comprehensive continuum of services designed to enable children and adults with autism to lead fulfilling, productive and independent lives.

And they have been extremely successful. Through the work of Eden, parents are now able to more effectively engage their children at home and assisted hundreds of children and adults with autism to interact with their communities for the best of their abilities; and Eden has worked very hard to promote community awareness of the challenges associated with autism.

The Eden Institute is a great asset to both Central New Jersey and our nation. I urge all my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Eden's dedication to assisting citizens with autism achieve their full potential.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2559, AGRICULTURAL RISK PROTECTION ACT OF 2000

SPEECH OF HON. LARRY COMBEST OF TEXAS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Thursday, May 25, 2000

Mr. COMBEST. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1504, as amended was included in the Conference Report accompanying H.R. 2559, the Agriculture Risk Protection Act of 2000 as title IV of this Act. As introduced, H.R. 1504 was referred primarily to the House Committee on Agriculture, and in addition, to the Committees on Judiciary, Resources, and Ways and Means for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker. To expedite consideration of H.R. 1504, and to allow it to be included in this conference report, the following letters were exchanged between the Committee on Agriculture and the other committees of jurisdiction waiving further consideration of the bill.

I am writing concerning the Conference Report to H.R. 2559 (Report), the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 1999, which includes an amendment to H.R. 1504, the Plant Protection Act.

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HON. LARRY COMBEST,
Chairman, Committee on Agriculture, Long-
worth House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 1504, the Plant Protec-
tion Act, authored by our colleague Congres-
sman Canady. This bill was primarily re-
ferred to the Committee on Agriculture and
additionally referred to the Committee on
Resources, among others.

After reviewing the amendments to the
bill, I have no objection to it going forward
and with it to the House Floor. The Committee
Resources being discharged from further con-
sideration of the measure. As you note in
your letter, this action is not intended to
waive jurisdiction over this or similar provi-
sions. I would also ask you to support the
Committee on Resources request to be re-
presented on any conference on this bill, or a
similar measure, if one should become nec-
essary. Finally, I ask that you include our
exchange of letters on H.R. 1504 in the Com-
mittee on Agriculture's report on the bill or
in the official file of the bill.

Thank you for allowing me the oppor-
tunity to help expedite consideration of this
bill. I appreciate your cooperation and that
of other members of your staff, and look for-
ward to working together on other matters
of mutual interest in the future.

Sincerely,

DON YOUNG,
Chairman.

GALETT A. MORGAN TECH-
NOLOGY AND TRANSPORTATION
PROGRAM POETRY CONTEST

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN
OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 2000

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today
to honor the eight Regional winners from my
Congressional district of the Garrett A. Morgan
Technology and Transportation Futures Pro-
gram Poetry Contest. It is with great pleasure
that I congratulate the following talented stu-
dents for their exceptional submissions—Emily
Erkkinen, Kerri McCarthy, Jack Bavaro, Krista
Duchnowski, Caroline Flannagan, and Luke
Nickerson of Clinton, Massachusetts; Mack-
zeen Bernier of E.S. Brown School in Swan-
sea, Massachusetts; and Timothy Leger of Thacher Elementary School in Attleboro Mas-
sachusetts.

The Futures Program is named for Garrett
Augustus Morgan, one of the country's finest
innovators in public protection and public safe-
ty. In 1923 he patented the nation's first traffic
signal, which was used throughout North
America before being replaced by our current
system. Seven years earlier Mr. Morgan had
made national news for using a gas mask that
he had developed to enable him to go into a
tunnel under Lake Erie to rescue several
trapped men. In his honor, the Program was
created to better prepare America's students—
with math, science, and technology skills—for
entering the transportation workforce in the
21st century.

Following are the winning poems. I'm sure
all of my colleagues join me in congratulating
all of this year's participants.

Region 1: ME, MA, NH, RI, CT, VT

1st Place: Emily Erkkinen Clinton Middle
School Clinton, MA

An Airplane can fly very high. I would like
to fly an airplane. Right through the clouds
I would go. Pilots drive the airplane. Lots of
birds fly along. A great way of transpor-
tation. Now the airplane has landed. End of
the ride, let's go home.

2nd Place: Kerri McCarthy Clinton Middle
School Clinton, MA

How that hot air balloon floats up in the
sky Oh look, there's another and one
more oh my That one has purple all over
and the purple line I think I see a blue one too Round and round the higher it floats Balloons float up in the air
And all of them spread everywhere Look at
the purple one Look at the blue Oh how pret-
tty they look don't you think they do? Oh no
one just popped what are we going to do!
Now I'm off bye, bye, I do miss you too!

3rd Place: Jack Bavaro Clinton Middle School
Clinton, MA

Hot Air balloons don't go very far They're
even slower than a car. But they can glide in
the sky. Just like a bird flying high.

