Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great family—a great American family. The Wood family is being honored as the family of the year by the Town of Harrison, New Jersey, and I am very proud to honor them for their contribution to their community.

The Harrison Family of the year has its roots in the Martin family originally from Brooklyn, NY and the Wood family originally from Newark. Robert and Rachel Martin’s family has lived in the Town of Harrison since 1910, and William and Esther Wood’s family since 1919.

After Robert and Rachel’s daughter, Margaret, met William and Esther’s son, Harold, in 1938, they were married, and began a family. Harold and Margaret Wood had eight girls and four boys. Of their twelve children, five still live in Harrison. Harrison is currently home to five of Margaret’s children, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. In all, Margaret has thirty-two grandchildren and forty great grandchildren.

The Wood children have an enduring love for this country, a love instilled in them by their father, Harold Wood who, having served in the Navy, understood the power and value of community and patriotism. He lived in Harrison all his life until his death in 1996.

For the pride they show in America, and for the contributions they have made to the Town of Harrison, New Jersey, I honor and praise the Wood family.

Today, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the Wood family for being the Town of Harrison’s family of the year.

RECOGNIZING GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT’S POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR AND CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD
OF GUAM
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, June 8, 2000

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Guam Police Department’s Police Officer of the Year and Civilian of the Year. These awards are presented annually to the top employees of the Guam Police Department (GPD). Police Officer III John A. Bagaforo was named Police Officer of the Year while Ms. Karen Guerrero was honored as Civilian of the Year.

Officer John A. Bagaforo is a 1980 graduate of Pearl City High School in Hawaii. He moved to Guam in 1989 with the intention of joining the Guam Police Department. He commenced service as a police recruit in October 1990, and graduated in May 1991. He was initially assigned as a patrol officer with the Northern Precinct Command—later being selected to be part of the Northern Precinct task force to counteract gang activity. This is in addition to his duties with the precinct’s patrol operations.

John was moved to the Central Precinct Command in 1992, where he was assigned to the task force on robbery suppression. Later that year, he was transferred to the Juvenile Investigation Section with a collateral assignment to the Department of Education Task Force. He was reassigned to patrol duty in 1994 and served in this capacity until 1996, when he was transferred to the GPD Drug Task Force which operated under the auspices of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). As a member of this task force, John facilitated contact with confidential informants, identified drug targets, formulated operational plans, authored search warrants, conducted drug buys, secured evidence, effectuated arrests and testified as an expert witness in both federal and local courts. In 1997, he was depuritized and received his DEA credentials as a sworn agent. John currently serves as a shift supervisor for the Tamuning/Tumon Precinct Command, a position he has held since November 1999.

GPD’s Civilian of the Year, Karen E. Guerrero. Karen has worked in different capacities within GPD’s administrative divisions since March 1985.

Initially assigned to the general maintenance section of the department’s Support Division, she was transferred in 1987 to the Records Section, which handles research on budget matters. From April 1992, until March 1999, Karen worked for the legal section under the Chiefs Office. During the seven years she worked in this section, she performed a host of clerical and administrative duties. She also played a crucial role in office support, procurement and record keeping.

Karen, on different occasions, also worked at the payroll section and the Records & ID section of GPD’s Administration Division. While with these sections, she worked with payroll and personnel matters. Having been with the Records & ID section since March, 1999, she has been involved in procedural development, drafting and the facilitation of public services on a supervisory level.

Karen is a graduate of John F. Kennedy High School in Tumon, Guam. She took part in the business administration program while attending the Western Pacific Business College and was a recipient of the Pedro “Doc” Sanchez Scholarship at the University of Guam where she majored in Public Administration.

On behalf of the people of Guam, I congratulate John and Karen for having been named as GPD’s Police Officer and Civilian of the Year. Through their diligence and dedication to their duties at the Guam Police Department, John and Karen have made great contributions towards the safety and protection of our island’s residents. I urge them to keep up the good work!

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE: THE ALZHEIMER’S CLINICAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING PROGRAM

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY
OF MASSACHUSETTS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, June 8, 2000

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my appreciation for the language contained in the Committee Report accompanying this bill which addresses Alzheimer’s Disease.

Furthermore, I would like to commend Chairman PORTER and Ranking Member OBEY for considering my April 12th testimony before the Subcommittee where I spoke on behalf of the 126 members of the Bipartisan Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer’s Disease along with my co-chair Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ). Together we encouraged the Subcommittee to urge the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to increase its research for Alzheimer’s by $100 million and to implement and fully fund a new program, originally adopted into the House Budget Resolution, the Alzheimer’s Clinical Research and Training Awards Program.

This worthy program will train physician-scientists to focus on clinical research and to