

selfless devotion to his countrymen and his faith for over forty years at the Parish of Saint Nicholas in Northridge, California.

In his years of service, Father Kezios has been at the forefront of many community service organizations and efforts. Under Father Kezios's guidance, the Parish of Saint Nicholas has grown from a mission parish to a community institution offering spiritual and community-based services for over 1,200 families. Father Kezios founded the Saint Nicholas Parochial School in 1977, and over time oversaw the expansion of the school which now boasts an enrollment of almost 400 students. He was also one of the three original incorporators of the Guadalupe Home for Boys and he established the first two Greek Orthodox senior citizens housing developments in the Archdiocese. He was also assigned as Chaplain for the Los Angeles Police Department.

Father Kezios had the foresight to bring several liturgical services to the English speaking community. In 1994, he translated the complete Orthros services from Greek into contemporary English and made it available for wide publication. He continues to provide liturgical translation of these texts for English speaking congregations through the Narthex Press.

Some of Father Kezios's greatest achievements were attained by educating and influencing local and international communities on issues of global importance, such as religious and cultural tolerance. Archbishop Iakovos tapped Father Kezios to assist with the efforts of the Greek Orthodox Church in Albania shortly after the fall of communism in that country. Here in the United States, and at the direction of Archbishop Iakovos, Father Kezios also produced a series of five educational films, including "A Boy Named Panatiosis," which exposed the American public to the hardship and suffering of the people of Cyprus after the Turkish invasion. He also produced and directed a Cyprian cultural program of music and dance that toured the United States, donating all net proceeds from these performances to refugees from Cyprus.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Father Spencer T. Kezios for dedicating his life to spreading knowledge and compassion. He is an example to us all.

TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR DAVID E. VOCKE, PH.D.

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Professor David E. Vocke, Ph.D. of Towson University for his dedication and commitment to training future teachers. Professor Vocke has been selected for his work by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement of Support Education as one of this year's U.S. Professors of the Year.

Professor Vocke has been a full professor at Towson University since 1997. Towson University is nationally recognized for its rigorous and demanding education program. As a professor of secondary education at Towson, he has dedicated himself to developing several

successful precollegiate intervention programs with the Baltimore City Public School system. These programs bring middle and high school students from diverse, low-income schools to the Towson University campus for experiences that are designed to inspire them to attend college. At the same time, these programs have provided his students majoring in education with unique and valuable experiences.

Professor Vocke has spent his professional career preparing undergraduates for careers in education. Since 1981, the U.S. Professors of the Year Program has rewarded outstanding professors for their dedication to teaching and commitment to students. The program seeks to increase awareness of the importance of excellent undergraduate instruction at all colleges and universities.

I hope my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives will join me in saluting Professor David E. Vocke for his dedication to undergraduate education and his desire to instill a love of teaching in all his students.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, on October 9, 2004, I was unable to be present for rollcall vote No. 527, on agreeing to H. Con. Res. 218; for rollcall vote No. 528, on agreeing to the Conference Report to H.R. 4200, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005; for rollcall vote No. 529, on agreeing to the Conference Report to H.R. 4837, the Military Construction Appropriations Act, 2005; and for rollcall vote No. 530, on agreeing to the Conference Report to H.R. 4567, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2005. Had I been present I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 527, "yes" on rollcall vote No. 528, "yes" on rollcall vote No. 529, and "yes" on rollcall vote No. 530.

IN RECOGNITION OF HENRY KUCZINSKI, FOR FIFTY YEARS OF FIRE SERVICE

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the people of the 4th Congressional District to recognize Henry Kuczinski of New Hyde Park, New York.

I am extremely honored to congratulate Mr. Kuczinski as he celebrates fifty years of dedicated service to the New Hyde Park Fire Department. Such an achievement is testament to his impressive record of five decades of commitment to the department and the local community.

Henry began his service to the country as a young man in the U.S. Army, receiving an Honorable Discharge in 1951. He continued to serve others by becoming a member of the New Hyde Park Fire Department in November 1954. Through the years he has gained the admiration and respect of the entire department by responding to emergency calls with

the greatest diligence and speed. His most outstanding accomplishment came in 1967, when he performed an extremely difficult rescue during the collapse of a building's foundation, garnering both the praise of his colleagues and a formal department honor.

