

the airwaves of public station WYNE 91.5 FM in the New York Metropolitan area.

AKTINA Productions is unique not only because it is the only bilingual Greek-American Radio Show presently airing in the United States, but also because it caters to all ethnic groups and ages. Its programming includes Greek songs and music, as well as hard news, special news reports and feature stories of wide public interest, including folk arts, sports, radio, theater and the latest Greek hits. Its informative newscasts and reports from Cyprus and Greece, inform listeners of the Greek and Cypriot national issues.

Every year, AKTINA Productions organizes a cultural event to acknowledge the Greek and Cypriot heritage. This year's event will celebrate the unique customs and traditions of Asia Minor. The well-known dance Group Terpsichore will present a Dance-Music Journey from the Waterfront of Smyrna to the Black Sea of Pontos and into the caves of Cappadocia.

This event will also mark the tragic anniversary of the Greek expulsion from Asia Minor following the catastrophe at Smyrna in 1922. It was at Smyrna in 1914, that the Turkish Nationalists regime initiated a systematic campaign to eradicate the ethnic Greek population in Asia Minor, consigning and killing thousands of male conscripts into forced labor battalions and destroying Greek towns and villages and slaughtering hundreds of thousands of civilians in areas where Greeks composed a majority, including the Black Sea port of Pontos and the areas surrounding Smyrna.

Through this production AKTINA will be paying tribute to many Greeks who lost their lives during the tragic events at Smyrna, including Metropolitan Chrysostomos, the spiritual leader of the Orthodox Christians in Smyrna who refused to abandon the city and was brutally murdered by Turkish mobs with the consent of the Turkish police forces.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate AKTINA Productions both for the service they provide to listeners in the tri-state area, for ensuring that we never forget the tragic events at Smyrna by staging this production, and to wish them well as they come together on September 20, 1998 to celebrate their Greek and Cypriot heritage.

A TRIBUTE TO THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES

**HON. JERRY LEWIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

**HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 17, 1998*

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, my colleague Ms. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD and I rise today in order to pay tribute to the League of California Cities, the organization that represents the 471 incorporated cities of our home state, California.

The League of California Cities was founded a century ago by a small group comprised of 13 cities. In the century that has passed since its inception, the League has served as a vibrant, active forum where California city officials can exchange information and ideas in

their work that keeps the great state of California moving up and moving on.

What the League of California Cities does is strive to protect the local authority and autonomy of the city government and assist California cities in offering their citizens the best services possible. To help its members meet the everyday challenge of running a city government, the League offers services, training, and other programs—all of which equip California's cities to meet their tremendous responsibilities far into the future.

On any given day here in the House or across the way in the Senate, you will find several legislators who have previously served as mayors and council members of California's cities and who have worked closely with the League for the good of those cities.

It seems appropriate that the theme for the League's Centennial is: "100 Years of Working Together: Better Cities—A Better Life." For the 32 million citizens of the state of California, the cities where they live and work and play and grow offer them just that opportunity—a better life, a better chance, thanks to people working together.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that we recognize the League of California Cities for 100 years of service to the people of the great state of California. And it is with sincere wishes that our successors here in the House of Representatives have the privilege of working with this same institution 100 years hence.

THANKS TO A DEVOTED  
EDUCATOR AND LEADER

**HON. JAMES A. BARCIA**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 17, 1998*

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, the future of our Nation is in the hands of our young people, and our young people are both guided and molded by caring people who serve in our educational system. While there is no doubt as to the incredible value of the effort provided by teachers, it must be remembered that without strong school boards to guide local education policies, teachers would have a far more difficult time achieving the goals that the public has set for them.

For the past thirty years, the Bay-Arenac Intermediate School District has been well served by Angela V. Fenton, a dedicated lady who had set her own clear goals when she started. She has served longer than any other board member, and has now retired, having successfully fulfilled each and every one of these goals. She is being honored on September 21 for her accomplishments and her lifetime of dedication.

Over the course of her tenure, Angela Fenton had three goals. She wanted to establish the Educational Center, which has been done with the praise of the community and to the great benefit of the many students who take advantage of it. She wanted to establish and manage the Vocational Center, and she has done exactly that, making what is known as the Career Center one of the best of its kind in Michigan. She also wanted to locate a permanent building to serve the needs of Special Education. This is in the process of being completed. Her vision, her efforts, and her devotion have left the Bay-Arenac Intermediate

School District a far better entity than she found.

Her service as Secretary of the Board for two years and as President for nine years is testimony to both her commitment and her leadership. It is truly fitting that she be honored before the regular Board meeting on September 21.

Mr. Speaker, when we express concern about our young people, or worry about the quality of public education, let us all be thankful that people like Angela Fenton undertake that important work with a visionary sense of the future, a hard core realism of the needs of today, and an appreciation for what has come before them. I urge you and all of our colleagues to join me in thanking Angela Fenton for her years of exemplary service, and in wishing her the very best for all of the challenges that life still has in store for her.

POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

**HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 17, 1998*

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remind my colleagues of the importance of National POW/MIA Recognition Day, which falls on September 18, 1998. I urge my colleagues to participate in recognizing America's heroes; those who are presumed missing in action.

Our Nation has fought six major conflicts in its history. In those wars, over 500,000 Americans have been taken prisoner-of-war. Those servicemen and women experienced numerous hardships and treatment which could often be described only as barbaric during the course of captivity. Those Americans imprisoned by the Japanese during World War II faced the worst possible conditions on captivity and were firsthand witnesses to the utter depravity of their fellow men.

I have been a strong advocate of an accounting of our POW/MIA's since I first came to the Congress in 1973. I proudly supported the creation of the Select Committee on Missing Persons in Southeast Asia, the National POW/MIA Recognition Days, and POW/MIA legislation because I believe the families of those who are missing in action deserve no less. Hopefully, 1998 will be the last year that such an occasion will be necessary. My hope is that by this time next year, our Government will have obtained a full accounting of those brave Americans whose fates, at this time, are still unknown.

Permit me to focus special recognition on those POW/MIA's from Korea and Vietnam. Despite the administration's best assurances to the contrary, many of us remain unconvinced that the governments of North Korea and Vietnam have been fully cooperating with the United States on this issue. Regrettably, by normalizing relations with Vietnam, I believe that we have withdrawn our leverage over the Vietnamese Government on this issue.

In recent years, we have learned from testimony presented to congressional committees that Soviet and Czech military doctors performed ghastly medical experiments on U.S. POW's in North Korea during the Korean war. These experiments were used to test the psychological endurance of American GI's, as