

Mr. Massengill has served as an important figure as a member of the United Steel Workers of America. He has held several positions throughout his tenure, but none as important as Assistant Director of District 7, USWA, a position from which he retired in February of 1999.

As a union representative, Ken Massengill has held a variety of offices, ranging from union steward to Sub-District Director. In addition to his service to the union, he has devoted much of his time to community initiatives. Some of the activities Mr. Massengill has been involved with include: board member for both the Porter County and Michigan City United Way, Chairman of the Lake Area United Way Board of Trustees, member of the Indiana University Labor Studies Advisory Board, and President of the Indiana Unemployment Insurance Board. Additionally, he serves as the Indiana Steelworkers PEC Legislative Director, PAC Coordinator, and in 1994 was appointed by Former Governor Evan Bayh to the Indiana Port Commission where he currently served as the Chairman of the Port Commission.

On this special day, I offer my heartfelt congratulations to Ken Massengill. His large circle of family and friends can be proud of the contributions this prominent individual has made. His work in the labor movement provided union workers in Northwest Indiana opportunities they might not have otherwise had. Mr. Massengill's leadership kept the region's labor force strong and helped keep America working. Those in the movement will surely miss Mr. Massengill's dedication and sincerity. I sincerely wish Ken Massengill a long, happy, and productive retirement.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MICHAEL R. NELSON, CHIEF DEPUTY U.S. MARSHAL FOR EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 1999

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today in tribute to Michael R. Nelson, Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal for the Eastern District of California. As he celebrates his retirement, I ask all of my colleagues to join with me in saluting his outstanding public service career.

Mr. Nelson has been the Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal for the Eastern District of California for the past 10 years. He has overall responsibility for all operations and administrative programs within this major judicial district.

With almost 30 years of experience within the Marshals Service, Mr. Nelson has brought a vast range of knowledge, experience, and management skills to his current position as chief deputy.

His tenure in this position has been highlighted by his proactive approach to negotiating with local law enforcement agencies and jails. He has worked hard to eliminate most federal prisoner housing shortfalls within the Eastern District.

Mr. Nelson has always been concerned first and foremost with the safety of his deputy

U.S. Marshals. He has initiated several programs within the district to ensure that all personnel are properly trained and given the tools necessary to survive in a hostile confrontation or critical incident.

He has worked hard to implement policies which provide for greater survival, firearms, and simulation training for the deputy U.S. Marshals in his district. Mr. Nelson also created an award winning Special Response Team in the district. This team, with all of its special training, has won numerous competitions against other local, state, and federal agencies.

The district's Critical Response Team is another example of Chief Deputy Nelson's extraordinary management capabilities. This team works closely with the Marshals Human Resources Division and Employee Assistance Program to ensure that the needs of Marshals personnel are met following any critical incident.

In 1989, Mr. Nelson received the Marshals Service Director's Award for Outstanding Manager based on his innovative approach and great management skills. He has always been highly regarded by the local law enforcement community, the federal judiciary, and fellow employees alike.

I especially commend Mr. Nelson for his outstanding handling of the difficult logistics associated with the Unabomber Trial in Sacramento. U.S. Marshal Jerry Enomoto and Chief Deputy Nelson managed complex security arrangements with exceptional professionalism during this period.

While the new Federal Courthouse was being constructed in Sacramento, Mr. Nelson took an active role in making sure that the special requirements of the Marshals Service were included throughout the building. His thorough knowledge of the relevant security needs and on-site weekly inspections proved invaluable to the overall construction process.

Since taking over as Chief Deputy in 1990, Mr. Nelson has proved to be an excellent manager and budget officer. His prudent approach to budgeting limited resources is especially noteworthy.

Mr. Speaker, Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal Michael Nelson has been a great public servant in the Eastern District of California. I ask all of my colleagues to join with me in thanking him for his exceptional service and wishing him every success in all of his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO CHACELLA NEWTON

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 1999

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to congratulate Ms. Chacella Newton upon her retirement from her position as Food Service Director for the Macomb Intermediate School District. Her friends and colleagues will honor her with a retirement party at the Macomb Intermediate School District on May 26, 1999.

Chacella Newton has dedicated her career to health and good nutrition. For nearly 40 years, Chacella has worked in the field of Di-

etetics. In 1960, she accepted her first position as the Director of Dietetics at Detroit's St. John Hospital. In 1967, Chacella took the position of Director of Dietetics at Alexander Blain Memorial Hospital. She worked there until 1978, when she accepted her current position as Food Services Director for the Macomb ISD.