Henry let his actions speak for him and became a leader and a role model within the department. Because of his outstanding achievements in fire service and his exemplary record of service to the community, Henry has been named New Hyde Park's Fireman of the Year five times in the past fifty years. During Henry's tenure at the New Hyde Park Fire Department, he has held the offices of Second Lieutenant, First Lieutenant, and Captain.

Today, Henry is a member of the Fire-Police unit and has earned the title of Honorary Department Chief. He also has been a leader on the Department's Memorial Committee since the very beginning of his career as a firefighter. No matter what capacity he has served in over the past fifty years, Henry has always performed with distinction and inspired others to achieve their full potential.

Mr. Kuczinski's tireless commitment to his job has made a difference in the lives of many. Once again, I would like to offer my congratulations to him on this well-deserved recognition and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

HONORING JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF NEW YORK FOR 75 YEARS OF INSPIRING YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE SUCCESSFUL

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Junior Achievement of New York as it celebrates its 75th anniversary of educating young people about business, economics, and free enterprise. On October 18, 1929, ten visionary women and men created an original organization exclusively dedicated to providing a broad appreciation of business to young boys and girls throughout New York City. Since its inception, Junior Achievement of New York has worked vigorously to help every student in the five boroughs of New York and on Long Island appreciate the value of education, and understand the free enterprise system.

In its distinguished history, Junior Achievement of New York has inspired nearly two million kindergarten through twelfth grade students. This inspiration has been achieved through the dedication and energy of more than 65,000 volunteers from the corporate, education, and civic sectors of the New York community. Junior Achievement volunteers are amazing individuals from large, medium, and small businesses, from high schools, colleges, and graduate school programs. They are devoted parents, accomplished retirees, and caring members of the communities where the students they teach live and learn.

Junior Achievement of New York has facilitated and continues to create business-to-school partnerships. These relationships create meaningful experiences that bring the real world into the classroom and forge valuable relationships between successful professionals

and future business and social leaders. Thanks to volunteers' educational consulting, Junior Achievement of New York has been able to deliver dynamic, innovative educational programs that motivate, inspire, and equip young people to succeed.

Junior Achievement of New York's programs prepare students for the workplace by encouraging exceptional academic performance, developing employability skills and providing career education. The programs are designed to foster students' desire to complete their education and instill in them an understanding of the vital link between staying in school and becoming productive citizens. Furthermore, the programs enhance students' abilities to attain the core skills and competencies necessary for success in today's workplace and marketplace. Junior Achievement of New York's curriculum serves as a building block to help achieve the goals of the New York City and State education systems and produce bright, motivated entrepreneurs to build a better future for the city and State.

I salute Junior Achievement of New York, its mission and the commendable volunteers, teachers, and students who have been a part of its 27-year history. On its platinum anniversary, I applaud the impact this educational organization has had on the students of New York. Moreover, I confidently endorse the future success Junior Achievement of New York will have as it continues to inspire young people to be successful.

TRIBUTE TO CARL AND MARILYN
BAKER-MADSEN

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to two of Hayward, California's outstanding citizens, Carl and Marilyn Baker-Madsen. Marilyn and Carl are celebrating 50 years of service as they retire from their employment in the city of Hayward.

Marilyn has been the Library Director of the Hayward Public Library since October 1985. During her tenure, the Library has implemented a number of programs and services with outstanding demonstrable outcomes that are models for libraries in other cities. In the fall of 1996, Marilyn was recognized at the California Library Association Annual Conference as Librarian of the Year for outstanding service to libraries. In January 2000, she received the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee Annual Community Service Award which honors individuals who have contributed substantially to keeping Dr. King's work alive and active in the Hayward community. In October 2001, she received the Hayward City Employee Award for volunteering in the community beyond work commitments. In November 2003, Marilyn received the HEARTS of Service Award for demonstrating commitment to the organizational values of the city of Hayward.

Carl is retiring from his position as equipment manager for the city of Hayward. He is described as an employee who goes beyond the call of duty to serve his community and stands tall in his field. He has volunteered over many years, in many capacities to benefit

Hayward. He was named Hayward City Employee Volunteer of the Year.

Carl and Marilyn have been very active supporters of the Hayward Arts Council and its projects. Both have been tireless volunteers on behalf of the arts programs and services at events, such as Cinco de Mayo, Youth Pride fairs, Kids' Art Day and Farmer's Market and police department neighborhood events where Carl has helped set up and staff booths that provided free art projects for children.

