

parish duties in order to devote all his time and energy to the Brother and to the rapidly growing network of Marist Schools in France.

Through it all, Father Champagnat displayed the same attitude as had St. Paul: "We are often troubled, but not crushed; sometimes in doubt, but never in despair; there are many enemies, but we are never without a friend; and though badly hurt at times, we are not destroyed" (2 Cor 4:8-9).

Even after Father Champagnat's death, the Marist family continued to grow. In 1886 they came to the United States, where they now carry on their educational ministry in fourteen states and several overseas missions.

On April 18th, Marcellin Champagnat will be honored by the Catholic Church when he will be canonized in a ceremony at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

It is fitting and proper that we, too, honor Father Marcellin Champagnat.

#### A TRIBUTE TO JOE TORRE

### HON. AMO HOUGHTON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 12, 1999*

Mr. HOUGHTON. Mr. Speaker, today I'd like to recognize a hero. His team has won the World Series in two of the last three years (1996 and 1998). Last year he managed perhaps the greatest team in history, winning 114 regular season games (out of 162) and 125 overall. And after these victories, he said, "As far as the hunger and desire, I'll walk away from this game before I think I don't have to work hard." And that man is the New York Yankees' 31st Field Manager, Joe Torre.

But, Mr. Speaker, Joe Torre is a hero in another field as well, in the health arena, as a patient winning his fight against prostate cancer. Prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among men, with over 80% of all cases occurring in men over 65. African-American men tend to be diagnosed with the disease at later stages and to die from prostate cancer at a higher rate than do white men. Joe Torre was diagnosed by a screening exam that was conducted for the entire Yankee team.

Prostate cancer is the most diagnosed non-skin cancer in the US. In 1999, prostate cancer will kill an estimated 37,000 men in the US. In 1999, 179,000 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in the US.

The most important thing to do is to catch the cancer early. Generally, the earlier the stage of cancer at the time of detection, the higher the survival rate. Prostate-specific antigen screening PSA blood test and digital rectal examination (DRE) of the prostate gland are the most common of detection methods. The American Cancer Society recommends annual PSAs and DREs, to men aged 50 and older with at least a ten year life expectancy, and to younger men at higher risk, such as African-American men or men with a strong familial pre-disposition to prostate cancer.

Thankfully, for Joe Torre, this annual screening process detected the disease in its early stages, so he has great chances of defeating this terrible disease. Doctors say they

expect a full recovery. On behalf of the men who can be similarly helped, I encourage all men, starting around age 50, to have a regular exam annually. And I'd also like to encourage my colleagues to support the continuation of sufficient funding for research into the causes and cures for prostate cancer.

#### IN TRIBUTE TO REVA DAUER

### HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 12, 1999*

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, South Florida lost a true "citizen" recently, someone who totally immersed herself in our community. Reva Dauer passed away on March 27, 1999, and she will be greatly missed.

A resident of Bal Harbour, Florida, Reva was active in many philanthropic organizations. Her most impressive achievement was the hospital that she and her husband, Maxwell, developed more than 25 years ago. Reva was involved in many aspects of the birth of the Florida Medical Center; she was even involved in the process of selecting the 47-acre site of the Center, which originally opened in 1973 as Lauderdale Lakes General Hospital. Throughout her life, Reva participated in various administrative and day-to-day functions of the hospital. A former owner of the hospital, she was also instrumental in the opening of Lauderdale Lakes General Hospital's open-heart surgery unit, where the first open-heart surgery in Broward County was performed in 1974.

Reva Dauer will also be remembered as someone who worked very hard on behalf of many charitable and civic organizations. She and her family were well known contributors to the University of Miami's Schools of Medicine, Music, and the Ryder Center for Athletics. Exemplary of her extraordinary commitment to the school, in 1993 she gave the University of Miami \$1.5 million for a library addition to be named the Maxwell and Reva Dauer Clock Tower. However, the University of Miami was not the only organization which was the beneficiary of Reva Dauer's generosity. In 1995, Reva and her family were instrumental in constructing the University School of Nova Southeastern University Middle School in Coral Springs. Reva also donated much of her time to the Aventura Turnberry Jewish Center in Aventura, as well as Temple Emanu-El in Miami Beach.

Life is very rarely complete without the benefit of having family. Reva Dauer was a loving wife, mother, sister, aunt, and grandmother. Mr. Speaker, I cannot imagine anything more important than that. Reva's family will undoubtedly miss her, and the entire South Florida community will miss her kindness and generosity as well. She was an extraordinary human being, but we are lucky to have so many wonderful memories of her life and work.

#### TRIBUTE TO JOAN K. ELAM

### HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 12, 1999*

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Joan K. Elam, Principal, James Monroe High School, North Hills, CA., one of ten educators selected from more than 500 applicants to receive the 1999 Readers Digest American Heroes in Education Award.

Joan has dedicated her life to her students. She began her career as a school teacher in the Newhall area and later transferred to the Los Angeles Unified School District where she taught science. She was a school counselor at Holmes Jr. High, Assistant Principal and Counselor at Dorsey High School, and Principal at Sepulveda Middle School prior to coming to James Monroe High School, where she has been the Principal for the last 10 years.

Joan understands the need of students to have stability and was responsible for reopening the school only one week after it sustained severe damage in the 1994 Northridge earthquake. She manifests Readers Digest's challenge of finding new ways to meet the fast-changing needs of students today. She launched ingenious programs at James Monroe High School which serves 4200 students in the Northeast San Fernando Valley. She initiated many vocational classes, including aviation lessons, a class that builds race cars, and police and fire academies approved by the Los Angeles Police and Fire Departments. A day-care center that bears her name provides baby sitting services for the children of students.

Among the school's most creative programs is the Law and Government Magnet, the first of its kind in California, which holds mock trials in the state of the art courtrooms and provides opportunities to explore many professional careers related to the fields of law and government. I am proud that my office has participated in this program for the last eight years. Each semester two students from the program serve for two days a week in my district office assisting my staff with various tasks involving constituents, district projects and federal agency inquiries.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join her students, family and members of the community in saluting Joan Elan. Her dedication and selflessness are an inspiration to us all.

#### PARKLAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

### HON. PATRICK J. TOOMEY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 12, 1999*

Mr. TOOMEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to deliver a Report from Pennsylvania's 15th District.

All across the Lehigh Valley there are so many good people doing good things to make our communities better places to live. So many good people are working day and night to help others.