

name of making education more "progressive."

One of the worst ways to harm children is to expect too little of them. That bores them and teaches that school is of little consequence. These feelings are compounded by artificial esteem-boosting, such as the praise of accomplishments that aren't really accomplishments. This makes them feel sheepish. Challenging them with real work makes them feel the pride that can come only from growing, stretching, maturing and mastering a difficult task.

Immigrants, for the most part, want to learn English. Critics who accuse them of the contrary are generally basing their opinions on assumed or incomplete information.

Bilingual education, *The Times* said, took root because of strong support in Congress. Extra money was provided for bilingual programs, following the idea that government knows best.

Of course, government doesn't always know best. Just ask the founder of the California Association of Bilingual Educators. He has a story that's worth listening to in any other place where bilingual education is producing less-than-satisfactory results.

THE ARC OF MONTGOMERY
COUNTY

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 12, 2000

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my appreciation and support for the Arc of Montgomery County. For the past 40 years, this organization has sponsored the Fashion Show Benefit each spring as its major annual fund-raiser event. The proceeds of this wonderful benefit go toward improving the lives of people with mental disabilities and their families. Over the years more than 20,000 people have attended this event, which has netted about \$1.2 million. Throughout its history, the Arc of Montgomery County Fashion Show has been planned and organized by hundreds of dedicated volunteers, who choose a theme, produce publications, coordinate an auction, assemble elaborate decorations and market the event. The Arc of Montgomery County is proud to be associated with all the volunteers who have contributed to the event, and with the program participants who have benefitted.

Mr. Speaker, I too have been proud to be associated with the Arc of Montgomery County and their volunteers. I commend them for their outstanding achievements.

THE EISENHOWER DISTINGUISHED
CITIZENS AWARD

HON. TOM BLILEY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 12, 2000

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, in keeping with its policy, "the Army takes care of its own," the members of the U.S. Army and their families and friends financed and constructed the Army Distaff Hall at 6200 Oregon Avenue, Washington, D.C. The facility, designed to provide a haven for the widows of deceased military personnel, was completed in 1962. Ten years

ago, the name of the facility was changed to Knollwood and a new resident policy was instituted to include retired military personnel and their spouses.

A driving force behind this successful operation was General Dwight D. and Mrs. Eisenhower. The Army Distaff Foundation, Inc. annually recognizes an individual whose contributions to the military are outstanding. The current recipient of the Eisenhower Distinguished Citizens Award is historian and author, Stephen E. Ambrose, Ph.D., and his citation is as follows:

Stephen Ambrose has devoted his whole professional life to the writing of deeply insightful accounts of critical moments in American history. From the explorations of Lewis and Clark in the early 1800's, to his works on the Civil War, the Indian Wars, and World War II, Dr. Ambrose has brought into focus the profound hardships and perils of many outstanding historical events. In doing so, he has revealed the strength, the determination, and the courage of the men and women who risked their lives to achieve the needs and the goals of our country.

Dr. Ambrose chronicled the achievements of men and women of all ranks in World War II—citizens who braved adversity to overcome the barbaric threat to the free world. In an initiative of enduring importance going beyond his historical writings, he brought into being the National D-Day Museum in New Orleans, an institution that celebrates and commemorates the American spirit, teamwork, optimism, courage, and sacrifice of the men and women who won World War II.

As a result of Dr. Ambrose's careful documentation and analysis of the major campaigns of World War II, he has been a force in the field of international education. His works have been published in numerous languages and he has lectured at nearly all the leading universities in Europe. Central to all his presentations, he has been a storyteller who vividly explains, illustrates, informs, and entertains.

Throughout his lifetime of work, Dr. Ambrose has distinguished himself in his field by showing the need for military preparedness, and by describing the achievements of American leaders, and the citizen soldiers whom they led, thereby illustrating the historical heritage of America and Americans. The nation stands in debt to this accomplished storyteller who has added so much to our knowledge of what has gone before.

TRIBUTE TO CHRISTIAN BROTHERS
ACADEMY ON THE OCCA-
SION OF ITS CENTENNIAL CELE-
BRATION

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 12, 2000

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, Christian Brothers Academy first opened its doors to 17 male students on September 4, 1900 in a house on the corner of North State and East Willow Streets in the city of Syracuse, New York. Since that time, Christian Brothers Academy, referred to locally as CBA, has grown to become a dominant force in scholastic education in Central New York as a private, Catholic, co-

educational college preparatory school in the LaSallian tradition.

