

The center's operating partner, Friends of Youth, is a local non-profit agency with nineteen locations throughout King and Snohomish Counties. The Friends of Youth's mission is to: develop, provide and advocate services for children, youth, their families and communities that encourage individual growth and promote constructive relationships.

Mr. Speaker, that mission will be the guiding force behind this drug-free and alcohol-free youth center. The center will include a coffee shop with a teen manager, provide poetry classes, as well as provide a state of the art recording studio, a modern photography lab, and a graphic art/animation technology station. Moreover, the center is being built from the ground up and will connect with the Kirkland Senior Center, allowing for intergenerational programs and events. The center allows teens to develop positive relationships with peers and adults, and parents to have the security in knowing their child is spending time at a safe place.

I hosted three informative town meetings in my district last year about the need for after-school programs. I strongly believe that after-school programs are an excellent, well-proven way to keep teens from engaging in criminal activities. The time between school bells and dinner bells presents the most risk to our young people, and in an age when most parents are unable to stay home with their children, we must provide safe and productive activities for our youth. The Kirkland Teen Center is a perfect example of a safe, after-school center, and I believe Congress would do well to promote more centers like this one around the country.

All of the youth that volunteered their time to plan, or serve on this center's Board of Directors and Advisory Board, deserve our praise for their hard work and selfless dedication to their community as a whole. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating everyone involved in the Kirkland Teen Center for a job well done.

IN HONOR OF JIMMY SIMS, ROBERTSON COUNTY, KY FIRE-FIGHTER

HON. KEN LUCAS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2000

Mr. LUCAS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Jimmy Sims, who recently retired as Fire Chief of the Robertson County, KY Fire Department.

Mr. Sims' retirement wraps up nearly a half-century of dedicated service to his community. He is the only surviving founding member of the volunteer department, which was started in 1951. Mr. Sims served as chief from 1975-1999. Another example of his extraordinary level of dedication—his home served as the county fire dispatch center for 24 years. From 1969-1993, he took emergency calls and dispatched crews from his home.

Mr. Sims helped his neighbors countless times over the years, responding to round-the-clock calls for help, saving lives and protecting property.

I rise today to commend Chief Sims for his commitment to helping his neighbors in Robertson County. I ask all my fellow Members of Congress to join me in commending this fine public servant, and wishing him well in his retirement.

HONORING JOHNNETTE PHILLIPS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 06, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this moment to honor the distinguished service of the Honorable Johnnette Phillips of Eagle County, Colorado. Johnnette is retiring as Eagle County Commissioner after serving admirably for nearly a decade. Her outstanding commitment is unparalleled and her contributions immeasurable.

For Johnnette, serving her community comes naturally. Before serving as commissioner, she used her natural leadership ability as Eagle County Clerk and Recorder, serving for nearly 15 years. Beyond her efforts as Clerk and Recorder and Commissioner, Johnnette has helped advance the cause of a number of worthy organizations, serving as President and Second Vice President of Colorado Counties, Inc., Northwest Colorado Council of Governments Executive Board and President of both the American Legion Auxiliary and the Colorado State Association of County Clerks and Recorders.

Johnnette's drive and determination has not only improved her local community, but also earned her national recognition. Ms. Phillips received the well-deserved honor of being named among Who's Who in U.S. Executives in 1995 and Who's Who in Women Executives in 1996. What's more, her service has won her the admiration of an entire community.

On behalf of the State of Colorado and the United States Congress, Johnnette, I thank you for your service and wish you the very best in your future endeavors. Your immense contributions to Eagle County will not be soon forgotten.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT ANGUIANO

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2000

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Robert Anguiano of Corpus Christi's Tuloso-Midway High School, for winning the Hispanic Heritage Awards Foundation National Youth Award for Sports. This young man has an enormous amount of discipline and endurance.

Robert has accomplished a great deal in the field of sports and academics, and I am proud that he was chosen for this honor. Robert is in the top 20% of his class, an athlete-scholar with a litany of associations including honors clubs, leadership awards and community service. He is precisely the sort of young person that the Hispanic Heritage Awards Foundation seeks to reward.

