

Ruthie and I have met hundreds of individuals who are committed to making our communities a better place in which to live and raise our children—we call them “Hoosier Heroes”.

I recognized this genuine Hoosier Hero in Adams County, Indiana at a Lincoln Day dinner speech. He is Alan Converset, who is a sales manager at WZBD Adams County Radio. By working tirelessly on behalf of the less fortunate, Alan epitomizes a “Hoosier Hero”.

Alan served as the president of the Decatur Rotary Club and Chairman of the United Way golf outing to raise money for those who need a helping hand from someone who cares. He also works on the March of Dimes Walk America Committee.

Alan's work has given so many people the most precious gift possible, hope. He doesn't do it for the pay which is zilch; he does it for the smiles and laughter. You are a true hero in my book, doing good work for others with no other motive than Christian charity.

Alan Coverset deserves the gratitude of the country, state, and nation, and I thank him here today on the floor of the House of Representatives.

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A.J. HERRERA SELECTED AS  
PLAYER OF THE YEAR FOR PARADE  
MAGAZINE'S 21ST ANNUAL  
HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER  
TEAM

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**HON. HEATHER WILSON**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 4, 1999*

Mrs. WILSON. Mr. Speaker, I wish to bring to your attention a young man in our community, A.J. Herrera, who has been selected Player of the Year on Parade magazine's 21st annual High School Boys Soccer Team.

A.J. Herrera has represented the United States in France, Slovakia, and Russia as a three-year member of the U.S. National Team. He has hopes of playing on the U.S. Olympic Team. In discussions regarding his soccer ability, A.J. references the support he has received from family, friends, teammates, and coaches. Although he has an athletic gift to play soccer, A.J.'s No. 1 priority is earning a college degree.

A.J. Herrera is an example of young people throughout our communities who are involved in sports and other extracurricular activities that build character and citizenship. Learning lessons about setting and achieving goals, staying physically fit and being part of a team. The community is proud of his accomplishments. Join me in recognizing A.J.'s achievements and contributions to Albuquerque, New Mexico.

**EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS**

A TRIBUTE TO THEODORE  
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**HON. JOSEPH R. PITTS**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 4, 1999*

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor a faithful Chester County man upon his retirement from West Chester University, where he served as a faculty member and administrator. Mr. Theodore Butcher's contributions to his family, community, and country deserve to be noted.

Over the past thirty years, Mr. Butcher has worked tirelessly to ensure fair and equitable treatment of people with regards to education, race, religion, economics and disabilities. He has given of himself both personally and financially to the causes in which he believes and for which he works. Through his community service with the West Chester Community Center, the Community Housing Resource Board, the Fair Housing Council, Mental Health/Mental Retardation, The Community Service Council of Chester County, The Swope Foundation, the West Chester Rotary Club, the YMCA, NAACP and on the original board of the Chester County Water Authority.

Clearly, this is a man with a deep commitment to his community. I can venture to say that Mr. Butcher has added much value to West Chester University and to Chester County, Pennsylvania. I am pleased to honor him today, and would like to submit for the RECORD a letter from his daughter Joacqueline Butcher. My congratulations and best wishes go with this community servant.

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SUPPORTING THE NATIONAL  
LETTER CARRIERS FOOD DRIVE

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**HON. LOIS CAPPS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 4, 1999*

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay special tribute to our letter carriers in Santa Barbara, California. On Saturday May 8, our local letter carriers will be participating in the seventh annual “Stamp Out Hunger” food drive, sponsored by the National Association of Letter Carriers.

Our local letter carriers will be joining their fellow letter carriers in more than 10,000 cities and towns across the nation in collecting non-perishable food items and donations along their postal routes for local food banks. The Stamp Out Hunger food drive is expected to help feed nearly thirty million needy children and adults in our communities.

On behalf of the people on the Central Coast and across the nation, I would like to thank our letter carriers for their leadership in this very worthy cause.

*May 4, 1999*

TRIBUTE TO THE GRAN PARADA  
DOMINICANA DE EL BRONX, INC.  
ON THEIR 10TH ANNIVERSARY

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**HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 4, 1999*

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for me to pay tribute to a great organization, the “Gran Parada Dominicana de El Bronx, Inc.” which celebrates its tenth anniversary of celebrating Dominican culture in my South Bronx Congressional District today, Monday, May 3rd, 1999.

The Gran Parada Dominicana de El Bronx, Inc. was created on May 3, 1990. Each year thousands of members and friends of the Dominican community march from Mt. Eden and 172nd Street to East 161st Street and the Grand Concourse during the annual Great Dominican Parade and Carnival of the Bronx. Under its Founder and President, Felipe Febles, the parade has grown in size and splendor. It now brings together an increasing number of participants from all five New York City boroughs and beyond.

Mr. Speaker, as one who has participated in the parade in the past, I can attest that the excitement it generates brings the entire City together. It is a celebration and an affirmation of life. It feels wonderful to enable so many people to have this experience—one that will change the lives of many of them. It is always an honor for me to join the hundreds of joyful people who march each year and to savor the variety of their celebrations. There's no better way to see our Bronx community.

The event usually features a wide variety of entertainment for all age groups. Past years' festivals included the performance of Merengue and Salsa bands, crafts exhibitions, and food typical of the Dominican Republic.

In addition to the parade, President Febles and many organizers each year provide the community with nearly two weeks of activities to commemorate the contributions of the Dominican community, its culture and history.

Mr. Speaker, it is with enthusiasm that I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the Gran Parada Dominicana de El Bronx, Inc. and in wishing the Committee continued success.

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TREVOR P. SCHMIDT WINS THE  
VFW'S 1999 VOICE OF DEMOCRACY  
BROADCAST  
SCRIPTWRITING CONTEST

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**HON. BILL BARRETT**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 4, 1999*

Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to call my colleagues' attention to the following script written by my constituent, Trevor P. Schmidt, a senior at Chadron High School in Chadron, Nebraska. Trevor won the VFW's 1999 Voice of Democracy broadcast scriptwriting contest for Nebraska.

MY SERVICE TO AMERICA

The other day my friend Shawn and I went out to lunch. I was driving so I said, “Where