

about 4:30 a.m. and smelled smoke. He woke up five other people in the apartment and guided them towards the front door. When they discovered that the front door was hot, Mike's roommates went to the balcony to jump. Upon reaching the ground, Mike didn't follow. Campus Police Officer, Tony Santiago who was on the scene helped some students who were trying to jump off balconies to escape from the second story apartments.

With the fire fully engaged and Edwardsville Fire units arriving on scene, Mike became disoriented with the smoke and broke out a window, he fell to the floor and called out for help. By then Edwardsville Firefighters were evacuating other apartment units. Mike's friends alerted firefighters that Mike was still inside. Firefighters, moving through the building, felt Mike's grasp on his leg. According to Mike's parents, Mike had already mentally said his goodbyes, as he thought he was going to die.

Mike was taken from the building to a local hospital and then transferred to the burn unit at St. John's Mercy Medical hospital in St. Louis where he is currently being treated for burns and smoke inhalation. Mike is expected to be released from the hospital in the coming days.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the heroism of Mike McGehee and his efforts to help save the lives of his fellow students. It was through his efforts that so many lives were saved that day.

CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF WHITTIER HEALTH NETWORK

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Whittier Health Network. Whittier was founded 20 years ago by Dr. Alfred L. Arcidi and his sons. Since 1982, Whittier has provided high quality acute rehabilitative care along Route 495. Whittier has stuck close to Dr. Arcidi's guiding principle: healthcare that incorporates traditional family values with everyday practices.

Throughout New England, Whittier is known as the premier rehabilitation hospital center. At Whittier, every patient is treated with equal dignity, reverence, and devotion. It is without a doubt that Whittier's reputation for quality care has contributed to its unparalleled prosperity. Indeed, Whittier's reputation and comprehensive care has led to its service to thousands of patients on a daily basis.

Twenty years after its founding, Whittier has branched out beyond its founding as a rehabilitation hospital. The Whittier Pharmacist was established in 1995, and it has grown to serve over 1500 patients. The corporation also has the Whittier Home Health Care Agency. The Home Health Care Agency follows the Whittier tradition by serving individuals in a friendly home environment. A special part of Whittier is that it has a Social Work Service that provides adjustment planning and guidance to both patients and families.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I honor Whittier Health Network. I am sure that the entire U.S. House of Representatives joins me in thanking Whittier for its contribution to

New England's health during the past 20 years.

TRIBUTE TO REPRESENTATIVE
BILL GREEN

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I deeply regret informing our colleagues of the passing of our close friend and a former representative of the State of New York, Congressman Bill Green with whom I had the honor of serving in the House of Representatives for eight terms from February 14, 1978, until January 3, 1993 in Congress. After leaving Congress, Bill remained active in government and in the private sector.

Bill Green, a Rockefeller Republican who represented Manhattan's Silk Stocking district from 1978 to 1993, was a leader of the progressive wing of the Republican Party. His wisdom and judgement was highly regarded during his tenure in Congress. Bill's guidance will be greatly missed by all those whom he touched over the years.

Bill Green served on the House Appropriations Committee and was the ranking Republican on the Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs, Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies. Bill supported abortion rights and was known throughout Washington as a pro-environmental lawmaker. Following his congressional service, Bill was very active in housing, science policy, and political reform.

Congressman Green was chosen to fill the congressional seat formerly held by Ed Koch, when Koch became mayor of the city of New York. Bill began his Federal Government career, service as the regional administrator for HUD from 1970 to 1977 and prior to his Federal post he was elected as a member of the N.Y. state assembly from 1965 to 1968.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join with me in extending our condolences to Bill Green's wife, Patricia, his daughter Catherine, his son Louis, his sister Cynthia Green Colin and his many friends and supporters throughout the State of New York and our nation. Bill will surely be missed by this body of Congress.

It is hoped that our thoughts and prayers for Bill will be of some solace to Bill's family and friends.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DR.
WILLIAM P. DIGGS

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Reverend Dr. William P. Diggs on the occasion of his 40th Anniversary as Pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Florence, South Carolina. The celebrations will take place on October 26 and 27, 2002.

Rev. Diggs was born in Columbia, SC and raised in Rock Hill, SC. He earned a B.A. degree from Morehouse College, a M.A. in Sociology from Atlanta University, a Master of Di-

vinity from Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, and a Doctor of Ministry from McCormick Theological Seminary. He is married to the former Clotilda Daniels, and they are the parents of two adult children, Mary Lynne and William, Jr. They have one grandson, William, III.

Rev. Diggs has accomplished much as a leader in the Florence community. He is a Life Member of the NAACP and was the first organizer of and solicitor for the Pee Dee Area United Negro College Fund. He organized a federally operated credit union, which continues to operate today with assets of over one million dollars.

As pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Rev. Diggs led the development of a preschool institution that is licensed by the state of South Carolina, administers a church sponsored after school tutoring program which could accommodate up to forty-five students, and led Trinity from an annual budget of twenty thousand dollars in 1962 to its current over-all annual budget of one-half million dollars. Over thirty thousand dollars of Trinity's annual budget is designated for education.

Mr. Speaker, it is rare to find people who so unselfishly dedicate their time and energy to improving their community, as does Reverend William P. Diggs, and I ask you and my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to this outstanding leader, role model, and devoted Christian.

HONORING JACK DEMPSEY

HON. ROBERT A. BORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Mr. BORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jack Dempsey, a good friend and the anchor of my Congressional operations. Jack Dempsey is a "neighborhood guy" who never forgot his roots, and like no other I know, lives and breathes Philadelphia politics. Since my first campaign in 1976 for the Pennsylvania State House, Jack has been a dear friend and advisor. He has served as a key strategist, not only for my campaigns, but also for many others in the Philadelphia region.

In Washington, pundits read the Cooke Report for the political scoop, I pick up the phone and call upon the ironclad Jack Dempsey for the word on the street. For nearly two decades, Jack Dempsey has used his lifelong friendships and connections in the Philadelphia area to enhance his uncanny ability to sort out the winners and losers of local, state, and federal elections before the votes have been cast. He has an uncanny ability to read and interpret polls and bring people together. Jack knows the neighborhoods and the District like the back of his hands. His political acumen is unsurpassable and many have called upon his advice for the breakdown of their upcoming elections. Jack, without hesitation, can tell you what the issues are, who your opponents will be, and what you need to do to get the vote out to ultimately win. Luckily, for me, I have had him on my team for all these years.

More important for me, Jack has served with distinction as my District Director for 20 years. As Director, Jack assembled an outstanding and dedicated staff in the Third Congressional District that has worked tirelessly