

can achieve through raising the quality of in-home care.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation. As members of Congress we have a great opportunity to make a positive impact on this issue, an issue that is of concern to many of our grandparents, parents, and will be of concern to us. I look forward to working with my colleagues and moving this resolution forward.

IN HONOR OF BANK ONE

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Bank One, this year's recipient of the Delaware Small Business Champion Award from the Delaware Small Business Development Center Network.

As you know, small businesses have always been extremely important to the economic vitality of each State and to our national economy. Small businesses account for the majority of all new jobs being created daily, and provide opportunities for millions of people to earn a living and provide financial stability for their families. Through Bank One's teamwork and guidance, it has distinguished itself as a leader in the promotion of small business growth in Delaware by offering a valuable service and maintaining a high level of customer satisfaction.

Throughout my years in public service I have consistently counted Delaware's small business community to be amongst the very best in the Country, and recognition of Bank One by the Delaware SBDC Network, in my mind, confirms this belief.

Bank One's accomplishments and innovative leadership in the small business community have placed this institution in a position to rise above and meet the challenges of the future; I commend Bank One on its receipt of this award and wish it continued success.

HONORING ANTHONY CANNESTRO

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Anthony Cannestro, an effective union leader, a loving family man, and a great citizen of Florida. Born originally in Newark, NJ, Cannestro entered the U.S. Navy and later became a machinist. In 1958, Cannestro and his wife of 49 years, Mary, relocated to South Florida.

Mr. Cannestro will long be remembered for his tireless efforts in establishing and running Teamsters Local 769. Cannestro was a key member of the original group that first organized workers, and he soon became the Local's vice president. In 1973, as a resident of the Fort Lauderdale and Cooper City area, he was asked to assume the presidency of the union by his fellow Teamsters, and he remained the union's boss until he retired in 1999.

Mr. Cannestro was often regarded as one of Florida's more powerful voices in the orga-

nized labor movement for the better part of 40 years, wielding his influence from the state capital on down to local city councils. During his time as president of Local 769, the Teamsters successfully unionized local government employees, construction and building employees, airline workers, and more employees from numerous trades. Cannestro's effective organizing tactics landed him a post on the Georgia-Florida Conference of Teamsters where he contributed to an important regional dialogue on the Teamsters and its presence in the Southeastern portion of the country.

In addition to his work with the Teamsters, Mr. Cannestro volunteered his time to many charitable groups, including serving as general chairman of the Boys Town of Italy. He also served locally for the American Red Cross and raising awareness for Cerebral Palsy.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly a special occasion to honor Mr. Cannestro. His earnest efforts in South Florida to afford his fellow union members common sense worker protections and to raise the standard of living serves as an example to us all.

Mr. Cannestro is survived by his wife Mary, of Lady Lake, and four children, Ginny of Dania Beach, Anthony Jr. of Navarre Beach, Michael of West Palm Beach, and Nicholas of Dania Beach. Mr. Cannestro also is survived by 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

EDUCATION

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, the White House has abruptly ended the brief era of bi-partisan cooperation on the vital issue of education. In his recent budget message the President halts the six year pattern of increases for education. Private school vouchers are returned to the federal policy agenda through the proposal of a 75 million dollar funding initiative. HeadStart is threatened with obliteration through the combination of a freeze on funding and the transfer of this successful child development program to the limited confines of the Department of Education. And finally, the administration has not continued the 1.2 billion dollars in funding for school repairs which was introduced in the last year of the Clinton administration. Only for charter schools is there a recognized need for school construction and modernization—100 million dollars is provided. Meanwhile, the overcrowding and unhealthy conditions persist in schools serving the poorest children throughout the nation. Without adequate facilities and other vital education resources, No Child Left Behind becomes a fraudulent and deceptive piece of legislation. The following rap poem sums up the spirit of this rapidly deteriorating situation.

CROWD THE CHILDREN IN

No Child Left Behind,
Crowd them in,
Construction dollars
Never win.
No Child Left Behind
The budget is unkind
An increase of billions
They promised—
A bold elephant fable,
A decrease by millions
Placed on the table.

