

Cross of the Order of Polonia Institute. Recently he was awarded the Commander Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in honoring Dr. Wojciech Rostafinski for his scientific achievements.

TRIBUTE TO BLANCHE MOYSE ON
HER 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 1999

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Blanche Moise, from Brattleboro, Vermont, on the celebration of her 90th birthday. Thirty years ago, Blanche founded the New England Bach Festival and has served as conductor since that founding. Ms. Moise has made it possible for people from all over the world to come to Vermont year after year, and under the spectacular canopy of autumn, be enriched by both her art and her person.

If Blanche, or "the Blanche" as some affectionately call her, had done nothing but be ousted at 16 from Conservatory violin competitions to give others a chance; survive WWII in mid France; move a household to South America one year to North America the next in search of work and peace; change artistic direction at 40 because of an increasingly uncooperative bow arm, and awaken a sleepy New England hamlet to the joys of music, she would be a remarkable person. But in fact, Blanche has done much more: She has managed, throughout a life of tempest and tumult, to remain an eternal optimist, and to remain both inspired and inspiring! Thus, year after year musicians from near and far—old and new friends alike—say "Yes" to repeat requests for work and play. Year after year, the Blanche Moise Chorale sings like a lark.

Congratulations and thank you Blanche Moise for your vision, for your tenacity, for your love of music and for your years of sharing. Happy Birthday.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF
ARDETH CHUPP IN CELEBRATION
OF HER RETIREMENT AS HURON
COUNTY TREASURER

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 1999

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay a very special tribute to one of the truly outstanding individuals from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District, Ms. Ardeth Chupp. On Thursday, September 30, 1999, Ardeth Chupp will retire after twenty years of service as Treasurer of Huron County.

Over the last two decades, Ardeth Chupp has certainly been a valuable asset to Huron County. Since becoming the first woman to hold the office of Huron County Treasurer twenty years ago, Ardeth Chupp has worked diligently to serve Huron County and each of

its residents in every manner possible. Her generosity has been unparalleled and her assistance to all in the community unwavering. Without question, Ardeth Chupp has given unselfishly of her time to help make Huron County a great place to live.

Ardeth Chupp embodies the very spirit of American workmanship through her kindness and conscientious attention to detail. She has upheld the high standards of the Office of Treasurer and maintained the integrity expected from our public officials. Through her job as Treasurer, Ardeth Chupp has epitomized the word that describes her best—service. Although she is stepping down after twenty years, her hard work, commitment, and dedication to the citizens of Huron County will continue long into the future.

Mr. Speaker, it has often been said that America succeeds due to the remarkable accomplishments and contributions of her citizens. It is evident that Ardeth Chupp has given freely of her time and energy to assist in the preservation of American ideals. For that, we owe her a debt of gratitude that mere words cannot sufficiently express.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I would ask my colleagues of the 106th Congress to stand and join me in paying special tribute to Ardeth Chupp. On the occasion of her retirement as Huron County Treasurer, we thank her for her dedicated service and we wish her all the best in the future.

TRIBUTE TO SENIOR NETWORK
SERVICES

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 1999

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Senior Network Services. A private nonprofit agency, Senior Network Services has facilitated the delivery of services to seniors in Santa Cruz County since 1974.

Senior Network Services is a community resource that links senior citizens with support services essential to their physical and mental well-being. The focus of this establishment is to help elderly individuals continue to lead independent, fulfilling lives at home by giving them access to necessary information and resources.

Over the years, Senior Network Services has grown to house several programs in addition to their core information and assistance services. These programs aid senior citizens with numerous facets of everyday life including Medicare, health insurance, housing options, home care and maintenance, fiduciary matters as well as advocacy on behalf of older adults. Furthermore, Senior Network Services was recently selected to provide Linkages, a new state-funded case management program that will ensure that senior citizens and functionally impaired adults will have access to resources and receive assistance coordinating services to maintain independent living.

It is with great pleasure that I commend Senior Network Services on its 25th anniversary. For its exemplary record of service to

senior citizens and their families, I would like to extend best wishes for success in the future as this establishment continues to make invaluable contributions to our community.

"GREAT KIDS MAKE GREAT
COMMUNITIES" CAMPAIGN

HON. MARK E. SOUDER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 1999

Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the occasion of the Tenth Annual Conference on Youth to applaud the city of Fort Wayne, Indiana for its efforts to reduce juvenile delinquency and improve the lives of children through its "Great Kids Make Great Communities" campaign, which has greatly benefitted from the efforts of Judge Charles F. Pratt of the Allen County Superior Court.

The "Great Kids Make Great Communities" campaign challenges adults in the community to abandon their negative stereotypes of adolescents and instead view themselves as potential asset builders in the lives of area youth. This initiative is based on research that has identified 40 developmental assets that all youth need to become responsible, caring and successful adults. These assets include family support, religious activity, commitment to learning, community service and other character traits which reduce the likelihood of delinquency among young people.

I strongly endorse the community's commitment to encourage adults to pro-actively build relationships with area youth. It is clear to me that regardless of how well intentioned, federal programs alone cannot deliver the results our youth deserve. I am convinced that only through the combined efforts of parents, the young people themselves, churches, our schools, and other mentoring organizations can society fully equip our young people with the building blocks necessary for success.

Mr. Speaker, I submit the following resolution regarding this initiative in the RECORD. I commend it highly.

WHEREAS, research by the Search Institute has identified 40 Developmental Assets that All youth need to grow into healthy productive adults; and

WHEREAS, the research demonstrates that children receiving thirty or more of the developmental assets are more likely to excel in school, embrace cultural diversity, resolve conflicts nonviolently, and resist the temptations of drugs and alcohol; and

WHEREAS, the Search Institute has laid the framework for communities to shift their thinking from problem solving to vision building, from seeing the problems some children present to embracing the opportunities we have to improve the lives of the children, from focusing only on troubled youth to focusing on ALL youth; and,

WHEREAS, the community should be encouraged to work together to serve as resources to parents and families to secure the 40 assets each child needs; and,

WHEREAS, the GREAT KIDS MAKE GREAT COMMUNITIES campaign is Allen County's initiative to communicate the promise and vision of the 40 developmental asset concept in our community; and,

WHEREAS, all of the youth of Fort Wayne are important; and