

First Church of the Nazarene of Bay City. The church was organized by Reverend C. Preston Roberts, the District Superintendent, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Freeman. Reverend Charles Strait, who had come to Bay City in the summer of 1923, was named pastor. Ms. Jessie Bright was elected Secretary, Oscar Freeman was elected Treasurer. The Board of Trustees included John Copeland, Don Dickinson, and William Hess.

The present building was begun in May, 1939, and completed the following November. Merrit & Cole of Detroit were the architects for this 72 by 36 feet building, which had a seating capacity of 375. It had a front and rear hall, balcony, annex, main auditorium, chancel, choir loft and pastor's study. Room was made in the basement for Junior and Intermediate classes, where young people would be properly instructed of the principles of the Church, and its goal of creating significant meaning in the spirit of Christ in each person's life. The building was appropriately described at its dedication as "...simple, harmonious, and consistent with the Gospel of Christ, and is intended to promote a spirit of reverence and worship."

Since its founding and the dedication the present building, thousands of people have felt the strength of Bay City First Church of the Nazarene as the lever that has helped move them through life. From the days as children learning God's life lessons, to the responsible days of adulthood when the mission changes from one of learning to one of teaching, to the latter days of life when the Church is a place of solitude for reflections on life's achievements, parishioner after parishioner has received an invaluable benefit from their membership.

Mr. Speaker, so often we ask about the morals of America, the values of the American family, and the vision of greatness that we want for our nation. For the past seventy five years Bay City First Church of the Nazarene has provided all of these elements and so much more. I ask you and all of our colleagues to join me in congratulating Reverend Meulman and all of the members of the Church on this momentous anniversary, and in wishing them all many more years to come.

HONORING POLICE CHIEF JOHN
AMBROGIO FOR EXCELLENCE IN
SERVICE

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 12, 1998

Mr. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of a dedicated and highly respected member of the Hamden Police Department whose decision to retire ended a career in law enforcement which spanned more than forty years. Chief John Ambrogio leaves a legacy of dedication, integrity, and excellence spanning over four decades, and he will not be forgotten by his fellow officers or by the citizens of Hamden.

Chief Ambrogio dedicated nearly a third of his life to leading the Department of Police Services with dignity and virtue, and his work has had a profound effect on the quality of life in Hamden. Eighteen departmental commendations as well as various other profes-

sional accolades reflect the commitment and devotion John has given to Hamden and its residents. John's good work is reflected in dramatic reductions in crime rates, the inauguration of the annual Halloween party, and the development of a progressive and highly effective police department—just a few examples of the contributions he has made to the Hamden community.

As a professional law enforcement officer, the various ways John has influenced the community are innumerable. Hamden residents credit John's work as Chief of Police as the most important factor in keeping Hamden a safe community, which is relatively free of criminal activity and drug trafficking. John Ambrogio has become an indispensable figure in Hamden and replacing him will be a tremendously difficult task.

It is with great pleasure that I join with his wife, Maureen, his children, and grandchildren as we honor my dear friend Police Chief John Ambrogio for more than forty years of dedication and commitment to the Town of Hamden. I wish him many happy years in his retirement.

IN MEMORY OF SOHAN SINGH
RANDHAWA

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 12, 1998

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a beloved member of our community, Sohan Singh Randhawa, who died in a tragic accident last month at the age of 69.

Randhawa was born in 1930 in Pakistan, and, as a young man became a police officer in the Punjab village of Dhano Vali, rising to serve in the national police force. He brought his family to California in 1968, eventually settling in Watsonville where Randhawa and his wife, Gurmej Kaur raised their four daughters, Kuldip Kaur, Manjit Kaur, Balwinder Kaur and Surinder Kaur. In 1978, Randhawa and three partners began Paul Trucking, which expanded quickly from one truck to ninety-five, and became an important element in the refrigerated agricultural shipping industry.

Randhawa was a central member of the Sikh community, a past President of the Sikh Temple in Stockton and an active member of the Sikh temples in San Jose and Fresno. Randhawa showed a generosity of spirit toward the people whose lives touched his, becoming a father and advisor to the Indian community. He took a personal interest in helping with the problems of new immigrants, settling disagreements, looking for solutions to immigration problems, resolving business issues, and helping with cultural assimilation.

Lifelong friend, and Mayor of Watsonville, Dennis Osmer spoke of his death as a loss to all of central California. We will miss this true advocate and benefactor, Sohan Singh Randhawa, but he is being survived by loving family and friends who will never forget his kindness.