Under funding catastrophe
Lurking in the wind,
Carefully covered sin,
Regally wrapped spin,
Cutbacks cover the table.
On the made in White House label
Read progress,
Camouflage the big mess,
Public relations success.
No Child Left Behind,
Crowd them in,
Construction dollars
Never Win.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID P. ZAPPE,
CIVIL ENGINEER OF RIVERSIDE
COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND
WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to Riverside County are exceptional. Riverside County has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give time and talent to making their communities a better place to live and work. David Zappe is one of these individuals. This year David will retire from the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District after providing more than 33 years of loyal, consciences and outstanding engineering and management service period.

A native born Californian, David attended public schools in Riverside and Palm Springs, California. In 1969 he graduated from California State Polytechnic College in Pomona, California with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. As a student he was a member of the Engineer Honorary Fraternity, Sigma Phi Alpha.

After his graduation David was employed by the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District as a Junior Engineer. He was quickly promoted to Associate Civil and Senior Civil Engineer position. As Senior Civil Engineer, David supervised the District's Project Planning Section. In 1983 David was promoted to the position of Flood Control Principal Engineer, with the responsibility for management of the Administrative Division, one of five divisions in the District. In 1992, he was promoted to the position of Assistant Chief Engineer and was responsible for coordination of District activities involving the District's six division and other governmental and private entities in the execution of the District's mission. In 1996 David was promoted to the position of General Manager-Chief Engineer.

The Riverside County Flood and Water Conservation District presently employees a staff of approximately 175, forty of which are graduate engineers and thirty eight are registered civil engineers in the State of California. Under David's exemplary leadership the District continues to pursue an aggressive effort to design and construct needed flood control infrastructure.

In addition to his degree in Civil Engineering, David completed the Advanced Management Program and the Executive Management Program at the University of California, Riverside. He has been a registered Civil Engineer

in the State of California since 1972. He also is a member of ASCE and APWA.

David's tireless work and unwavering loyalty will long be remembered. His commitment to the excellence of the District has contributed immeasurably to the betterment of Riverside County. His involvement in the community makes me proud to call him a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that the District and many community members are grateful for his service and salute him as he retires.

CONGRATULATING THE TAMPA
BAY BUCCANEERS FOR WINNING
SUPER BOWL XXXVII

SPEECH OF

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 29, 2003

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I dare not say that it is with great pride that I rise today in support of the resolution offered by my good friend from Tampa, Mr. DAVIS. After all, I am a Miami Dolphins fan. However, it is with high regard, as well as a bit of shock, that I rise today to honor the Super Bowl XXXVII champion Tampa Bay Buccaneers. As a Floridian, I share in Mr. DAVIS' excitement. For who would have ever thought that the Buccaneers would ever make it to the Super Bowl, let alone win it?

But seriously, Mr. Speaker, all of us need to tip our hats in admiration of the accomplishments made by the 2002–2003 Buccaneer team. As I said to one of my staffers on Monday morning, "Yeah, Oakland didn't really show up to play, but could you believe the Bucs' defense?" Not since the Steelers' Iron Curtain defense of the 1970s has the National Football League seen a defense as dominating as the Tampa Bay defenses of the late 1990s through this past season. Credit must be given to those who deserve it, and the Buccaneer defense is where credit is due. The team's defensive leaders such as Warren Sapp, Simeon Rice, Greg Spires, Ronde Barber, John Lynch, Dwight Smith, and the Super Bowl Most Valuable Player, Dexter Jackson, are to be truly credited for leading the team that everyone wanted to win, but no one thought could, to a Super Bowl championship.

No pun intended, Mr. Speaker, but the buck didn't stop at Tampa's defense. The team's offense was equally impressive. Quarterback Brad Johnson, running backs Michael Pittman, Mike Alstott, and wide receivers Keenan McCardell, Joe Jurevicius, and Keyshawn Johnson were virtually unstoppable. Who would have ever thought that a team like the Buccaneers, built for defense but capable of an offensive explosion, would ever register 48 points against a relatively good Oakland Raider defense? I certainly didn't.