Region 1: ME, MA, NH, RI, CT, VT (Grades
4-6)

1st Place: Mackenzie Bernier E. S. Brown
School Swansea, MA 02777

"TRANSPORTATION"

What makes transportation really neat, is
that we no longer have to use our feet. We
can ride a bicycle, drive a car. We can take
a plane to go very far. We can hop on a bus
to get out of the rain. We can catch a sub-
way, or take a train. There are ferry boats
and cruises too. And trolley cars for me
and you. There are great big trucks for mov-
ing freight. And limos for that special date.
Who knows, someday very soon. There might
be transportation to the moon!!

2nd Place: Timothy Leger, Thacher Elementary
School Attleboro, MA 02703

"TRANSPORT"

Trains transfer trucks to Turkey. Cars
carry crackers to Colorado. Submarines ship
snowboards somewhere. Dump-trucks deliver
dirt to Denver. Helicopters haul huge hats.
Canoes carry cats to California. Boats bring
bicycles back.

3rd Place: Krista Duchnowski Clinton Middle
School Clinton, MA 01510

No boats, planes, cars? Walking on your
own two feet? Not in this day and age. Walk
to school? Carry my books? Take the bus
I say. Dream big, try to go the ocean? Never see
France? Let's fly my friend. Paddle to the is-
lands? Take a raft? Hey dude, fire up the
motor! Run across the country? Get tired
and SWEAT? Chug, chug, take the train!
Walk, run, paddle, WORK? Do it yourself.
Transportation does it for me!

Region 1: ME, MA, NH, RI, CT, VT (Grades
7-12)

1st Place: Caroline Flannagan Clinton Middle
School Clinton, MA 01510

Cavemen used the feet they had Until the
idea of a wheel we had Ships allowed us to
sail the seas Making men's dreams realities
The car was invented to treat the boyville by Orville
and Wilbur soon did fly Rockets and space-
ships were shot into space Bringing man to a
whole new place Transportation keeps us on
the go in the future we don't know.

3rd Place: Luke Nickerson Clinton Middle
School Clinton, MA 01510

Henry Ford, and the Wright Brothers were
men with vision. Just like the man who in-
vented the train. The Country uses many
modes of transportation like planes, autos,
and trains To go to work so that we can in-
vent more, and use our brains. Now that we
have reached a destination, Aren't you proud
of this great nation? For the resources and
modes of transportation, I just think, in 1999
America stands and space exploration. We need
to stop, and think of where we are going, if
flight is in your plans, try a 747 Boeing.

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS
OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 2000

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you
today to recognize Charles Meier of Oakwille, IL. Charles was recently inducted into the Illinois Jaycees Recruiters Hall of
Fame.

He was inducted for his successful efforts
to recruit many new members into the club dur-
ing his 21 years as a Jaycee. His recruitment
efforts have brought in new members from an
area that extends from Steeleville and Water-
loo to Interstate 64.

I want to congratulate Charles on receiving such a prestigious honor. I wish him the best
as he continues to serve.

IN HONOR OF THE CONCERNED
CITIZENS OF BAYONNE ON ITS
30TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ
OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 2000

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to
honor the Concerned Citizens of Bayonne
(CCB) on its 30th anniversary.

Founded in 1970 by Frank P. Perrucci, CCB
was established as an instrument for con-
cerned citizens to take action on a variety of
national and state issues. CCB is a perfect ex-
ample of the influence that a civic organization
can have on our political system. This organi-
zation levels the playing field, providing ordi-
nary citizens with the opportunity to affect the
political process, reducing the disproportionate
influence of special interest groups.

The CCB supports several community orga-
nizations and charities: the Bayonne Hospital
Cancer Treatment Center; the Windmill Alli-
ance; Deborah Hospital, the Bayonne PAL;
Bayonne Little League; Bayonne Babe Ruth
Baseball; the Bayonne Family YMCA Day
Care Center; and Bayonne for the Battleship
New Jersey, Inc.

CCB actively supports fines and jail terms
for ocean dumping, opposes self service gas
stations in New Jersey, and has opposed ex-
treme wrestling exhibitions in Bayonne.

Committed to helping its community, CCB is
a strong advocate for senior citizens, conducts
activities for the veterans at the East Orange
V.A. Hospital, and has been a participant in
Toys for Tots for the past thirty years.

In 1990, on its 20th anniversary, CCB es-
ablished the Frank P. Perrucci Scholarship
Award, and in 1995, on its 25th anniversary,
established the Frank P. Perrucci Civic
Achievement Award to recognize extraordinary
individuals who have volunteered their time
and efforts for important causes.

Today, I ask that my colleagues join me in
honoring the Concerned Citizens of Bayonne