

and societal. Joey Ramone, born in 1951, arrived as the shutter was closing on this perspective. Punk was a last loud call to embrace these moments of transition, when the world before rock became the world after.

For later punks, these moments were only hearsay. By the time Kurt Cobain, born in 1967, took up the legacy of the Ramones, the music could aspire to be alternative, but not revolutionary.

In his engagingly lurid memoir, "Lobotomy: Surviving the Ramones" (1997), Dee Dee Ramone observed, "A Ramones story can't really have a happy ending." To the end, Joey lived in a one-bedroom apartment in the East Village, originally decorated by his mother but long since submerged in his accumulated clutter. On good days he walked around the neighborhood in an odd, obsessive-compulsive fashion, always walking past a curb, then back to touch it before moving on.

He became fixated by the stock market; the last great song he wrote, said his friend Arturo Vega, the band's artistic director, was a love song to Maria Bartiromo, the CNBC business anchor.

Last week, fans turned the doorway of CBGB into a shrine and filled Internet message boards with tributes—a testament not just to Joey but to the eternal loneliness of adolescence.

Mickey Leigh continued to ponder the deceptive complexity of the Ramones' music. "The intelligence was well disguised," he said. Then he paused. "Maybe there wasn't that much intelligence." But there was, and warmth as well. And for a still-growing legion of misfits, there is community. As Joey sang, in a signature line culled from the movie "Freaks," "Gabba gabba, we accept you, we accept you, one of us."

RE-OPEN PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2001

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, nearly six years ago, Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin ordered Pennsylvania Avenue closed to vehicular traffic in front of the White House. The Secretary did so with the powers granted to him as head of the Secret Service, which allow him to "temporarily" shut down any road in the District of Columbia to protect Presidential safety.

As anyone who has been stuck in the gridlock while trying to drive across town certainly knows, that "temporary" blockade still exists. And it exists much to the detriment of our nation's capital, where unsightly concrete barriers make us look like a city under siege, as well as to the detriment of the city of Washington, D.C., which has suffered serious economic consequences as a result.

It's high time to re-open Pennsylvania Avenue and return Pierre L'Enfant's grand boulevard—America's Main Street—to its proper role as an uninterrupted link between the White House and the Congress and as a vital east-west artery for the District of Columbia.

The National Capital Planning Commission is now evaluating what impact the security measures around the White House, the national memorials and Federal buildings have on our nation's capital. The first subject they will be tackling is Pennsylvania Avenue, and the Commission expects to make a rec-

ommendation on the Avenue to the President by July.

I am today introducing a Sense of the House resolution urging the Commission to adopt a plan that restores vehicular traffic—and, with it, a sense of democratic openness—to Pennsylvania Avenue.

I do so with the support of ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON and other members of the local congressional delegation—TOM DAVIS and JIM MORAN—and other colleagues who share our concern about the closure of one of America's most famous avenues. D.C. Mayor Anthony Williams and the City Council are fully behind our efforts to re-open the Avenue as well.

To be sure, the security of the President remains paramount to us. But we cannot build a glass bubble around the White House. I am convinced there are prudent steps we can take—including slightly reconfiguring the road and using pedestrian bridges to block truck traffic from the stretch of Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House—that will allow us to re-open the road while protecting those who live, work and visit the White House.

EXTRA MILE AWARDS

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2001

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to salute the recipients of the "Extra Mile" Awards given by the VNACare Network, Inc. The Extra Mile Award for Caregivers recognizes the dedication of family caregivers who go the extra mile in caring for a loved one. These individuals inspire with their never-ending energy, devotion, and compassion. The Extra Mile Award for Staff is presented to employees who go above and beyond expectations. Their dedication to the VNACare Network makes life easier for those in the office and improves the quality of life for patients and their families.

The Caregiver Award is being given to Gilda Ryan of Ipswich, Massachusetts for the constant care and love she gives her daughter Julie. Staff working with her say this 80-year-old dynamo is a fearless advocate, loving caregiver and her tenacity throughout these past 20 years has allowed her daughter to receive the absolute best care available. She is a true model to nurses and home health aides alike in character and caregiving. Leo Lavigne of Hudson, Massachusetts is also receiving the award for taking care of his wife Frances. His caring and careful attention to her complex medical problems has prompted the staff to say that he may need to be recruited to alleviate the nursing shortage. Richard Law of Worcester, Massachusetts is being recognized for his steadfast, hands-on, loving, and devoted care of his late wife Mary during her last days. He stayed strong—even though his heart was breaking—so that Mary would not feel like a burden to her family. Alan Basmajian and Family of Burlington, Massachusetts are recognized for their courage, commitment, honesty, and love during the last days of their wife and mother, Linda. Her goal of seeing her daughter graduate from eighth grade was realized with incredible support from her family.

