

for student behavior and learning have been manifested in mandatory daily homework, advocacy of parents for school uniforms, and family support enabling Elvira to become a pioneer school for the well-known violence prevention program known as PeaceBuilders.

The examples of commitment and dedication at Elvira Elementary School are numerous. That is why I am so proud of this school and its principal, my friend Mary Jane Santos. Thanks to her commitment and the dedication and work of parents, community and staff, Elvira Elementary School is continually elevating student achievement and moving toward its vision of creating learning environments that empower all students to reach their full potential. For these reasons, I respectfully ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Elvira Elementary School.

A TRIBUTE TO GABRIEL EREM

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2001

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Gabriel Erem, the publisher of *Lifestyles* magazine, upon his being selected as the inaugural recipient of the prestigious "Jerusalem Award" by the UJA-Federation of New York. This is in recognition of his thirty years of community involvement and for donating his time and resources to numerous charitable causes. The award will be presented on June 18th, 2001 in New York City.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Erem has lived the quintessential American dream. He was born in Hungary among the ruins of WWII to Holocaust survivors Rabbi Akiva Eichler and Borbala Frank. After winning a national writing contest in 1964, Gabriel caught the attention of the Communist party and was eventually persecuted by them for his writings. Fearing for his safety he escaped to Israel, where he attended Tel Aviv University and later worked as a freelance journalist for several major newspapers. After Mr. Erem arrived in North America he founded a publishing company and has risen to the top of the publishing profession.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to managing a successful magazine, Gabriel Erem serves on a number of humanitarian and charitable boards both in the United States and abroad. He is the Co-Chairman of the Children of Chernobyl organization and has worked on the establishment of the Endowment for Democracy School in Budapest, Hungary. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Israel Bonds organization, and serves on the Supervisory Boards of Bar Ilan University, Rambam Medical Center, Boys Town of Jerusalem and The Center of the Cantorial Arts. Mr. Erem is also a Member Emeritus on the council that bestows the Raoul Wallenberg Humanitarian Awards on behalf of the Shaarei Zedek Medical Center of Jerusalem and is an advisor to the College of Tosh where the new Torah Study Center was named after his late father, Rabbi Akiva Eichler.

Mr. Erem is an advisor to New York University Law School, Mount Sinai Hospital in New York, and the Mount Sinai Hospital Foundation in Toronto. Mr. Erem's commitment to edu-

cating people about the Holocaust led him to join Steven Spielberg's Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation. He is also an associate member of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations and is a member of the National Committee on American Foreign Policy. Gabriel Erem has been married for 29 years to his wife, Susan, and they are the parents of two lovely children.

Mr. Speaker, Gabriel Erem's *Lifestyles* magazine was established to salute Jewish contributions in all areas of life. Over the past thirty years, the magazine has published profiles of extraordinary human beings ranging from Nobel Laureates, to giants of the art world, and individuals who have excelled in their various fields. Under Mr. Erem's leadership *Lifestyles* has established itself as a respected voice of integrity and continues to spotlight numerous and various humanitarian causes in each issue.

Mr. Speaker, Gabriel Erem, a child of Holocaust survivors, is being honored for his passionate commitment to teaching Jewish history and culture and preserving the Jewish legacy to the world. He has made numerous contributions to Holocaust education in our country, including the dedication of several issues of his magazine to teaching future generations about the lessons of the Holocaust. He is a man of outstanding commitment and accomplishment in the noblest of pursuits, who continues to contribute to culture, education, ethnic understanding, and the spreading of democratic and free market principles. Through his vast commitment to preserving and nurturing Jewish communal life, both in the United States and Canada, Gabriel Erem has made a tremendous and enduring gift to the education of future generations about Jewish history and culture.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me paying tribute Gabriel Erem for his contributions to our society and applaud him on receiving the UJA-Federation of New York's first annual Jerusalem Award.

OUTSTANDING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2001

Mrs. WILSON. Mr. Speaker, the following graduating high school students from the First Congressional District of New Mexico have been awarded the Congressional Certificate of Merit. These students have excelled during their academic careers and proven themselves to be exceptional students and leaders with their scholastic achievements, community service, and participation in school and civic activities. It is my pleasure to be able to recognize these outstanding students for their accomplishments. Their parents, their teachers, their classmates, the people of New Mexico and I are proud of them.

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT AWARD WINNERS 2001

Jayne Chino, Career Enrichment Center
Julio Dominguez, Rio Grande High School
Tomas Jason Garcia, Menaul High School
Lynda Griego, Evening High School
Margery Martha Gullick, Valley High School
Emiliano Herrera III, St. Pius High School

Sara K. Keller, Temple Baptist Academy
Adriana Kennedy, Freedom High School
Kristin Mitchell, Manzano High School
Christina Cook, Estancia High School
Renee Nicole Eden, Hope Christian School
Sarah Burrows Gonzales, Albuquerque High School

Eric Grossman, Albuquerque Academy
Joel L. Gurule, Evangel Christian Academy
Matthew Jones, Cibola High School
Kristin N. Kelly, Sandia Preparatory School
Matt Long, Eldorado High School
Anthony Montoya, Los Lunas High School
Jessie Montoya, School on Wheels
Bianca Pullen, Del Norte High School
Francisco Romero, Mountainair High School
Basil Jerome Steele Jr., Sandia High School
Megha Narayan, La Cueva High School
Amanda Rogers, Moriarty High School
Diva Sanchez, New Futures High School

IN HONOR OF DAVID L. CHERRY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2001

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of David L. Cherry, a member of the New York Police Department. Mr. Cherry graduated from St. Joseph's College in Brooklyn in May 2001. He earned distinguished honors at graduation, including his selection as a member of the Delta Gamma Sigma Honor Society.

David L. Cherry is a distinguished police officer. He began his career in law enforcement in 1984 when he joined the New York City Transit Police Department. David was promoted to Detective 3rd grade in 1990. He has received numerous medals for distinguished police duty.

David has always and continues to display his impressive athletic talent. In his senior year of high school, he was voted outstanding male athlete. He received a track scholarship to Essex County Community College in Newark, New Jersey, where he was named a National Junior College All-American Track Team. His track successes extended beyond his days in college. He was also a member of three National Relay Championships representing the B.O.H.A.A. Track Club of Brooklyn. He also won two more championships while representing the Westchester Puma Track Club.

David uses his athletic gift to the benefit of others. He represents the New York City Police Department at the annual New York State Police Olympic Games. He has been undefeated in the 100 and 200-meter races for the past 17 years.

David's passion for the past 15 years has been working as a volunteer track coach for the Boys and Girls High School Track Team. He shares with the youth his day-to-day activities and experiences with the New York Police Department. He has taken time out of his busy schedule of work, school, and coaching to set aside time to personally counsel many athletes. The personal attention that David brings to his team shows his devotion to his community. He has helped many athletes earn full athletic scholarships to many outstanding universities. Upon retirement from the New York City Police Department, David hopes to volunteer full time for the community.

Mr. Speaker, David L. Cherry devotes his life to serving his community through being a