HONORING ROCKY RIVER MIDDLE
SCHOOL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 12, 1998

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Rocky River Middle School, which has been named a 1997–1998 Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the U.S. Department of Education.

Only 167 schools in the country earned this prestigious award this year. Ten public schools in Ohio received the award, and two schools in Rocky River have been recognized. Blue Ribbon Schools are considered to be models of both excellence and equity where educational excellence for all students is a high priority. Rocky River Middle School had to demonstrate its effectiveness in meeting local, state and national educational goals and had to successfully complete a rigorous application process. Blue Ribbon Schools must offer instructional programs that meet the highest academic standards, have supportive and learning-centered school environments, and demonstrate student outcome results that are significantly above average.

Rocky River Middle School is an outstanding school that is well deserving of this national recognition. Its academic programs and environment will serve as a model for schools across the country. My fellow colleagues, please join me in congratulating the students, teachers, and administration of Rocky River Middle School for their commitment to excellence.

TRIBUTE TO HON. M. BEN GAETH

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 12, 1998

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay very special tribute to an outstanding public servant from the state of Ohio. Following the One Hundred Twenty-Second Session of the Ohio General Assembly, the Honorable M. Ben Gaeth will retire as a member of the Ohio Senate from the First District.

Mr. Speaker, Senator Gaeth has dedicated much of his life to serving the people of the First District and all of the state of Ohio. Ben Gaeth began his career in public service in 1962 as the Safety Director of the City of Defiance. After three short years, he turned his attention to politics as he became the Mayor of Defiance. For nearly ten years, Ben Gaeth guided government and politics in Defiance, while always concentrating on working for the people whom he represented.

In 1975, M. Ben Gaeth was elected to his first term as a member of the Ohio State Senate from the First District. For more than twenty-three years, Ben Gaeth has been an ardent supporter of his constituents in Northwest Ohio. During his time in the Senate, Ben has served as Chairman of the Senate Reference Committee, Chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, Vice Chairman of the Rules Committee, and was a member of numerous other committees.

Mr. Speaker, I had the good fortune of working with Ben Gaeth in the Ohio Senate. From the days that Republicans were in the Minority to the time in which I served as President of the Senate, Ben Gaeth was seen as a hard working and outspoken advocate for his district. His diligent yet humble efforts made him a very well liked Senator by his colleagues on both sides of the aisle. I think I can speak for my colleagues in saying that it was certainly a pleasure to work with Ben Gaeth. His efforts will be sorely missed.

Mr. Speaker, it has been said that America succeeds due to the selfless acts of her sons and daughters. Whether it was on the battlefields of World War II, where he won the Purple Heart, to his days as Mayor of Defiance, to his current position in the Ohio Senate, M. Ben Gaeth has dedicated his life to service to his community, state, and country. He is a leader and a true American patriot. I would urge my colleagues to stand and join me in paying special tribute to the Honorable M. Ben Gaeth, and in wishing him the very best in the future.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSWOMAN
JANE HARMAN

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 12, 1998

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor one of California's very distinguished and dedicated public officials, Representative JANE HARMAN. JANE is being honored as she retires from the House of Representatives after three terms of significant public service. I am proud to mark this occasion with my fellow colleagues in the House of Representatives.

JANE is widely recognized for her instrumental work on behalf of women's issues in her service to California's South Bay. As a native Californian, private lawyer and legislator, JANE fought for a woman's right to reproductive choice and led investigations of sexual misconduct in the military, roles for women in combat, and access to reproductive services for military women and their dependents.

JANE's career accomplishments are many. Among the most noteworthy is her attendance at the bipartisan U.S. congressional delegation at the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women, where JANE solidly voiced her support for China as an appropriate site for a healthy debate on women's issues. As an esteemed Member of the House National Security and Select Permanent Intelligence Committees, JANE was first appointed to the Congressional Conference Committee to meet on the Fiscal Year 1998 National Defense Reauthorization. As a conferee, JANE consistently sought to reinstate the right of military women and their dependents to have access to a full range of reproductive choices. This year JANE was again appointed as a conferee member to the Fiscal Year 1999 National Defense Reauthorization where she had the lead role on the particularly contentious debate over how to best train our military's new recruits.

