

This awards banquet will pay tribute to women that have excelled in the fields of art, business, education, government/law, law enforcement, health, industrial/union labor, not-for-profit leadership, religion, and volunteerism. This year's honorees include: Morning Aaronda Bishop, Sarah Givens, Captain Gloria Mitchell, Dorine Godinez, Sister Anita Holzmer, Nancy Nethery, Nancy Moore-Tiller, Dr. Danita Johnson-Hughes, Denise Dillard, and Dee Kegebein.

Morning Aaronda Bishop of Gary will be honored as Outstanding Woman in Art for her 20 years of dedicated service to the community. Additionally, she is the founder of Morning Bishop Theatre Playhouse, the oldest community theatre in Gary. Sarah Givens of Gary will be honored as Outstanding Woman in Education for her dedication to Banneker School and its students. Under her tutelage, she propelled Banneker School to 4-Star status, a distinction Banneker has received for 12 consecutive years. Being honored as Outstanding Woman in Law Enforcement is Captain Gloria Mitchell of Hammond. She was the first African-American woman hired by the Hammond Police Department. With Gloria's loyalty and perseverance she has climbed to the rank of Captain where she serves as Commander of the Special Deployment Division (Drug and Gang Enforcement). Dorine Godinez of East Chicago will be honored as Outstanding Woman in Industrial/Union Labor. As a member of the Labor movement, she has many firsts: First woman elected Griever at USWA, Local 1010; First woman Electrical Leader Union Counselor; and First woman to serve on USWA, Local 1010 Contract Negotiations Committee. Additionally, she started the Woman's Committee with Women of Steel Organization. Being honored as Outstanding Woman in Religion is Sister Anita Holzmer. She has 32 years of spiritual service, serves as Principal of St. Mary's School, initiated the Peace Builders Program, and served as a member of the Music Leader Group of the 2000 Youth World Leadership Conference in Rome, Italy. Assistant Vice President of Centier Bank, Nancy Nethery of Lowell, is being honored as Outstanding Woman in Business. Most notably, Nancy is looked to as a hero for her actions during a hostage and robbery situation that took place at her bank last spring. Nancy Moore-Tiller of Merrillville is being honored as Outstanding Woman in Government/Law. With Nancy's fortitude and determination she started her own law firm. Additionally, she successfully won a case setting precedence in Education Law. Being named Outstanding Woman in Health is Dr. Danita Johnson-Hughes of Gary. Dr. Johnson-Hughes serves as President and CEO of Edgewater Systems for Balanced Living, has written and published a number of books, and was the only African-American to head an Indiana Division of Mental Health certified community mental health center in the state. Denise Dillard of Gary will be honored for her service as Executive Director of the Lake County Workforce Development Services. She will receive the Outstanding Woman in Not-for-Profit Leadership award. Finally, Dee Kegebein of Hammond will be recognized as Outstanding Woman in Volunteerism for her 50 years of service. Under her leadership, she has organized various programs for the VFW and the American Legion. She serves as President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW

and the American Legion. Additionally, she is Chairperson of the Voice of Democracy Program for the VFW.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Mrs. Barbara Holder and her company for hosting this salute to the outstanding women of Lake County. Additionally, the effort of all those involved in planning this worthwhile event is indicative of their devotion to the very gifted women in Indiana's First Congressional District. Women throughout the entire country ought to be proud of their contributions to society. This country would not be what it is today without the role of such dedicated women. I am proud to represent them in Congress.

SUPPORTING THE VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENTS OF LONG
ISLAND

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of all of the Volunteer Fire Departments of Long Island, New York, and in particular, the Westbury Fire Department. It is important to recognize the crucial role they played in aiding New York City during the disasters of September 11.

The courage and quick reaction of these volunteer fire departments helped to save countless lives as well as support the New York City Fire Department in its greatest time of need. The Westbury Fire Department was one of the first detachments to mobilize and was in Manhattan soon after the first airplane struck the World Trade Center.

Years from now when our children and grandchildren inquire about September 11 and that horrible day, we need to be able to point out the gallant participation of the Long Island Volunteer Fire Departments, including the Westbury Fire Department. Their willingness to sacrifice themselves in order to save others deserves our praise.

I would like to commend these brave men and women who put their lives at risk daily to keep their communities safe. Their heroic contributions helped New York City through one of its darkest times.

CONGRATULATING WJR-AM 760 ON
ITS 80TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a remarkable milestone for one of Michigan's great institutions. This Saturday, May 4, 2002, will mark the 80th anniversary of the start of WJR-AM 760 in Detroit.

Few companies stay in business for 10 years, much less 80 years, especially in an industry as competitive as broadcast radio. But WJR has not only survived, it has thrived serving Southeast Michigan and beyond.

WJR is Michigan's eighth oldest continuously licensed AM broadcast station and since

its earliest days has been the largest and most powerful station in Michigan. From its beginnings in 1922 as a 500 watt station, WJR grew rapidly and today its 50,000 watts reach parts of Indiana, and Ohio where I'm sure many of my colleagues have enjoyed the programming.

WJR is a mainstay in the Midwest. We have come to rely on this station to provide current and useful programming and news.

Almost as important, particularly to the many University of Michigan alums and fans throughout the country, we have come to rely on WJR for Wolverine football and basketball.

WJR connects their listeners with newsmakers and leaders and constantly updates them on important events locally and around the globe. I think it is safe to say that WJR has earned the designation "The Great Voice of the Great Lakes."

WJR has provided hours of listening pleasure to Southeast Michigan over the years as its residents drive to work, pick up the kids from school, run errands or tune into the big game.

I want to salute and congratulate WJR for its 80th anniversary. We all look forward to another 80 years and more.

WE THE PEOPLE . . . THE CITIZEN
AND THE CONSTITUTION

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the more than 1,200 students who will converge on Washington, D.C., this weekend to participate in the We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution national finals. We the People . . . is a national program, administered by the Center for Civic Education, that requires students to develop a working knowledge of our Constitution, Bill of Rights, and the principles of democratic government. Since the program began, more than 26.5 million students at the upper elementary, middle and high school levels have benefited from this program.

I am extremely honored to recognize the students from East Grand Rapids High School in my home district who have gone above and beyond the call of student duty to reach the national finals. Led by teacher Janice Rocque, this year's team includes: Emily Brennan, Evan Koch, Claire Lerchen, Kate Mann, Aubrey Merpi, Stephanie Nagengast, Jay Rapaport, Komal Saxena, Ian Seasley, Karen Smith, Megan Smith, Caitlin Townsend, Molly Tupper, Jacob Turner, and Dan Wohns.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot stress enough the amount of preparation that these students put into this competition. In addition to the academic challenges they face in the classroom, these young leaders have juggled extracurricular activities and family responsibilities while preparing for this competition. Mr. Speaker, so that you and my colleagues can understand the rigorous questioning these students face, I am providing you with some of the questions they will face during the national finals.

Congratulations to all the participants in this year's We, the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution competition.