

Mr. Gangone to serve and interact with the community, an element of the job that he cherishes.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues rise with me in this tribute to Mr. Vincent Gangone of Greenpoint, Brooklyn. He deserves sincere congratulations for receiving such a fine honor from the School Settlement Association. I'm proud to have him as a constituent.

TRIBUTE TO THE GREAT GEORGE
FESTIVAL

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 1998

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the momentous occasion of the opening of the Great George Festival in the City of Paterson, in memory of the late Grace George.

Grace was born in 1918. Her wealth of knowledge regarding the history of Paterson and dedication to promoting the historic district eventually led to a request from the Mayor that she leave her teaching job of 37 years at Eastside High School in August 1976. She then began directing and operating the Visitor's Center in the Historic District.

At the Visitor's Center, Grace conducted walking tours of Paterson's Historic District for groups of all ages. She also conducted and led educational workshops, presented slide shows and lectures to classes and organizations, and developed teachers' guides for teaching Paterson's history.

In 1994 Grace was presented with the Historic Preservation Committee Heritage Citizenship Award. She passed away in February of 1996. The legacy she leaves behind is one of pride and passion for the great historical past and the uniqueness of the City of Paterson.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, the family and friends of Grace, and the City of Paterson in recognizing the many outstanding and invaluable contributions Grace George has made to the City of Paterson. It is fitting that we honor a true pioneer such as Grace on this occasion of the opening of the Great George Festival.

IN HONOR OF THE 13TH ANNUAL
SENIOR OLYMPICS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 1998

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Senior Citizen Resources for sponsoring the 13th annual Senior Olympics in Cleveland, Ohio.

Senior Citizen Resources, Inc. has been serving the 60+ population in the Cleveland area for 27 years. The organization provides much needed services such as transportation, nutrition programs, volunteer opportunities, and health programs to the senior citizens in the community. Thousands of senior citizens take advantage of the outreach programs and services offered by Senior Citizen Resources each year.

The seven-day Senior Olympics is one of the most unique and most popular activities

sponsored by Senior Citizen Resources. Some of the events held this week include bowling, miniature golf, darts, swimming, water walking, horseshoes, table tennis, basketball toss, softball throw, lawn toss, ballroom dance, golf, bean bag toss, volleyball, and shuffleboard. There are also special events for the physically challenged. The Olympics will conclude with a Victory Luncheon and an Olympic Parade featuring all the athletes.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in saluting the spirited participants of the Senior Olympics and the leadership of Senior Citizen Resources.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ROBERT
LITTLE AND NASA'S SSIIP
COMPETITION

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 1998

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize a wonderful achievement of a constituent of mine, Robert Little of Saugus, California. Earlier this week, I had the opportunity to personally meet Mr. Little, but felt that I should share his recognition with the rest of my colleagues. This week, Mr. Little was honored by NASA as a High School National Champion in the 18th Annual Space Science Student Involvement Program (SSIP) competition.

The SSIP competition is an interdisciplinary program designed to address the need for greater literacy in the areas of science, critical and creative thinking, mathematics and technology. Nearly 10,000 students from Elementary through High School have competed in five categories including mathematics, science, technology, art, and creative writing. 29 national winners, along with their teachers, came together this week at the National Space Science Symposium to honor their achievements to date.

Robert Little, a student from Saugus High School, was entered in the Intergalactic Art Competition of the Symposium. All this week, his art work, depicting a scene from intergalactic space, as well as an essay describing the picture was displayed in the Ballroom of the Hotel Washington. His ability earned him the championship in the High School division of this competition.

I am proud to congratulate Robert as well as his teacher, Ken Jeffries, on their hard work in receiving this honor. I know that I join my entire community in expressing how proud we are of Robert's success. His hard work is an inspiration to us all.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to conclude by adding Robert's essay to the record depicting his championship scene for this competition.

SCULPTURE IN THE COSMOS

(By Robert Little)

Nebulae give our universe beauty. They are the cloudy sculptures of the cosmos. They are really quite simple. Consisting only of gases, debris, and stars, they are enormous star factories. In my illustration, the Eagle Nebula is portrayed with a star cluster nearly formed into a galaxy in the background. The Eagle Nebula has a very dramatic appearance with its three large columns. The column shown on the left of this illustration

is three light years in length. My illustration of the Eagle Nebula and its star cluster shows not only the beauty of nebulae, which inspires me, but also the relationship between nebulae and galaxies. Most of the mass in nebulae is made up of the debris from supernovas. A supernova is an exploding star. Stars explode when they are very old. They run out of the fuel needed to resist their gravity. The star collapses, explodes, and debris is scattered in all directions. In many cases, gas will drift until it clusters with other gases, and gravity holds them together. Inside the newly formed nebula there are usually a multitude of stars being produced.

