

The Porters and others who bequeath their land in a conservation easement often receive some tax incentives. With today's soaring land values in California, estate taxes can often be a real burden, and conservation easements can provide some relief.

But the Porters' decision went far beyond good business sense. Increasingly in California, we are dependent upon farmers and ranchers to act as stewards for our rapidly vanishing farm land and open space.

And the Porters have clearly risen to the occasion. This family embodies what is best about our California heritage—deep reverence for our shared past and great concern for our destiny.

These actions should serve as a model for land owners in California. Land assets should be used to preserve the heritage of our great state and our families, for the benefit of all who ever live among us. I encourage others to follow the Porters' example.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. PAUL H. KRALMAN

HON. DAVID D. PHELPS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2000

Mr. PHELPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize one of my district's leaders in veterans affairs, Mr. Paul H. Kralman. A lifelong resident of Effingham, IL, Mr. Kralman first served his country in World War II. Since that time he has been a member of the Effingham American Legion Post No. 120, and he has held many offices within the post including Department Vice-Commander of the Fifth Division of Illinois. Mr. Kralman also served as the Veterans Service Officer with the state of Illinois for many years. His most recent efforts have been with the Effingham County Veterans Assistance Commission where he resides as superintendent. At the end of this year Mr. Kralman will retire at the age of 82.

Mr. Kralman has helped numerous veterans in my district receive their benefits. He was awarded the site for a Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic which has helped numerous veterans receive medical help close to home. Through his dedication and hard work, the Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic is a great success.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I say congratulations to Mr. Paul Kralman on his excellent accomplishment. Due to his dedication to his fellow veterans, it is clear that Mr. Kralman is an asset to our country and the people who fought for it.

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ACHIEVES NATIONAL HISTORIC
LANDMARK STATUS

HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2000

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, today I inform my colleagues that Emmanuel Episcopal Church

in Pittsburgh, PA, was recently designated a National Historic Landmark.

In order to be designated as National Historic Landmark, a structure must be determined to be "historically, architecturally, or technologically important to the nation as a whole." Emmanuel Episcopal Church certainly meets this standard.

Emmanuel Episcopal Church is the last church designated by the famous American architect, Richard Henry Hobson Richardson. It is an enduring example of his widely acclaimed "Richardson Romanesque" style. Emmanuel Episcopal Church is the only Richardson-designed church in Pennsylvania, and it is one of three striking buildings in Pittsburgh that Mr. Richardson designed. Emmanuel Episcopal Church is often referred to as Richardson's "small masterpiece" because it was built on a lot measuring only 50 feet by 100 feet in size. Since Emmanuel Episcopal Church was the last church that Mr. Richardson designed, it can legitimately claim to be one of the most advanced examples of this distinguished architect's singular vision. Mr. Richardson himself claimed that his Pittsburgh buildings—Emmanuel Episcopal Church, the Allegheny Courthouse, and the Allegheny County Jail—were his best work.

The church was dedicated in 1886 and cost only \$12,000 to build, but it is characterized by intricate brickwork, a steep slate roof, well-proportioned windows and doors, and a plain rounded apse. All of the buildings' original features—with the exception of its wrought iron gas chandeliers, which have been replaced with electric lights—have been faithfully preserved.

I should note that this important accomplishment was primarily the result of the efforts of one long-term Pittsburgh resident, Mary Ellen Leigh, with the support of Emmanuel's Vicar, the Reverend Don C. Youse, Jr., and the church's congregation. I commend her for all of her hard work and her dedication to this important project.

I am pleased that Emmanuel Episcopal Church has been designated a National Historic Landmark. It is my hope that this designation will help in efforts to preserve this important architectural treasure and help to promote the cause of historic preservation in Allegheny County and across the country.

HONORING THE ATHLETES OF
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY AND
THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2000

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, I want to commend the athletes from the Santa Clarita Valley and the greater San Fernando Valley for their outstanding performance in the games of the XXVIIth Olympiad, which began on September 15, 2000 in Sydney Australia. The majority of the San Fernando Valley lies within the 25th Congressional District. If the Greater San Fernando Valley was its own country, it would rank 14th in the gold medal count, just behind Hungary.

The Olympians exemplify all that is right with America. To become a member of the United States Olympic Team, the athletes needed tremendous discipline to maintain grueling training schedules. They made personal sacrifices in order to reach their goals and have continually displayed outstanding sportsmanship. They are truly a credit to our country.

Olympians who call the 25th Congressional District home include Adam Setliff, who placed fifth in the men's discus throw; Crystl Bustos, member of the women's softball team which won the gold medal; Anthony Ervin, winner of a gold medal in the men's 50-meter freestyle and a silver medalist in the men's freestyle relay; Mark Crear, winner of a bronze medal in the men's 110-meter hurdles; and Maurice Greene, who won a gold medal in the men's 100-meter race as well as a gold medal in the men's 100-meter relay.

The efforts of these athletes are reflected not only in their collective medals but in the respect of every American. I would like to thank the Olympians for their tireless effort, dedication and contribution to America.

THE GRAND OPENING OF THE MICHAEL A. GRANT BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB IN AUSTELL, GEORGIA

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2000

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the Boys and Girls Club of Cobb County, Georgia for its hard work, and congratulate this organization, and the many men and women who constitute its work force, on the grand opening of the Michael A. Grant Boys and Girls Club located in Austell, Georgia.

The Boys and Girls Clubs of America is an outstanding organization which provides children, particularly disadvantaged children, with programs and services that promote and enhance the development of boys and girls by installing a sense of competence, usefulness, belonging and influence.

In 1956, the Boys Clubs of America celebrated its 50th anniversary and received a U.S. Congressional Charter. In 1990, the national organization's name was changed to the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. Accordingly, Congress amended and renewed the charter.

I commend the Boys and Girls Club for its dedication and commitment too positively influencing the lives of boys and girls every day, and for its outstanding leadership throughout our community and the country.

NATIONAL CHEMISTRY WEEK

HON. ROBERT A. BORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2000

Mr. BORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the week of November 5th to November