Additionally, I commend Tampa head coach Jon Gruden and his entire coaching staff, especially longtime Tampa Defensive Coordinator Monte Kiffin, for a job well done. As a Miami fan, I hope that Coach Kiffin finds his way into a head-coaching job out of the state of Florida. Frankly, the Dolphins and Jacksonville Jaguars are itching to regain the title of "Florida's Best NFL Team." Finally, I would be remiss if I sit down before honoring the work

that had been done by Tampa's previous coach, Tony Dungy. Coach Dungy built the Tampa team that won last weekend, and he is as deserving as anyone of credit for the Super Bowl victory.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I remind the gentleman from Tampa, Mr. DAVIS, that the greatest team in NFL history was a team that went 17–0 from a little city in South Florida that we call Miami. The 1972 Dolphins, now that team was perfect. Nonetheless, today is about the Buccaneers. Therefore, today, I congratulate the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for winning Super Bowl XXXVII. As for tomorrow, Mr. Speaker, well, go Dolphins!

IN HONOR OF DR. MARY EMILY
MILLER

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Mary Emily Miller of The Miller Farm, this year's recipient of the Special Family Business Longevity Award from the Delaware Small Business Development Center Network.

As you know, small businesses such as The Miller Farm, have always been extremely important to the economic vitality of each State and to our national economy. Small businesses account for the majority of all new jobs being created daily, and provide opportunities for millions of people to earn a living and provide financial stability for their families. Through Dr. Miller's guidance, The Miller Farm has distinguished itself as a leader amongst small businesses in Delaware by offering a valuable service and maintaining a high level of customer satisfaction.

Throughout my years in public service I have consistently counted Delaware's small businesses to be amongst the very best in the Country, and recognition of The Miller Farm by the Delaware SBDC Network, in my mind, confirms this belief.

Dr. Miller's accomplishments and innovative leadership in the small business community have placed The Miller Farm in a position to rise above and meet the challenges of the future; I commend her on her receipt of this award and wish her continued success.

HONORING J. "RICK"
RICCIARDELLI

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. J. "Rick" Ricciardelli, a former North Miami councilman, civic leader, and a great Floridian. Born in 1923, Ricciardelli joined the marines where he fought in World War II as a young man. Soon after returning from Europe, he became commander of the North Miami AMVETS, the first chapter in South Florida, and later became vice commander of the national veterans organization.

Arriving in North Miami with his family in 1947, Ricciardelli became involved in local

community projects and was elected to the North Miami Council in 1950. In addition to being an active council member, Ricciardelli also served as city judge and police commissioner. As a result of his dedication to his community, the bridge on Northwest 125th Street now bears his name due to his efforts in helping to build it.

In his professional life, Ricciardelli managed two very successful insurance companies, Underwriters Financial of Florida and Specialty Insurance Underwriters. In 1977, he served as chair to the Florida Insurance Fraud Committee, where he led a statewide operation to protect consumers and halt the practice of insurance fraud.

Not to be forgotten, Mr. Ricciardelli was devoted to his family and community. He was known to raise money for various charitable groups, and he was involved with the Boys Town of Italy. His exemplary work and his kind generosity afforded him the distinction of being knighted by the Italian government.

Mr. Speaker, it is indeed a special occasion to stand here and honor Mr. Ricciardelli. His commitment to the people of North Miami and to all Floridians serves as an example to us all.

Mr. Ricciardelli is survived by his wife Debbie, and daughters Peggy Appler, Nancy Corbin, Vikki McGowan, Denise Strniste, and Rikki Southworth. He is also survived by sisters Mary Webb, Gloria Fusco, and Virginia Papale.

WELCOMING HIS MAJESTY KING
HAMAD BIN ISA AL-KHALIFA ON
THE OCCASION OF HIS VISIT TO
THE UNITED STATES

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend a warm welcome to His Majesty Shaikh Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa, King of the Kingdom of Bahrain, on the occasion of his visit to the United States.

The ties between our countries have spanned more than a century, beginning with the establishment of the first American hospital in the region at the turn of the 20th century. When Bahrain became the first Gulf Cooperation Council member to discover oil, it was with the aid of American technology and expertise.

On January 1, 1949, an important alliance began between the United States and Bahrain with the establishment of the Navy's first command in the Middle East—Persian Gulf Area Command. On August 16, 1949, this command was renamed the Middle East Force. This was a vital outpost throughout the cold war and contributed to the success of democracy over communism. The Middle East Force ships were the first United States military units to take action following the August 1990 invasion of Kuwait when they began Maritime Interception Operations in support of United Nations Sanctions against Iraq.

In January 1991, with the beginning of Operation Desert Storm, the Middle East Force was absorbed into United States Naval Forces Central Command, which is responsible for all United States Military activity in the Middle