

Award; Kleenzie-Benje Carpet Specialist, Business Achievement Award; Burger King of Asbury Park, Community Service Award; and Asbury Park Fire Department & Emergency Medical Services, Community Service Award.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor for me to represent the City of Asbury Park in the U.S. House of Representatives. Asbury Park, on the Jersey Shore, is a city of legendary proportions. Many Americans from other regions of the country may only recognize its name from the title of Bruce Springsteen's first album, "Greetings from Asbury Park, New Jersey." For years and years, people from all walks of life have come to Asbury Park to enjoy the boardwalk, the night life and the sandy beaches. But, besides launching the career of one of America's best-loved singer-songwriters and being a favorite tourist destination for decades, what Asbury Park is really about is a thriving, diverse, tight-knit community, proud of its illustrious past and working hard to build a better future. The recipients of this year's Carousel Awards have all contributed significantly to the advancement of this very special community.

RECOGNIZING EAST BRUNSWICK
HIGH SCHOOL FOR ACHIEVING
FIRST PLACE IN THE NATIONAL
"WE THE PEOPLE" COMPETITION

HON. MICHAEL PAPPAS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 1998

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to rise today to congratulate John Calimano and his students at East Brunswick High School on earning first place in the nation at the We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution competition in Washington, D.C. on May 2 through 4, 1998. This is an exceptional program with an outstanding advisor deserving of much acclaim.

During the national finals of the event, more than 1200 students from 50 states and the District of Columbia demonstrated their knowledge of constitutional principles and their relevance to contemporary issues before simulated congressional committees composed of constitutional scholars, lawyers, journalists, and government leaders.

East Brunswick High School has represented New Jersey in the national finals of the program for ten consecutive years—every year that this prestigious event has been held. They have consistently been recognized as an outstanding institution by the program and have set a standard for excellence during their tenure. Their knowledge of the material is exceptional and their ability to articulate this knowledge is impressive. This year, they demonstrated once again that they are among our nation's best and brightest.

Mr. Calimano has been the teacher and advisor for the program at East Brunswick High School and has established a remarkable track record in his time at the school. The founder of the Institute for Political and Legal Education program at the high school, Mr. Calimano's dedication and tireless efforts have established a tradition of honor at the school. I commend him for all that he has done and wish him much success in his future endeavors.

Congratulations to Mr. Calimano and the members of the National Champion team: Mian Azmy, Michael Carr, Daniel Cohen, Michael Cohen, Stacie Dubin, Andrea Feit, Naomi Finkelstein, Christian Forsythe, Hillary Gallanter, Gina Gancheva, Heather Gerchen, Brett Gursky, Denise Heitzenroder, Rachel Katz, Terry Lin, Jonathan Meer, George Mossad, Amanda Rosen, Joel Pruce, Niyati Shah, Naseer Siddique, Michael Sturm, Robert Thompson, Howard Wachtel, Ari Waldman, Jamie Yonks, and Joanna Young. Mr. Speaker, if this outstanding achievement is any indication of the future success of these students, America's brightest days are truly to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHARLES F. BASS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 1998

Mr. BASS. Mr. Speaker, the RECORD currently indicates that I did not vote during roll-call No. 170, on the Hunter Amendment to H.R. 3616, the FY99 Defense Authorization Act. It is my recollection that, in fact, I voted in favor of this important amendment. I therefore ask unanimous consent that the RECORD indicate my support for this amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 1998

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, due to official business, I was unable to vote on June 3, 1998.

On approving the Journal Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays, Roll No. 193, I would have voted yes. On designating the Carl D. Pursell Post Office, Roll No. 194, I would have voted yes. On designating the Steven Schiff Post Office, Roll No. 195, I would have voted yes.

THE NEED FOR TECHNOLOGY FOR
THE F-15E EAGLE AIRCRAFT

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 1998

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I want to pass along information to my colleagues today about our nation's defense and a critical issue facing our military forces. The issue concerns much-needed technology for the F-15E Eagle aircraft. The need for this technology is almost always pitted against the realities of the budget and other domestic needs which compete with our military readiness and maintenance expenses.

The F-15E has received the support of the Congress in developing and testing low band self-protection. In the FY97 budget deliberations, Congress chose to develop and test the ALQ-135 Band 1.5, to help the Air Force continue to try and protect the F-15E. We must now move forward to ask the Defense Department to consider the need to procure the ALQ-135 Band 1.5.

