

he was appointed to the prestigious position of Superintendent of schools.

Dr. Ivascyn used his leadership role as a way to further escalate the growth and success of the Oxford public school system. Some recent notable accomplishments include assisting in the construction of a new Oxford High School in 2002, and the newly renovation of Barton and Chaffee Elementary Schools.

Dr. Ivascyn's dedication and desire to better the Oxford community serves as an admirable example to all American citizens. I am delighted to honor Dr. Ivascyn's accomplishments and service to the second district of Massachusetts. His hard work and dedication will be greatly missed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, on June 9, 2003, I was unable to vote on H.R. 1610, Walt Disney Post Office Building Redesign Act (rollcall vote 249), H. Con. Res. 162, Honoring the City of Dayton, Ohio (rollcall vote 250), and S. 763, Birch Bayh Federal Building and United States Courthouse Designation Act (rollcall vote 251). Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on all three measures.

A TRIBUTE TO JOHN L. ENGLISH

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of John L. English in recognition of his successful business which has brought stability to his community, and for his overall efforts to improve the quality of life in his community.

John's contracting company is based at 2060 Eastern Parkway in Brooklyn, New York. He started Central Mechanical in 1976 and relocated to the current address in 1984. He has been an owner-operator in his community for 19 years. Since John's father and grandfather were steamfitters by trade, it was natural for him to become involved in the pipefitting industry. He is both a contractor and a developer. His day-to-day function is the operation of Central Mechanical. Central Mechanical's prime business is the completion of government heating and air conditioning contracts. He has also built 25 homes and 20 condominiums in the past 10 years.

John is active in the community as well. He lends support to a local church, the House of Hope. In addition to being a place of worship, the House of Hope runs a homeless shelter for people who have nowhere else to turn. John is very thankful for what he has accomplished and he looks forward to a long, prosperous, and continuing active presence in Brooklyn. However, most important has been John's successful marriage of 26 years to his wife Trina. They have four children ages 11 through 24.

Mr. Speaker, John L. English is committed to his community through his business endeavors and his work at his local church. As

such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

TRIBUTE TO GERARD DOHERTY

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask that the House of Representatives take this opportunity to honor Gerard Doherty, a man who has dedicated his enormous talents and unlimited energy to public service and charitable ventures throughout his life.

Gerard Doherty is an exceptional leader in Charlestown, in our Commonwealth of Massachusetts and throughout our Nation. Mr. Doherty is one of the founders of the John F. Kennedy Family Service Center. He serves as a member of the Boston Public Library Foundation and the Suffolk University Board of Trustees. He is remembered on Beacon Hill as one of our most respected members of The Great and General Court, where he was elected to four terms as State Representative from Charlestown.

Because of his efforts to improve educational opportunities for children, Gerard Doherty has received numerous awards including an honorary doctorate degree from Our Lady of the Elms College. And Mr. Speaker, when I return to my alma mater of Malden Catholic High School to attend a basketball game, I take great pride in walking through the doors of the Gerard and Marilyn Doherty Gymnasium, dedicated in the name of MC's most beloved couple.

Gerard Doherty has also placed his indelible mark on national politics. He served as a close and trusted advisor to President John F. Kennedy, Presidential Campaign Director for both Senator Robert F. Kennedy and President Jimmy Carter and Campaign Manager for Senator EDWARD M. KENNEDY.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor one of the Bay State's most famous sons on his 75th birthday. Gerard Doherty's commitment to public service and community philanthropy has made an immeasurable impact in his community, in our State and throughout our Nation.

TRIBUTE TO THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY DIAMOND JUBILEE

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Cuyahoga County Bar Association's 75th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee which will be held on Friday, June 20, 2003, in Cleveland, Ohio. The Cuyahoga County Bar Association has served the legal community and citizens of Cuyahoga County through research, advocacy, and education. Founded by 64 former members of the Cleveland Bar Association in 1928, it's mission is to

"advance to the highest standards of excellence for the legal profession, to enhance the professional competence of attorneys, to further the administration of justice, to preserve and protect the liberties and rights of the people, to inspire respect for the law and legal profession through the support of law-related and community services, and to promote an atmosphere of collegiality among members of the Bench and the Bar."

