

size of fire apparatus—including a recently purchased 85-foot ladder truck—it became clear in recent years that a new facility was needed, however.

The fire company launched a \$280,000 fund-raising drive coordinated by a renovation committee chaired by veteran volunteer Tom Furrey. The committee conducted a number of fund-raisers and obtained both a mortgage and a loan from the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety to finance the project.

The result is an extensively renovated and enlarged firehouse. Additional space, a new roof, new heating and air conditioning and floor repairs were among the many improvements.

This weekend, the building will be dedicated with a major celebration including a dinner and ceremony to than those who have helped raise funds and donated materials and equipment.

A fire company is more than just a firehouse and fire engines, of course, Special recognition goes to Chief Victor Tamburro, Assistant Chief Richard McAuliffe and fire company President Richard Garthwait for their leadership.

Mr. Speaker, volunteer firefighters are among the most dedicated public servants in our communities. They set aside their own convenience—indeed, their own safety—to protect the lives and property of their neighbors and ask nothing in return. Volunteer firefighters turn out to do their duty in the darkness of freezing winter nights and in the heat of suffocating summer days without hesitation. The officers and members of Hawthorne Fire Co. No. 2 deserve our deepest gratitude and heartfelt thanks. God bless and Godspeed to all.

HONORING THE BOROUGH OF CROSS ROADS ON ITS 100TH AN- NIVERSARY

HON. WILLIAM F. GOODLING

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 15, 1999

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Borough of Cross Roads on the occasion of its 100th anniversary celebration. I am pleased and proud to bring the history of this fine borough to the attention of my colleagues.

On October 16, 1899, the Borough of Cross Roads was incorporated. At that time the Honorable Judge Pittenger described the town as one with the potential of growing greatly to meet the needs of the expanding society. Then the borough included 36 houses, one of which was vacant, and a population of 154, 44 of whom were registered voters.

Now, 100 years later, Cross Roads is a mixture of farms and homes. Cross Roads has lived up to those expectations set forth by Judge Pittenger in 1899. This borough has provided many people with a friendly, family-oriented, and safe community.

I send my sincere best wishes as the Borough of Cross Roads celebrates this milestone in its history. I am proud to represent such a fine place and look forward to watching it grow as we enter the new millennium.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SALVATORE "BUDDY" SCOTTO

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 15, 1999

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Salvatore "Buddy" Scotto, son of Pasquale and Rose Scotto, who was born on October 1, 1928, and was raised in Carroll Gardens, Brooklyn, New York. He attended Sacred Heart & St. Stephens Grade School, Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School, and St. Francis College, where he graduated in 1953 with a Bachelors of Arts degree. In August of 1959, his National Guard unit was activated and sent to Korea. In April of 1951, he was sent on to the Guided Missile School at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma and received a commission. Buddy served three years of active duty and eight years of active reserve. He retired from the military in 1963 as a Captain.

As a seasoned U.S. veteran, he immediately became involved in the community. In 1964, Buddy was asked to head the Carroll Gardens Association. During his tenure, thousands of dollars was collected from landlords and tenants to revitalize the neighborhood and to improve the quality of life for all. Through his efforts, Carroll Gardens has become a model for local development. Later, in 1968, Buddy helped establish CIAO and provided assistance to securing funding for day care and senior citizen facilities. The Court Street Day Care Center at 292 Court Street, and the Eileen Dugan Senior Center, to name a few, were among the organizations to receive vital funding.

Through Buddy's dedication to improving Brooklyn and its surrounding boroughs, he was also a founding member of several organizations such as the Gowanus Canal Development Corporation and the New York City Partnership. These organizations had made tremendous strides towards developing affordable housing, local employment, and providing other vital community resources. As further testament to his unwavering commitment to the community, Buddy spearheaded the formation of the Cowanus Expressway Community Coalition. Recently, the Coalition secured \$18 million from Congress to seriously investigate the viability of a tunnel replacing the elevated Gowanus Expressway.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Buddy Scotto, a jewel in Brooklyn's illustrious crown.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO HIS HOLINESS CATHOLICOS KAREKIN I

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 15, 1999

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to His Holiness Catholicos Karekin I who passed away Tuesday, June 29, 1999 after a long battle with cancer. He died in his residence in the town of Echmiadzin.

Born Nshan Sarkisian, in Syria on August 27, 1932, Karekin was admitted to the Theo-

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logical Seminary of the Armenian Catholicate of Cilicia in 1946. He was ordained a deacon in 1949, and graduated with high honors in 1952. In the same year, he was ordained a celibate priest, receiving the name "Karekin," and entered the religious order of the Catholicate of Cilicia. He was granted the ecclesiastical degree of "vardapet" in 1955 and joined the Theological Seminary in Antelias, Lebanon, first as a faculty member and later as dean. He took a brief hiatus from his duties as dean in 1957 to study theology at Oxford University in Great Britain, and returned to his position upon the completion of his thesis in 1960.

In the following decade, Fr. Karekin served as a key aide to His Holiness Khoren I, Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia, while attending several historic religious conferences and lecturing on theology and other subjects at several schools and universities across the globe. In recognition of his service to the Church, he was elevated to the position of senior archmandrite in 1963, consecrated as bishop in 1964, and made Archbishop in 1973. During this time Bishop Karekin served the Church in many capacities in the Middle East and North America.

Archbishop Karekin was elected Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia in 1977, serving in the capacity of "Catholicos Coadjutor," along side His Holiness Khoren I until the latter's death in 1983. Subsequently, His Holiness Karekin II was fully installed as Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia. In this capacity, Karekin II worked to improve and expand religious education in the Catholicate, as well as to expand its capacity to support research and publishing projects. In later years he acted as an Ambassador of the Church, making numerous visits to religious leaders all over the world. He also contributed to the leadership of the Middle East Council of Churches, and published extensively on a range of subjects.

In his travels, Karekin II made frequent visits to Armenia, both before and after the fall of the USSR. He visited Holy Etchmiadzin to express solidarity with His Holiness Vazgen I, the late Catholicos of All Armenians, during a trip to render spiritual assistance to the victims of the 1988 Spitak earthquake. He was also named to serve on the Central Board of Directors of the Armenia Fund, Inc. Karekin II was elected the Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians on April 4, 1995.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to extend my sincerest condolences to His Holiness and the Armenian Church. In the spring of 1996 I had the honor of meeting His Holiness when I traveled to Armenia. I am deeply saddened by his passing; June 29, 1999 will be remembered as a day of mourning for all Armenians.

JOETEN ENTERPRISES, INC.

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 15, 1999

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, fifty years ago, a dentist's office in the island of Saipan in the Northern Marianas was converted into a