

George Kowatch III—(11/2/1987) California Department of Parks & Recreation.

Steven Gerald Gajda—(1/1/1998) Los Angeles Police Department.

Scott Matthew Greenly—(1/7/1998) California Highway Patrol.

James John Rapozo—(1/9/1998) Visalia Police Department.

Vilho O. Ahola—(2/1/1998) Petaluma Police Department.

Ricky Bill Stovall—(2/24/1998) California Highway Patrol.

Britt T. Irvine—(2/24/1998) California Highway Patrol.

Paul D. Korber—(3/15/1998) Ventura Port District.

James Leonard Speer—(4/10/1998) Calipatria Police Department.

David John Chetcuti—(4/25/1998) Millbrae Police Department.

Christopher David Lydon—(6/5/1998) California Highway Patrol.

Claire Nicole Connelly—(7/12/1998) Riverside Police Department.

Filbert Henry Cuesta, Jr.—(8/9/1998) Los Angeles Police Department.

Lisa Dianne Whitney—(8/12/1998) Ventura County Sheriff's Department.

Brian Ernest Fenimore Brown—(11/29/1998) Los Angeles Police Department.

Sandra Lee Larson—(12/8/1998) Sacramento County Sheriff's Department.

Rick Charles Cromwell—(12/9/1998) Lodi Police Department.

John Paul Monego—(12/12/1998) Alameda County Sheriff's Office.●

#### HONORING OLIVER OCASEK

● Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a great Ohioan and a good friend. On May 20, Oliver Ocasek will receive the YMCA of the USA's Volunteerism Award—in honor of his more than 50 years of service to youth organizations.

It was a great privilege for me to serve with Oliver Ocasek in the State Senate, and I can tell you from personal experience he was an extremely valuable legislator throughout his 28 years in the Senate.

He realized then, and realizes now, that one of the most important things we can do—as legislators, parents and citizens—is reach out to young people. That was a keystone of his Senate career, and indeed has been a central part of his whole life.

In addition to his work in the Senate, he has also been a distinguished professional educator, serving as teacher, principal, superintendent, college professor, and member of the State Board of Education.

Mr. President, I join all Ohioans in paying tribute to Oliver Ocasek on the occasion of this richly deserved award.●

#### PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WALTER WETZEL MEMORIAL

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Private First Class Walter C. Wetzel, one of Macomb County's greatest war heroes, who will be honored Saturday, May 15, 1999. On that day, the lobby in the new Macomb County Administration Building will be dedicated as the Private First Class Walter Wetzel Memorial where a

bronze bust of Private Wetzel will be unveiled.

ON April 3, 1945, Private Wetzel, a Roseville resident, was serving as a member of an Army anti-tank unit, when they came under attack by a German offensive. As Wetzel warned his fellow soldiers of the attack, two live grenades were thrown through the window of the farmhouse where his unit was positioned; Wetzel then shielded his men by covering the grenades with his body, sacrificing his life to save the lives of the others in his unit.

As the ultimate recognition for his bravery and honor, the military posthumously awarded Private First Class Wetzel the Medal of Honor.

The memorial and sculpture are well-deserved tributes for the heroism of private Wetzel who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect the sacred values our country is founded upon.

Private Wetzel's commitment to fight and sacrifice to protect the United States and the freedoms Americans cherish is to be commended. He deserves both respect and admiration by everyone for his dedication to our country.●

#### HONORING JOHN FLORENO

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Mr. John Floreno who has been named the Italian American of the Year by the Italian Study Group of Troy. The annual recognition is presented to those who make significant contributions in promoting and maintaining the importance of the Italian culture.

John Floreno dedicated himself for over 20 years to the Italian American Cultural Society in Warren, Michigan, in many ways, including raising funds to build the cultural center, arranging for the purchase of the center's property, and providing for significant repair costs for the center. Over the years, John has been recognized through many distinguished awards for his dedication to the Italian heritage.

It was through John's leadership that the construction of the center went forward. The Center is a central location where the community can gather to teach and preserve the Italian culture for future generations.

I am proud to say that Michigan is home to one of the most vibrant Italian communities in the United States. They have brought countless contributions to the Great Lakes State.

Our Italian community in Michigan has played an important role in enhancing the Italian culture, identity and pride of Italian-Americans, by teaching the importance of family, church and local community.

I want to express my congratulations to John Floreno for his years of dedication in keeping those traditions alive.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.●

#### HONORING FRANCO IADEROSA

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Mr. Franco Iaderosa

who has been named the Italian American of the Year by the Italian Study Group of Troy. The annual recognition is presented to those who make significant contributions in promoting and maintaining the importance of the Italian culture.

Franco Iaderosa has dedicated himself to many years of service to the rich heritage of the Italian-American community in Michigan through his outstanding leadership as Education Director of the N.O.I. Foundation which promotes the Italian Language curriculum in both public and private Detroit schools.

It is through Franco's commitment to the education of our children that Italian history, culture and traditions can be preserved and enhanced in our communities.

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Our Italian community in Michigan has played an important role in enhancing the Italian culture, identity and pride of Italian-Americans, by teaching the importance of family, church, and local community.

I want to express my congratulations to Franco Iaderosa for his years of dedication in keeping those traditions alive.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.●

#### APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 95-521, appointments Patricia Mack Bryan, of Virginia, as Senate Legal Counsel, effective as of June 1, 1999, for a term of service to expire at the end of the 107th Congress.

#### APPOINTING PATRICIA MACK BRYAN AS SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. CRAIG. I ask unanimous consent the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 102, submitted earlier by Senators LOTT and DASCHLE.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 102) appointing Patricia Mack Bryan as Senate Legal Counsel.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. CRAIG. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 102) was agreed to, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the appointment of Patricia Mack Bryan, of Virginia, to be Senate Legal Counsel, made by the President pro tempore