PAYING TRIBUTE TO JOE JESIK  
HON. SCOTT McINNIS  
OF COLORADO  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Wednesday, March 20, 2002

Mr. McNINIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Mr. Joe Jesik and recognize his contributions to this nation.

A resident of Pueblo, Colorado, Joe began his service as a sailor during World War II when he joined the Navy and served in the Pacific Theatre. During his tour, Joe was stationed on the light cruiser USS Honolulu, which was involved in numerous engagements and battles throughout the South Pacific. He was recently awarded several decorations for his service over 70 years, and it is my pleasure to recognize his awards and service before this body of Congress and this nation today.

The USS Honolulu was involved in numerous engagements throughout the war and is credited with the sinking of a Japanese cruiser, four destroyers, and four enemy aircraft. Joe’s exploits and service to his country were recently brought to light by his immediate family through a surprise ceremony attended by almost two hundred relatives. At the ceremony, Joe was presented with several long overdue decorations for his service to his nation during the war. Among the decorations awarded at the ceremony are the Navy Good Conduct Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, the Navy Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon, the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon. Thanks to his loving family of twelve sons and daughters, and his dedicated wife Lucille, Joe is now properly recognized by his nation for his service to our armed forces and commitment to his nation.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege that I recognize Joe Jesik and his selfless sacrifice to his nation. Many men and women of his generation gave their lives long ago so that today we can enjoy the right and privilege of freedom. Joe Jesik served selflessly in a time of need, bringing credit to himself, to his family, and a grateful nation. It is an honor to recognize the service of this veteran before this body of Congress today, as he certainly deserves the thanks of this grateful nation. Thanks Joe for your service, and good luck in your future endeavors.

HONORING ELAINE CARDINICK  
HON. ROBERT A. BORSKI  
OF PENNSYLVANIA  
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Mr. BORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Elaine Cardinick, a devoted teacher who gave the last days of her life to her students at the Loesche Elementary School in Northeast Philadelphia. Mrs. Cardinick, despite being very ill, would not allow her class of autistic children to be disturbed and upset by her absence. She was with her class when the tragic events of September 11th occurred, and finally went to the emergency room following the subsequent early closing of schools. Mrs. Cardinick passed away in the heart of the following day.

Elaine Cardinick began teaching in 1964 and was a special education teacher for most of her long and distinguished career. Over the course of thirty-seven years, she was an inspiration to hundreds of young children who are challenged daily to achieve their best in school and in life.

Mrs. Cardinick’s actions in putting her students’ welfare before her own are a shining example of what love and duty really mean. She was an inspiration to the students and faculty at the Loesche Elementary School and will be remembered as a hero.

On March 22, 2002, a plaque will be dedicated by the faculty at the Loesche Elementary School, in memory of Elaine Cardinick. Each year, the plaque will be engraved with the name of a “special” child who, despite having a disability or handicap, made every effort to achieve their best. This award was created to commemorate the courage and determination that Mrs. Cardinick exemplified throughout her career, and especially in September of 2001.

Elaine’s love and kindness touched the lives of so many: her students, her colleagues, and her family. She is survived by her husband, three children, and three grandchildren. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Mr. Speaker, I salute Mrs. Elaine Cardinick and the ideals she represented and inspired in all of her students at the Loesche Elementary School in Philadelphia.

HONORING ANNE CONSIDINE FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE TO CYHA  
HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO  
OF MASSACHUSETTS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a very special person from my district. Special, because she embodies the characteristics of a special place. Anne Considine is an extra-ordinary person who has demonstrated how an individual can impact their corner of the world in very ordinary ways. Her corner of the world is Charlestown, Massachusetts, where she is being honored this Saturday evening for her twenty-five years of dedicated service to the Charlestown Youth Hockey Association (CYHA).

Plain and simple, Anne Considine is a “hockey mom”. Long before the political pundits of the 1990’s realized the power soccer moms have in impacting political change, Anne Considine was improving her community through youth hockey. For the children into the family car for early morning ice time is an expected duty of a hockey parent in Boston. However, twenty-five years ago in most families, and in most neighborhoods, that would have been dad’s job alone. Long before women reached Olympic and World Cup glory through women’s hockey, Anne Considine was known as someone who could tighten a skate. Anne’s influence in her community did not stop at the rink or at the doorstep.