If nebulae did not exist, we would have a very black empty sky at night. All stars are born from a nebula in a three-step process. First, ultraviolet radiation is emitted from a previous generation of stars onto the nebula. In the Eagle Nebula, the periphery of the columns becomes very hot and begins eroding. The gases near this area have been frequently clumping together. These clumps produce more gravity and grow dense. Next, the radiation erodes the gas from around the denser and stronger area. This creates a tadpole shape coming from the edge of the nebula. It is now an EGG (Evaporating Gaseous Globules), and is known as a protostar. Lastly, the protostar is separated from the nebula due to continuous erosion, and drifts into space. . . .

In the background of my illustration, a star cluster is nearly a galaxy. It lacks the great spiraling motion and contains more stars than gas. The forming of a galaxy is the result of star clustering. The star cluster gains gravity and forms a large spherical heap of stars with enormous gravity. This is a globular cluster. It pulls gas and other matter such as asteroids into the churning disk. Open clusters will not form a large mass but instead will eventually drift apart.

There is a continuous pattern related with stars and nebulae. Stars explode and the dust forms a nebula. The nebula gives birth to stars. Those stars once again explode and the dust adds to the nebula. It is all a cycle of birth, death, and recycling.

TAIWAN CELEBRATES PRESIDENT
LEE'S SECOND ANNIVERSARY IN
OFFICE

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 1998

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in extending my best wishes and congratulations to President Lee Teng-hui of the Republic of China on Taiwan.

Two years ago, the people in Taiwan democratically elected a head of state for the first time in China's history. Incumbent President Lee Teng-hui took a resounding 54 percent of the vote on a platform of democracy and Taiwan's greater international assertiveness.

Two years later, Taiwan's astonishing economic progress and political progress have enabled it to survive the latest Asian financial crisis. Taiwan has been an exemplary nation in the world—reaching out to the Chinese mainland seeking peace and reconciliation and extending financial assistance to all needy neighbors in southeast Asia.

As we congratulate President Lee Teng-hui and the people of Taiwan, I wish to reassure them that many of us in the U.S. Congress

and elsewhere believe in a free and democratic Taiwan. Decades of American constancy have helped draw Taiwan into free-market democracy, and it is squarely in the American interest to keep Taiwan democratic and free.

We will make sure that the provisions in the Taiwan Relations Act shall be adhered to and that the United States will not make arrangements for Taiwan's future without full consultation with Taiwan.

CELEBRATION OF WAYNESFIELD
SESQUICENTENNIAL

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 1998

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to highlight an especially important milestone for the State of Ohio. From May 15th to the 17th, the Village of Waynesfield will be celebrating its sesquicentennial birthday. Festivities include opening ceremonies, village tours, old time movies and a parade. I would like to recognize this profound civic event. Wayne Township and Waynesfield were named for General Anthony Wayne. General Wayne was a leader and hero in the Revolutionary War. His victories against the Indians in the Northwest Territory helped end this crisis. His soldiers won the second battle of Ft. Recovery, as well as the Battles of Ft. Defiance, Ft. Miami and Fallen Timbers. In 1948, Waynesfield was also home to John R. Bennett, the second to last surviving Civil War veteran in Ohio. Harriet Beecher Stowe's sister, Lucinda, married and lived in Waynesfield. As you can see, Mr. Speaker, Waynesfield has a long and patriotic past that all Americans can view with pride. As the Member of Congress representing the citizens of Waynesfield, I appreciate all their hard work which continues to make theirs a vibrant community. Waynesfield's spirit of family and responsibility serves as a model for other towns to follow. From its family farms to its small-town churches, this town exemplifies all that is good in our great land. I commend all the villagers as they celebrate their 150th birthday, and I look forward to many more to come.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN J. DiNAPOLI

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 1998

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention John J. DiNapoli who is being honored this evening as the Orange/West Orange UNICO "Man of the Year."

The eldest of Angelo and Antoinette's three sons, John showed his intelligence at an early age by skipping kindergarten. During the remainder of his school years at Immaculate Conception Grammar School and later Montclair High School, he developed a penchant for numbers and mathematics which would serve him well in his chosen field at work. It was also during this time that John developed his underlying loyalty to the New York Yankees and the New York Giants while idolizing a man named DiMaggio.

Upon graduation, John took advantage of an opportunity offered to him by Montclair National Bank, while continuing his education with courses at Seton Hall University. He later attended the Stonier School of Banking at Rutgers University in New Brunswick where he also earned his degree. His banking career took him from an entry-level teller at Montclair National all the way to Vice-President at Chemical Bank, where he has served for 30 years.

