

country in the United States Army from 1962 to 1964, Chief Pawlowski returned to Bayonne where he began his thirty-four year career with the Police Department. While rising through the ranks, Chief Pawlowski served as Commander of the Detective Bureau, Commander of the Juvenile Aid Planning and Training Bureau, Administration Division Commander, and Patrol Division Commander.

Chief Pawlowski is a member of the New Jersey Police Chiefs Association, the National Police Chiefs Association, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and is currently Vice President of the Hudson County Police Chiefs Association. In addition, for his remarkable efforts and commendable achievements, Chief Pawlowski has received two departmental commendations for outstanding police work and two excellent police service awards.

Both the Bayonne Family YMCA and this year's award dinner honoree Chief Pawlowski exemplify leadership and dedication to the Bayonne community. For these tremendous contributions to New Jersey and the incredible examples set as public servants, I am very happy to honor and congratulate the Bayonne Family YMCA and Chief Pawlowski.

A TRIBUTE TO O. LEWIS HARRIS

HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 1999

Mr. WEINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to invite my colleagues to pay tribute to O. Lewis Harris on the occasion of his 20th Anniversary as the Executive Director of the Forest Hills Community House.

Lewis Harris joined the Forest Hills Community House in its fourth year of operation. With a small budget and staff, he worked with the agency board, community leadership and elected officials to define the service role and mission for the organization, a task that continues to this day. A strong believer in community and coalition building, Lew Harris quickly became involved with Community Board #6 and was appointed as a member in the spring of 1979.

Lew Harris' strong interest and focus on community service led him to join the Queensboro Council for Social Welfare, the Queens Interagency Council for Aging, the Non-Profit Coordinating Committee of New York; The Council of Senior Centers and Services of New York City, and the New York City Coalition for the Aging on whose Boards of Directors he continues to serve.

Under Lew Harris' leadership, the Forest Hills Community House has developed a broad array of services for people of all ages. Today, the Forest Hills Community House operates more than thirty-five programs through nineteen different locations in Queens and provides services to more than 15,000 people annually. In the last twenty years, the Forest Hills Community House has gained a reputation for developing innovative and high quality services. Several Community House programs have also been identified as models for replication throughout New York City and beyond.

O. Lewis Harris has long been known as an innovator and beacon of good will to all those

with whom he has come into contact. Through his dedicated efforts, he has helped improve my constituents' quality of life. In recognition of his many accomplishments on behalf of my constituents, I offer my congratulations to O. Lewis Harris on the occasion of his 20th Anniversary as the Executive Director of the Forest Hills Community House.

CELEBRATING THE OPENING OF THE ALLAN HANCOCK COLLEGE LOMPOC VALLEY CENTER

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 1999

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to bring to the attention of my colleagues the opening of the Allan Hancock College Lompoc Valley Center in Lompoc, CA. For years Lompoc and the Santa Ynez Valley have been in need of a permanent site for a campus and now that need has become a reality.

The Lompoc Valley Center of Allan Hancock College will serve 2,000 students and will offer courses in the sciences, business, technology, and the fine arts. Students will work in computer labs networked with fiber optic cable and will learn in classrooms that have multimedia presentation systems. The center also includes a high-tech computer graphics and animation lab. As we all know, the jobs of the 21st century will demand high-tech and computer related skills. Allan Hancock has the resources and the expertise to teach these important skills, so that students, regardless of age, can take on quality, well-paying jobs on the central coast when they graduate.

I am pleased to tell my colleagues that in the spirit of public/private partnerships, almost 80 percent of the onsite construction bids were awarded to local contractors. The developing and building of the center has been a community-based effort which stands as a model for our nation. I commend the countless people who contributed their time, energy, and vision to create this campus.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to join Allan Hancock College and the people of the central coast to celebrate the opening of the Lompoc Valley Center. I congratulate the college and all who worked tirelessly to establish the center. I wish Allan Hancock College and the Lompoc Valley Center many years of success and prosperity.

TRIBUTE TO E. JAMES MONIHAN, USA DIRECTOR TO THE FEDERATION OF WORLD VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 1999

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a hero in the firefighting community. E. James (Jim) Monihan. Jim Monihan is an outstanding, dedicated, and caring Dela-

warean with an abundance of accomplishments in this field. On behalf of the citizens of the First State, I would like to honor this outstanding individual and extend to him our congratulations on receiving the National Volunteer Fire Council's Mason Lankford Fire Service Leadership Award.

Family, friends and fellow firefighters can now take a moment to truly appreciate the contributions Jim Monihan has brought to the firefighting community. Since moving to Lewes, DE, in 1963, he has proven his ability to advance the quality of fire and emergency services throughout the country. This dedication to public service is rare among individuals. As President of the Lewes Fire Department, Jim arranged the purchase of nearly \$250,000 in fire apparatus. He also chaired every committee within the department and served as the in-house ambulance instructor of 10 years. He later earned a statewide reputation in Delaware for his service as president and 1st vice president of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association.

These local accomplishments were just the first steps for Jim along his road to success. His next advancement was to become the chairman of the National Volunteer Fire Council. During his tenure he orchestrated the growth of the NVFC from 18 states with 130 associate members to 44 delegate States with over 1,500 associate members. For the first time the NVFC received over \$500,000 in Federal grants to help volunteer fire services nationwide. Since retiring as chairman of the NVFC, Jim has committed himself to being the legislative chairman for the NVFC to help devise their policy priorities.

Known for his expertise and excellence in his field, Jim has been asked to provide testimony for numerous congressional committees in support of such issues ranging from the environment to fire prevention. In addition, Jim has served on the Broad of Visitors for the National Fire Academy and has chaired the Joint Council of National Fire Service Organizations. Currently, Jim serves as the USA Director to the Federation of World Volunteer Firefighters, which helps to unite fire service personnel from over 100 countries. Showing his continued dedication and commitment to his community, Jim still leads the local Junior Firefighter Club activities and still responds to calls today.

Mr. Speaker, I salute E. James (Jim) Monihan for implementing many of the important policies and procedures that help guide fire personnel worldwide today. His selfless commitment to the cause of volunteer firefighters will have a permanent place in Delaware's volunteer fire service history.

The example Jim has set for volunteer firemen is one we hope all future volunteer firemen will strive to emulate. His dedication to the development of fire departments, volunteer and emergency services is truly commendable. As Delaware's Congressman, I would like to personally thank him for a tremendous job well done and for 40 years of exemplary service.