Procuring this new technology, which is made in my home state of Illinois, would give greater protection to our men and women in the Air Force. During Desert Shield/Storm, 48 F-15E's were equipped with the ALQ-135 Band 3, or high band. It performed so well during Desert Storm that no a single F-15E was lost to enemy threats, against which the Band 3 provides protection. Unfortunately, there is not the same level of protection with the low band threats. Band 1.5 was not available and as a result, at least one F-15E valued at \$50 million was lost. We cannot afford to allow this situation to persist; our airmen and women need the most up-to-date technology possible.

Accelerating funding for the ALQ-135 Band 1.5 will allow much earlier installation and protection of the F-15E, and will provide essential protection to our aircrews. The F-15E can accept this technology; everything is ready to plug the black boxes into the aircraft and provide this protection. One reason to accelerate the funding will be to keep the ALQ-135 Band 1.5 production line open, and avoiding \$100 million in cost, savings thousands of jobs with only a \$25 million investment.

I urge my colleagues to give consideration to the need to accelerate funding for the F-15E's ALQ-135 Band 1.5 technology. It will provide needed capability to our airmen and allow hardworking citizens to continue working on the current production line.

STATEMENT RECOGNIZING EL
SALVADOR'S SUCCESSFUL PRI-
VATIZATION PROGRAM

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 1998

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join with the honorable gentleman from North Carolina, Mr. BALLENGER, to recognize the successful privatization program being implemented in El Salvador. Mr. BALLENGER is a distinguished member of our Committee on International Relations, and he and I share a longstanding interest in El Salvador.

After more than a decade of civil war, many people understand that El Salvador has made a successful transition into a healthy, functioning, multi-party democracy—one in which the former FMLN rebels are now completely integrated into Salvadoran society as a political party. What is not as widely known, however, is the fact that El Salvador has also undergone an equally dramatic economic transition. With this statement, we would like to pay tribute to the people of El Salvador and their political leaders, including especially President Armando Calderón Sol, and congratulate them for the success of their recent privatization efforts.

In 1990, El Salvador embarked on the process of modernizing its national economy, including the privatization of key industries. The effect of these policies on the people of El Salvador has been dramatic. In 1997, El Salvador's economy grew by 4 percent, the inflation rate was pushed (from highs of 30 percent in the late 1980s) to below 1.93 percent and unemployment fell to around 7 percent in urban areas. El Salvador is now ranked by the Heritage Foundation as the third most open

economy in Latin America. In addition, Moody's recently issued a Baa3 investment grade rating for the country—effectively putting it on par with some of its larger neighbors in Latin America most notably Chile.

Recently, El Salvador successfully privatized its state electricity industry. The state entity known as CEL (the Comisión Ejecutiva Hidroeléctrica del Río Lempa) has been the traditional operator of electricity generation and transmission assets in El Salvador.

On January 20, 1998, CEL auctioned 75 percent of the shares of four state-owned electric distribution companies in El Salvador for a total of \$586.1 million dollars. This transaction was the first successful privatization of the electric industry in central America, and represents the most money earned to date from any privatization in the region. The three international investors who won the bidding process were: Enersal C.A. of Venezuela, Electricidad de Central America (a division of EMEL) of Chile (in which Pennsylvania Power and Light is a major stock holder) and AES Aurora El Salvador from the United States. Each company reserved 20 percent of its shares for purchase by its workers. The remaining 5 percent shares in each of the four companies will be offered to individual investors on June 10, 1998 on the El Salvador stock exchange.

In April, El Salvador launched a new retirement system based on the Chilean pension fund model. Five companies, including Citibank from the United States, were authorized to manage pension funds. After passing legislation to create the new pension fund retirement system in December, 1996, the Salvadoran government worked carefully to create a proper framework to safeguard and regulate the new pension system. The United States Agency for International Development provided key training for the Superintendencia de Pensiones.

The Government of El Salvador is planning to finalize the privatization of the state telephone company ANTEL next month. In addition to French, Spanish, Swedish and Mexican concerns, three U.S. companies, GTE, Bell South and Southwest Bell have submitted bids.

These privatizations have brought significant private investment to El Salvador. Moreover, to date, organized labor and El Salvador's political parties have been involved and have supported the government's efforts. The privatization process has also been roundly praised for its transparency and openness. These privatizations put El Salvador on the map as a good place to invest in the region.

We extend our best wishes for success to El Salvador as it moves forward with its privatization process.

