will have an opportunity to receive basic financial services at a reasonable cost.

HONORING NADINE MILFORD

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 11, 2000

Mrs. WILSON. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to bring to your attention a woman who exemplifies the courage and love of a mother, even under circumstances that no parent should ever have to face. Nadine Milford has become a symbol of motherhood in my District, and throughout the state of New Mexico. Today, I would like to join American Mothers, Inc. in honoring Nadine as Mother's day approaches.

On Christmas Eve, 1992, Nadine's daughter, Melanie, and her three granddaughters, Kandyce, Kacee, and Erin, were hit and killed by a drunk driver in one of New Mexico's worst DWI accidents. Only Nadine's son-in-law, Paul Cravens, survived the wreck. This compelled her to dedicate her life to others. She has become a supporter and a comforter to the families of DWI victims, sometimes driving hundreds of miles to comfort a grieving mother.

Nadine is powerful and courageous. She lives life with a commitment to herself and to others to make this world better, gaining strength and balance from her deep faith. She remains dedicated, even through the most trying times, and will take her massage as far as it will reach. Complimenting her dedication is her patience. Her son, Lance, has said of her, ''Mom's persistence has moved mountains one grain of sand at a time.''

Mr. Speaker, we know that laws are difficult to change, and our legislative system works slowly. More so, it takes a desire to be involved, whether you're a legislator or a caring mother who has experienced the effects of a nationwide problem—DWI—on the most personal of levels. Since that fateful holiday night so many years ago, Nadine has become New Mexico's most active and visible DWI lobbyist and activist. And she has been a significant factor in historic DWI reform throughout the years in New Mexico.

Nadine's personal philosophy has earned her respect from state legislators and friends alike: ''Persistence wears resistance.'' In a world of chaos and unjustifiable tragedies, Nadine found the courage to forgive and to help. Today we gather to honor her mind and her will to make change as well as her courage, her strength, her commitment, and her involvement in our community. She encompasses what it is to be a woman and a mother: She is reverent, strong, caring, and willing to fight for a better world.

Mr. Speaker, I pray that no mother will ever have to face what Nadine Milford has faced. But for those who do, I pray that they will have the strength and character that Nadine Milford has.

IN HONOR OF THE PANASONIC-SPONSORED KID WITNESS NEWS PROGRAM AND THIS YEAR'S ''NEW VISION'' AWARD WINNERS

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 11, 2000

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I honor the Panasonic-sponsored Kid Witness News program (KWN) and this year's ''New Vision'' award winners.

KWN began 17 years ago in Weehawken, New Jersey. Panasonic adopted the program in 1990, and has expanded it to include more than 200 schools in 117 cities across the nation. This is KWN's 10th anniversary with Panasonic.

KWN is an exceptional educational tool, allowing young people to express their feelings and share their perceptions of our world. With this program, our youth can tell us what they value—what is important to them. In addition, students gain valuable experience in news gathering and video production.

This Program is especially important because it provides public school students with education, professional development, instruction, and access to technology—essential ingredients for future success, at a time when these young people have the potential to be anything they aspire to be.

The great success of KWN would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of Panasonic, its staff, and numerous volunteers; and congratulations to the talented students and dedicated teachers who have contributed as well—you are all an asset to our communities and our schools.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Panasonic-sponsored Kids Witness News program on its 10th anniversary; and congratulations to this year's ''New Vision'' award winners.

MARCIA WAGNER, CHAMPION OF CHILDREN

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 11, 2000

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise now during Teacher Appreciation Week to honor a devoted teacher from my Congressional district. Mrs. Marcia Wagner has taught music to thousands of students in Sterling, Colorado over her thirty-year career. After teaching at several of Sterling's grade schools, Mrs. Wagner completed her career on a high note at Sterling Middle School as a recipient of the Francis Gillespie Excellence Award—an award honoring her commitment to children.

In Sterling, Colorado, like many places in the West, there is a reliance on family and community. Mrs. Wagner embodies these values which are so prevalent throughout the district I represent. She has been a role model and has profoundly influenced thousands of students by putting children first and looking to parents and the local community for support.

During Teacher Appreciation Week, which recognizes a first-rate education system and properly functioning democracy requires a partnership between educators, parents, and children; let us look to Marcia Wagner, a champion of children and community.

TRIBUTE TO WILBUR J. HENRICHS

HON. THOMAS W. EWING

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 11, 2000

Mr. EWING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Wilbur J. Henrichs of Danforth, Illinois. For the last 64 years, Mr. Henrichs has served farmers in his feed store, the Danforth Hatchery. I am sad to say that on March 25th, Mr. Henrichs retired at the age of 87 and the Danforth Hatchery closed for business.

The Danforth Hatchery opened for business in 1936 with Mr. Henrichs managing the store. It was a feed and supply store and at one point served as a poultry hatchery. After managing the store for a few years, Mr. Henrichs took ownership and has operated the store ever since. Over time, his the local suppliers have closed forcing him to drive over 200 miles to pick up his inventory, never once passing his increased delivery charges onto his customers. He is well known to farmers throughout the area for his reliability and willingness to lend a helping hand.

In addition to running the Hatchery, Mr. Henrichs has made outstanding contributions to the community through various civic activities. He has been active in his church and served as Village Clerk for over 40 years. In addition, Mr. Henrichs devotes his time and money to the 4–H and FFA groups in support of local youth and their involvement in agriculture.

As a life long resident of Danforth, Mr. Henrichs is known for his quiet, unselfish leadership. Over the years, he has touched countless lives in his daily routine. He continues to serve as a role model through his leadership, sense of humor and humanitarian attitude. On behalf of the citizens of Danforth and those he has served, I thank him for his dedication.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the distinguished service to agriculture and the Danforth Community of Mr. Henrichs; for his leadership and professional commitment to stewardship of the land and providing food and fiber to the world.

DANFORTH HATCHERY CLOSES AFTER 64 YEARS

(By Mike Lyons)

DANFORTH—Time was this place reverberated with the ''cheeps'' of a thousand newly hatched chicks and sparked with the animated chatter of newlyweds placing orders' for the family coop.

Time was the heavy front door of Danforth's downtown hatchery swung wide as grade school classes trooped in to witness life making its tenuous beginning beneath the ''hen warm'' lights of the incubator trays.

And time was proprietor Wilbur Henrichs welcomed such ''intrusions'' in his business day, including the daily visits of village kibitzers, curious kids and connoisseurs of that cutthroat card game called ''Pepper.''

In the process he became an indelible fixture in the lives the rural community of Danforth and beyond—the matrix of hometown memory. A man they respectfully call ''a treasure.''

On Saturday generations of Wilbur's friends, and a sizable contingent of family, dropped by to help him end an era.