

A program called the Civil-Military Department of Defense Innovative Readiness Training Program offers real world training opportunities to meet the readiness requirements of military units and individuals while benefiting local communities. This service, provided by the Department of Defense, includes equipment and other assistance which has the potential to greatly reduce the backlog of projects identified by the National Park Service. In short, this resolution will direct one federal department to help another and will benefit the American taxpayer who has been picking up the tab.

This is a good idea and a worthy resolution and I urge all my colleagues to support this House resolution.

TRIBUTE TO NATIONAL PRINCIPAL LEADERSHIP AWARD WINNER

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 1999

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to commend an outstanding Colorado high school student and leader. This Spring, Leah Nein of Julesburg High School, in Julesburg, Colorado, received the National Principal Leadership Award.

Each year, the National Association of Secondary School Principals and Herff Jones Inc. presents the National Principal Leadership Award to 150 students nationwide. Recipients must demonstrate outstanding scholastics, leadership and student service throughout their high school years. As an added bonus, a \$1,000 college scholarship is provided to help these students achieve their higher education goals.

Among some of her accomplishments, Leah was class president three out of her four high school years, captained the volleyball team, and a Girls State Delegate. She has also received the Colorado School of Mines "Medal of Accomplishment in Math and Science" and the University of Colorado "Outstanding Junior Award." This Fall, Leah plans to attend Colorado State University and major in Accounting.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to congratulate Leah Nein and all Principal Leadership Award winners. With confidence, I look forward to their leadership in America.

TRIBUTE TO RETIRING MICHIGAN STATE TROOPER ROBERT KRAFFT

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 1999

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I like to pay special tribute today to 1st Lieutenant Robert Krafft, who is retiring after a career of law enforcement with Michigan State Police.

As you know, Mr. Speaker, I served as a law enforcement officer. In point of fact, I first served with Bob Krafft early in my own career with the Michigan State Police.

In one sense, my own law enforcement career ended when I was injured in the line of

duty and retired in 1984. In a deeper sense, however, the friendships that form among law enforcement officers are bonds that survive changes in careers and changes in address. In that regard, when I founded the Law Enforcement Caucus in my freshman year in Congress, I was not only giving my many comrades in law enforcement a voice in Washington, but I was also giving myself a professional reason to maintain these strong ties to many good friends and providing myself with an opportunity to forge new friendships with dedicated people in law enforcement.

Now, one of these old friends, Bob Krafft, is retiring after a 26-year career.

I recall moving into this neighborhood, where he took me under his wing. My recollections of those first years of our friendship remain vivid, as he took me deer hunting, as I met his wife Sue and watched their daughter grow. Even though our law enforcement work carried us in different directions, the bond we formed as friends, neighbors and law enforcement officers has always dissolved the distance that geography put between us.

Last week here in Washington we spotlighted U.S. law enforcement in a number of ways. We paid special tribute to fallen officers, and we celebrated funding 100,000 new police officers under the Community Policing program.

This Friday, May 21, the co-workers of Bob Krafft will celebrate one man's career in law enforcement. I ask you and my House colleagues to join me in wishing the best in retirement for this dedicated public servant.

A TRIBUTE TO THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE HELP OF RETARDED CHILDREN ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 1999

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Suffolk Association for the Help of Retarded Children, Suffolk County's largest voluntary agency celebrating its 50th anniversary of service to our community. For the past half century the Association for the Help of Retarded Children has lived up to the spirit of community by providing various educational, vocational training, and habilitative services for residents of Eastern Long Island with special needs.

Through the chapter's Vocational Education Program, adults mature, achieve self-fulfillment and self esteem. Major Long Island corporations use this program's participants for packaging and assembling jobs. These contracts offer 800 clients opportunities to learn vocational skills that can ultimately lead to competitive employment. In the Supported Work Program, individuals successfully make the transition to the job market with the help of job coaches who provide on the job training at the employer's work site, including follow along care.

The Association for the Help of Retarded Children's Sagtikos Education Center is a very special school. More than 100 infants, pre-

schoolers and school-age children through age 21 receive Individualized Education Plans that foster their mental and physical development. School age children attend this school because their disabilities are so severe that they cannot be accommodated within the special education programs of the local school districts. This service allows a parent more free time to maintain both emotional and economic family stability. Other children attend the school's Early Intervention and pre-school programs. These services often diminish, if not eliminate, the need for costly special services for a lifetime.

For lower functioning adults, the Association for the Help of Retarded Children offers a Day Treatment Program that provides habilitative training that fosters greater independence through the acquisition of daily living skills. Their Senior Day Hab Program offers habilitative training through age appropriate activities for senior citizens. Sixteen community residences located throughout Suffolk are each home to up to 10 adults, operating as a family unit under the guidance of a house parenting team. Residents interact with their communities as any typical family does: shopping, banking, visiting the library and even going to work.

After 50 years of operation, the Suffolk chapter is known for its fiscal integrity. It is so well managed by a voluntary Board of Directors and its Executive Director that it consistently rates "exceptional" in Federal, State and County adults, and is granted three year operating certificates rather than the usual one year.

That is why I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in saluting the Association for the Help of Retarded Children on its 50th anniversary. For half a century, the Association for the Help of Retarded Children has done more than just help neighbors who need it, or provide opportunities for their children. The Association for the Help of Retarded Children has also provided our community the opportunity to express their strong love for their community by getting involved and by helping their neighbors.

IN MEMORIAM: DEDICATION OF THE GARDEN GROVE POLICE DEPARTMENT "CALL TO DUTY" POLICE MEMORIAL, MAY 20, 1999

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 1999

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the officers of the Garden Grove Police Department who died in the line of duty and who will be commemorated in the dedication of the Garden Grove Police Memorial, "Call To Duty" on this twentieth day of May, 1999.

There are few words that adequately express the deep sorrow and grief of a family whose loved one has been killed in the line of duty. We can remember their bravery and courage through dedication and memorial. President Abraham Lincoln perhaps described the terrible emptiness and regret that we, the