

HONORING THE ROTARY CLUB OF
WESTCHESTER**HON. STEVEN T. KUYKENDALL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2000

Mr. KUYKENDALL. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize an important organization within my district, the Rotary Club of Westchester. Tomorrow the Rotary Club of Westchester will celebrate its 50th anniversary as a valuable member of the community.

For the last 50 years, the Rotary Club of Westchester has provided generous support to various programs throughout the community. Its members are community and professional leaders who have been active in education and literacy, scholarship programs, student exchange programs, and book sales to benefit the local region.

As the Rotary Club of Westchester holds its 50th Anniversary Gala this Saturday, Richard Jones will also be celebrating a milestone. Dick Jones is the last remaining charter member who is still active in the organization, and he has achieved a remarkable 100 percent attendance for 49 consecutive years. Dick has helped make the Rotary Club of Westchester the fine organization that it is today. He is a Paul Harris Fellow, a Westchester Patron, served as rotary president, and is a Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. I commend Dick for his commitment to the Rotary Club of Westchester and thank him for his service to the community.

I congratulate the members of the Rotary Club of Westchester on achieving this milestone. It is a valuable member of the Westchester community and its contributions are appreciated. I wish the Club continued success for the future.

TRIBUTE TO NEW BERLIN WEST
HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM**HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the New Berlin West High School Boys' Basketball team, which won the Division II State Championship on March 18, 2000. These impressive young men brought home the first state title in school history, and were only the 27th school in tournament history to win a championship in their first try. With an outstanding 26-0 record, the Vikings swept their way to the Woodland Conference title, State title, and a Number One ranking in state polls. I would like to offer my heartfelt congratulations to the entire team, including Head Coach Jeff Lewiston and All-State Honorable Mentions John and Jason Chappell, for a job well done. The students, faculty and staff of New Berlin West High School, as well as the greater communities of New Berlin, Waukesha County, and the 4th Congressional District, have reason to be proud.

GOLDEN APPLE SCHOLAR AWARDS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to commend the 2000 Golden Apple Scholar award winners from my district. The Golden Apple Scholars program is to recruit talented high school juniors who want to become teachers.

I would like to take the opportunity to recognize Ms. Rachel Ladage from Taylorville High School in Taylorville, Illinois. Teachers, like parents, have a unique opportunity to touch the life of a child. I can't think of a more rewarding experience.

As you know, Mr. Speaker, I was a former high school teacher. I want to wish Rachel all the same joy and success that I shared in my teaching career.

IN MEMORY OF THE LATE MARY
NEY**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I honor today the memory of Mary A. Ney, who passed away on March 19, 2000.

Mary was a member of St. John's Catholic Church. She and her husband, Thomas J. Ney, Sr. had one son and Mary had three stepsons and six step-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege for me to pay my last respects to a lady who gave so much of herself to her community, her church and her family. Mary will be missed by all whose lives she touched.

IN HONOR OF GREEK
INDEPENDENCE DAY**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Greek Independence Day, March 25, 2000.

During the rule of the Ottoman Empire from the fifteenth through nineteenth centuries, the Greek people never lost sight of their distinct identity and deep devotion to their Orthodox Church, whose clergy played a critical function in maintaining their language and religion. As the eighteenth century ended, the Greeks began organizing a struggle for their freedom. On March 25, 1821, Bishop Germanos called for all to join the campaign for Greek independence. Despite overwhelming odds, thousands of Greeks throughout the region responded to this inspiring call and fought heroically.

The combination of Greek sacrifice and bravery with the help of foreign volunteers succeeded by the end of the 1820s in establishing an independent Greek state. The Greek-American community offers a cultural bridge between the two countries and takes

pride that Greek ideals contributed to America's revolution before Greeks themselves had the chance to follow a related and successful campaign for freedom.

This year, Greek Independence Day will be celebrated in Cleveland with an annual parade led by his Eminence Metropolitan Maximos of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. The parade will be a celebration of the Greek struggle for independence that took place 179 years ago. Parade Committee Chairperson Toula Spirtos stressed the value of this event when she said, "We owe it to our children to preserve those ideas for which the fighters of 1821 shed blood to win and our fathers shed sweat and tears to preserve for us."

My fellow colleagues, please join me in celebrating Greek Independence Day.

HONORING PAT HALBERSTADT

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I proudly honor a wonderful citizen and community member from my Congressional District in California. My friend Pat Halberstadt will be recognized this weekend by the Sister City Association of Garden Grove.

This is a local grassroots, citizen-directed effort to promote international understanding and build bridges between communities. The association carries on a relationship with Garden Grove's sister city, Anyang, South Korea. In a city that is home to so many Korean Americans, the association is to be commended for its work.

Pat Halberstadt is known for her work with the Boys & Girls Club of Garden Grove. In fact, I think it's fair to say that without Pat, there wouldn't be a Boys & Girls club there.

Pat has lived in Garden Grove all her life—perhaps that's why she cares about our community so much. Her dedication knows no bounds and goes above and beyond the call of duty.

Because of her work, we can provide a safe, high-quality source of activities and resources for our children and young people after school and for their families. Pat is also recognized for her expertise in her field, and has been asked to serve on numerous state, county and local boards.

Mr. Speaker, we are so grateful to Pat for all she's given our community's kids, and I am proud to honor her in Congress today.

HONORING KATHRYN ELIZABETH
GRANAHAN DURING WOMEN'S
HISTORY MONTH**HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFEL**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2000

Mr. HOFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Women's History Month by recognizing the contributions of an important figure from my home area. Kathryn Elizabeth Granahan had an extensive career in public service as a former Congresswoman and Treasurer of the United States.