

good. In addition to leading the growth of KWBU, Dr. Noel Smith is an ordained Baptist minister, and certainly appreciates the many blessings in his life, including a long marriage to his wife Judy, his three wonderful daughters and numerous grandchildren.

This story does not end on the expected happy note. At this writing, Noel is very ill. But something of Noel Smith will always be a part of KWBU and public broadcasting in Central Texas.

I ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating the life and accomplishments of an unsung hero, Dr. Noel Smith of Waco, Texas. The people of my District are better off today because of his commitment to turn his vision for public television into reality.

HONORING FRESNO CITY FIRE
DEPARTMENT

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Fresno City Fire Department for their devotion to protecting the citizens and community of Fresno. The year 2002 marks the 125th Anniversary of the Fresno City Fire Department, which will be celebrated at the 4th Annual Fresno City Firefighters' Chili Cook-Off on September 14th, 2002 at California State University of Fresno.

In 1877, Leopold Gundelfinger and other citizens formed a Hook and Ladder Company in order to protect the city from fires. Unfortunately, in 1882, fire destroyed the original Hook and Ladder Company, but was replaced by dedicated volunteers who were named "Fresno Alert No. 1." The Fresno Fire Department was officially created in 1902 and has protected a large portion of the Central Valley ever since. In 1984, a grant was established to create a community volunteer fire prevention program called "Burn Aware." The goals of the volunteers were to implement and create a wide spread network of fire prevention programs.

In 2002, the Fresno City Fire Department received national praise for its inventive and advanced approach to alternate methods of providing municipal fire protection. This fire protection agency has the highest ideals in providing fire protection service and is a leader in California. The special occasion will include a chili-tasting contest among fire departments from throughout the Valley, live rescue demonstrations, and fun for the entire family.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to honor the Fresno City Fire Department for their dedicated and selfless service to the Central Valley. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing this organization many more years of continued success.

HONORING LEVITTOWN'S 50TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. JAMES C. GREENWOOD

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. GREENWOOD. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to commemorate

the golden anniversary of a community in my district that revolutionized suburban living in America: Levittown, Pennsylvania. In honor of this anniversary, I would like to submit the following proclamation for the record:

Whereas Levittown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, was created fifty years ago, beginning with twenty families who moved into their homes on June 23, 1952;

Whereas this benchmark in American housing resulted from the collaboration of attorney Abraham Levitt and his sons, architect Alfred S. Levitt and businessman William J. Levitt;

Whereas William Levitt's innovative mass-production technique resulted in 17,000 affordable homes that were constructed at a record pace;

Whereas these new and vibrant neighborhoods were spread among the Bucks County municipalities of Falls, Middletown, and Bristol Townships, and Tullytown Borough;

Whereas Levitt created not only the prototypical suburban home with its spacious interiors and fully landscaped exteriors, but he also designed entire neighborhoods that grew into coherent communities;

Whereas Levittown became the realization of the American Dream for thousands of families, many of who served their country during the Second World War;

Whereas Levittown has evolved into the quintessential example of America's melting pot middle class, as it houses a diverse population of ethnicities and religious traditions;

Be it resolved, therefore, that the U.S. House of Representatives recognize the fiftieth anniversary of Levittown, an anniversary that marks an epochal achievement in American housing.

HONORING ANTHONY A. LUCIANO
WITH HUDSON FALLS ITALIAN-
AMERICAN CIVIC CLUB ANNUAL
RECOGNITION AWARD

HON. JOHN E. SWEENEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a distinguished constituent of the 22nd District of New York; Mr. Anthony A. Luciano. Mr. Luciano's lifelong dedication to his family, his profession and his community have rightly earned him the Hudson Falls Italian-American Civic Club Annual Recognition Award.

Over the past fifty years, as a husband, a father, a teacher, a coach and a mentor, Mr. Luciano has been an exemplary contributor to his community. As a devoted faculty member of the Hudson Falls Central Schools from 1948-1983, he victoriously led the cross country team to four Boys Northern Conference Titles and three Section 2 Class B Championships. In addition to achieving seven Northern Conference Championships with his basketball team, he remains a respected member of the Section 2 Basketball Committee since 1955. His skills and dedication to his players further continued in track. In this sport Mr. Luciano successfully coached his team to fifteen Northern Conference Dual Meet Championships, nine Northern Conference Invitation Meet Championships, seven Section 2 Class B Championships and five Washington County

Invitation Championships. I am proud to mention he has since been inducted into both the Glens Falls Heritage Hall of Fame and the New York State Basketball Hall of Fame for his outstanding achievements.

Mr. Luciano has truly set standards for excellence in his profession and service to the community. For forty years, he remained a trusted member of the Washington County Children's Committee, serving two 2-year terms as co-chairperson with his wife, Mary. In 1983, he received the Prestigious Private Sector Initiative Commendation from President Ronald Reagan in recognition of his exemplary community service in the finest American tradition. His extraordinary charity and kindness has not gone unnoticed locally. Mr. Luciano received awards from the Hudson Falls/Kingsbury Chamber of Commerce, Hudson Falls Rotary Club and the Fort Edward Historical Association, to name a few.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to honor Mr. Luciano's selfless contributions to his community before Congress. He is truly a role model for future generations to emulate and I wish him the very best in all his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEBORAH PRYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I was regrettably absent on June 17, 24, and 25, 2002, and on September 9 and 10, 2002. Consequently, I missed the following recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on roll call votes no. 230, 231, 232, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, and 380.

HONORING CHESTERFIELD SMITH

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002,

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a friend and distinguished citizen of Florida, Mr. Chesterfield Smith. Chesterfield Smith's inspiring dedication to our judicial system, social commitment to the legal profession, and remarkable personal and professional accomplishments serve as a model of American achievement. I rise today to congratulate him on his most recent accolade, the 2002 Justice Award from the Judicature Society.

Founded in 1913, the American Judicature Society (AJS) is a prestigious national, non-partisan organization of judges, lawyers, and non-lawyers dedicated to promoting the effective administration of justice. This award serves as AJS's highest distinction, recognizing a lifetime of dedication to the improvement of the administration of justice at a national level.

Chesterfield Smith's dedication to the legal profession embodies the underlying principles upon which this country was founded with his dedication to justice and his desire to help others, bringing us closer to the ideals outlined in