The Staff "Extra Mile" award is being given to Kathy Cronin-Reardon of Gloucester, Mas-

sachusetts for her extraordinary caring and compassion. Her workweek does not consist of 40 hours; she works countless extra hours going unrecognized and even unpaid at times for the sake of the families and patients that need her in difficult times. Laurine Frykberg of Worcester, Massachusetts is being recognized for her willingness to help both patients and staff alike. She is credited with bringing the term "flexibility" to a new level, covering New Year's Eve staff shortage with a smile dressed in her evening attire. Sandra Stone of the Wattertown, Massachusetts office is an exceptional Home Care Aide who adapts readily to changing department needs with an outstanding commitment to patients needing coverage. Her quiet calmness and professionalism soothes the anxious—both patients and family members. Ana Rodriguez is being recognized for her exemplary work as a Home Care Aide Scheduling Coordinator. Not only has she been a cohesive factor in uniting the office staff, but also she is praised by family members and clinicians for her positive, enthusiastic, and consistent efforts. Finally, Marion Ray is being recognized for her record in the performance of her main responsibility of timely billing and collection of accounts, her ability to manage a large staff with great skill, and her diligence, work ethic and "can do" attitude.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor for me to recognize these outstanding individuals, and to thank them for all they have done to improve the lives of the people of Massachusetts.

TRIBUTE TO THE BRONX SHEPHERDS RESTORATION CORPORATION

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2001

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, once again it is an honor for me to recognize The Bronx Shepherds Restoration Corporation on its twenty second anniversary. Following is a congratulation letter I wrote to the Executive Director for their continued service to the people of my congressional district.

MR. THEODORE JEFFERSON,
Executive Director, Bronx Shepherds Restoration Corp., Bronx, NY.

DEAR TED: On the auspicious occasion of the 22nd Anniversary of The Bronx Shepherds Restoration Corporation I want to be amongst the first to once again congratulate you on the outstanding job you do. Your programs have greatly enhanced the lives of the people of our district and your continued commitment to them gives us all hope.

The Bronx Shepherds Restoration Corporation has served as an exemplary model for other agencies seeking to serve neighborhoods such as ours. I believe that as role models you will continue to impact upon more organizations, and in this way in the very near future the development of our Bronx Community will amaze those that did not think such stability and prosperity possible.

Your organization has always provided the support services necessary for individuals to develop into active members of society. Bronx Shepherds Restoration Corporation's record of helping residents find affordable housing, education, and better health care

for our senior citizens is both invaluable and impressive.

Once again, congratulations to the Bronx Shepherds on the occasion of your 22nd anniversary. I remain ever grateful for your work in helping our community resolve the many dilemmas that we encounter. I look forward to the continued growth and development of your Corporation and wish you and your staff every success.

HONORING HILLSBORO HIGH SCHOOL OF NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2001

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my alma mater Hillsboro High School of Nashville, Tennessee for significant accomplishments in the "We the People . . . the Citizen and the Constitution" Program. I am proud to announce that these fine students are representing the state of Tennessee in the national finals of this program on April 21–23 right here in Washington, DC.

More than 1200 students from across the nation will participate in this national event. I know these young scholars from the 5th Congressional District have worked diligently to reach the national finals and through their experience have gained a deep knowledge and understanding of the fundamental principles and values of our constitutional democracy.

I would like to commend these students and their teacher, Mary Catherine Bradshaw, on this success. These students include: Sherrell Bean, Maria Borea, Amanda Cox, Allysia Chamberlain, Doriada deLeon-Chamorro, Elizabeth Dohrman, Kali Edwards, Adam Finch, Annalise Frank, Jenny Hansen, Chase Hasbrook, Titiana Howell, Aubrey Hunt, Kate Hunter, Enin Hutchenson, Elliot Layda, David McDaniel, Clay Morgan, Dalila Paquiot, Sarah Payne, Riya Perkins, Casey Raetxloff, Ben Rigsby, Julie Schneider, Niti Snighdha, Emily Tarpley, Kathy Tek, Kelly Tek, Shannon Turbeville, Vanja Trubajic, and Savannah Welch.

"We the People . . . the Citizen and the Constitution" is the most extensive educational program in the country developed specifically to educate young people about the Constitution and Bill of Rights. The three-day national competition is modeled after hearings in the United States Congress.

These hearings consist of oral presentations by high school students before a panel of adult judges. The students' testimony is followed by a period of questioning by the simulated congressional committee. The judges probe students for their depth of understanding and ability to apply their constitutional knowledge. This year's national finals will include questions on James Madison and his legacy in honor of the 250th Anniversary of his birth in 1751.

