

community, serving on the boards of the Westchester Vitalization Corporation and the Flight Path Learning Center of Southern California, and as treasurer of the Rotary Club of Westchester. He has also served as the chair of the LAX Area Advisory Committee, president of the Marina del Rey Area Chamber of Commerce, and president of the Westchester Association.

On a personal note, Rich was instrumental in working with me and my staff to arrange important community meetings, including several forums related to homeland security in the wake of the September 11 attacks. He also helped host a highly successful small business forum which attracted more than 100 business owners from the area. Most notably, Rich was instrumental in bringing the community together for a 1997 event with then-U.S. Secretary of Defense William Cohen.

I want to thank Rich for his years of dedicated service to the greater Westchester community and his personal commitment to improving the quality of life in his hometown of Westchester and throughout the South Bay.

CONGRATULATING THE FRESNO
AREA TAIWANESE ASSOCIATION

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Fresno Area Taiwanese Association on the occasion of celebrating the 91st Anniversary of the National Day of the Republic of China on Taiwan. The Fresno Area Taiwanese Association will be holding a flag raising ceremony in the Peace Garden at California State University, Fresno at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 13th to commemorate this day.

In 1911, the Wuchang Uprising brought an end to dynastic rule in China and led to the reestablishment of the first republic in Asia. Dr. Sun Yat-Sen was the leader of this uprising and helped to found this new nation. Today, the people of Taiwan and throughout the nation celebrate this historic event with as much fervor as they had on the day of the uprising. Since its establishment, the Republic of China has made countless contributions to the world especially in the areas of economic and social development, science, and technology. Today, Taiwan continues to be one of the cornerstone democracies in Southwest Asia and I will certainly continue to support this thriving country.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to congratulate the Fresno Area Taiwanese Association on the occasion of the 91st National Day of the Republic of China on Taiwan. The cultural richness of Fresno is a direct result of an active and involved Chinese community and this has helped to strengthen and enhance the relationships in our Valley. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing the Fresno Area of Taiwanese Association many more years of continued success.

RECOGNITION OF STAFF SGT.
DAVID LYNCH

HON. MAC COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, last Saturday, 19-year-old Adam Gresham was swimming in the hotel pool at the Lafayette Garden Inn, in LaGrange, Georgia. Young Adam drowned in that pool, his breathing and pulse both stopped.

Not far from the hotel is the LaGrange-Callaway Airport, where spectators were enjoying an air show as part of the Delta Airlines Flyin and Airfest. Staff Sergeant Jason Lynch, is a U.S. Air Force A-10 mechanic with the 23rd Fighter Group at Pope Air Force Base, North Carolina, which was part of a demonstration team for the air show. SSgt. Lynch was staying at the hotel when he heard screams coming from the pool area. He immediately dropped what he was doing and responded. When he arrived, guests Barry Stetson and Neil Gray of Wanchese, N.C. and Roger Melville, of Stanley, N.C. were lifting the lifeless body of Adam from the pool. Calmly, Staff Sergeant Lynch asked onlookers to call 911 and began Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation on Adam, which he continued until emergency medical services arrived.

According to the Institute of Critical Medicine, the average survival rate for those receiving CPR is about three percent. That means that only 3 out of every 100 people needing CPR survive.

I am pleased to say that Adam Gresham is one of those lucky few.

Because of Staff Sergeant Lynch's quick thinking and level head, Adam Gresham, although still listed in critical condition at Western Georgia Medical Center, is alive today.

I would like to commend Staff Sergeant Lynch and the others for their heroic act and to encourage those hearing these comments to make the effort to learn this vital life-saving skill which saves thousands of lives each year.

TRIBUTE TO ANNETTE LEAHY

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Annette Leahy for her four years of outstanding service to Marlborough Hospital and the Marlborough Community.

Mrs. Leahy has been an active member of the community going above and beyond what her job required her to do. She served as a member of the Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Tri-Country United Way, the Marlborough Rotary Club, and the Boys and Girls Club. Additionally, Mrs. Leahy has volunteered at the local food pantry.

Mrs. Leahy holds degrees from Central Connecticut State University, University of Hartford and the Hartford Graduate Center. Her professional career brought her to Rockville General Hospital, where she served as Vice President for Planning and Administration, Chief Operating Officer, and Senior Vice President of Integrated Health Services.

Since 1998, Mrs. Leahy has been President of the Marlborough Hospital where she oversaw major renovations and expansions, allowing for expanded community outreach programs. In her honor, Marlborough Hospital has named a former lobby the "Annette Leahy Conference Room" to commemorate her achievements.

Mr. Speaker, I am certain that the entire U.S. House of Representatives joins me in congratulating Mrs. Annette Leahy for her stellar work at Marlborough Hospital, and wishes her best of luck as her career continues beyond Marlborough Hospital.

LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL DAY
2002

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, October 10, in communities throughout the nation, Lights On Afterschool Events will be taking place. At schools, 4-H Clubs, Police Athletic clubs, YWCAs, in Mayor's offices and in state capitols-activities are planned that highlight the importance of providing safe, enriching environments for young people before and after school hours. These programs are important for working families, help improve academic outcomes for kids and help strengthen the fabric of community life. In my own state of Michigan over 200 events are planned on October 10 to educate families about available programs. America's children are our most precious resource. Their health, their safety, the quality of their education-these are responsibilities we all share. We have an obligation to ensure that every child has a genuine opportunity to succeed. The availability of Afterschool programs moves us toward that goal.

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program—by no means the only source of support for Afterschool programs—is a critical resource for all states. The No Child Left Behind Act—signed into law last January by President Bush—promises communities that need this help most, the funds necessary to sustain and develop high-quality Afterschool programs. Unfortunately, in many locations across America millions of children are left home alone, unsupervised, during the hours immediately after the school day ends. For too many of our children these hours are full of squandered opportunities for tutoring, mentoring, academic challenges, and physical, social and cultural development. Not surprisingly, this is a time of day when most juvenile crimes are committed and when more youth are vulnerable to drugs and teenage pregnancy. Lights On Afterschool is an opportunity to showcase the programs that do exist and build support for their expansion. Through the generous support of J.C. Penney, the Afterschool Alliance has nurtured the growth of the Lights on Afterschool campaign—this year events are taking place in 422 congressional districts. By next year that number will grow to 100%.

We all have a responsibility where the nation's young people are concerned—parents, educators, business leaders, community and faith-based organizations and legislators. Providing for the health and welfare of America's