

We must create a global educational initiative—a process that will serve as a lesson and a warning to future generations to the dangers of racism, xenophobia and indifference.

The Holocaust Memorial Museum and its Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies stands ready to lend its expertise in this field and we hope to be one of the leading factors in implementing a worldwide educational network on all levels, ranging from middle schools to graduate schools.

So as America remembers the *St. Louis*, America is saying to the world, we too are not totally free of some guilt. In the early years, we had an opportunity to set examples, which we did not set.

These are facts from which we must draw lessons for the future.

We remember this unfortunate event of sixty years ago, not for the purpose of chastising ourselves but to learn from it. If we want a better world for tomorrow, we must look back and remember the past. Today, as we remember the victims of the *St. Louis* and all of the eventual victims of the Holocaust, we have a better understanding why we are in Kosovo and why the free world cannot afford to stand with their hands folded while murder and mass atrocities run rampant. This is a lesson that the world has learned in the past and cannot afford to forget.

CONGRATULATING GARRET
DYKHOUSE ON HIS SERVICE TO
THE CHRISTIAN HEALTH CARE
CENTER

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 1999

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Garret Dykhouse on his nine years of service as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Christian Health Care Center in Wyckoff, New Jersey. Gary, as he is known to his countless friends, is one of the most dedicated public individuals in the field of health care. He is stepping down after serving the past four years as chairman of the board. His inspirational leadership will be missed, but his many accomplishments will never be forgotten.

The Christian Health Care Center is a not-for-profit organization that has been serving the elderly and mentally ill for the past 88 years. Mr. Dykhouse has led the center in maintaining the highest level of devotion to the provision of quality care to the center's patients. Guiding a joint effort of the governing body and staff, he developed a comprehensive mission and vision statement that will guide the center into the next century. His efforts have allowed the center to continue to grow and expand its ability to assist the most vulnerable individuals among the elderly and mentally ill in the communities the center services.

In addition to the intangible qualities of leadership, Mr. Dykhouse has supervised the creation of a number of very real, "bricks and mortar" projects for the center. Among them have been Evergreen Court, a 40-unit supportive housing facility for low and moderate income seniors; Southgate, a specialized long-term care program for adult dementia patients who require more care than a nursing home can provide but do not need to be in a psy-

chiatric hospital; and the soon-to-open The Longview, the first non-profit assisted living residence in Bergen County. In addition, the center's Heritage Manor nursing home has received a perfect score from the state Department of Health and Senior Services, while the Ramapo Ridge Psychiatric Hospital has seen its accreditation rise to the level of "accreditation with commendation." It is important to note that all of these accomplishments have come while Mr. Dykhouse has served above and beyond the call of duty as a member of the Board of Trustees.

In addition to his work at the Christian Health Care Center, Mr. Dykhouse and his wife, Raeann, are long-standing volunteers with the American Red Cross. Mrs. Dykhouse's work with the Red Cross began in 1984 in response to a call for volunteers to aid flood victims in Wayne. Five years later, both she and Mr. Dykhouse officially enlisted in the National Disaster Program. They regularly travel to the sites of natural disasters throughout New Jersey and across the United States to assist with relief efforts—including fires, floods, earthquakes, tornadoes and ice storms—often for weeks at a time. In fact, they were honored earlier this month as "Outstanding Community Volunteers" by the Bergen Crossroads Chapter of the Red Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. Dykhouse have also been members of the Wyckoff Volunteer Ambulance Corps, holding every officer's position in the corps between the two of them. They are very active members of Faith Community Christian Reformed Church in Wyckoff. Mr. Dykhouse has also been a member of the Board at the Eastern Children's Retreat in Wyckoff and the Eastern Christian School Association in North Haledon.

Aside from his volunteer activities, Mr. Dykhouse spent 41 years with the Royal Insurance Co. before his retirement in 1989 as a top executive. He is a graduate of the College of Insurance in New York, and taught insurance both there and at Seton Hall University. He is a former chairman of the Inland Marine Underwriters Association and a member of numerous other insurance trade associations. He and Mrs. Dykhouse have three sons, David, Larry and Tom, and 11 grandchildren.

Mr. Dykhouse is truly an inspiring example of volunteer efforts that are totally unselfish and completely devoted to improving the lives of others. Mr. Dykhouse lives his life in a manner that reflects his obedience to the Lord's command to "love your neighbor as you love yourself." I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in offering our thanks and congratulations to this extraordinary gentleman.

CONGRATULATIONS TO GORDON
MURCHIE

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 1999

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 1998 Virginia Wine Industry Person of the Year, Gordon Murchie. This honor was bestowed upon Mr. Murchie by the Virginia Winegrowers Advisory Board. Murchie holds several key positions including the Presidency of the Vinifera Wine Growers

Association and the Executive Director position for the Licensed Beverage Information Council. Murchie tirelessly promotes the Virginia wine industry around the world. He is only the second East Coast wine industry individual to ever receive the coveted ranking of Supreme Knight by the Brotherhood of the Knights of the Vine. He organizes and manages many state and regional wine events including the Annual Virginia Wine Competition and festival in Northern Virginia which is one of the oldest running wine festivals on the East Coast.

Murchie regularly conducts wine tasting of award-winning Virginia wines in California and other locations for wine enthusiasts and trade people. He also has conducted similar wine presentations at major U.S. Chamber of Commerce meetings and at U.S. Congressional receptions.

As the former Executive Director of the National Wine Coalition, trade association umbrella for the U.S. wine industry, he served as an industry liaison and lobbyist during four sessions of the U.S. Congress, as well as organizing the first nationwide wine issues forum focusing on health and wine which contributed to the overall industry effort to gain national recognition of the potential health benefits of responsible, moderate consumption.

"Gordon's contributions to the Virginia wine industry has been invaluable," said Virginia Winegrowers Advisory Board Chairman Doug Flemer. "Our industry is fortunate to have such an individual with his expertise and experience working on our behalf," added Flemer.

Additionally, Murchie serves as a wine consultant and provides guidance and advice to Virginia wineries. He also acts as consultant for the very successful Mount Vernon wine festival, now in its third year.

He is nationally considered an authority on many subjects relating to wine and is a frequent guest lecturer for groups on topics such as "The History of the Virginia Wine Industry." Murchie is often selected to lead U.S. viticulture and enology delegations to international wine growing regions such as the People's Republic of China, South Africa, Australia, Argentina and Chile.

Given Murchie's extensive U.S. Foreign Service background and his experience in international diplomacy, it is natural that he has chosen to pursue the Jeffersonian dream of promoting an American wine industry.

The Virginia Wine Industry Person of the Year award annually recognizes outstanding contributions to the industry. This year's award was presented to Murchie at the Virginia Wine Honors at the Library of Virginia in downtown Richmond.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Gordon Murchie, Virginia Wine Industry Person of the Year. I applaud the invaluable contributions he has made to the American wine industry. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Gordon Murchie many more years of success.

TRIBUTE TO STEVEN JAY FOGEL

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 1999

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Steven J. Fogel, for his contributions to the Jewish community.