

My association with Steve began in the 103rd Congress, when we co-lead the bi-partisan coalition that saved the McDonnell Douglas/Boeing C-17 program, which employs 9,000 workers in our area through 2008. Our efforts led to the Air Force's multi-year purchase of what has proven to be one of the most versatile cargo aircraft in the military's inventory.

A long time resident of Long Beach, Steve Horn has contributed to the community in many other ways; as President of Cal State Long Beach, Chairman of a successful \$6 million United Way Campaign Fund, Vice Chairman of the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce, and as a Founding Member and Secretary of the Long Beach Economic Development Corporation.

I have known Steve and his wife, Nini, to be long-time passionate supporters of the arts. I can recall Steve's strong defense of the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities as co-chair of the bipartisan Congressional Arts Caucus. So it is more than fitting that the Steve and Nini Horn Center should house a museum, and equally appropriate that it should include a vast computer lab, since the Chairman successfully led the effort to prepare government and industry to make the year 2000 computer conversion.

Mr. Speaker, never one to falter in his congressional duties or to toe the party line, Steve Horn served in Congress with courage and independence, and I am proud to have served with him.

IN HONOR OF MYRON
BLUMENFELD, FOUNDER AND
CHAIRMAN OF RESIDENTS FOR A
MORE BEAUTIFUL PORT WASH-
INGTON

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 35th Anniversary of Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington and its Chairman, Myron Blumenfeld, for his strong leadership, dedication and commitment in making Port Washington a more beautiful town.

In 1968, Myron and a group of concerned citizens founded Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington with the simple plan to plant a tree by a gas station. Soon, the people of Port Washington began to organize daily for environmental action and Myron's organization slowly grew from a handful of members to a prestigious and influential non-profit action group. Today, Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington boasts more than 2,000 active members who cross political, racial, religious, ethnic and economic divides to preserve and enhance the environment of Port Washington and the surrounding communities.

Among the major projects the group has spearheaded are: protecting drinking water, building waterfront trails, contributing thousands of dollars to the Port Washington Board of Education to fund projects which helps students to learn about our ecosystem, planning the Main Street Park and Town Dock, and of course, planting hundreds of trees throughout Port Washington.

As the founder and chairman of Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington, Myron Blumenfeld has consistently displayed his life-long passion and spirit to improve our environment and our quality of life. A graduate of Syracuse University with a Masters Degree in Business from New York University, Myron was vice president of Bloomingdales for 34 years where he routinely answered his phone with "Save Hempstead Harbor." Myron's commitment to the environment was quickly recognized by then Governor Cuomo who appointed Myron as Chairman of the Long Island Parks Commission. As Chairman, Myron initiated the first Long Island Parks environmental education program. Myron also served as Chair of the Sierra Club's Atlantic Chapter and formed the Sierra Club's first Long Island Chapter. In addition, Myron served on the boards of the Environmental Planning Lobby and American Friends of Neot Kedumin. In November of 2002, Myron and the Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington received the well deserved Environmental Advocates of New York State Award.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent such an exceptional individual and commend Myron Blumenfeld for his dedication to preserving and working for the beautification of Port Washington. On May 18, 2003, Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington will recognize Myron's important contributions at its 35th Annual Gala. I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to please join me in wishing Myron Blumenfeld and the Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington many more years of success as they celebrate their 35th Anniversary.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE DAL-
LAS JUNIOR TEXANS JUNIOR
VARSITY WHEELCHAIR BASKET-
BALL TEAM

HON. MARTIN FROST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize and applaud the remarkable Dallas Junior Texans Wheelchair Basketball Team of Grand Prairie. This team has shown great strength and determination throughout the past season.

Last year, the Dallas Junior Texans placed 9th overall in the Nation and finished the National Junior Wheelchair Basketball Tournament with a record of 3-1. This was truly an awesome accomplishment for the young players on the Dallas Junior Texans.

The Dallas Junior Texans owe their success to their competitive spirit and remarkable sportsmanship. I applaud their skilled teamwork and hope that next year's season will bring them another national placement in the top ten.

Mr. Speaker, the member of the Dallas Junior Texans Wheelchair Basketball Team know that playing their sport is about so much more than basketball—it's about teamwork, friendships, and determination. I know my colleagues will join me today to honor them for living up to the true spirit of sport.

A TRIBUTE TO RUSSELL J.
CUNNINGHAM

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of Russell J. Cunningham, a man who devoted his life to serving his community. For four decades, Cunningham represented the San Bruno Police Department with courage and dignity, retiring in 1978 as the city's police chief. He passed away last month at the age of 87. Mr. Speaker, Chief Cunningham will be missed by his colleagues, neighbors, friends, and, most of all, by the thousands of men and women whose safety he protected.

Russell Cunningham's devotion to his city was rooted in his understanding of its people. A native of the Bay Area, he grew up in San Bruno. In 1938, at the age of 23, Cunningham responded to a newspaper ad seeking the San Bruno Police Department's fifth employee. Mr. Speaker, this chance event launched a noteworthy law enforcement career.

Cunningham's forty years in the department were marked by numerous successes. In 1961, his efforts aided the capture the notorious "hat gang," which robbed banks and supermarkets throughout the country wearing topcoats and pork pie hats. The following year, in recognition of this and other achievements, Cunningham was named Chief of Police. He served with distinction until his retirement in 1978.

Chief Cunningham's community involvement extended well beyond his law enforcement career. He was active in the St. Robert's Men's Club, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Meals on Wheels, Rancho Canada Dons and Players Club, the Carmel Orchid Society, the Optimists Club, Wally Byam Caravan Club, and the Elks Lodge #2091.

The San Bruno City Council recently adopted a resolution naming the main police department conference room after Chief Cunningham. Indeed, no man better embodied the Council's mission statement: "The City of San Bruno exists to provide exemplary services for our community that enhance and protect the quality of life."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in offering condolences to the family of Chief Cunningham: Rose, his wife of 66 years, as well as his two children, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. They grieve the loss of an extraordinary man.

TRIBUTE HONORING 2003 LEGRAND
SMITH SCHOLARSHIP FINALISTS:
GRAIG BROOKS OF TEKONSHA,
MI, MICHELLE MARVIN, OF
COLDWATER, MI, AND SARA
BOWER, OF COLDWATER, MI

HON. NICK SMITH

OF

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, It is a sincere pleasure to recognize the finalists of