Carl describes himself as "a Friend of the Library . . . Director." Through the years, he has given more and more of his own time to ease the work of the Library staff. He has been active at Literacy Plus receptions, the Celebrating Cultures in Harmony Festival and major outdoor book sales. Friends of the Library know they can count on Carl to contribute to the success of Library events.

The Baker-Madsen's have worked with exemplary commitment to enhance the quality of life in Hayward, California. Their contributions have been felt at the Hayward Public Library, the Hayward Arts Council, in City Hall, as well as in the many community venues in which they participate.

I join their friends and admirers in expressing appreciation and a hearty thank you for exemplifying the "Heart of the Bay" at its very best.

HONORING JUDY LICHTMAN FOR
THIRTY YEARS OF LEADERSHIP

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend and a Washington legend, Judith Lichtman, who recently stepped down as president of the National Partnership of Women & Families after 30 years at its helm.

Judy has been at the forefront of the women's movement for more than 30 years, and used her considerable talents as a lawyer and a strategic mind to transform the National Partnership, originally the Women's Legal Defense Fund from a small volunteer group to a national organization with thousands of members and a reputation for taking on the tough issues and delivering results.

Judy's vision, and the National Partnership's strength and direct leadership, led to the passage of some of the most important legal protections for American women and families, including the Pregnancy Discrimination Act of 1978 and the Family and Medical Leave Act, FMLA, of 1993. In 1996, the National Partnership helped shape key provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, HIPAA, that make it easier for women and their families to get and keep health coverage. More recently, Judy led efforts to promote patient protections and to bring paid family and medical leave to California. I am proud to have worked with her in drafting the Healthy Families Act, which will ensure that Americans have at least seven days of sick leave a year.

Judy has been recognized by civic and legal organizations, business and labor leaders, and others for her strategic abilities, political savvy, effectiveness in creating powerful and diverse coalitions, and most importantly, her tireless

commitment to building a truly just society. Judy has always been a great support to me in drafting legislation to improve women's economic security, and I could also rely on her for creative ideas and sage advice.

The National Partnership for Women & Families will now be in the very able hands of Debra Ness, with Judy serving as a Senior Advisor. The lives of men, women and children across this nation have been enriched by Judy's work over the last three decades, and I know her change in title will not change her commitment to the cause. I wish Judy the best of luck in this new phase of life, and thank her for her dedication over the years.

IN RECOGNITION OF SERGEANT
KEVIN WISE FOR HIS 29 YEARS
OF SERVICE TO THE CONCORD
POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Sergeant Kevin Wise, who is retiring from the City of Concord Police Department after 29 years of serving the residents of Concord as well as the larger community.

Sergeant Wise is a life-long resident of California. He married his wife Maggie in 1988 and he has two daughters, Kristen and Kelsey.

Kevin Wise's career began when he worked as Police Assistant for the Concord Police Department in 1976. He was hired as a sworn Police Officer in 1977, and faithfully served the department, holding many specialty positions until he retired in October of 2004 as a Provisional Patrol Sergeant in the Field Operations Division.

The distinguished career of Kevin Wise includes serving on the Board of the Concord Police Officers' Association, and in 2002 he served as the Association's President for eighteen months.

Mr. Wise's work also includes several recognitions, including a Blue Knight award which Sergeant Wise received in 1996 from the Knights of Columbus for his exceptional work as a career member of the community's emergency services. He also received a Peace Makers Award in 1997 from the Conflict Resolution Panel of Contra Costa County for his outstanding service "keeping the peace" in the community while working as a Gang Investigator.

Sergeant Wise has demonstrated outstanding leadership throughout his career including co-founding the Concord Police Department's GANG Unit in 1996. This unit is still in existence and continues to increase gang awareness and suppression. Furthermore, he was selected in 2002 to provide peer support counseling to NYPD officers struggling with the aftermath of the 9/11 tragedy because of his highly regarded work as a Peer Support Counselor within the Concord Police Department.

For 29 years, Sergeant Wise has served the Concord Police Department and surrounding community. His hard work has improved the safety of the City and provided important support to his peers. Today, I am proud to commend him for his service, dedication and commitment to the people—and entire community—of Concord.