Robert has an unusual determination. This became particularly evident when he badly hurt his knee while playing tennis. He went through two and one half months on crutches and hours of physical therapy. His doctors told him he could play tennis again, but would not be competitive due to the seriousness of the injury. He did not let their admonitions deter him from his game.

Robert won this award, not because he had a particularly good year, but because he has been a steady, reliable athlete and has always been in it for the long haul. His coach credits him with holding his tennis team together during a transition and leading them to the regional level.

This young man is more than an athlete; he is a scholar, a young leader in his school and community, and he volunteers his time to teach tennis to younger people in the community. He is a National Honor Society member, captain of his tennis team, and has a grade point average of 3.74.

The Hispanic Heritage Awards celebrates the achievements of outstanding Hispanic Americans in the arts, literature, leadership, education and sports. The awards program provides an important service to the community and youth by profiling Hispanic American role models. The awards, which are endorsed by 34 national Hispanic organizations who serve as the nominating committee, is the only program co-hosted by all of these organizations.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in commending Robert Anguiano for his accomplishments and his quiet leadership in the classroom and on the tennis court, and in commending the Hispanic Heritage Awards for their efforts in rewarding the excellence among our young people.

A TRIBUTE TO A VETERAN, HERB KING

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2000

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Herb King who is being honored on September 8th at the California Gay Veterans Memorial Dinner as the winner of the Sheila Kuehl Leadership Award.

Herb is a long-time friend. He was born in September, 1918 and graduated from the Boston Latin School, the oldest public school in the United States. He attended the University of Massachusetts in Amherst and graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in June, 1940 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology and Public Health.

He went on active duty as a reserve Army Second Lieutenant in October of 1940. When Pearl Harbor was attacked the following December, he volunteered for field duty, served in the North African and Italian campaigns, and reached the rank of Major and a Battalion Commander.

At the Quartermaster Subsistence Research Laboratory in Chicago, Herb developed the formula for a concentrated ration that was designated as the "K" Ration, based on his

last name. After World War II, he became an industrial engineer in the food industry, designing food processing plants. He retired over 20 years ago.

Herb has been on the executive board of the California Democratic Party, twice a delegate to the Democratic National Convention, a member of the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America since it was founded in 1990, and a founding member and participant of the Federation of Gay Games. He was one of four gay and lesbian veterans who participated in a nation-wide bus tour in 1993, promoting equal rights for gays and lesbians in military service. Herb currently writes a regular column for the San Diego Gay and Lesbian Times and is a member of the San Diego Gay and Lesbian Band.

The Sheila Kuehl Leadership Award that Herb is receiving is named for California State Assemblymember Sheila Kuehl. The proceeds from this Memorial Dinner will be dedicated to building California's first Lesbian Gay and Bisexual Veterans Memorial in Palm Springs.

As a Member of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, I am pleased to recognize Herb King for his military service to our nation and for his friendship and support.

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH OF SAGINAW

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2000

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise and give thanks to the First Congregational Church of Saginaw for the devotion its members have shown to the community, serving as a beacon of hope to those mistakenly sounding the death knell for a vibrant city on the cusp of a renaissance.

The church's story is one of survival and perseverance through many struggles, toils and tears. Members first gathered together in 1857, constructing the present church building in Romanesque Revival style in 1868 with plans by Detroit architect Gordon W. Lloyd. A fellowship hall, school wing, the Bethlehem Chapel and the former Mary E. Dow House designed by Alden B. Dow were added later.

Visitors to First Congregational cannot help but cast an awestruck eye on its elegant beauty and the inspiration its sanctuary gives to all who stand in it. The original sanctuary windows were replaced with magnificent stained glass, adding a special touch to the stately 1913 Louis Comfort Tiffany window in the north transept. The church, a bulwark ever-changing, did more building and restoration in 1973 following a fire that destroyed the sanctuary roof.