After opening in 1900, CBA's first structure was replaced by a three-story school building in 1904, which remained the "Brothers' Boys" home until it moved to a modern campus in DeWitt, New York in 1961. Today, that modern campus on the corner of Kimber and Randall Roads continues to be transformed. In conjunction with the school's centennial celebration, the Board of Trustees has undertaken a \$7 million capital campaign to upgrade and expand the CBA campus—including the construction of a Fine Arts wing, renovation and expansion of science facilities, the addition of new classrooms and multi-media labs, and the construction of new athletic practice facilities. In addition, the campaign will provide an increased number of endowed scholarships to make CBA's strong educational program available to more needy young men and women in the Syracuse area.

Throughout its existence, Christian Brothers Academy has responded to the changing times. Junior high grades were added in 1977 in an effort to counter declining numbers with the addition of two Diocesan regional high schools, the dress code was relaxed, academic course options were implemented and females were admitted in 1987 with the closure of the all-girl Franciscan Academy in Syracuse.

While receptive to improvements, CBA has held many traditions constant. Its annual Musicale continues, and CBA remains a local powerhouse in scholastic athletics, winning a variety of sectional, state and Eastern States Catholic Schools titles in men's football, baseball, basketball and soccer, and in women's varsity swimming.

CBA graduates are successful professionals and parents residing throughout our nation, and dozens of Central New York's past and present elected leaders boast of Brothers' diplomas. As a member of the CBA Class of 1966 myself, it gives me great pleasure to recognize Christian Brothers Academy on 100 years of service to our community as we continue with "pride in our past and faith in our future." Congratulations.

HONORING MR. ARMAND AUDINI

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 12, 2000

Mrs. WILSON. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to share with you the story of Mr. Armand Audini better known as "Dini" to his co-workers. Mr. Audini has worked at the New Mexico VA Medical Center in Albuquerque New Mexico for 30 years now. Because of his dedication and loyalty, Green Thumb Inc. presented this octogenarian with the most Outstanding Older Worker award.

Mr. Audini is truly a shining example of America's mature worker who is changing the stereotypes about aging and he serves as a positive role model for our younger generation. Mr. Audini has seen his work process enter the world of "high tech" and he has met the challenge of a computerized environment admirably.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Mr. Audini's enthusiasm and commitment to today's work force. He truly exemplifies that Ability is Ageless.

IN RECOGNITION OF REFLEXITE CORPORATION'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY AND 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THEIR EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN (ESOP)

HON. NANCY L. JOHNSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 12, 2000

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I enthusiastically support Reflexite Corporation's celebration of their 30th year as a company and 15th year of the establishment of their Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP). On September 16, 2000, Reflexite will celebrate many accomplishments; being a world leader in the creation of microprism retroreflective technology that is unparalleled by any other company, their fundamental commitments and excellence in technology, quality and customer service, and allowing all employees to contribute to the growth of the company through ownership. In 1985, Reflexite Corporation established its ESOP and was recently recognized as the New England ESOP Company of the Year, 2000.

Since its founding, Reflexite Corporation has achieved technological breakthroughs that continue to open new markets throughout the world. Reflexite's worldwide network of member companies also strive for excellence, service, and commitment to technological advances in the industry. Reflexite Corporation is a civic minded company, reaching out to numerous groups and individuals, improving many lives. Their success has been achieved through the hard work, creativity and determination on the part of the employee-owners. It is with great pride that I rise to recognize their tremendous accomplishments and contributions to the State of Connecticut.

THANKING GEORGE NEWMAN FOR HIS SUPPORT OF THE WWII MEMORIAL

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 12, 2000

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I thank one of my constituents, George Newman of Oradell, New Jersey, for his magnanimous generosity in supporting the World War II Memorial being planned for construction in Washington, D.C. Mr. Newman is scheduled to present a check for \$250,000 to organizers of the Memorial this Friday. This important memorial will offer our nation's thanks to the thousands of men and women who gave their lives defending freedom and opposing tyranny in the greatest battle of right and wrong we have seen in the past century. Mr. Newman, through the George W. and Amy Newman Foundation, will also contribute \$100,000 to the United States Navy Memorial in Washington and \$50,000 to the Submarine Memorial Association/U.S.S. Ling in Hackensack, New Jersey. In making these contributions, Mr. Newman will honor the veterans of what newsman Tom Brokaw called "The Greatest Generation," and demonstrate that he, himself, is an excellent example of what made the WWII generation great.

Mr. Newman is an excellent example of the "self-made man." Born in the Hell's Kitchen area of Times Square in New York, he earned money in his youth by running errands for the actors and actresses of the Theater District. He and his friends soon became a small bit of show business themselves, singing in a trio at the 42nd Street Shuttle subway station. One memorable Thanksgiving Day, he and his friends brought in \$45 between them, prompting his father to encourage him to continue his subway singing career. He continued bringing in \$15 a week throughout his youth, a large sum in those days.