On this great occasion, Thomas J. Escovar, a partner with the firm Steuer, Escovar, Berk & Brown Co., L.P.A., in Cleveland, OH, is being installed as the CCBA's President. The association's President-Elect is Justin Madden, a partner with the firm Spangenberg, Shibley & Liber in Cleveland. Diana Thimmig will be installed as the First Vice President and Laurence A. Turbow will serve as Second Vice President. Howard Besser will retain his position with CCBA as Secretary.

Furthermore, I would like to congratulate the new members of the CCBA Board of Trustees for 2004; the Honorable Janet R. Burnside, Louis J. Carozzi, Deanna L. DiPetta, Steven L. Gardner, John F. McCaffrey and Robert J. Vecchio. I would also like to congratulate the new members of the Trustee Class of 2005; David B. Gallup, the Honorable Diane J. Karpinski, Lenore Kleinman, Jacob A.H. Kronenberg, the Honorable David T. Matia, the Honorable John D. Sutula, Mary Jane Trapp and the Trustee Class of 2006; the Honorable John E. Corrigan, Michael M. Courtney, Janet L. Kronenberg, Ellen S. Mandell, Mary Ann Rini, Stanley E. Stein and Jeffrey L. Tasse.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the new Presidential Board Appointments; the Honorable Ann Dyke, Lori Ann Luka and Barbara K. Roman. It gives me great pleasure, Mr. Speaker, to rise today to honor the Cuyahoga County Bar Association and to salute its new leadership.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE MICHIGAN SURVIVAL FLIGHTS

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the University of Michigan's Survival Flight program for their critical role in providing emergency care to the residents of Michigan.

The University of Michigan's Survival Flight is an air medical transport program that extends the University Health System's care. This service is available 24 hours a day, every day of the year. They have the capabilities to transport critical patients from area hospitals to specialized treatment facilities, transport directly from an emergency scene, transfer neonates and organ transport teams, and provide back-up in disaster situations. Survival Flights consist of three advanced Bell 430 medical helicopters and one Cessna Citation jet.

Now in their 20th year, the Survival Flights have a perfect safety record and are recognized as the top emergency medical air program in the Nation. Each year, over 1,600 patients are safely transported through the Survival Flights program.

University of Michigan Survival Flights are to be recognized for their success and dedication

to the survival of Michigan patients. Since their inception, Survival Flights have demonstrated outstanding courage and commitment to the State of Michigan.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to extend the gratitude of myself and the entire nation to the University of Michigan Survival Flights in recognition of 20 years of service. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking them and wishing them continued success as they serve the citizens of the great State of Michigan.

A TRIBUTE FOR SALLIE
SLAUGHTER-GARDNER

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Sallie Slaughter-Gardner. I believe that it is fitting for public officials to celebrate those individuals whose life story can serve as a model for us all.

Mr. Speaker, Sallie Slaughter-Gardner was born on February 26, 1916, in an era very different than the one to which we are accustomed. Because her family needed Sallie to work in the cotton fields, she was not afforded the opportunity to complete a formal education. She was, however, blessed with a pleasant disposition, a commitment to her family, and a devotion to her community.

On January 23, 1932, Sallie was united in Holy Matrimony to Dozier Gardner. After the birth of her first child, Willie Clifford, the Gardner family emigrated from her birthplace of Buena Vista, Georgia to Brooklyn, New York, an area I am now privileged to represent in the United States Congress. "Aunt Sallie," as she was affectionately known, quickly adapted to her new surroundings, and, during the historical African American migration to the North, Sallie opened her home to the needy, providing hot meals, shelter, and good will to all.

Sallie Slaughter-Gardner made her family and her church the focus of her life. Sallie began her Christian walk in the Baptist Church. Later, she joined the Evergreen Church of God in Christ, where she accepted Christ as her Personal Savior under the leadership of Elder Eugene Williams, the founder of the Church. Sallie was a member of the hospitality club, the mother's board, and was president of the usher board of the church. Her sumptuous apple and sweet potato pies became mainstays among the congregation, and indeed, she was known for her generosity and kind heart. Until her death at the age of eighty-six, Sallie guided parishioners to their seat and imbued them with her warmth.

Sallie was known as a spiritual lady with a heart of gold. Her sweet disposition was most clearly demonstrated when she cared for a neighbor stricken with a crippling illness. Her neighbor, bitter over her ailment, alienated all who attempted to care for her. But Sallie was not deterred and she cooked, cleaned, and cared for this woman.

Mr. Speaker, as part of the Evergreen Church of God in Christ's 58th Church Anniversary, the Church is in the process of memorializing this incredible individual. Sallie always said "Let my life speak for me."

