

skills used to start businesses and organize community improvements. Through counseling and other services for youth and families, Ferre's group has dramatically reduced the school dropout rate within a public housing project in the San Juan area.

Mr. Speaker, Sister Isolina is the fourth Puerto Rican to receive the award. The others are former Puerto Rico Gov. Luis Muñoz Marin, a founder of the Popular Democratic Party; Anotnia Pantojas, founder of Aspira, an agency known for helping Hispanic youth; and Sister Isolina's brother, former Puerto Rico Gov. Luis A. Ferré, founder of the pro-statehood New Progressive Party.

Sister Isolina attended Fordham University in New York where she earned a bachelor of arts and master's degree in psychology.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Sister Isolina Ferré for her outstanding achievements and in wishing her continued success.

TRIBUTE TO CANDY COONERTY

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 1999

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a beloved local entrepreneur. Candy Coonerty, co-owner of Bookshop Santa Cruz, died this last July of a stroke at the age of 49.

Candy was more than just a local businesswoman; she provided the community with an eclectic and unique selection of books as well as an environment where local community members could meet and interact. Bookshop Santa Cruz serves as a hub and mainstay of the historic downtown. Candy was also actively involved in the community serving on the board of directors of Friends of the UC Santa Cruz Library and advisory council of the Santa Cruz Hillel Foundation.

Candy Coonerty will be sorely missed and remembered for her presence in the Santa Cruz community as a local hostess and her compassion for literature. My thoughts are with her family.

HONORING MAMA ANNA MKABA,
FIRST LADY OF TANZANIA

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 1999

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and profound admiration that I rise today to welcome the First Lady of Tanzania, Mama Anna Mkaba, to the United States.

Mrs. Mkaba has gained international recognition for her extensive humanitarian work and efforts on behalf of charitable organizations. She has founded the Equal Opportunities for All Trust Fund (EOTF), a registered, non-profit, non-governmental charitable organization whose mission is to empower women through increased economic and educational opportunity. EOTF is dedicated to fighting and

eradicating poverty by providing women, especially rural women, with access to credit, health care, job training, and market education. In addition, EOTF provides a forum for women to exchange ideas, express their concerns, and communicate with a larger network of national and international organizations. EOTF has also initiated a multidisciplinary program, Women in Poverty Eradication (WIPE.)

This week, Mrs. Mkaba is visiting Massachusetts to meet with the Cambridge-based Sabre Foundation, Inc, in an effort to establish a partnership with the Foundation to promote a book donation and distribution project in Tanzania. This project is a testament to Mama Anna Mkaba's relentless desire to further educate and empower the people of Tanzania. With a population of over 30 million, and an increasing number of public and private schools, colleges, and universities, Tanzania is richly endowed with human and natural resources. The initiative between EOTF and the Sabre Foundation will contribute to Tanzania's remarkable intellectual development and will help her nation as it prepares for the 21st century.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to celebrate Mama Anna Mkaba's achievements and the cooperation of our constituents in her many good works, and I wish Mrs. Mkaba well in all of her future endeavors on behalf of the people of Tanzania.

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH GOLD

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 1999

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Joseph Gold. Thought to have been the oldest living Marine in the country, Joseph Gold passed away at the age of 107 on Wednesday, August 25, 1999, in Tenafly, New Jersey.

In so many respects, Joseph Gold was a genuine American hero. A native of Cleveland, Ohio, he enlisted in the Marines at the onset of World War I and served as a distinguished member of the American Expeditionary Force. As part of one of the first Marine contingents to fight in Europe, Mr. Gold fought in the historic battle of Belleau Woods. It was at this battle in 1918 that he and his American comrades fought through a dense forest and ultimately captured terrain from well entrenched German forces.

Only about 2 months ago, on July 8, 1999, the French Government, in commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the end of World War I, awarded Mr. Gold the French Legion of Honor. This prestigious award, granted to Mr. Gold, was a well deserved tribute to a true American patriot.

I want to express my condolences to the Gold family on the passing of their father, grandfather and great-grandfather. I also want to express my admiration to the Gooney Bird detachment of the U.S. Marine Corps League who arranged to have an honor guard ceremony at Mr. Gold's funeral.

Joseph Gold was an extraordinary person, whose legacy to our Nation is a story of self-

less sacrifice and a story that all Americans would do well to remember.