Through her position with the Macomb Intermediate School District, Chacella has become known for her commitment to children's health. She has led a number of state and national programs to improve services offered in school lunch rooms. Chacella has also provided her valuable advice to others. Personally, I have relied on Chacella many times for her trustworthy opinions. Similarly, the food safety manual, when she wrote, has been sold in 16 states and used by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Chacella Newton is also a person dedicated to her community. She currently serves on the boards of the Macomb Essential Transport Services, the Comprehensive Youth Services and the Mount Clemens Public Library. In addition, Chacella was the first African American woman to take a seat on the Mount Clemens School Board. She has also served as the President of the Michigan School Food Service Association.

It is my honor and my privilege to congratulate Chacella Newton on her retirement from the Macomb Intermediate School District, and wish her the best of luck for the future.

TRIBUTE TO TEMPLE BETH AHAVATH SHOLOM

HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 1999

Mr. WEINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to invite my colleagues to pay tribute to the members of Temple Beth Ahavath Sholom on the occasion of its Annual Journal Luncheon.

The members of Temple Beth Ahavath Sholom have long been known for their commitment to community service and to enhancing the quality of life for all New York City residents.

This year's luncheon is not only a festive happening, it is a chance for all of us to celebrate and pay tribute to a group of individuals who have dedicated their lives to helping others. This year's honorees truly represent the best of what our community has to offer.

Fran Arnowitz and her husband Manny have continuously surrounded themselves and their children in the warmth of Judaism through their involvement with Beth Shalom People's Temple and Temple Beth Ahavath Sholom. Following Beth Shalom People's Temple's consolidation with Temple Ahavath Sholom, Fran Arnowitz became the Temple's Treasurer, a post she still holds. Fran is widely regarded as a hard worker who has dedicated herself to addressing the needs of the Temple and its members.

Myron Klein, a long time member of Temple Ahavath Sholom prior to the consolidation, is a man who has distinguished himself through his service to the Temple that he loves. Myron

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Klein has long been an active member of Temple Beth Ahavath Sholom's Brotherhood and serves as its Treasurer. In addition, Myron has taken a leading role in the Temple's fundraising efforts and serves as the Chairman of the Goods and Services Auction which has raised thousands of dollars for the Temple.

Each of today's honorees has long been known as innovators and beacons of good will to all those with whom they come into contact. Through their dedicated efforts, they have each helped to improve my constituents' quality of life. In recognition of their many accomplishments on behalf of my constituents, I offer my congratulations on their being honored by Temple Beth Ahavath Sholom.

STEPHEN M. BARROUK HONORED

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 1999

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a distinguished community leader and my good friend, Mr. Stephen M. Barrouk. In June, Leadership Wilkes-Barre will honor Steve with the group's 1999 Distinguished Leadership Award. I am pleased and proud to have been asked to participate in this richly-deserved tribute.

A native of Wilkes-Barre, Steve graduated from E.L. Meyers High School. He earned a B.A. degree in Urban Studies/Economics and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Pittsburgh. Steve went on to serve in the Department of City Development in Pittsburgh and later as the Deputy Director of the Allegheny County Department of Development. He also served as Executive Director of the Allegheny County Industrial, Hospital and Higher Education Authorities.

Steve returned to Northeastern Pennsylvania to become the President/CEO of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry and its affiliates, the Greater Wilkes-Barre Industrial Fund and the Greater Wilke-Barre Chamber of Commerce. He is also a member of the Luzerne County Convention Center Authority, the Pennsylvania Economic Development Association, the American Chamber of Commerce Executives, and the Industrial Development Research Council.

Steve serves on the board of the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania, the United Way of Wyoming Valley, the Ethics Institute, Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania, and the Downtown Task Force of Wilkes-Barre. Steve also serves on the board of the Earth Conservancy, a non-profit, charitable organization that is restoring, preserving, and developing more than 17,000 acres of land throughout Luzerne County previously owned by a bankrupt coal company. He also played an important role in helping to win an American Heritage River designation for the Upper Susquehanna-Lackawanna Watershed.

I have worked closely with Steve on countless projects to improve the quality of life for Northeastern Pennsylvania. Despite the enormity of the challenges he has faced on com-

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plex projects such as restoring the former Pomeroy's building in downtown Wilkes-Barre, creating a new sports area/convention center, and the day-to-day work of attracting new industries to our area, Steve has always shown the utmost devotion to the community. He leads his organization with the highest level of professionalism.