Show business was not to be Mr. Newman's career, however. A job as a sign painter's helper enlightened him to the profit potential of outdoor billboards. He eventually founded Allied Outdoor Advertising Inc., which today is the leading privately owned outdoor advertising business in metropolitan New York. The company's billboards are used by many of the nation's leading major corporations to promote their products in prime advertising locations around the nation's largest city. As Mr. Newman's advertising business grew, he expanded it to take advantage of his subway experience by creating the New York Subways Co. That firm successfully bid for the right to advertise in the city's subway system and elevated train system, placing more than 26,000 advertising signs in stations across the city.

Mr. Newman's business acumen extends to real estate and transportation as well. Seeing the need for a major railroad terminal in the Meadowlands, Mr. Newman 26 years ago founded the Allied Junction Corp. and purchased the property where the new station is now being built. Similar in scale to Grand Central Station in New York, the project includes four 40-story office towers, a hotel and conference center that will create thousands of jobs and countless benefits for the people of New Jersey while at the same time addressing the region's demanding transportation needs. The project is funded in part by a \$450 million federal contract secured by former Congressman Robert A. Roe, who headed the House Public Works and Transportation Committee.

The Meadowlands Chamber of Commerce has named Mr. Newman the "Man of the Year" and the Hackensack Meadowlands Development Commission has named him "Businessman of the Year," both in recognition of his contributions to the economic vitality of the community.

Mr. Newman has shared his good fortune with the community, contributing millions of dollars to charitable and community organizations in an attempt to assist the less fortunate. He has generously supported the William Carlos Williams Art Center in Rutherford, which named its theater in his honor; Holy Name Hospital, which named its cardiac diagnostic center in his honor, and the Church of St. Gabriel the Archangel medical clinic in Newark. He has also given generously to many local parishes of the Catholic Church and to Catholic schools including Don Bosco Prep High School and Bergen Catholic High School. He has made repeated gifts to the American Red Cross and the Korean War Memorial.

Mr. Newman's contribution this week to the World War II Memorial reflects a long history of military service and support for veterans within his family. His ancestors, who came to this country from England in 1630, fought in the American Revolution, the Civil War, the

Spanish-American War and World War I. Mr. Newman himself served in the Navy during World War II.

Mr. Newman is also a dedicated family man, married for 60 years to his wife, Amy. The couple are the parents of two (including their son, George Jr., who died of illness many years ago), and grandparents of five.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my Colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in thanking Mr. Newman. Once again, his record of achievement in business, his generosity in philanthropy and his willingness to help the less fortunate illustrate how he is a wonderful example of "The Greatest Generation."

SPEECH OF GENERAL ERIC SHINSEKI

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 12, 2000

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, on August 11, 2000, General Eric Shinseki addressed the Military Order of the World Wars in Kansas City, Missouri. I submit his speech for the RECORD:

Congressman Skelton—thank you for that generous introduction. It's good to be here with you this evening—thanks also for your service to our nation and the Army as the ranking member of the House Armed Services Committee. Your commitment to the national defense and your passion for the well-being of our men and women is legendary. We are indebted to you. Ladies and gentlemen—please join me in thanking Congressman Ike Skelton for his devotion to the soldiers, civilians, and family members of the Army.

In this room this evening are also some other patriots who have been great supporters of our military and our veterans. Many have served our nation in war; among their numbers are those who have felt the sting of battle. But all have provided our communities the kind of leadership that has made this country what it is today. To the Kansas City Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars, thank you for your support of our soldiers and veterans.

You know, this country enjoys a unique status in the community of nations. We are a great nation, and we enjoy a vibrant and flourishing economy. No other nation enjoys our unique status in the way that we do today. Americans enjoy these special circumstances, but many do not associate our national strength and our economic health with the readiness and professionalism of our military forces. The fact is, however, that you don't get to be a great power with the world's leading economy without also having a world class military that is respected by our allies and feared by our adversaries. Our military forces enable the great nation status enjoyed by the American people. No one understands or appreciates the importance of that link better than those who have defended this wonderful country of ours in war or those who have the responsibility of assuring the readiness of its military capabilities on a daily basis. The Military Order of the World Wars understands that linkage. Congressman Skelton understands that linkage. Both have worked to help us stay connected to the American people. They have helped us fill our ranks with the kind of youngsters who have kept our Army a force for good and an instrument of national policy. Again, we are grateful for all that you do on our behalf.