TRIBUTE TO MR. AND MRS.
FELTON KILPATRICK OF
CULLMAN, ALABAMA

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 1999

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, on October 6th of this year, a wonderful couple, Mr. and Mrs. Felton Kilpatrick will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary. In 1929, Mrs. Clara McClellan Kilpatrick and Mr. Felton Kilpatrick exchanged wedding vows to spend a lifetime together.

Now 70 years later, they shine as pillars of matrimony. The Kilpatricks are a loving man and woman who have come together to share their lives, raise a family and prove that family values and selfless commitment still have a place in a world whose fleeting values can be confusing and fastpaced.

Many generations of the Kilpatrick family look up to the remarkable couple as role models on how to live and love successfully.

This tribute is a fitting honor for the Kilpatricks who have shown us that commitments can be honored through seven decades of the trials and tribulations of life.

I commend Mr. and Mrs. Felton Kilpatrick on their happy and strong marriage and I wish them a joyous and special celebration on October 6th with their friends and family.

BROTHER MCGINNIS INDUCTED AS
PRESIDENT OF LA SALLE
UNIVERSITY

HON. ROBERT A. BORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 1999

Mr. BORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to announce that Brother Michael J. McGinniss, FSC, Ph.D., will be inducted as La Salle University's 28th President on September 24 at a 3 p.m. ceremony at the University's Hayman Center.

Brother McGinniss was a member of the school's religion department and for the past five years was president of Christian Brothers University in Memphis, TN. He maintained a close connection with La Salle—his alma mater—while serving on the school's Board of Trustees.

McGinniss, 51, grew up in a Philadelphia neighborhood near the university. As a boy, he and his aunt would often ride the Number 26 trolley past College Hall. "She'd tell me that some day I would go to school in that building. I can't help but wonder what she would say about my being president if she were alive today," he said.

He joined the Christian Brothers in 1965 and graduated Maxima Cum Laude from La Salle in 1970 with a degree in English. He obtained his Master's and Ph.D. in theology from the University of Notre Dame.

His first teaching assignment was at the South Hills Catholic High School in Pittsburgh, PA, where he was a member of the English and Religion departments. He returned to La Salle as a visiting instructor in the Graduate Religion program in the summer of 1978. McGinniss has also taught at Washington Theological Union and Loyola University's Summer Institute of Pastoral Studies.

In 1984 he joined the faculty at La Salle on a full-time basis, reaching the rank of full professor in 1993. Recognized by the De La Salle Christian Brothers for his qualities as a leader, he attended La session internationale des études lasalliennes (a program of study of Lasallian spirituality) in Rome. He eventually became Chair of La Salle's Religion Department and in 1992 he received the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching.

During his tenure as President of Christian Brothers University, undergraduate enrollment and retention rates increased; a Master's of Education program was established; the Athletic Department joined the NCAA Division II Gulf South Conference; new residence halls were constructed; science labs and facilities were enhanced; engineering departments were reaccredited; information technology systems throughout the campus were upgraded; and the Center for Global Enterprise was founded. He also played a key role in the school's 125th anniversary celebration.

Brother McGinniss also took an active part in the Memphis area community, serving on the boards of the Economic Club of Memphis; National Conference of Christians and Jews, Memphis Chapter; Memphis Brooks Museum of Art; the Memphis Catholic Diocesan Development Committee; and Christian Brothers High School, Memphis, TN.

He has published articles in scholarly journals on many topics, written chapters in religious books and edited six volumes of the Christian Brothers' Spirituality Seminar Series. He has lectured to academic and professional groups on issues related to spirituality, pastoral care, and theology. His professional memberships include Catholic Theological Society of America, American Academy of Religion, and College Theology Society.

It is with great pleasure that I recognize Brother McGinniss today. He is a man who has contributed greatly to many educational institutions and to the communities in which they are located. I would like to extend Brother McGinniss my warmest wishes and congratulations on his induction as President of La Salle University.

TRIBUTE TO LINDA BOURGAIZE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 1999

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a woman who tirelessly worked to advocate for the rights of special education students and disabled individuals. Ms. Linda Bourgaize passed away on June 15, 1999 in Santa Cruz.

Linda began her career after graduating from San Jose State University as a school

psychologist after which she was selected to be the Special Education Local Plan Area Administrator for Santa Cruz and San Benito counties. Ms. Bourgaize devoted herself to ensuring students in these communities had equal access to the best possible special education services. Linda went beyond the scope of her profession with her compassion. Throughout her career she also helped to write numerous legislative proposals to meet the needs and improve the lives of people suffering from disabilities and lobbied for these rights at both state and federal levels.

