who better exemplifies what it means to be dedicated than Terry VanSumeren. For the past 32 years, he has been wholly committed to the people of Hampton Township. I urge you and all of our colleagues to join with me to congratulate the outstanding accomplishments of Terry VanSumeren and to wish him continued health and happiness.

TRIBUTE TO THE TEACHERS, PARENTS, ADMINISTRATORS AND STUDENTS OF HOLLOW HILLS FUNDAMENTAL SCHOOL

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 1999

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the parents, students, faculty and staff whose dedication to excellence has earned Hollow Hills Fundamental School, in my hometown of Simi Valley, CA, recognition as a national Blue Ribbon School

Hollow Hills Fundamental School is a shining example of what can happen when parents, teachers and administrators collaborate on the best approaches for providing a quality education. The school's motto—Committed to Excellence—is not merely a slogan. It's a way of life that other campuses would be well served to follow. A combination of a structured, consistent learning environment with an emphasis on basic skills and traditional American values ensures intelligent, socially responsible students and future adults.

Mr. Speaker, the school will be honored at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley on Tuesday. It's a particularly fitting tribute to Hollow Hills. President Reagan once made this statement to a group of educators:

> Our leaders must remember that education doesn't begin with some isolated bureaucrat in Washington. It doesn't even begin with state or local officials. Education begins in the home, where it is a parental right and responsibility.

That principle is fully integrated into Hollow Hills' lesson plans. The school was founded in 1982 in collaboration with parents. Every year, Hollow Hills parents, students and educators formally rededicate themselves to quality education through a "Commitment to Excellence" agreement. The school boasts a strong PTA and dedicated parents who volunteer their spare time to enhance their children's education.

In addition to stressing basic reading and math skills, the school also emphasizes art, music and technology, guaranteeing students a well-balanced education.

Hollow Hills also stresses attributes that unfortunately are missing in many schools today: personal responsibility, diligence, courtesy, respect to authority, punctuality and respect for the law. These ingredients are just as important to raising intelligence and socially responsible adults.

Mr. Speaker, as our nation works in concert to better our education system, it would serve us well to study the successes of our Blue Ribbon Schools. They are the best of the best and a key to our future. I know my colleagues will join me in applauding Hollow Hills Principal Leslie Frank, her entire staff, and the parents and students of Hollow Hills for raising the bar and setting a strong example for others to follow.

HONORING OUR FALLEN MILITARY PERSONNEL AT GLENDALE CEMETERY

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 1999

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this weekend, in a solemn ceremony at Glendale Cemetery, families will gather to honor those who gave their lives so that future generations of Americans might live in freedom. America bows its head in thanks to our fallen heroes. With flags at half-mast, with flowers on a grave, and with quiet prayers, we take time to remember their achievements and renew our commitment to their ideals.

Across our country, Americans will be holding similar ceremonies in remembrance of those who have died under the colors of our Nation. We will remember the brave men and women whose sacrifices paved the way for us to live in a country like America. We will remember the families of our fallen heroes, and we will grieve for their losses. We will remember the men and women who are now serving in our Armed Forces.

Throughout our history, we have been blessed by the courage and commitment of Americans who were willing to pay the ultimate price. From Lexington and Concord to Iwo Jima and the Persian Gulf, on fields of battle across our nation and around the world, our men and women in uniform have risked—and lost—their lives to protect America's interests, to advance the ideals of democracy, and to defend the liberty we hold so dear.

For more than 200 years, the United States has remained the land of the free and the home of the brave. The NATO military operations in the former Yugoslavia have reaffirmed that international peace and security depend on our Nation's vigilance. Even in the post-Cold War era, we must be wary, for the world still remains a dangerous place.

This spirit of selfless sacrifice is an unbroken thread woven through our history. Wherever they came from, whenever they served, our fallen heroes knew they were fighting to preserve our freedom. On Memorial Day we remember them, and we acknowledge that we stand as a great, proud, and free Nation because of their devotion.

EXPOSING RACISM

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 1999

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, in my continuing efforts to document and expose racism in America, I submit the following articles into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

REPORTS: STATE OFFICIALS WILL ADMIT THAT RACIAL PROFILING EXISTS

TRENTON, N.J. (AP).—State law enforcement officials this week will grudgingly admit that state troopers unfairly target minority motorists, according to published reports.

Officials in Gov. Christie Whitman's administration told several newspapers that a report prepared by the Attorney General's office will acknowledge that some troopers have engaged in the practice known as racial profiling.

The same officials said the state will drop its appeal of a 1996 court decision asserting that troopers demonstrated race bias in making arrests along the New Jersey Turnpike in Gloucester County.

Attorney General Peter Verniero's office said his findings on the State Police's training and practices are due out Tuesday or Wednesday.

The report is expected to confirm what civil rights activists said they have known for years.

"Racial profiling is the worst-kept secret in New Jersey," Black Ministers Council of New Jersey executive director Rev. Reginald Jackson told The Star-Ledger of Newark for Tuesday's editions. "I don't think anybody reasonable will say that it doesn't happen."

State Police leaders have consistently argued that the agency does not engage in racial profiling. The issue cost State Police Superintendent Col. Carl Williams his job earlier this year and threatens to impact the political fate of both Whitman, who is expected to run for the U.S. Senate, and Verniero, who has been nominated for the state Supreme Court.

State officials face a Wednesday deadline to decide if they want to continue their appeal of the 1996 decision in state Superior Court in Gloucester County. The court decision, which could affect dozens of pending criminal cases, found evidence of racial profiling.

The newspaper reports come one day after state officials announced official misconduct indictments against the two troopers involved in last year's controversial shooting along the Turnpike in Mercer County.

Troopers John Hogan and James Kenna allegedly made false statements on the race of motorists they pulled over. Such data was being gathered in a State Police traffic stop survey prompted by the 1996 court decision.

Authorities said the indictments against Hogan and Kenna were not directly related to their involvement in the shooting near Exit 7A. Three young minority men were wounded when the troopers fired 11 shots at their van. The troopers said the van had backed up toward them suddenly.

Lawyers for Hogan and Kenna have said the pair are being used as scapegoats in the broader debate over racial profiling. Another lawyer who often represents troopers, Philip Moran, suggested that the real blame lies with the State Police top brass.

"The problem with this is that they indict the troopers at the bottom end," Moran told the Philadelphia inquirer for Tuesday's editions. "They don't indict the supervisors—who taught them to profile, who required them to profile, and who congratulated them for profiling."

The four occupants of the van have said they plan to file civil rights lawsuits against the troopers and the State Police.

The indictments against Hogan and Kenna may prompt courts to dismiss criminal