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concentrating on youth programs. Since the Club's inception, it has supported programs such as Scouting, elementary school mentoring, high school career day, and children's concerts. Each year, the Woodbridge-Perth Amboy chapter sponsors and hosts an educational and cultural student exchange and encourages students to pursue education by funding student loans.

The Woodbridge-Perth Amboy chapter has been a leader and a model for other Rotary clubs in addressing local and worldwide social concerns. For its members' tireless efforts in living up to the Rotary motto "Service above Self" in the Woodbridge-Perth Amboy communities, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Woodbridge-Perth Amboy Rotary Club on this occasion, its 75th anniversary.

RICKY RAY HEMOPHILIA RELIEF
FUND

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 28, 1999

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of my colleagues an issue that we have let fall through the cracks and as a result have further devastated an innocent group of people. In the 105th Congress this body passed the Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Act by an overwhelming margin. The Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund provides a one time payment of \$100,000 as compensation to individuals with blood-clotting disorders, such as hemophilia, who contracted the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) through contaminated blood products. To date not a single dollar has been allocated to fund the Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Act.

Despite assurances from the government that these blood products were safe, nearly 7,500 hemophiliacs were infected during the 1980's. These tainted blood products being given to innocent people have resulted in the destruction of many families. Children grow up without a parent, husbands are left without their wives, and in the case of one of my constituents, a mother loses her son and her husband, and must endure the further pain of watching her daughter suffer from the same horrible disease. Human life is too precious not to recognize this devastating tragedy. One life lost is one life too many.

When other disasters arise, floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, we are quick to offer assistance. This body has been committed to helping people get back on their feet after they have experienced adversity. One hundred thousand dollars do not even begin to address the costs that individuals who must live with this disease face. One hundred thousand dollars do not justly compensate a family who has lost a loved one. But what the Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund will do is help pay for the astronomical expenses associated with the prescription drugs needed to treat this disease. It will help family members who are left behind pay for funeral expenses. It will help children who are left behind to plan for future education.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

Members of the hemophilia community have been neglected by the government. I realize this bill allocates \$20 million for the Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund, but that is not nearly enough to fulfill our promises. I rise today to ask this House for a one time appropriation of \$750 million so that we may begin to address the suffering endured by 7,500 members of the hemophilia community. As was so eloquently expressed to me by my constituent, "there is no amount of money that can bring my loved ones back, but perhaps the Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Act will bring some closure to this chapter of my life and restore my faith in the belief that the little people do matter."

HONORING EDYTH AND CARL
LINDNER ON THE OCCASION OF
THE TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY
OF CINCINNATI HILLS CHRIS-
TIAN ACADEMY

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my distinguished constituents, Edyth and Carl Lindner, who will be recognized at a gala dinner and pageant on Saturday, October 30, 1999 for their many contributions to the prestigious Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy (CHCA) located in Mason, Ohio.

CHCA is one of the fastest-growing schools in the country and has earned a reputation for excellent academics, competitive sports and extracurricular activities. In 1997, I had the privilege of presenting the U.S. Department of Education's Blue Ribbon School Award to CHCA Elementary. CHCA's goal is to nurture and support each student toward individual growth. The school embraces students parents and faculty within the care of a Christian community.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindner are among Cincinnati's most prominent and generous citizens, and they have been strong supporters of CHCA since its inception 10 years ago. Their devotion to the school is evidenced by the Edyth B. Lindner Elementary School and the Lindner Fine Arts Center.

In addition to raising a family that now consists of three sons, three daughters-in-law and eleven grandchildren, the Lindners give countless hours to many charitable causes in our community. Through her work on the highly successful fundraiser, the Greater Cincinnati Classic Horse Show, Edyth has assured significant contributions to the Shriners' Burn Institute and has built the endowed scholarship fund at CHCA to one million dollars.

The fact that the Lindner family calls Cincinnati "home" is a true blessing to our entire community. Edyth and Carl Lindner continue to make Cincinnati a better place for our children and we owe them much gratitude. I congratulate them on this well-deserved honor.

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IN HONOR OF CLARENCE KAILIN
AND THE WISCONSIN VOLUN-
TEERS OF THE ABRAHAM LIN-
COLN BRIGADE ON THE DEDICA-
TION OF THEIR MEMORIAL IN
JAMES MADISON PARK, MADI-
SON, WISCONSIN

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 28, 1999

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. Clarence Kailin of Madison, and the brave men and women who volunteered to serve in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade during the Spanish Civil War, especially those courageous volunteers from my home state of Wisconsin.

They, along with 45,000 volunteers from over 50 different countries, fought side by side during the early struggle against fascism. Their foresight in recognizing the rising tyranny of fascism was a call to arms that went unheeded by the free world, and resulted in the long and bloody conflict that became World War II.

Mr. Speaker, I want to express my gratitude to these men and women who helped to defend the democratic Spanish Republic from fascist aggression, at a time when the fate of democracy in Europe was being threatened by all sides of the political spectrum.

On October 31st, in James Madison Park, in the state capitol of Wisconsin, a memorial will be dedicated to those sons and daughters of the "Badger State" that joined the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. A volunteer unit comprised of American citizens from all ethnic and religious backgrounds and walks of life, were all equal in their resolve to stem the tide of fascism. Our country's reluctance to aid the Spanish Republican government did not deter these brave people who understood what the consequences were if a legitimately elected government were to fall.

Mr. Speaker, for the first time in our country's long history of isolationism, United State's citizens were reacting to threats to liberty and freedom on the international level more passionately than ever before. Mr. Kailin was one of those citizens, had it not been for him and other brave volunteers in the Lincoln Brigade, the tide of fascism would have swept over Europe unchecked. The corps of international volunteers who came together in Spain would be the same volunteers to comprise the victorious armies of the allied forces that triumphed over the fascists dictators Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to honor these dedicated men and women in the same rightful fashion as my state. The strength of character of Clarence Kailin and others from Wisconsin who volunteered in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade are the qualities which we all can take pride in and celebrate in this Congress.