Ms. Linda Bourgaize will always be fondly remembered and sorely missed for her ardent and passionate contributions to our community and to the Nation in her advocacy for the rights of special education students and disabled individuals. My thoughts remain with her family.

EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH CELEBRATES ONE HUNDRED
AND SIXTY-ONE YEARS

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 1999

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the historic Ebenezer United Methodist Church, a beacon of hope and "The Stone of Help." For 161 years, Ebenezer has been a leading church in the Nation's capital. To know something of Ebenezer's history is to understand why the city and the Congress have abundant reasons to celebrate the church's history and its continuing contributions.

The history of Ebenezer United Methodist Church dates back to the beginning of Washington, D.C. In 1805, the meeting place of the Methodist Episcopal Church is known to have been a dwelling located on Greenleaf Point (South Capitol and N Street). The membership consisted of "61 whites and 25 coloreds". In 1807, the congregation moved to Dudley Carroll's barn on New Jersey Avenue, SE. In 1811, services were held in a newly constructed edifice at Fourth Street, SE between South Carolina Avenue and G Street.

This first church built by Methodists in Washington was named the Fourth Street Station. In 1819, the church was renamed Ebenezer, and was later changed to the Fourth Street Methodist Church. At a later date, this Parent Church of Ebenezer Church was relocated to Fifth and Seward Square, SE, where the name was changed to Trinity Methodist Church. On April 30, 1961 Trinity United Methodist Church merged with three other churches to form the Capitol Hill United Methodist Church.

In 1827 the "colored" membership had outgrown the galleries which were reserved for them in the Mother Church. A lot, located at the corner of Fourth and D Streets, SE, was purchased from Rachel and William Prout on April 27, 1838. A small frame church building was erected under the supervision of the pastor of the Mother Church with the assistance of three local preachers. The church was named Little Ebenezer, and Reverend Noah

Jones became the first colored pastor in 1864. A private school for colored children was held there, and Reverend H. Henson served as the teacher.

In the District of Columbia, as in other southern areas, education was considered the concern of the individual and not the community. As long as Negroes were a comparatively minor factor in the community, concern over their welfare was not a major consideration of the white population. After the start of the Civil War, the situation changed. Slaves in the District of Columbia were freed in 1862. Between 1860 and 1863, the local Negro population increased about 68 percent. Such an increase could not be ignored by the whole community. For the mutual benefit, private charitable agencies, associations, and individuals, northern and local, white and colored, began to recognize the need of assistance in this situation.

In the Spring of 1864, the first public government sponsored school for colored children in Washington, D.C. was established and housed there. The teachers of the school were Miss Frances W. Perkins, sent by the New England Freedmen's Aid Society of Boston, who taught without pay, and Mrs. Emma V. Brown, a prominent colored worker who was employed by the District Columbia for \$400.00 per year. Thirteen months later, because of the increasing student population, the school had to relocate to a new location at Second and C Street, SE and was named the Abraham Lincoln School.

The significant increase in the congregation of Little Ebenezer necessitated the building of a larger church. The second church was planned by the Reverend Tillman Jackson in 1867, and built in 1870 under the pastorship of the pastorship of the Reverend C.G. Keys. Many dedicated pastors followed in this period including the Reverend George T. Pinckney, under whose pastorate the first Annual Conference was held in Ebenezer in 1885. During this period, the term "Little" was dropped from the name of the church. The Ebenezer Colored Station of the Washington Conference Methodist Episcopal Church was incorporated on September 28, 1891 at 2:00 PM.

In 1896, the second church was damaged beyond repair during a severe storm. Reverend Matthew A. Clair, who later became Bishop, developed plans to construct a third church. Reverend John H. Griffin, who succeeded him, undertook the implementation and completion of the new church.

In 1939, when the three branches of Methodism met and formed the Methodist Church, Ebenezer became Ebenezer Methodist Church. In 1968, the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church merged and formed the United Methodist Church. Ebenezer's name changed to Ebenezer U.M.W. Church. In 1975, the Ebenezer U.M.W. Church was designated a Historical Landmark.

Ebenezer continues to be known for her support of education for Black children and continues to strive to obtain quality education. From October through May, the Work Areas in Education of the church sponsors a tutoring program to help students who are having difficulty with reading and writing. Church school classes for children of all ages and Bible classes for adults are held every Sunday. The