Mr. Speaker, her life truly speaks volumes to us and shows us the kind of conduct befitting all of God's children.

HONORING DR. JOHN GUSHA

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. John Gusha, a dentist who mobilized dental societies and nonprofit groups to launch the Central Massachusetts Oral Health Initiative for low-income residents of Massachusetts. Dr. Gusha is among the outstanding individuals from across the country selected this year to receive a Robert Wood Johnson Community Health Leadership Program award of \$120,000.

Dr. Gusha founded and served as project director of the Central Massachusetts Oral Health Initiative, a collaborative of 25 organizations focused on improving oral health in the region.

Growing up in a large, blue-collar family, Dr. Gusha was inspired by his faith and the work ethic of his immigrant heritage to give back to his community. After working his way through dental school and setting up a private practice, he began volunteering at a free medical clinic and was struck by the magnitude of oral health problems he saw among patients.

He recruited his colleagues in local and State dental societies and nonprofit groups to launch the Oral Health Initiative in 1999. The initiative opened a free dental clinic where dentists, hygienists, and assistants volunteer their services. It also educates physicians and nurses to perform oral health screenings, and trains outreach workers to teach young mothers about preventing tooth decay, the most common chronic condition of childhood.

In addition to volunteering his dental services, Dr. Gusha has pushed for policy changes aimed at improving Massachusetts' health. He helped win State legislation allowing a pilot program to expand access to dentists for Medicaid patients in central Massachusetts. In 1993, as chairman of the Holden Board of Health, he championed fluoridation of the water supply and prohibition of second-hand smoke in public places.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Dr. John Gusha for his accomplishments as founder of the Central Massachusetts Oral Health Initiative and for his efforts put forth in achieving a 2003 Robert Wood Johnson Community Health Leadership Program award.

TRIBUTE TO MS. ADRIENNE E.
BYERS

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize Ms. Adrienne E. Byers on her retirement from Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield after thirty-four years of dedicated service.

Joining Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield in January of 1969, Ms. Byers has worked in many different facets of the organization, beginning in the Cashiers Department and moving to her current position with Special Letters. Working with many areas of the corporation

has given Ms. Byers a great and unique understanding of Horizon and has allowed her to help enrich a company which is truly fortunate to have her as a dedicated employee.

Raised in the 10th Congressional District of New Jersey, Ms. Byers spent her early years growing with the programs at the YMCA where I was fortunate enough to meet this promising young woman. Since those early years she has proven herself time and time again and I am proud to see what a dedicated and motivated individual she has become.

In addition to her devotion to Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield, Ms. Byers has also invested time in the community as a whole. A strong advocate of community service, she serves on the Advisory Board for Community Agencies Corporation and on the board of directors for Friendly Fuld. She is also Chair for the Newark Fighting Back Partnership.

Mr. Speaker, I know that my colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives join me today in congratulating Ms. Adrienne E. Byers on her long and successful career with Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield. I wish her the very best in her retirement and a healthy and happy future.

TRIBUTE TO MS. GWEN BOWEN

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

Ms. DEGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the splendid efforts and notable accomplishments of an extraordinary woman in the 1st Congressional District of Colorado. It is both fitting and proper that we recognize this outstanding artist, educator and civic leader for her exceptional record of invaluable service. It is to commend this outstanding citizen that I rise to honor Ms. Gwen Bowen on the occasion of her 50th year teaching dance in Denver, Colorado.

"Miss B," as she is affectionately known by current and former students, was born in Denver, Colorado. She attended McKinley Elementary School, Grant Junior High School and graduated from Denver's South High School. Following her graduation from the University of Denver, she returned to McKinley Elementary School to teach first grade. But her love of dance inspired her to pursue a career in dance education.

Ms. Bowen has amassed a distinguished record of service to our community. She founded the Gwen Bowen School of Dance where she has taught hundreds of young people, middle-aged and senior citizens throughout her career—a career distinguished by caring, competence and a sense of commitment to the community. Among her many students who have pursued professional careers in dance is Lynne Taylor Corbett, Tony Award Nominee for her choreography of the Broadway Play, *Swing*. Last year, Ms. Corbett came to Denver to pay tribute to this great lady of dance at a fundraiser for Arts for All, an organization founded by Ms. Bowen to create a community non-profit facility for all the arts in Denver. Despite having taught so many that have made major contributions to dance, she believes that her greatest rewards have come from teaching dance to blind students and the