Over the past several years, I have enjoyed working with Steve Barrouk to promote economic development in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Steve's efforts have literally helped create thousands of jobs in the Wyoming Valley. I am pleased to join Leadership Wilkes-Barre in thanking Steve Barrouk for his efforts. Luzerne County will undoubtedly benefit from his further labors in the years ahead.

ANIMAL CRUELTY LEGISLATION

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 1999

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, criminals should not profit from illegal acts. That is why I introduced H.R. 1887 last week that will ban illegal, disgusting acts that are occurring nationwide.

People around the country are making "crush videos." These videos feature women crushing small animals with their feet while wearing spiked heels. The videos are sold nationwide to people who enjoy this type of so-called "foot fetish" and sellers of the video are making millions of dollars.

The acts of animals cruelty featured in the video are illegal under state law. However, according to District Attorney Michael Bradbury of Ventura County, California, it is difficult to prosecute these acts under state animal cruelty laws. First, a District Attorney must identify the individual in the video. This is a difficult task given the fact that most of the time, only the actress' legs are shown. Second, it is difficult to prove that the act featured in the video occurred within the statute of limitations. Third, local animal cruelty laws do not prohibit the production, sale, or possession of the video. There are also no federal laws that could be used to prosecute the individuals.

Sick criminals are taking advantage of the loopholes in the local law and the lack of federal law on animal cruelty videos. This is a serious problem. Thousands of these videos are being sold. Thousands of dollars are being made. By not closing these loopholes and allowing this sick behavior, we are encouraging people to profit from violating the state animal cruelty laws. This must be stopped!

H.R. 1887 will put a stop to this offensive behavior. This legislation is narrowly tailored to prohibit the creation, sale or possession of a depiction of animal cruelty in interstate commerce for commercial gain. H.R. 1887 does not preempt state laws on animal cruelty. Rather, it incorporates the animal cruelty law of the state where the offense occurs.

I urge all of my colleagues to join me in pursuing this legislation which will put an end to profiting from these disgusting criminal acts. Please contact Wendy Wiseman of my staff at 5-5811 to cosponsor H.R. 1887.

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WOMEN'S DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF MONMOUTH COUNTY PAYS TRIBUTE TO CHAIRMAN VICTOR V. SCUDIERY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 1999

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, on Sunday, May 23, the Women's Democratic Club of Monmouth County, NJ, will pay tribute to Mr. Victor V. Scudieri, who for the past 10 years has served as the Monmouth County Democratic Chairman.

A native of Newark, NJ, Mr. Scudieri graduated from Seton Hall University. He served his country in the U.S. Army in both active and reserve duty. Since then, he has achieved the status of one of our most prominent citizens in the worlds of business and politics and in the civic life of our community. He is the president of Interstate Electronics in Hazlet and also oversees several other business ventures in New Jersey and Florida. But it is probably in his capacity as the Monmouth County Democratic Chairman that Vic Scudieri is best known.

As if his chairmanship didn't keep him busy enough, Vic Scudieri devotes considerable time to many worthwhile causes. He serves on the boards of seven community organizations, and his energy, devotion and sincere commitment to giving something back to his community is felt in all of the endeavors that he is involved with. He is the chairman of the Bayshore Senior Day Center Board of Advisors, a lifeline to many area senior citizens, providing meals, companionship and daily activities. As chairman of the Buck Smith Memorial Foundation, he has overseen the granting of scholarships to deserving students. The Bayshore Hospital Health Care Center selected Mr. Scudieri as chairman of the Board of Trustees, where he is responsible for land acquisition and construction of facilities.

In recognition of all his hard work and generosity—and in spite of his natural sense of modesty—Vic Scudieri has received countless honors from civic and charitable organizations throughout New Jersey, including the Bayshore Senior Center, Brookdale College, Knights of Columbus, Society of St. Anthony of Padua, the NAACP, and various municipal and Democratic organizations.

On this occasion, Mr. Speaker, I am honored to join with the Women's Democratic Club of Monmouth County, and the many friends of Victor Scudieri, in paying tribute to a great chairman and one of our most distinguished citizens.

COMMEMORATING THE LEADERSHIP OF EAST SIDE SCOUTMASTER DAN NELSON

HON. BRUCE F. VENTO

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 1999

Mr. VENTO. Mr. Speaker, we must recognize outstanding efforts by individuals that are