Administered by the Center for Civic Education, the "We the People . . ." Program has provided curricular materials at upper elementary, middle, and high school levels for more than 26.5 million students nationwide.

The class from Hillsboro High School is currently conducting research and preparing for the upcoming national competition in Wash-

ington, DC. I wish these young "constitutional experts" the best of luck at the national finals and I look forward to seeing them when they visit Capitol Hill.

TRIBUTE TO HENRY P. BECTON

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2001

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Henry P. Becton, Director Emeritus of Becton Dickinson (BD). On May 3, 2001 Henry Becton will be honored by the American Diabetes Association (ADA) for his "legacy of discovery in diabetes care".

It is estimated that 300 million people will be affected by diabetes by the year 2005. Currently, in the United States alone, the total annual cost of diabetes is staggering at an estimated \$98 billion. Nearly 16 million Americans have the disease and many more are undiagnosed. We desperately need more education and research. BD has been instrumental in furthering efforts to treat and cure diabetes. I am proud that the ADA has chosen to honor Henry and BD as partners in their fine work.

BD has a long history of supporting the development of products and services to people with diabetes. In fact in 1924, BD began to manufacture all-glass syringes for insulin injection. New diabetes initiatives include platforms for enhanced insulin delivery, our inhaled liquid insulin program and the blood glucose monitoring platform.

Some other facts about BD's work with the ADA include:

BD worked in partnership with the ADA to increase awareness of diabetes and promote National Diabetes Awareness Month (now marked each November).

BD is a member of ADA's Banting Circle, denoting participation at the highest level of corporate sponsorship. (The Banting Circle is named for the discoverer of insulin.)

BD provides free products and programs for the 20,000 children who attend ADA summer camps each year. Many BD people volunteer at the camps; others bike, walk and jog to raise funds for diabetes programs and research. In each BD "getting started kit" provided to new diabetes patients and new-to-insulin patients, BD also includes information about the ADA to introduce patients to the organization.

Many BD employees have supported ADA programs by serving in leadership positions throughout the ADA. BD has and continues to offer professional workshops in conjunction with the ADA for healthcare professionals and families as well as patients dealing with the disease.

Henry Becton has been a tireless advocate for advancing diabetes research and treatment. Henry epitomizes the care and commitment with his own lifelong spirit of volunteerism and action. In fact, even today Henry sits on the BD corporate contributions committee where he continues to shape BD's charitable programs. For instance, he was a member of the committee in 1994 that established the Diabetes Care Fund to support non-profit public education initiatives, research activities, and programs to benefit people with diabetes.

Throughout a century of growth, Becton Dickinson's commitment to raising the quality of health care worldwide has remained constant. I can testify to the high standards of personal character and integrity that Henry Becton has brought to the business community and philanthropic and civic communities of northern New Jersey. I congratulate Henry Becton and wish him many years of continued success.

AFFORDABLE STUDENT LOANS

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2001

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Affordable Student Loan Act, which I am introducing today. Student loans—like Pell grants and work-study jobs—are essential to providing all Americans with the opportunity to earn a college degree.

Now more than ever, a college education is one of the best investments of a lifetime. In the workplace, a college degree is worth 75 percent more than a high school diploma, or \$600,000 over a career.

Our children should pursue their academic dreams, but the loan burdens we ask them to shoulder are increasingly troubling. Student loan volume has more than doubled over the last seven years to \$35 billion a year.

The average student loan debt at four-year public colleges is \$12,000. At four-year private colleges, it is \$14,300. College graduates with high loan debts may think twice about entering public service, be more likely to default, and delay the purchase of their first home.

To make matters worse, the Federal Government needlessly raises the cost of student loans by charging a fee of up to 4 percent of the loan principal. Students borrowing \$1,000 actually receive as little as \$960. However, they will still be expected to repay the full \$1,000, plus interest.

Nearly all of these fees—up to 3 percent on guaranteed student loans and up to 4 percent on direct student loans—are origination fees, enacted in 1981 to reduce the deficit. Because their only purpose is to raise revenue, the fees are often called "the student loan tax." They do not pay for administrative costs or serve any program purpose.

Nor are the fees necessary to limit the federal cost of student loans. For example, on direct student loans, the Federal Government will "earn" more than \$5 for every \$100 in loans made this year, even after paying for all administrative and default costs. If Congress eliminated on all fees, students would still pay a surcharge—rather than receive a subsidy—on loans through the Direct Student Loan program this year.

Students who borrow guaranteed loans also pay up to 1 percent insurance fee into reserve funds to pay future default costs. Because these reserve funds are larger than necessary to pay for defaulted loans, the large majority of guaranty agencies waive this fee.

Finally, eliminating the fees will benefit all students. Over the last two years, the Department of Education reduced interest rates and fees on its direct student loans to match terms available from banks on federally guaranteed