IN HONOR OF FR. JOHN CHARLES
DALTON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH
OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 1998

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the achievements and contributions of Fr. John Charles Dalton, on the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination.

Father Dalton entered St. Mary Seminary in 1943 and was ordained five years later, by

Most Reverend Edward F. Hoban. In his years of service, Father Dalton baptized over 2,000 parishioners and united 545 couples in marriage. He served as Associate Director of Services to the Deaf, Counselor to self-help groups, and role model to his community.

Throughout his distinguished life of service, Father Dalton has been a powerful force in the ministry. From the physical exertion of constructing a ballfield, to the patience of teaching, to the compassion of working with the deaf, Father Dalton has proven himself as a gentleman driven to help his community. He continues to visit the homebound and the hospitalized, and remains active in the Parish Ministry at Holy Name, Cleveland. From him, we can all learn of dedication, selflessness, generosity and wisdom.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in recognizing the community service of Father John C. Dalton, and celebrating the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination.

CARL D. PURSELL POST OFFICE

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN EDWARD PORTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 3, 1998

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 3808, a bill to name a Post Office building in Plymouth, Michigan after my good friend Carl D. Pursell.

Mr. Speaker, this is a fine honor for one of the finest gentlemen to ever grace the halls of Congress. Carl Pursell distinguished himself through his incisive intelligence, his leadership and his friendly demeanor. I had the great honor to serve with Carl on the Appropriations Committee and on the Labor/HHS/Education Subcommittee. I learned a great deal from Carl about appropriations and about the legislative process and, in particular, like the other members of the subcommittee, I benefitted immensely from the knowledge that Carl brought to the subject of education as a result of his past career as a teacher. Carl was uniquely suited to the challenge of formulating a coherent federal education policy and his contributions continue to this day to benefit the nation's students. He was also an early and tireless crusader for the interests of the nursing profession and the driving force behind formation of the National Institute for Nursing Research. His compassion, his common sense, and his strong knowledge of health and education policy issues all combined to make him a strong and effective legislator on behalf of the American people.

Mr. Speaker, this is a truly fitting honor for a truly fine gentleman and I commend the gentleman from Michigan, Mr. UPTON, for his efforts in steering this important legislation to the floor today.

IN HONOR OF FATHER ANTHONY C.
CASEY

HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 1998

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a couple of minutes today to recognize

the contributions of Father Anthony C. Casey on the 40th anniversary of his ordination.

Father Casey was ordained as a priest on June 15, 1958 in his native Ireland. He came to the United States soon thereafter, and immediately devoted himself to our communities. He has faithfully served on dioceses in Brooklyn and Queens, including St. Mel's in Flushing, Holy Innocents in Flatbush, Saint Joan of Arc in Jackson Heights, and Holy Family in Flushing.

Father Casey joined the Saint Columba family in 1979, bringing with him a strong sense of spirituality and a deep desire to help others. All who have met him have been touched by his sincerity, devotion, charm, and tireless commitment to those in need. The Brooklyn community benefits from the hard work of this truly special man.

Father Casey has also distinguished himself outside the church. While serving our community, Father Casey also devoted considerable energy to his own education. He earned a Master of Science from Iona College and a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from St. John's University. A diligent scholar, he has brought the same dedication to his work as an author, linguist, and artist. A leader by example, Father Casey recently lent considerable time and effort towards the push for peace in Ireland.

On this special day, we take time to recognize the contributions of our leader and dear friend. We extend our sincerest thanks to Father Casey, and hope that the Brooklyn community can enjoy the fruits of his labor for years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 1998

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, because I was attending the funeral services of police officer Dale Claxton, who was shot in his patrol car, I was not present to participate and vote on Wednesday, June 3, 1998.

Mr. Speaker, on the morning of Friday, May 29, 1998, Cortez Police Officer Dale Claxton was fatally wounded. Officer Claxton was a cherished and beloved husband, father and member of the community of Cortez, Colorado. He is survived by his wife Susan Claxton and his children Judy Claxton Choate, Caitlin Claxton, Colton Claxton and Corbin Claxton. The tragic and sudden death of Officer Claxton has left a tremendous hole in a community and he will be greatly missed.

Additionally, deputies Jason Bishop and Todd Martin of Montezuma County Sheriff's Department were wounded as well. The death of officer Claxton as well as the injuries sustained by deputies Bishop and Martin remind us that every day thousands of brave men and women put their lives on the line providing the thin blue wall between the law abiding citizenry and lawlessness.