

Mr. Speaker, the Scrivners have selflessly devoted their lives to help many people and improve their community. They are truly role models. I know the Members of the House will join me in extending our heartfelt congratulations to the Scrivners for their 50th wedding anniversary. I wish them the very best in all the days ahead.

CONGRATULATIONS, TOM O'HARA

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 1999

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I would like my colleagues here in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring a very special person whom I am proud to call a friend, Mr. Tom O'Hara, as he celebrates 30 years of service with the New Jersey-based Prudential Insurance Company of America. As a former executive at Prudential myself, I am very gratified that a person of Tom's caliber has rendered so many years of service to the company.

After graduating from Mount Saint Mary's College, Tom received his law degree from Georgetown Law School. First joining Prudential in 1969 as a tax lawyer, Tom's extraordinary interpersonal skills, exceptional problem solving ability and reputation as a "doer" led to his advancement to the position he holds today, Vice President in the Law Department of the company's Washington, DC office. Tom has served as President of the Business-Government Relations Council, Chairman of the Business Roundtable Washington Steering Committee and as Chairman of the American Council of Life Insurance's Legislative Strategy Committee.

An active member of his community who has contributed his time and talents to many worthy causes, Tom serves on the Board of Trustees of Mount Saint Mary's College, on the Board of Trustees of the United States Capitol Historical Society, and on the Board of Directors of Wolf Trap Associates. Tom and his wife Patti have four children. His close-knit family embodies the virtues of strength, compassion, faith and concern for others. In memory of their late daughter, Tom and his wife generously established the Kelly O'Hara Scholarship Fund to help deserving young people attain a college education.

A person who enjoys the outdoors, especially the shore, Tom has been a runner and is now a golf enthusiast. He is also an avid sports fan, and because I am a graduate of Seton Hall University, we enjoy a friendly rivalry as we root for opposing teams at sporting events such as the Seton Hall/Georgetown or Giants/Redskins game.

Mr. Speaker, the completion of 30 years of service is indeed a remarkable achievement based on hard work, loyalty and tenacity. As Tom marks this milestone, I know my colleagues join me in congratulating him for a job done and wishing him all the best in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE METROPOLITAN JEWISH GERIATRIC CENTER

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 1999

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, in 1907, a group of women in the Brownsville/East New York section of Brooklyn, concerned about the health and well-being of their elderly neighbors, joined together to organize the Brooklyn Ladies Hebrew Home for the Aged.

In 1913, the name of the institution was changed to the Brooklyn Hebrew Home for the Aged, and a year later the first Home for the Aged opened and the first residents were admitted. The total capacity, 70 residents.

Concurrent with the increased demand for services, the Home grew steadily over the years until, in 1968, it became an affiliated agency of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies and was formally renamed Metropolitan Jewish Geriatric Center (MJGC).

To more precisely convey its mission, MJGC is now known as the Metropolitan Jewish Geriatric Foundation—an organization that provides financial support for the 36 participating agencies and programs of Metropolitan Jewish Health System (MJHS).

Collectively, MJHS agencies and programs serve the health care needs of more than 20,000 chronically ill people. MJHS is acknowledged to be the premiere integrated health care delivery system serving the Greater New York Metropolitan Area.

The Adult Day Health Center; the Phyllis and Lee Coffey Boro Park Primary Care Center; the Hospice of Greater New York; the Jewish Hospice; Caregivers; the Center for Rehabilitation and Transitional Care; Elderplan, a Social/Health Maintenance Organization; and the Institute for Applied Gerontology, which is engaged in research, education, and service, are but a few of the programs and services in the MJHS consortium.

And while MJHS applies its knowledge and experience toward serving patients of all ages, it has not lost sight of the mission of its founders nearly a century ago.

The Phillip and Dora Brenner Pavilion in Boro Park and Shorefront Jewish Geriatric Center Weinberg Pavilion in Coney Island together provide comprehensive health care, social-support and recreational and cultural services and programs for some 1,000 residents and patients. Both are part of the "continuum of care" that is the hallmark of Metropolitan Jewish Health System.

On September 7th, at the Waldorf-Astoria, the Metropolitan Jewish Geriatric Foundation held its Annual Gala Dinner, an event that celebrated 92 years of service to the community, and paid a well-deserved tribute to Mark L. Goldstein, immediate past chairman of MJHS and a distinguished community leader. The event also honored Arletha Andrews, Herman Frazier, Pastor Roman, Murray Scherer, Willie Simpkins, and Gene Simpkins, each of whom has given dedicated service as an employee of an MJHS participating agency for 35 years or more.

MJHS excels not only in the quality and scope of its care programs; it is recognized

also for its vision, its innovative spirit, and the skill, the dedication and the compassion of all those involved in meeting patients' health care needs.

If past is prologue, I am confident that MJHS will continue to burnish its leadership role, with the support of MJGF, record even more impressive accomplishments in the service of the community in the new millennium.

CONGRATULATING THE TEAM FROM KAHUKU HIGH & INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL ON ITS PERFORMANCE AT THE WE THE PEOPLE . . . THE CITIZEN AND THE CONSTITUTION 1999 NATIONAL FINALS

HON. PATSY T. MINK

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 1999

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to congratulate the team of students from Kahuku High & Intermediate School of Kahuku, Hawaii, on their participation in the We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution national finals held in Washington, DC, May 1-3, 1999.

The team members—Syreeta Ho, Sarah Lautaha, Alvin Law, Tanya Ludlow, Kimberlee Maeda, Matthew Marler, Lea Minton, Kaitlin Palmer, Jessica, Preece, Siulia Purcell, Darren Salomons, Kimberly Smith, Bruce Walker, and Nadine Zettl—competed against 50 other classes from throughout the nation and demonstrated a remarkable understanding of the fundamental ideals and values of American constitutional government.

The We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution competition simulates a congressional hearing on an issue requiring application of constitutional principles. Students must succinctly present their positions and then answer unscripted questions.

The Kahuku High & Intermediate School team won at the Congressional District level and the State level before making it to the national finals. I join the people of Hawaii in expressing my pride in their impressive achievement.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
CARL J. LATONA

HON. DEBBIE STABENOW

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 1999

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. Speaker, today Carl J. Latona will retire after 25 years of outstanding leadership and commitment to improving the community through his work with Highfields. During those years, Carl Latona has touched the lives of countless young people and their families—encouraging, advising, inspiring and serving as a role model.

As President and Chief Executive Officer of Highfields, Inc., he was actively involved not only in the administration of the many excellent services offered by Highfields, but also