

from which all could take a lesson, and though driven to achieve what he thought was right, still understood the art of compromise.

A man of great yet quiet faith who lived his beliefs, Mr. Rupp was a lifelong member of the Evangelical Mennonite Church. He was also a member of Gideons International and the Archbold Rotary.

Lowell Rupp and his wife Ardith celebrated nearly 53 years of marriage together. As deeply as he surely loved his family, words can do little to assuage the grief felt now by Mrs. Rupp, their children Beverly, Pamela, Bruce, Larry, and Leslie, sister, brother, and grandchildren. May the tangible legacy he leaves behind in what his public service gave to his community help them as they find their way now. Lowell Rupp's memory, his talent, his energy, and his service are the gifts he has left to his family, and to us. While we are saddened at his passing, we are grateful for his life.

TRIBUTE TO THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF THE RIVERSIDE VETERANS, INC.

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 26, 2002*

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to take this opportunity to salute the Women's Auxiliary of the Riverside Veterans, Inc., from my hometown of Paterson, NJ. On Sunday, October 21, 2001 the post celebrated a proud moment, its 50th Anniversary.

Having spent my formative years in the Riverside section of Paterson, exercising my ability to honor this group in the permanent record of the greatest democracy ever known, is all the more special.

After our Nation's triumph in the Second World War, our heroes from the Riverside section of Paterson returned home and decided to form, under the guiding hand of founder Tony Tirri, the Riverside Veterans Inc., in 1946. Many of these brave men lived and fought together in the same combat units, forging unbreakable bonds that served as the base of this organization.

Mr. Speaker, everyone in this chamber knows it was the collective effort and resolve of our entire country that carried us to decisive victory in 1945. The Riverside Veterans were more than cognizant of this fact, as they took the initiative in rewarding the women who served their country on the homefront. In 1951, the decision was made to form a women's auxiliary.

Under the leadership of the first year officers—President Mary DeNova, Vice President Addie Pacilio, Secretary Dorothy Tirri, Treasurer Dorothy Malizia, Chaplain Pearl Plavan, Service Officer Rosa Palotta, Mistress-At-Arms Connie Barone, and Executive Board members Angie Tateo, Betty Natoli, Julie Cosgrove, and Delma Cuccinello—the highest standards of charity, family values, and community awareness were set for the Women's Auxiliary's of the Riverside Veterans, Inc.

As a lifelong resident and former Mayor of Paterson, I cannot think of another organization that better embodies its motto, "The Post That Cares," than the Riverside Veterans Auxiliary. My revered predecessor in Congress,

the Hon. Robert A. Roe, succinctly said it best stating. "It would be difficult indeed to find a more dedicated or hard working group of women than the auxiliary of the Riverside Veterans."

I would like to recognize the exceptional current leadership of this venerable institution: President Delma Cuccinello, whose husband Louis is the Commander of Riverside Veterans Inc., Vice President Janet Rigamonti, Secretary Catherine Spina, Treasurer Ruth Gallo, Chaplain Jean Carini, Service Officer Irma Cantilla, Mistress-At-Arms Ann Cirusuolo and Executive Board members Clover Glloriande, Bette Natoli, Dolly Gorga, Ida Ponte, and Holly Hintzen. These current leaders have carried on the noble precedents set by the founding members.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, the City of Paterson, veterans across the nation, and me in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable service of the Women's Auxiliary of the Riverside Veterans Inc.

TRIBUTE TO 125 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE BY THE FITCHBURG SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

**HON. JOHN W. OLVER**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 26, 2002*

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the valuable service of the Fitchburg Sportsmen's Club of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, located in north Worcester County at the eastern end of my district. On March 4, 2002, the Fitchburg Sportsmen's Club will hold its 125th annual banquet celebrating a long and impressive record of serving the local community.

The Fitchburg Sportsmen's Club first met in the late 19th century to organize sportsmen, hold competitions and promote responsible gun ownership. Since then, the Club has continued these activities, and its members have used the Club as a platform to discuss important issues affecting gun owners and the public. There is evidence that the Club originated for the purpose of supporting laws to preserve and protect fish and game, thereby helping to maintain the environmental integrity of the Commonwealth. The Club has also worked with local law enforcement and community leaders to promote gun safety, provide instruction for gun owners, and promote responsible gun etiquette.

Through its varied activities, the Sportsmen's Club has proven to be an influential and beneficial voice in the city of Fitchburg. As the Club reflects on its past accomplishments, I encourage its members to continue their role as instructors and community organizers.

TRIBUTE TO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OF HUNTSVILLE, AL

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

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 26, 2002*

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Catholic High School in Huntsville, AL, as it kicks off its annual "Community Serv-

ice Day." Today, Catholic High seniors will go out into the community to volunteer their time and hard work throughout Huntsville.

Part of Catholic High School's mission statement is "to serve the families of our Catholic parishes and the wider community." They pledge to guide students into loving service of others through activities such as "Community Service Day." Catholic High School has a student faith development initiative that includes giving back to their community through service and outreach, and becoming more aware of the needs of others. Every year, students are required to spend 100 hours volunteering in the Community.

Mr. Speaker, I want to commend Catholic High School and each member of its senior class for their strong commitment to serving others. This kind of outreach is extremely beneficial to the Huntsville community as well as to each student as they grow and learn about what it means to reach out to those who are in need. I wish them the best and sincerely thank them as they go out today to serve our community.

A TRIBUTE TO AN AMERICAN HERO—REAR ADMIRAL HERSCHEL GOLDBERG

**HON. TOM LANTOS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 26, 2002*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today and pay tribute to a dear friend and true American patriot, Rear Admiral Herschel Goldberg, who recently passed away at his San Mateo home.

Rear Admiral Goldberg was born in Highland, Kansas and raised in St. Joseph, Missouri before graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1935. After a year at the Navy Finance and Supply School, Rear Admiral Goldberg was transferred to the U.S. Navy supply corps. During World War II he was stationed in the South Pacific. He served as the Supply Officer of the Navy bases at Bora Bora and Guadalcanal before being promoted to Commanding Officer of the Naval Supply Depot in Noumea, New Caledonia. Mr. Speaker, it was at Noumea, where Rear Admiral Goldberg did what he described as the, "most soul satisfying thing I've done in my entire career." By racially integrating his 2,000 enlisted men work force, Rear Admiral Goldberg advanced the cause of racial equality.

After the war, Rear Admiral Goldberg received his MBA from Harvard Business School and then served as Logistics Planning Officer on General Eisenhower's NATO staff. After being promoted to Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy Supply Corps, he was appointed by President Lyndon Johnson to Chief of the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts and Paymaster General of the Navy. In 1966 he became the first commander to be officially named Chief of Supply Corps, where he played a dominate role in the continued development of a strong, centrally coordinated and fully integrated supply system that was essential for the maintenance and preservation of the United States as a global naval power. For his extraordinary service to the Navy Rear Admiral Goldberg was awarded both the Distinguished Service Medal and the Legion of Merit.