

After ordination in Rome, he returned to the United States where he was assigned to the staff of Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago and the following year was named Secretary and Master of Ceremonies to Cardinal Albert Meyer. He was also named Assistant Chancellor.

From 1960 to 1965, Cardinal Archbishop Egan was Assistant Vice Rector of the North American College in Rome.

In 1972 he was appointed an auditor of the Sacred Roman Rota, which is the ordinary court of appeals for canonical cases appealed to the Vatican, particularly regarding the validity of marriage. He served as a judge of the Tribunal of the Rota from 1973 to 1985.

He was named Auxiliary Bishop of New York on April 4, 1985, and served as Vicar of Education for the New York archdiocese. He was appointed Bishop of Bridgeport on November 8, 1988. Since coming to the Diocese of Bridgeport, Bishop Egan has overseen the regionalization of diocesan elementary schools, established active Hispanic and Haitian Apostolates, founded the Saint John Fisher Seminary Residence for young men considering the priesthood, reorganized diocesan healthcare facilities, and initiated the inner-city Foundation for Charity and Education.

It's most fitting that Cardinal Egan is the successor of the late John Cardinal O'Connor. New York's new Cardinal is well aware of the legacy left by his predecessor and he is well prepared to continue and strengthen that legacy. He too is dedicated to the dignity of all peoples and to caring for those who are most scorned or ignored by society. Cardinal Egan has the wonderful ability to nurture and develop a sense of social justice among his fellow Catholics. As was the case with Cardinal O'Connor, he understands and deeply respects the values inherent in a multi-cultural and multi-religious community. He has a deep and abiding respect for and dedication to education.

As he assumes his leadership role in the great Archdiocese of New York, it is right for us to wish him success in making this great community a more human, more caring and more believing community of Brothers and Sisters.

Colleagues, please join me and all the members of the Archdiocese of New York in congratulating the Most Reverend Edward M. Egan upon his elevation to the dignity of Cardinal.

IN COMMEMORATION OF HELEN
STIRLING GILL

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 1, 2001

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the lifetime achievements of one of Davie, Florida's most active and charitable volunteers. Helen Stirling Gill, daughter of Davie's first mayor Frank Stirling, died Saturday, February 17, 2001, at the age of 78. Mrs. Gill was an active philanthropist for several decades, giving countless hours of service to her community. She will be dearly missed by the city's residents.

Born on July 10, 1922, in Gainesville, Mrs. Gill moved to Davie with her family in 1924,

where her father was elected the town's first mayor. She married William "Billie" Gill in 1945, and the couple settled in Davie where they established their family business, Gill Realty.

Charming and attractive, Mrs. Gill was chosen as a Davie Orange Blossom Queen in the early 1940's. Devoted to the joy which local pageantry brought to her community, Mrs. Gill continued to help with the Orange Blossom festivities throughout her life by organizing Orange Blossom bake sales and events for children. In recognition of Mrs. Gill's contribution to the town of Davie, the Davie Chamber of Commerce dedicated the 64th Orange Blossom Festival Parade held February 24, 2001 to Mrs. Gill.

Mrs. Gill was also a devoted member of the Davie United Methodist Church where she taught Sunday School and played the piano during church services. Always a generous caretaker of her community, she visited the sick and prepared many meals for church community dinners.

In a collaborative effort with her husband and other Davie citizens, Mrs. Gill donated four acres for the creation of the Sheridan House for Girls in Southwest Ranches. The Sheridan House is a group home for girls and young women whose parents are unable to care for them. Mrs. Gill's generous contribution and care for those young women is testament to her kind spirit and love for her community. Indeed, Mr. Speaker, Helen Stirling Gill has left a lasting legacy for the people of Davie, Florida. She will be fondly remembered and dearly missed.

CELEBRATING PEACE CORPS 40TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. MIKE HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 1, 2001

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, today I speak in recognition of the dedication and commitment of Peace Corps volunteers for the past four decades. Since its inception on March 1, 1961 the Peace Corps has become a powerful symbol of America's commitment to encouraging progress and developing opportunity across the world.

Today marks the 40th anniversary of the Executive Order signed by president John F. Kennedy that established the Peace Corps. Over 162,000 Americans, including seven current members of Congress, have served as Peace Corps volunteers. They have made significant and lasting contributions in agriculture, health care, science, human rights, and the environment, serving in over 134 nations worldwide. At the same time, they have been enriched by their experience and strengthened the ties of friendship between the people of the United States and the citizens of other nations.

The Peace Corps also serves as a model for countless other programs and continues to foster a spirit of cooperation and volunteerism worldwide. Its volunteers come from all races and all walks of life and embody the core values that we as Americans treasure.

I served in the Peace Corps from 1965 to 1967 in El Salvador. Like many returning volunteers, I have carried the ideals of the Peace

Corps and the concept of public service my entire life—into my own community and into my career in the United States Congress.

Mr. Speaker I ask that the Members of Congress honor the men and women of the Peace Corps on the occasion of its 40th anniversary and continue to promote the spirit of service and volunteerism that they embody.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 1, 2001

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, on February 28, 2001, I was unavoidably detained away from the House floor; as a result I missed two recorded votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted aye on rollcall #17, passage of H.R. 256, legislation that would extend Chapter 12 federal bankruptcy protection for farmers retroactive to July 1, 2000, and through June 1, 2001. I also would have voted aye on rollcall #18, a bill that would designate a U.S. courthouse in Allentown, Pennsylvania, as the "Edwin N. Cahn Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse."

TRIBUTE TO THE ALABAMA
GRAND CHAPTER, ORDER OF
THE EASTERN STAR

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 1, 2001

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the Alabama Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star on their One Hundredth Birthday. I congratulate them for one hundred extraordinary years of charity and human outreach. I also send my best wishes to the group for their birthday celebration to be held this Saturday, March 3, 2001 at the York Rite Temple in Birmingham.

Internationally, the Alabama Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star is the largest fraternal organization in the world that both men and women can belong. The Order was established in Alabama in 1901 in Montgomery. Thousands of members in the 200 chapters support countless numbers of charities and humanitarian projects such as cancer research and scholarships that enhance and enrich the lives of all of our citizens.

Each member has devoted themselves to their community, their state and their nation providing not only financial assistance but personal time when their community needs them.

This is a special day for the Chapter and for everyone who has benefited from their many, many programs. On behalf of the United States House of Representatives and the people of the 5th district of Alabama, I share my congratulations with the Alabama Grand Chapter for one hundred outstanding years of service and I wish them several hundred more.