

activities, often getting arrested together during sit-ins. He also found time to preserve the collective memory of those turbulent but heady days as the editor of our yearbook during his junior and senior years.

He was one of the scholars among our group, earning a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. But he was not content to stop there. In 1970, Gigi received a prestigious Ford Foundation Fellowship in Leadership Development, and studied at the University of California at Santa Cruz under the mentorship of noted Sociologist, Dr. Herman Blake. That experience led him to earn a Master's Degree in Education Guidance and Counseling from South Carolina State. He then went on to round out his education with a Master's in Human Resources Management at Pepperdine University in California.

Gigi is a former high school teacher, who now serves as an Adjunct Professor of Business Management at Limestone College. He is truly committed to helping shape the minds of future generations. He also serves as a consultant to the U.S. Department of Education. But his role as scholar and educator, are just a small part of this larger than life character.

Gilbert Zimmerman is best known for his compassion for others and his dedication to improving the quality of life for the disadvantaged. He has worked primarily in the areas of community organization and development for very low-income citizens. Most of this community work experiences were gained from working with Mexican-Americans in depressed communities in California, Alabama, Mississippi, and South Carolina. Today he serves as the Director of Operations and Planning for the Beaufort-Jasper Economic Opportunity Commission.

Gigi's contributions have been recognized locally and nationally. In 1982, Ronald Reagan appointed him to the United States Commission on Civil Rights. He was reappointed by Governor Dick Riley in 1991, and served as Chairman from 1992–1996. He is a member and past President of the South Carolina Association of Human Service Agencies. As a young adult, Gigi was recognized as one of the "Outstanding Young Men of America." He is a past recipient of the "South Carolina Volunteer of the Year" award by the Joint Action in Community Service. His community service activities include membership on the S.C. Low-Income Housing Coalition, the Port Royal Community Residence for the Developmentally Disabled Board, the Partners for Healthy Community Steering Committee, the Prudential Youth Leadership Institute Advisory Board, and the Executive Committee of the Burton-Dale-Beaufort NAACP Branch.

All of this from a man whose stature among his peers is unequalled—physically and emotionally. "Gigi" stands less than four feet tall, but I am proud to say I look up to him for the enormous courage he continuously demonstrates, and the tremendous accomplishments he has achieved.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me honoring Gilbert "Gigi" Zimmerman for the inspiring example he sets for all of us. I wish him continued success and Godspeed.

## CHILD ABDUCTION PREVENTION ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. LEE TERRY**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 7, 2002*

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 5422, the Child Abduction Prevention Act.

Parents across the nation have been alarmed by recent high-profile child abductions, such as 14-year-old Elizabeth Smart, who was taken from her own bedroom at gunpoint in front of her younger sister, and 5-year-old Samantha Runnion, who was abducted while playing with her friend in her own front yard, then found molested and murdered the next day. Congress has a responsibility to take tough and effective steps to combat the increasing boldness of sexual predators, kidnapers, and murderers who prey on children.

According to law enforcement officials, the best chance of saving a child's life lies within the first few hours after an abduction. H.R. 5422 would expand the AMBER emergency alert broadcast system to give children the best chance for rescue during these critical hours. This system has already helped rescue 27 children across the nation from criminals intent on harming them. My home state of Nebraska recently implemented this system to aid police in quickly recovering missing children; establishing a special coordinator at the Department of Justice and providing \$25 million will encourage the remaining 18 states to do likewise.

Other vital provisions in H.R. 5422 include mandating lifetime sentences for second-time child molesters, allowing judges to order lifetime supervision of child sex offenders, increasing electronic surveillance authority for child exploitation cases, and criminalizing international "sex tours" involving children. The House of Representatives has already approved these important measures by overwhelming majorities; I hope the Senate will follow suit to protect the lives and innocence of children, and urge my colleagues to join me today in supporting H.R. 5422.

## TRIBUTE TO PREBEN MUNCH-NIELSEN

**HON. TOM LANTOS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 10, 2002*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to my dear friend, Preben Munch-Nielsen, who passed away a few days ago in Denmark.

Preben Munch-Nielsen was born in 1926 to a Protestant family in a small Danish fishing village, Snekkersten. He was only 14 when German troops occupied Denmark in 1940. Munch-Nielsen soon became a courier in the Danish Resistance movement, and began helping Danish Jews flee persecution and certain death at the hands of the Nazi's.

He continually risked his life by hiding Jewish refugees in churches and houses near the shore of the North Sea. At night, he would lead them to fishing boats, which took them

across the sea to safety in neutral Sweden. Twelve at a time, the Jews would sail in 21-foot boats to freedom. The four-mile boat ride to Sweden could take hours, as Munch-Nielsen and other Resistance members evaded German ships at sea.

Munch-Nielsen personally helped to transport 1,400 refugees, and of the country's 7,200 Jews, the Resistance movement saved all but 60 people. The Resistance also saved 700 people of non-Jewish decent, who could not bear to part with Jewish relatives. Munch-Nielsen himself had to take refuge in Sweden when the Germans replaced the Danish government in 1943. He returned home in May 1945.

Munch-Nielsen did not speak publicly about the rescues until 1985, when a friend asked him to share his story with a group of Jewish travelers in Denmark. He did not understand why people would make such a fuss over simple acts of decency, yet he knew his deeds should no longer be kept in secrecy. At age 59, his speaking career began, educating masses of people in Denmark, Israel and the United States about the hardships of perseverance and the atrocities of war.

He emphasized that Danish Jews were considered as neighbors, friends, and schoolmates, and not as a separate group or as criminals. "This is our history. We have no scapegoats. No pogroms. No Holocaust. It's so simple; we didn't recognize Jews as Jews, but as Danes," Preben Munch-Nielsen said. "They were victims of an insane movement created by lunatics."

Preben Munch-Nielsen was also a successful Danish businessman who was honored for his wartime heroic actions by President Bill Clinton in 1997.

## TRIBUTE TO RAYMOND EARL "RED" LEMASTER

**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 10, 2002*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I recognize the life and passing of Mr. Raymond Earl "Red" LeMaster of Pueblo, Colorado for the many contributions he has made for the City of Pueblo. Mr. LeMaster has recently passed away and, as his family mourns their loss, I would like to pay tribute to his life and memory before this body of Congress.

Mr. LeMaster was born on July 2, 1910 in Springfield, Illinois. He was an exceptional athlete throughout his life and played both football and baseball for Centennial High School. After graduating in 1931, Red attended Colorado College, where he was an All-American football player. Upon graduating from college, he pitched for several semi-pro baseball teams in the old Cotton States League. In 1973, Mr. LeMaster was inducted into the Greater Pueblo Sports Hall of Fame.

After his baseball career, Red returned to Pueblo and managed the local Steel City YMCA while working in sales for Walter Brewery and playing for its baseball team. It was at the YMCA that Mr. LeMaster first got the idea to open Pueblo's original Janitor Supply Company. Today, LeMasters Janitor Supply Company provides service to customers throughout