

Scout leader for more than 47 years. He rose to the post of commissioner of the Suffolk County Council, Boy Scout of America, and regional chairman of the Catholic Committee on Scouting. He was so enthralled with scouting that he attend board meetings until a few months before his death last week after a long illness.

In his time with scouting he was recognized with numerous citations, including one for service to the Catholic youth of Long Island presented to him by Bishop John McGann of the Diocese of Rockville Centre. He also received a Pius X citation for teaching catechism to the Immaculate Conception Church Confraternity in Westhampton Beach, where I was his student.

Born in Akron, Ohio, he graduated from East Akron High School and came to New York in 1939 to attend the New York World's Fair in Flushing and visit with his sister, Margaret Kennedy. His sister introduced him to her friend, the former Lillian Langguth of Manhattan. They were married shortly thereafter and remained so for 56 years.

They moved to Westhampton, Long Island in 1955, where they expanded Bide-A-Wee Home, the animal adoption center which they managed for 18 years. They were especially known for taking in pets that were left over from the summer vacationers. After that, Michael worked in the Riverhead Post Office until he retired six years ago at age 74.

I was moved by the commitment I witnessed Michael and Lillian have for the children of our community. They also loved their church, and lived the daily example of charity and love for their neighbors. In this time of distance between our children and their parents and church, Michael was a breath of fresh air. In many ways, he has helped shape my own life and I wish I could emulate his wonderful example.

Michael will be remembered as the ultimate Scouter, where he brought to the position of commissioner a level of dignity and respect that could be used as the role model for all volunteer leaders. To the people of Long Island Michael will be remembered as a Scoutmaster, Postman, animal sanctuary provider, and a neighbor that was always willing to offer a helping hand regardless of the situation. To me he will be remembered as a person that had a profound effect on the way I conduct myself in my life.

Colleague, Michael's warmth and dedication to the youth will be surely missed.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM

HON. KAREN L. THURMAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 1999

Mrs. THURMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the University of Florida Women's Soccer Team. The Gators brought home the 1998 NCAA Women's Soccer Championship in only their fourth year of existence. Women's soccer is a relatively new competitive sport. But you would never have known that looking

at the way these women played on Sunday, December 6.

That's the day these well-honed athletes will remember for the rest of their lives. They won the championship game against the University of North Carolina before a record crowd of more than 10,500 fans. The pressure was really on to beat the Tar Heels—well recognized for their 70-match unbeaten streak and numerous NCAA tournament wins.

Some people may have considered the Gators the new kids on the block. But they were out to prove themselves. And in doing so, the Gators became the youngest program this decade to win a title. The program was formed only four years ago by coach Becky Burleigh. She also made history. She became the first woman head coach to win an NCAA soccer championship.

Following the winning game, the Palm Beach Post quoted Burleigh saying, "I can't believe it." The coach's reaction clearly describes her excitement. But I would like to clarify the record. This talented woman knew all along her team could do it. When she started recruiting for the squad's first season, she told her young freshmen players they would go to the final Four by graduation. And that happened.

Burleigh's fine eye for recruiting talent and her ability to mold and inspire took these women to the top. In January, Burleigh was named coach of the year by the National Soccer Coaches of America Association. Before that, the same association named her the coach of the year for the Southeast region. And I'm sure there's much more recognition coming her way and the Gators' way in the future.

I want to congratulate Burleigh and her coaching team: Assistant Coaches Victor Campbell and Tiffany Thompson, Volunteer Coach Matthew Mitchell, Manager Scott Barbee, and Athletic Trainer Michael Duck.

I also want to individually congratulate the entire team: Meredith Flaherty, who was named the tournament's Defensive Most Valuable Player, Danielle Fotopoulos, who was named the tournament's Offensive Most Valuable Player, Danielle Bass, Erin Baxter, Keisha Bell, Christie Brady, Jill DiBerardino, Kerri Doran, Erin Gilhart, Karyn Hall, Michelle Harris, Jordan Kellgren, Genie Leonard, Alexis MacKenzie, Kelly Maher, Heather Mitts, Adrienne Moreira, Lisa Olinyk, Angie Olson, Lynn Pattishall, Melissa Pini, Renee Reynolds, Andrea Sellers, Whitney Singer, Jill Stevens, Katie Tullis, Abby Wambach, Tracy Ward and Sarah Yohe.

Go Gators!

ON THE CONTINUING STEEL CRISIS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 1999

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call upon the other body to pass H.R. 975, the steel import limitation bill. The House passed this bill by an overwhelming margin because the policy of this Administration has failed to

protect the American steel industry and its workers from unfair competition. But a bill does not become a law without votes from both Houses of Congress.

While America waits for the other side to vote on H.R. 975, steel imports have begun to climb again. This should be an important reminder that nothing the Administration is pursuing adequately limits unfairly low priced steel imports. Though the Administration is ineffective in preserving the American steel industry, the Administration is actively defending the American banana industry in a trade dispute with Europe. But does the banana industry employ 160,000 American workers? No. Does nearly every state in the Northeast and Southeast and Southwest have a banana industry? No. Are foreign bananas crowding out the American banana business in the U.S.? No. Those facts have not stopped the Administration from pulling out every stop to protect a banana industry that does not exist in America.

Bananas did not build America. Steel did. The only practical solution to the steel import crisis is to make H.R. 975 into law.

TRIBUTE TO BETTY ADELSTEIN

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 1999

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Betty Adelstein, an outstanding individual who has devoted her life to her family and to serving the community. Mrs. Adelstein will turn 90 on Wednesday and celebrated May 2, 1999 at a party given her family and friends.

She is a vibrant, dynamic, caring woman who drives to St. Vincent Hospital three days a week to volunteer in the office of the Director of Pediatrics. She has accumulated over 10,000 hours of volunteer service at the hospital and, during the past twenty years, she has given of herself and her time to various Staten Island organizations. Before moving to Staten Island, she spent nearly fifty years as a resident of the Bronx.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Adelstein was born in New Britain, Connecticut on May 5, 1909, a first generation American. From the age of five, she helped sell newspapers in her father's candy store. At fourteen years of age, after the shop was closed, she was taken out of school and brought to New York to help in the vegetable store her father opened there, leaving her mother, 4 brothers and a sister behind. When she was sixteen, the family moved to the Bronx from New Britain.

Mrs. Adelstein finished high school at night. Several years later, she met her husband, David, an electrical engineer. They were married in 1932 and remained in the Bronx for forty-one years until his death in 1973. In 1975, she moved to Staten Island to be near her daughter, son-in-law and grandson. It was then last that she began her long career as a volunteer, which continues to this day. She is truly a source of inspiration to all who know her.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing a happy 90th birthday to Betty Adelstein.