

country in Korea. Sam's respect and confidence in the rank-and-file was recognized in 1991 when the Teamsters instituted their first rank-and-file election. He was the top vote getter for the position of vice-president in that election. Clearly the national Teamsters recognized what Local 407 had long known—that Sam Theodus was an incredible, compassionate, and dignified leader.

I will miss Sam. To his wife Lillian, and his loving family, I extend my heartfelt sympathies.

God Bless Sam Theodus.

TRIBUTE TO POLICE LEADER ED
KIERNAN

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 3, 1999

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I regret to inform the House of the passing of longtime New York City Patrolmen's Benevolent Association President Edward Kiernan, a dedicated leader and advocate for the needs and rights of our law enforcement officials. He made a major impact on their quality of life. Ed Kiernan died suddenly of a stroke on January 23 at his home in Congers, NY, at the age of 78.

A native of Queens, Kiernan was a longtime New York City police officer who worked his way up the leadership ladder in the Police Benevolent Association until he achieved the position of President in 1969. He moved to Rockland County in 1966, soon after successfully lobbying New York State to change its laws to allow New York City law enforcement officers to live outside the city limits.

I had the honor of working closely with Ed Kiernan on police related matters during my three terms in the New York State Assembly, and since coming to the Congress. Ed Kiernan was an outstanding police official and labor leader who made a genuine impact on the quality of life of those he worked so hard to represent.

Upon his retirement from the police department in 1973, Ed subsequently served as president of the International Union of Police Associations (IUPA), which he had founded, serving in that position from 1978 to 1982. At the time Ed founded the IUPA in 1978, it became the first new union accepted into membership in the AFL-CIO in over a decade.

A native of College Point, NY, Ed Kiernan was educated in parochial schools in that community. He served in the Pacific Theater of World War II in the Army Air Corps, receiving an honorable discharge in Oct. 1945 after distinguished service in Australia, New Guinea, the Philippines, and Okinawa.

Prior to his military service, Ed Kiernan had been employed by the Triboro Bridge and Tunnel Authority. While he was in the service overseas, he was appointed to the New York City Police Department, and was assigned to the 110th Precinct in Queens in Dec. 1945.

Ed was elected a delegate to the PBA in 1947, a trustee in 1953, second vice president in 1958, first vice president in 1960, and was elected president in June 1969. He served in that capacity until August 1972, 5 months prior

to his retirement from the New York City Police Department in January 1973.

Beginning in 1959, Ed Kiernan served as chairman of the New York City PBA Legislative Committee. In that capacity he was chief architect and proponent of many bills enacted by the New York State Legislature of enormous benefit to law enforcement officials and their families.

Among his legislative work was: Reform legislation allowing policemen to accept part time work (the "moonlighting" bill); increases in pension, retirement, and health benefit programs; and elimination of the "death gamble" provisions. Ed considered the adoption of legislation allowing New York City policemen to reside outside the city limits his greatest achievement.

President Nixon appointed Ed to the United Nations Committee on Crime and Its Causes. Ten years later, President Reagan appointed him to the President's Task Force on Private Sector Initiatives. In August 1972, Ed was elected President of the International Conference of Police Associations.

Ed Kiernan also served as Commander of American Legion Post #1103. He was a member of Lodge #877 B.P.O. Elks; of the Emerald Society, and the Brooklyn and Queens Holy Name Society. He was a lifetime member of the New York City Police Benevolent Association, the New York State Conference of Police, and the Metropolitan Conference of Police. He served as President of the Metropolitan Conference of Police Associations and was Director of the Eastern Conference on Health and Welfare Funds.

Ed Kiernan is survived by his wife Alice; his 5 sons, Edward Jr., John, Timothy, Kevin and Keith; his 3 daughters, Kathleen, Carol, and Karen; and his 10 grandchildren, Brian Jr., Paul, Marc, Scott, John, Christiana, Kristen, Anton Jr., Catherine and Zachary. I invite our colleagues to join with me in extending condolences to this great family. Hopefully, the knowledge that many share their grief will be of some comfort to them at this time of their loss.

Mr. Speaker, the passing of Ed Kiernan marks the passing of an era when our law enforcement officials fought successfully for the respect and dignity for those who put their lives on the line for all of us. Ed Kiernan was a general in that successful battle. We all owe him our eternal gratitude. He will long be missed.