In the late 1950's, John made a long standing commitment to one of his loves that remains intact today. He became a season ticket holder to the New York Giants. Eight Autumn Sunday afternoons were spent with family and friends at Giants Stadium cheering on "Big Blue." Saturdays can find John supporting the Mounties of Montclair High School with another group of family and friends.

During the 1960's, John discovered another love, Angela Pomarico. John and Angela dated, and developed a strong mutual love for each other that resulted in marriage. Together, they raised a family of four: John Jr., Diane, Patti, and Carol.

John and his family eventually settled in West Orange, and along with Angela, raised the children and guided them through the school years. A 25th Wedding Anniversary present from their children sent John and Angela to the birthplace of the DiNapoli Family: Calitri, Italy. It was a moving experience that made John appreciate his roots. Soon thereafter, on the recommendation of friends, he became a member of the Orange/West Orange Chapter of UNICO where he has held a variety of positions with the organization including President and District Governor.

Now in his 36th year of marriage to Angela, John's family has grown to include a daughter-in-law Mary Lynn, and sons-in-law Anthony, Robert, and Peter. Much of John's free time is spent with his eight grandchildren: Diana, John III, Danielle, Samantha, Thomas, Brianna, Anthony, and Alexa.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, John's family, friends, and colleagues, and the members of the Orange/West Orange UNICO as John J. DiNapoli is honored this evening as the organization's "Man of the Year."

PART 3: JOBS WITH JUSTICE—
FIRST NATIONAL WORKERS'
RIGHTS BOARD HEARING

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 1998

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, Jobs With Justice convened its "First National Workers' Rights Board Hearing on Welfare/Workfare Issues" in Chicago in 1997. This hearing featured a number of community, labor and political leaders. I include their remarks for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Part 3 of this statement includes: Laurie Barretto of Catholic Charities; Ilana Berger of People Organized to Win Employment Rights (POWER); Wardell Yotaghan of the Coalition to Protect Public Housing; and Peggy Haack, a Child Care Provider from Madison, Wisconsin.

LAURIE BARRETTO, CATHOLIC CHARITIES

My name is Laurie Barretto and I am the Director of Governmental Relations at

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago. I also chair the Catholic Charities USA Social Policy Committee for our national membership organization.

As a political junkie, I have advocated for and against numerous pieces of enabling legislation followed by implementing rules and regulations followed by government designed and funded initiatives. Some have had enormous positive impact on the way people are cared for and assisted; some, like Workfare, have been gravely flawed with far reaching and unintended consequences.

At Catholic Charities agencies here and across the country we participate in initiatives that are consistent with our mission and when we believe we have the skills and capacity to produce successful outcomes for the people we serve.

Therefore in October, 1992 when Illinois dismantled the General Assistance Program we struggled to determine the best course. Frankly we had been suspect of such programs. We were concerned about unfair treatment, a lack of safety standards, discrimination, and churning of people with low skills and lower self-esteem.

However, it became apparent that participating in the Earnfare Program was consistent with our mission, rooted in Catholic Social Teaching. In addition to the dignity of each individual human being, Catholic Social Teaching talks about the dignity of work. Society is urged to encourage and reward work, to recognize that people have a right to be productive, to earn fair wages, to labor in decent conditions.

Because of our tradition of service, we also know something about work with the poor, and we believed that we could address our justice concerns while making a difference in peoples' lives.

It is now five years later and we continue to operate our Earnfare contract.

And we have learned much. And we have accomplished much.

But now social service agencies and our faith-based communities across the country are seeing and serving people impacted by the overhaul of the welfare system that provided for poor families with children. People who are working come to us because they can't afford to buy food for the whole month; families are living in homeless shelters because their paychecks can't stretch to cover rent.

And so we have urged our colleague agencies to join us and provide meaningful work opportunities to people struggling to transition from welfare to work. We have urged them to provide written job descriptions, with appropriate job titles; we issue employee identification badges, include them in employee orientations and training. We insure that safety measures are in place to protect people in their work assignments. We have encouraged supervisors to establish mutually agreed upon performance expectations.

Because many participants will lack basic job skills, we urge that as employers we must be prepared to provide extensive mentoring and support.

And because many are overcoming enormous barriers to employment—substance abuse, domestic violence, limited skills and education—supportive social services must be available.

We know that, done well, the people whose lives we touch in Workfare Programs are better off for the experience. Because of our participation in Workfare and our relationship with businesses throughout the metropolitan area we have the capacity to move people into the workforce. Workfare Participants have begun to build a resume and job references. They have begun to see, and perhaps believe, that they can be successful.