Falls, New York.

Mr. Speaker, I was enormously proud of our triumphant women's hockey team and their success in Nagano, Japan. And I got a kick out of their securing that sure proof of success in American sports, a team photo gracing that "breakfast of champions," Wheaties.

Who's Erin Whitten? Erin Whitten is the young lady who made it all possible. In 1993, Erin Whitten, then a goalie with the Toledo Storm, was the first women goalie to post a regular season in a professional hockey game. It wasn't the first "first" for Erin.

She raised some eyebrows when she was only seven years old in the Adirondack Youth Hockey Association. The Glens Falls High School Boy's Hockey Team posted a 21-9-2 record with Erin blocking 84.6 percent of the shots against her. She was the first female to play in the Division II high school state championships. And she was an all-conference honorable mention during the 1988-89 season.

At the University of New Hampshire Erin led the women's hockey team to a record of 54-14-4. She was a four-time ECAC goalie of the year, the University's 1992-93 Woman Athlete of the Year, twice ECAC player of the week, and a two-time Concordia University tournament player of the game. Her women's hockey record of 46 saves in one game still stands. Her collegiate save percentage was an impressive 91 percent.

After a career on minor league hockey teams, Erin began concentrating on the national team with the hope of making the trip to

Nagano. Unfortunately, she was one of the last cuts.

But no doubt many of the stars on the women's hockey team, whose triumph ranks with that of the men's team in that glorious 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, now in our 22nd district, were first inspired by Erin Whitten.

It was she who proved that women, too, have the toughness it takes to play organized hockey, and that given a chance, a team of talented athletes like Erin Whitten play an exciting brand of hockey.

Erin is determined to stay in shape and make the team that represents us in the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. I, for one, would advise every one not to bet that she doesn't make the team. She has already proven herself, and any future history of U.S. women's hockey that's worth reading will devote a long chapter to this gutsy, talented athlete.

And so, Mr. Speaker, please join me in paying tribute to a remarkable young lady, Erin Whitten of Glens Falls.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MEDICARE UNIVERSAL PRODUCT NUMBER ACT

**HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 1998*

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to announce that today I will introduce the Medicare Universal Product Number Act, an important bill to cut waste, fraud and abuse in the Medicare program.

In 1996, the federal government conducted the first-ever comprehensive audit of Medicare's books. This audit revealed that Medicare was losing more than \$23 billion every year to waste, fraud, and abuse—almost 14 percent of the program's budget. This level of waste and fraud is simply unacceptable. Medicare must make better use of the hard-earned taxpayer dollars that fund this important program.

One of the most important ways Medicare can reduce waste, fraud and abuse is by reforming its durable medical equipment program. Durable medical equipment includes supplies like catheters, wheelchairs, walkers, and ostomy supplies needed by older patients. One of the greatest problems in the medical equipment program is that the current system does not tell Medicare exactly what items are being supplied and paid for.

The Medicare Universal Product Number Act will empower Medicare to know precisely what items are being supplied to older Americans and to tailor reimbursement levels appropriately. This bill requires all medical equipment paid for by Medicare to have a Universal Product Number—very similar to the bar codes on groceries. When suppliers submit claims for reimbursement, they will identify items by UPN. Medicare will know exactly what equipment has been provided and reimburse accordingly.

Most Americans probably believes Medicare already operates this way. Unfortunately, it does not. Medicare currently reimburses for medical equipment under broad categories known as billing codes. A single billing code