IN MEMORY OF COUNCILMAN JIM
HAAKE

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 3, 1999

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I inform the House of the death of Councilman James B. Haake of Jefferson City, MO.

A lifelong resident of the Jefferson City area, Councilman Haake graduated from St. Peters High School before serving in the Navy during the Korean war. From 1957 to 1962, he was employed by the Jefferson City Fire De-

partment. He owned and operated Riteway Limousine Service from 1961 to 1990. For the last 9 years he operated Riteway Courier Service and the Big Dipper.

Councilman Haake was an active member in the community, serving the Second Ward on the Jefferson City Council for the past 16 years. He was a member of St. Peters Church, a charter member and past president of the evening Lions Club and a past district governor of the Lions Club International, District 26B. He also received the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award from the Lions Club International.

During Jim's tenure on the Jefferson City Council, he displayed common sense and worked hard for his constituents. He was a no-nonsense councilman, and he will be truly missed by everyone who had the privilege to know him. I know the Members of the House will join me in extending heartfelt condolences to his wife, Catherine Fiend; his son, Charles; his two daughters, Karen and Christa; his two brothers, and his five grandchildren.

RAPHAEL UNDERWOOD'S
REFLECTIONS ON THE 106TH

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 3, 1999

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I took my son to the floor to witness the swearing in of his father. He submitted this report to his eighth grade civics class at Hayfield Secondary School:

My current experience is not really an article, but based on a real life experience. On January 6, 1999, the first meeting of the 106th Congress took place. This was a day of finding a new Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Members to take an oath of office. Of the 427 Members present, 220 voted for Representative Hastert and 205 voted for Representative Gephardt, with Representatives Gephardt and Hastert voting "present." Speaker Hastert then swore in the Members to the 106th Congress.

I thought today was supposed to be one of joy for Members more than anyone else. What I found out was that today was not very pleasing. I knew that all U.S. Territories were represented by non-voting Delegates. By this I thought they could vote but it would not count. Today after the Roll, where each Member stated their vote for the Speaker's race, all five territories: District of Columbia, American Samoa, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands and Guam were not allowed to show their support—not even called during roll call. This is when the Delegate from Puerto Rico stood up in protest, demanding that the Territories be heard. The Republicans answered with remarks such as "regular order" and "reread the Constitution." I think it was wrong for the Republican Party to act in this manner.

The clerk then spoke, "Only representatives-elect are able to vote." The Congressman then took his seat. I did not understand. The Delegates were elected the same way every Member on that floor. By voting for the Speaker you elect another voice, but a voice for all of the Representatives. To know that the Delegates don't get a chance to elect the Speaker, just as the people of their

district elected them, does not fully fulfill the meaning of true representation.

I felt angry knowing that my father, who represents the United States Territory of Guam, who does the same work as any other Member on the floor is still denied his right to vote. Just because you live on the mainland it does not mean you are more American than an American living from far away lands.

Just because I was born on an island far away from the mainland does not make me more or less of an American born in New York, Florida, Virginia or Ohio. I may be considered a foreigner to some, but we were all foreigners at one time. We all pledge allegiance to the same flag, have the same government and share a President, yet are still denied to speak our voice—the voice of an American citizen.

H.R. 330, THE ECONOMIC GROWTH
AND TAX FREEDOM ACT

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 3, 1999

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of our nation's families, and against the enormous tax increases imposed by the Clinton administration.

Today I cosponsored Congressman VITO FOSSELLA's (R-NY) bill, H.R. 330, which provides a 30% across the board income tax cut for all Americans. If we can not provide tax relief when we have a \$76 billion surplus, when can we? A 30% across the board income tax cut will allow our families to keep more of their money while encouraging our nation's economic growth.

It is time to let the hardworking men and women who generated the surplus keep some of this money for themselves. Too often our nation's families have to do without, so Washington bureaucrats can go on a spending spree. This money belongs to the people and should be spent by the people.

The fact is, if we keep this surplus in Washington, it will be spent. Let's stand up for the hard working men and women in America. I encourage all my colleagues to support a 30% across the board income tax cut.

IN MEMORY OF DEAN GRIFFIN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 3, 1999

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Dean Griffin, president of the Cleveland chapter of the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (AFTRA). He was a consummate professional as a broadcaster and a strong proponent of achieving fairness in union representation.