JANE has unfailingly served this institution over the years. After first serving as Legislative Director to U.S. Senator John Tunney (CA), and then as Chief Counsel and Staff Director to the Senate Judiciary Committee on

Constitutional Rights, in the late 1970s, she was Deputy Secretary to the White House Cabinet and Special Counsel to the Department of Defense.

Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay tribute to Congresswoman JANE HARMAN. The State of California owes JANE a great deal of gratitude for her tireless efforts throughout her public service in the House of Representatives. I extend my hearty congratulations and best wishes to JANE, her husband Sidney, and her four children, for continued success and joy in the years to come. JANE HARMAN will be missed and remembered.

TRIBUTE TO JANE HARMAN

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 12, 1998

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to our friend and colleague, JANE HARMAN, who will be leaving Congress after 6 years of distinguished service.

I had the privilege of meeting JANE when we came to Washington as part of the 103rd Congress, often referred to as "The Year of the Woman."

At that time, there was great hope and expectations about the impact the new surge of women would have on Congress and our Nation.

JANE HARMAN has not only lived up to those expectations and hopes, but she has indeed exceeded them.

Clearly, no one works harder than JANE on behalf of her constituents and for the issues in which she believes.

When an issue is important to JANE, the word "no" is simply unacceptable.

JANE personifies the term "can do." If anyone doubts JANE's vigor, one need look no further than her stellar performance on the military basic training fitness test that she passed with flying colors.

Strong and determined, intelligent and bright, she is also compassionate and caring and willing to stand up for her beliefs regardless of the consequences.

Many times I witnessed JANE vote her conscience, knowing full well it could jeopardize her next election in the politically tough district she represents so well. She once said to me before a difficult vote. "I know it's going to hurt me politically, but I've got to vote for what I believe is right or I can't live with myself." She then made the tough vote.

Since our offices were across the hall from each other, I often witnessed JANE succeeding in the balancing act of being a legislator, manager, and mother. I remember on one occasion, amidst a series of votes, JANE was on the phone counseling her daughter and helping her with her homework.

JANE is proof positive that when given the opportunity, women can meet the challenges of national leadership with intelligence, dignity, and grace.

It may surprise you, but I'm not going to say goodbye. For I am convinced we haven't seen the last of you.

In fact, I suggest that in the not too distant future, we may yet address you as Madam Governor or Madam Secretary.

Thank you for all you have done and will continue to do for California and our Nation.

I'm proud to have served with you and proud to have you as a friend.

My best wishes are with you always.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 930, THE
TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION
REFORM ACT OF 1998

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 12, 1998

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 930, the Travel and Transportation Reform Act of 1998. This important legislation will streamline the way our Federal Government accounts for all job related transportation and travel expenses of Federal employees.

The idea of requiring the use of a Government-issued charge card for all official travel related expenses is long overdue. In December 1995, the Joint Financial Management Improvement Program [JFMIP] published a report detailing nine recommendations on improving temporary duty travel. Among these recommendations was the use of a Government charge card for all travel-related expenses. This provision creates an efficient standard for the Government to obtain the proper information needed to verify all business related charges.

By implementing such a requirement, the Government will be able to become more efficient in its operations while taking advantage of money saving charge card rebate programs. This bill is also a victory for Federal employees who currently utilize charge cards not specifically issued for Government travel.

While authorizing heads of Government agencies to hold employees responsible for being delinquent on their Federal charge card accounts, this measure clarifies the Federal Government's authority to access an employee's financial information, including accounts maintained by the Government. In order to protect an individual's privacy, this measure provides clear guidelines for accessing information relating to such charges.

In addition, the bill corrects an inadvertent tax liability imposed on Government employees during the tax years of 1993 and 1994. Since most Government agencies were not notified by the Internal Revenue Service [IRS] of a tax liability imposed on certain Federal employees created in the 1992 Energy Act until December 1993, many Federal employees became liable for taxes relating to business travel expenses. Fortunately, this bill authorizes reimbursement to employees who incurred such tax liabilities, along with interest and penalty charges for late payment.

Finally, this measure authorizes Government agencies to participate in travel pilot tests designed to save taxpayer dollars. Although this provision is limited to only 10 initial pilot programs in the areas of temporary duty and relocation travel, agencies are permitted to seek approval of the General Services Administration, along with congressional oversight, to initiate a specific pilot program. This will allow agencies to design and implement improved benefit systems to incur further savings.

Mr. Speaker, as we strive to help our Government agencies to become more efficient, we must upgrade agency management policies and practices to provide the most effective Government to our taxpayers. I believe