

Mrs. Nagler was born in Brooklyn, New York, and received her undergraduate degree from the College of the City of New York (now the City University of New York) in 1943, and then a Master of Arts in education from New York University in 1945.

Continuing her inclination towards education, Mrs. Nagler was elected to the San Mateo City Elementary School District Board of Trustees in 1963. She served in that body until 1973, and served as Chairman of the Board from 1965–1967. She was also appointed by the San Mateo City Council to sit on the San Mateo City Library Board of Trustees from 1963 to 1970. She also served as the Director of Community Education for Canada College in Redwood City from June 1968, when the campus originally opened, to June 1980. She then worked as the Director of Community Education for San Mateo County Community College from July 1980 to January 1988.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that the success and vitality of a community is dependent on the actions and involvement of its citizens. I can think of no better example of a concerned and dynamic participant than Ruth Nagler. Ruth has shown a commitment to public service well beyond her enormous contribution in the field of education. She served on the Mills Peninsula Hospitals Board of Trustees from 1975 to the present, and is currently the Chair of the Joint Conference Committee. She is also the chair of the Friends of the Advisory Committee on Women, a position to which she was appointed in November 1986 by the Advisory Council on Women of San Mateo County. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Women's Center of San Mateo County and is the chair of the San Mateo Performing Arts Center Board of Directors (SAMPAC).

Mrs. Nagler's history of community service is indeed long and distinguished. From 1976 to 1986 she was a member of the Executive Board of the Human Investment Project (HIP) of San Mateo County, and served as the chair of that organization from 1984 to 1985. She was also on the Executive Board of the San Mateo County Women's Recovery Association from 1973 to 1984. Mrs. Nagler was a member of the Communications Committee of the San Mateo County American Cancer Society, aided the San Mateo City Citizens Task Force to Study Needs of Seniors, and participated in the United Crusade Sponsored Citizens Task Force to Study Educational Needs in South San Mateo County. She was also a key member of the Executive Board and Planning Committee for the San Mateo County American Revolution Bicentennial Committee from 1974–1976.

In addition to her elected and appointed leadership in these many community service organizations, Mrs. Nagler has been a member of the League of Women Voters since 1951 and served as president of the San Mateo League from 1959 to 1961. She has also been a member of the San Mateo branch of the American Association of University Women since 1965, and was a member of the San Carlos Branch from 1976 to 1979. Other memberships include Women's Resource Center in Palo Alto (since 1973), the Redwood City Soroptimists Club (1976–1977), the Program Committee of the San Mateo County Planned Parenthood Association (1970–1971), the United Nations Association of San Mateo County, and the San Mateo Parents Coopera-

tive Nursery School (1952–1956). The Naglers also served in 1965 as a host family for the Experiment in International Living.

Mr. Speaker, those who know Ruth Nagler well admire her for her dedication and service. Her years of commitment to community have not gone unnoticed by those with whom she has worked. She has received numerous awards and recognitions, of which I will mention just a few. Mrs. Nagler was admitted to the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame in 1988. She received a bicentennial award in 1976 from the Trinity Baptist Church of San Mateo in "recognition of extraordinary accomplishment and outstanding contribution to community education and cultural advancement and strengthening of home and family life." In 1976 she was honored by the Japanese-American Citizens League of San Mateo County with the Community Services Award "for appreciation and recognition for outstanding leadership to the community." She has also received the San Mateo Elementary Teachers Association Community Services Award (1973), the Girls Club of the Mid-Peninsula Community Services Award "for outstanding leadership and contributions to the community" (1973), and the Civil de Hidalgo Certificate of Appreciation for work related to the human rights and education of Hispanic adults and children (1972). She was also given the Special Services Award by minority parents and students of the San Mateo City School District for "long and devoted services to the youth of San Mateo and dedicated service to the integrated learning process" in recognition of her work from 1961 to 1973.

The Park, Foster City and Audubon schools of the San Mateo City Elementary District, the Canada College Patrons Association, and the San Mateo County Community College District have granted Mrs. Nagler honorary life membership in the PTA. Mrs. Nagler's perpetual devotion to education was also duly recognized by friends and supporters who established the Ruth K. Nagler Scholarship Fund at the conclusion of her service on the San Mateo Elementary School Board of Trustees.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Ruth K. Nagler's enormous service to our community are worthy of our praise and commendation. As a Member of Congress, I am proud to pay tribute to Ruth K. Nagler, who has taken such a firm and intense interest in those around her in our area. I join her many friends and admirers in the Bay Area in honoring her on her 80th birthday, and wish her many happy, healthy, and successful years to come.

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL E. DEMICHIEI ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2002

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize my constituent, Michael E. DeMichiei of Napoleon, Ohio, who recently accepted his appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Michael will soon graduate from Napoleon High School. During his high school career, he has maintained a high grade point average, and is a member of the National Honor Soci-

ety. He is an accomplished athlete, earning varsity letters in soccer and track. And, he has clearly demonstrated his leadership ability, serving as a delegate to Buckeye Boys State and as captain of the soccer team.

Michael DeMichiei can be very proud of his many accomplishments. He is a credit to his family, his school, and his community. By accepting his appointment, Michael is accepting a unique challenge.

The Academy is the pinnacle of leadership development for the United States Army. As a member of the U.S. Corps of Cadets, he will face a most demanding academic curriculum and physical regimen. He will live, study and prepare in an environment where strong leadership thrives, individual achievement is expected, and personal integrity is demanded.

Mr. Speaker, General John W. Vessey, Jr. once wrote, "The Nation's ability to remain free and at peace depends in no small measure on whether we will continue to inspire our youth to serve."

I am confident that Michael DeMichiei has the character and ability to excel at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him well as he begins his very important service to our Nation.

CHANGE IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS POSSIBLE

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2002

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply disappointed to learn that the Central Committee of the Likud party in Israel recently voted in favor of a resolution never to allow the creation of a Palestinian state. This decision is so troubling because it refuses to address the paradox that all Israelis have wrestled with since the end of the six-day war in 1967. I like to call this the paradox of the occupation. The paradox of the occupation is that the modern state of Israel, post 1967, has not been able to achieve the Zionist dream of a Jewish, democratic state. There are over 3 million men and women who live in land that was occupied by the Israeli Defense Forces in 1967, who are not allowed to take advantage of Israel's nationality law. They are required to carry a special identification card that greatly restricts their freedom of movement throughout the country. They are at the mercy of the Israeli judiciary if they want to become naturalized citizens, regardless of where they were born. They are denied these basic rights of nationality because of their ethnicity. These are Palestinian Muslims and Christians, and they are not citizens in the Jewish state of Israel because they do not have the right ethnic ancestors or religious affiliation. Mr. Speaker, doesn't the current state of affairs in the occupied territories stretch beyond recognition our definition of "democracy?" Isn't the President making the right decision to call for an end to the occupation and the creation of a Palestinian state? According to a public opinion poll taken by the Dahaf Institute in Israel, 67% of all Israelis agree with the President, believing that Israel should withdraw from the occupied territories.

To say, as the Likud party said Sunday night, that there will never be a Palestinian