Mr. Griffin was born in East St. Louis, IL and received a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Southern Mississippi. He held various radio jobs around the country before he moved to Cleveland and reported the news for WJKW radio and television in the

1960's and 1970's. He was known as an excellent political reporter and covered events such as national political conventions and the space program.

After 11 years at WJKW Mr. Griffin lost his job when the network was sold. I had the pleasure of working with Dean when he served as a liaison between the Cleveland City Council and the mayor's office. At this same time he held positions as secretary of the Fire Department, where he was known to fight for the local labor union on important issues, and as chief of the Burke Lakefront Airport.

In the 1980's, Mr. Griffin returned to radio and television, working for WAKR in Akron. While his daughter, Dawn, marched in the Brunswick High School Band Mr. Griffin announced the pregame, halftime, and competitive shows, continuing to announce the events even after she graduated.

Mr. Griffin spent his life illustrating how to be an outstanding journalist and broadcaster. As long-time president of AFTRA he always worked diligently to better union representation and the lives of workers. He will be greatly missed.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF STEVE
AND ELEANOR ZARUTSKIE

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 3, 1999

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I wish to take this opportunity to call to the attention of our colleagues two remarkable residents of New York State who are celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary this coming weekend.

Steve and Eleanor Zarutskie settled in Newburgh, NY, soon after their marriage in 1949, and have remained there ever since. They are both natives of the anthracite coal mining region of eastern Pennsylvania, both of their fathers having been coal miners. They have known each other since childhood. Eleanor was born in the small community of Frackville, and Steve in the even smaller adjacent community of Gilberton. Steve and Eleanor both graduated from Gilberton (PA) High School on June 6, 1944. Steve was class president, but his oration was interrupted by members of the audience leaving the auditorium to hear the latest radio bulletins on the D-Day invasion of Normandy, which took place earlier that same day.

With World War II in full swing, Steve enlisted in the Navy soon after graduation and asked Eleanor to wait for him. She went to work for the post office in Gilberton while he served in the south Pacific. Finally, upon his return from overseas and his military discharge, they were married in Maizeville, PA, on February 6, 1949.

Having spent their honeymoon visiting relatives in Orange County, New York, they decided they liked the scenic beauty of the mid Hudson valley, the employment opportunities of this crossroads of the northeast, and the friendliness of our New Yorkers enough to move permanently to our region. They settled in Newburgh during the summer of 1949, and

soon became Orange County natives. Their family was extended by the birth of two sons, Andrew in 1950 and Stephen in 1954.

Mr. Speaker, in today's climate when commitment seems to have become passe, we can all join in our admiration and respect for Steve and Eleanor Zarutskie who worked as a team to raise their family throughout the trials and tribulations of the second half of the twentieth century.

I invite my colleagues to join in extending our congratulations on this milestone occasion to Steve & Eleanor Zarutskie and with best wishes for health and happiness in the years ahead.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. THOMAS
WALSH

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 3, 1999

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay my respects and honor a community leader and loyal democrat, Mr. Thomas Walsh. Thomas Walsh passed away last October at the age of fifty-seven.

Thomas Walsh was a devoted public servant and leader in the Chicago, Illinois community of Mt. Greenwood. Thomas Walsh lent his political expertise and strong leadership to numerous democratic candidates across the city, including myself. As a political strategist, Mr. Walsh contributed a working family man's perspective to numerous elected officials. Mr. Walsh was an Army Veteran and a career law enforcement officer, serving on the Chicago Police Department from 1966–1991 and as an Assistant Chief with the Cook County Sheriff's Department from 1991–1998.

An avid athlete, Mr. Walsh also found the time to coach various sports teams, including the Mt. Greenwood Little League and the Mt. Greenwood football program. Mr. Walsh played softball himself in the Chicago Police League from 1966 to 1998.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to pay tribute to Mr. Walsh. As a valuable and revered public servant, community leader, political confidante, and coach, he will be greatly missed.

IN RECOGNITION OF PETER BRAUN

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 3, 1999

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize an outstanding citizen of Los Angeles, Peter Braun, who for the past 10 years has led a very extraordinary organization, the Los Angeles Alzheimer's Association. Under Peter's creative leadership, the Association is helping more than 150,000 families in Los Angeles who are dealing with the awful challenge of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. The Association provides direct support and assistance, information, and referral to services for people with the disease and the families who care for them. It has also been instrumental in shaping the health and long term