

11th in Pennsylvania as "National Chemistry Week". During this week the American Chemical Society volunteers should be commemorated for their efforts to increase public awareness about the crucial role chemistry plays in everyday life. It is vital to recognize that this science gives us the power to understand and to use the elemental building blocks of all material things.

The American Chemical Society is the largest organization of its type in the United States. The Philadelphia branch of the organization is not only the largest section in Pennsylvania, but also one of the most active in the entire nation. This is quite an accomplishment for our state, as there are nearly 200 sections across the United States.

During National Chemistry Week, many local companies and universities in the Philadelphia area will be involved and volunteer their time to celebrate and make an impact among the community about the benefits and necessity of chemistry. Their commitment to spreading the values of chemistry is of great importance, as the science of chemistry provides the fundamental understanding required to deal with many of society's needs, including several that determine our quality of life and economic strength.

People involved in the chemistry field use the science and their knowledge to help feed the world's population, tap new energy sources, clothe and house humanity, provide renewable substitutes for dwindling or scarce materials, improve health, conquer disease, strengthen our national security, and monitor and protect our environment.

Mr. Speaker, National Chemistry Week should be honored for directing our attention to the myriad contributions of their science to the service of all humanity. I congratulate all who participate in this field and who dedicate themselves to creating a week for the entire nation to learn from and enjoy.

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY RECOGNIZES THE NEW JERSEY SHADE TREE FEDERATION FOR 75 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2000

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the New Jersey Shade-Tree Federation and its on-going dedication to preserving our communities. I applaud the work of the Federation in striving towards a delicate balance between our community's desires to expand, and our environment's need for smart, sustainable growth.

The roots of the Shade Tree Federation can be traced back to September 27, 1910. For it was on this date that the State Forester, with the approval of the Forest Commission, called on the executives of 124 municipalities. Some 30 delegates from 24 cities, towns and boroughs gathered to discuss ways to advance and protect the interests of shade trees throughout New Jersey. At the conclusion of this conference, the attendees unanimously voted to form a permanent association to protect and foster the interests of Shade Trees.

In 1924 the State promoted future growth of the Federation by passing the County Shade-Tree Act. Then, in 1925, the Department initiated the movement for closer collaboration among the shade-tree commissions in the State and organized the "New Jersey Federation of Shade-Tree Commissions."

Since its inception, the Federation has gathered to discuss the important issues of the times, ranging from the advent of chainsaws and bucket trucks to the devastation of Dutch Elm disease and Gypsy Moth outbreaks. One common thread has remained evident throughout the Federation's existence: trees are an important part of people's lives.

Once again, I applaud the efforts of the New Jersey Shade-Tree Federation and ask all my colleagues to join me in recognizing their steadfast commitment to preserving true assets of our communities for future generations.

TRIBUTE TO MARY RAINWATER

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2000

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, it's a great pleasure for me to pay tribute to Mary Rainwater, the executive director of the Los Angeles Free Clinic, for her tireless service to the Los Angeles community. Mary oversees the delivery of vital health services, including free medical and dental care, HIV education, counseling and testing, and prenatal care to tens of thousands of people each year. Her agency also provides job placement and training, low-cost legal assistance, and psychological counseling to support some of the most vulnerable members of our community.

Before coming to the LA Free Clinic, Mary served as an adult literacy tutor, a guidance counselor for inner city youth, and a psychiatric social worker for homeless mentally ill individuals.

In nearly eleven years as executive director, Mary's guidance has helped the LA Free Clinic double its budget and increase fourfold the number of patient visits its professionals provide. Without the LA Free Clinic, many of these patients would not have access to the cancer screening, family planning, and mental health services they need. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has recognized the Hollywood Center, which opened under Mary's watch, as a "Model That Works" to provide comprehensive services to at-risk youth.

In addition to her work with the LA Free Clinic, Mary serves the community through her memberships of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the Board of Directors of the Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County, Free Clinics of the Western Region, and the California Primary Care Association's Executive Committee.

The people of Los Angeles and our entire nation owe Mary a debt of gratitude for her tireless work and tremendous record of achievement.

RECOGNIZING INTERCONTINENTAL TERMINALS COMPANY AS THE DEER PARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2000 INDUSTRY OF THE YEAR

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2000

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate International Terminals Company for being honored as the Deer Park Chamber of Commerce 2000 Industry of the Year. The Intercontinental Terminals Company's commitment to building a better future for the Deer Park community has made it an example that all industry can follow.

Since 1974, the Intercontinental Terminals Company (ITC) and its employees have been responsible members of the Deer Park area, in my district. Originally formed as a grass-roots chemical and petrochemical storage and distribution terminal, ITC has grown to a capacity of over 7 million barrels. Today, ITC owns and operates on a world-scale, for-hire bulk liquid terminal. The company will store and distribute approximately seventy different chemicals, petrochemical, and petroleum products for over 100 customers including Deer Park manufacturers such as Rohm and Haas, Dow, Shell, all connected to the ITC via pipeline.

ITC is responsible for transporting over 2 billion gallons of various products safely, efficiently, and in an environmentally sound manner. Last year, they successfully loaded and unloaded over 600 deep water tankers, 2900 barge tows, 8900 rail cars, and 14,000 tank trucks.

Employing over 140 people, ITC is dedicated to worker safety and environmental performance. As a member of the East Harris County Manufacturers Association, ITC supports its initiatives to foster and maintain a productive relationship between industry and the community. They participate in the Responsible Care Programs and the Local Emergency Planning Committee, and the Deer Park Fire Department annual Toys for Tots campaign. In addition, ITC actively participates in the Deer Park Independent School District Annual Industry Awards Banquet and has financially supported several Deer Park baseball and soccer leagues.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Intercontinental Terminals Company, on being named the Deer Park 2000 Industry of the Year. This is a well-deserved honor for their hard work and dedication in expanding business, instituting initiatives to protect the environment, and a commitment to strengthening the community.