Churches, however, are more than bricks and mortar. First Congregational members have included names familiar to Saginaw's history, such as Morley, Wickes and Frank Andersen. Today's members continue to take a lead-by-example approach by participating in PRIDE, the East Side Soup Kitchen, Hidden Harvest, Habitat for Humanity, the Saginaw Community Foundation, the Saginaw Choral Society and many other groups. With an an-

nual Musical Arts Concert, they also offer an ear-pleasing addition to the city's cultural bounty.

Recently, the church agreed to provide college scholarships to all incoming Central Intermediate School sixth-grade students who graduate from high school and go on to college.

Mr. Speaker, this clearly is a church that has taken its Christian mission to heart by not abandoning Saginaw, but instead acting as a good neighbor in finding ways to improve the lives of its residents.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JACKSON COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2000

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 75th anniversary of the Jackson County League of Women Voters.

The League of Women Voters of the United States was formed in 1920 by suffragettes who wanted to ensure that the newly enfranchised women would be informed about the voting process and about how to vote. Five years later, a group of women in Jackson County began a league locally.

For 75 years the Jackson County League of Women Voters has helped all voters, men and women, to prepare for elections. The League has held demonstrations on how to vote, sponsored forums for candidates to explain their views and published election guides. For several decades, League members have served in Jackson County as deputy registrars, registering voters at local events and stores.

The League believes in open and accountable government. Locally, it promoted the City Manager form of government for the City of Carbondale and has studied the professionalization of and the various forms of both city and county government. For many years before the advent of the Open Meetings Act which requires that public bodies post agendas and hold open meetings, the League sent observers to many public meetings as a reminder to public officials about the citizens whom they serve.

The Jackson County League of Women Voters has also helped to desegregate the schools, integrate the neighborhoods, develop recycling and other environmental programs, create standards for large scale livestock farms and ensure the safety of the drinking water. The League has also published a guide to mental health services in the County and a booklet about county offices. Nationally, the League has studied issues as wide-ranging as national security, urban transportation and health care.

Currently, the League of Jackson County is working to break the cycle of violence in children by ending aggressive behavior in schools, a project through the local health department. It is examining the forms of election of Illinois State legislators and promoting cam-

paign finance reform. The League sponsors a series of talks by local county officials on local issues. It is studying the need for a new County Courthouse and other facilities. The League is also encouraging voters to take a friend to vote, as a means to encourage citizens to vote. The League of Women Voters adheres to the belief that democracy is not a spectator sport.

The League of Women Voters is open to men and women, at least 18 years of age. The League is non-partisan, but involved in many efforts in our communities. Always, the focus of the League is encouraging active citizen involvement and participation in the community and in the government.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the men and women of Jackson County on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Jackson County League of Women Voters.

IN SUPPORT OF VAWA
REAUTHORIZATION

HON. PATSY T. MINK

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2000

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge the leadership of the House of Representatives to schedule floor action on the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), which expires this year.

The Violence Against Women Act, H.R. 1248, was reported out of the House Judiciary Committee on June 27, 2000. With 216 co-sponsors, H.R. 1248 enjoys strong bipartisan support. It reauthorizes current VAWA grant programs for 5 years, makes targeted improvements, and adds important new programs.

The passage of the Violence Against Women Act in 1994 was one of the greatest accomplishments of the 103rd Congress and the Clinton Administration. Since 1995, VAWA grants have provided a major source of funding for national and local programs to reduce rape, stalking, and domestic violence. The 1994 Act bolstered the prosecution of child abuse, sexual assault, and domestic violence cases; provided services for victims by funding shelters and sexual assault crisis centers; increased resources for law enforcement and prosecutors; and created a National Domestic Violence Hotline.

VAWA has made a difference in the lives of millions of women, but we need to do more. We must ensure that we adequately address the needs of all victims of domestic violence and sexual assault including immigrant women, older women, women with disabilities, and women of color. We must help women who are trying to escape domestic violence by providing transitional housing and legal assistance services.

H.R. 1248 vastly improves VAWA by strengthening the existing provisions and by adding new provisions to address dating violence, reach underserved populations, facilitate enforcement of state and tribal protective orders nationwide, provide transitional housing, create programs for supervised visitation