Riverbank AAP continues to push for deletion from the NPL, saying there is no longer a threat to human health from the groundwater contamination that initiated the cleanup efforts.

''If the EPA looked at Riverbank today, there would be no risk to human health,'' said Jim Gansel, the Commander's representative at Riverbank AAP. Gansel credits the installation's environmental successes to a strong community relations program. ''Our relationship with the community of Riverbank is the basis of everything we have accomplished here,'' he said.

Each year, the Secretary of the Army's environmental awards recognize, installation, team or individual efforts in Environmental Quality, Pollution Prevention, Pollution Prevention Weapons Acquisition, Recycling, Environmental Cleanup, Natural Resources Conservation and Cultural Resources Management. A total of 15 awards—10 installation, one team and four individual—are presented.

I consider it an honor and a privilege to represent Riverbank AAP.

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 1998

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark an important anniversary. This year, the Western Pennsylvania Hospital is celebrating its 150th year of providing quality health care to the people of southwestern Pennsylvania.

Founded in 1848, Western Pennsylvania Hospital was the first chartered hospital west of the Allegheny Mountains. The Hospital has grown and evolved over the years, but it has always been known for its quality of care and its commitment to the community. Today, the Hospital is a 542-bed tertiary-care medical center with a staff of 620 dedicated health care professionals. The Hospital provides a full range of health care services, including treatment for cancer, high-risk pregnancies, diabetes, cardiovascular disease and burns. The Hospital supports an active medical research program and operates a school of nursing that has graduated over 3,500 students.

The Western Pennsylvania Hospital is known especially for its treatment of brain tumors. In fact, the Hospital is one of only 13 hospitals in the world using the Peacock System to treat such tumors. The Peacock System utilizes detailed computerized mapping of the brain to target radiation precisely at brain tumors—which prevents damage to the surrounding healthy brain tissue.

Western Pennsylvania Hospital is also well known for its work in treating burn victims. Not only does the Hospital operate a Burn Trauma Center to treat burn victims; it also operates a summer camp for burned children and a Back to School Program for children with burns.

The Western Pennsylvania Hospital is an outstanding institution of healing and learning which has served the people of western Pennsylvania with professionalism and compassion for the last 150 years. I commend the employees and volunteers of the Western Pennsylvania Hospital for all of their good works, and I wish them well as they continue to provide high-quality health care services to the communities of western Pennsylvania in the coming years.

NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1998

SPEECH OF

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 21, 1998

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of an important provision in H.R. 2691, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Reauthorization Act, which prohibits NHTSA from lobbying at the state or local level. The provision is consistent with current federal law which prohibits federal agencies from lobbying Congress. In legislation considered by the House Committee on Science last year, I included similar anti-lobbying language to prohibit the Department of Transportation from lobbying state and local elected officials. I am pleased H.R. 2691 includes the anti-lobbying provision.

In 1996, Congress voted to repeal a provision of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) that penalized states without mandatory motorcycle helmet laws. By repealing the helmet penalty provisions of ISTEA, Congress determined that the issue of motorcycle safety was best determined by each individual state without a one-size-fits-all mandate from the federal government. Since that time, however, the U.S. General Accounting Office has determined that NHTSA has engaged in an active lobbying campaign to persuade states to enact laws mandating that motorcycle riders wear helmets. I strongly supported repealing the coercive and unfair helmet law penalties on states in 1996 and I further support the provisions of H.R. 2691 prohibiting the use of federal funds to lobby at the state and local level. I do not believe lobbying by any federal agency at the federal, state or local level is an appropriate use of tax-payer dollars.

TRIBUTE TO THE HILLSIDE COMMUNITY

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 1998

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to pay tribute to a special community and township in my District. On Wednesday, April 29, 1998 the Township of Hillside will celebrate its 85th anniversary. This vibrant municipality was officially founded on April 3, 1913. Lengthy debate over secession from Union Township preceded the official signing of the Bill, by then Governor James F. Fielder, which would establish its boundaries.

Nestled between Newark and Elizabeth, Hillside initially offered a passage route between these port cities. A railroad system proved to be an important link to transport items delivered through the port of Newark and Elizabeth, as well as residential commuters. This link through the suburban industrial town attracted many companies, including Bristol Meyers, which chose to by-pass larger urban centers.

Hillside is a diverse Township which is reflective of our nation's unique ethnic and cultural blend. During the late 19th century immigrants from Italy, Poland, the Ukraine, Germany and many other countries established themselves in the area. Many of these immigrants entered the United States through historic Ellis Island. Later, more African Americans and Hispanics settled in the Township. Ultimately there would be at least 25 different ethnic groups residing in Hillside.

These diverse cultures have produced a rich amalgamation of religion and tradition. Each has contributed to the growth and progress of the township. Of course, this is a source of tremendous pride for me.

Hillside has and continues to move with pride toward the future and I would like to acknowledge and congratulate all of the citizens of the Township of Hillside on this very special 85th Anniversary Celebration.

A.M. ROSENTHAL ON TARGET AGAIN

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 1998

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to share with my colleagues yet another insightful opinion piece written by veteran New York Times journalist, A.M. Rosenthal. Today, our House of Representatives will consider legislation that expresses the sense of the Congress on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel, reaffirming the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the United States and Israel.

Mr. Rosenthal's article, however, skillfully describes some of the left-handed compliments that are coming Israel's way from too many media outlets. Yet what Israel has accomplished in the past five decades, in the face of hostility on its every border, is nothing short of miraculous.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, because Mr. Rosenthal's remarks are so timely and deserving of special attention, I would like to share them with my colleagues. Accordingly, I am inserting the Rosenthal article into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

[From the New York Times, April 28, 1998]

GIFTS FOR ISRAEL

(By A.M. Rosenthal)

On Israel's 50th anniversary, its friends can give the country certain gifts of importance. They can recognize Israel's achievements and take joy from then. And they can accept without denial or flinching the fact that after a half-century Israel's neighbors still want it dead.

So far, Israel has not received many gifts from my crowd—journalists. Much of the magazine, newspaper and TV coverage and assessment of Israel—not all, but too much—has ranged from delightedly doleful to dolefully despairing.

Israel's economic, societal and scientific successes have been mentioned. But not often is it pointed out that they were attained in the face of decades of hatred and attack from Arab nations and movements.