

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.