

life in the priesthood as Associate Pastor of St. Bartholomew Parish, Middleburg Heights. Pope John Paul II announced his choice of Father Pilla as Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland on June 30, 1979. The following year he was named the Ninth Bishop of Cleveland.

The Reverend Pilla was well schooled in Philosophy and History. He has also taken a wide variety of positions of responsibility. He was appointed a member of the United States Catholic Conference 1985–1987. His appointment as Vice President of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in 1992 is a testament to the respect he has earned as a religious leader.

Bishop Pilla has always demonstrated the importance of using faith to transcend religious division, and to address the needs of the whole community. As a result, his work has a universal appeal. His pastorals, such as "World Peace" and "A Call for One Another" demonstrate this. Bishop Pilla has been outstanding as a unifying force in the Cleveland community.

I feel blessed to consider Bishop Pilla as one of my personal friends. I have had the opportunity to work with him on a variety of issues for the benefit of the people of Cleveland. Both as a community leader and as a friend, Bishop Pilla has always shown the utmost integrity and honesty. In his work and his life he has shown the highest order of caring for others.

My fellow colleagues, today I speak in recognition of the twentieth anniversary of The Most Reverend Anthony M. Pilla as Bishop of Cleveland.

RECOGNIZING THE PASSING OF
JAMES L. HAIR

HON. MARTIN FROST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2000

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize the passing of Mr. James L. Hair. Jim Hair was a Navy veteran of the Korean War and faithfully served his country as a civil servant for over 30 years with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He was recognized throughout the Corps for his depth of knowledge of the organization, his caring disposition, and his wise counsel.

During his career he accomplished a number of firsts for the Corps. On the Sam Rayburn/Town Bluff hydropower project, he developed the agreements with the local sponsors whereby the sponsors paid 100 percent of the total project costs up front, the first of its kind in the Corps. After the passage of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, he worked on one of the first cost sharing agreements with the city of Austin, Texas. He was the first executive assistant in the Southwestern Division of the Corps of Engineers, a very demanding position that provides a valuable liaison between the Corps and this august body. This is a position he retired from in 1989.

There are several members here today who have benefited from his assistance in developing authorization and appropriation legisla-

tion for much needed civil works projects and programs throughout our great nation. For his outstanding service, he was recognized with the Superior Civilian Service Award from the Secretary of the Army, and most recently, he was selected to the Gallery of Distinguished Civilian Employees of the Southwestern Division Corps of Engineers. He was the epitome of the invaluable civil servant.

Additionally, he was a pillar of his community; the first mayor of the city of Briar Oaks Texas; Chairman of the Board of Directors for a multimillion-dollar credit union; and an active participant on the board of many other civic and private organizations. He was devoted to his wife, Wanda, his family, the Corps, and his country. He passed away on November 26, 2000, in Fort Worth, Texas, at the age of 68. Jim Hair, a truly great American, will be sorely missed by his family, friends and the nation.

CONGRATULATING NICK ROWE OF
MORAVIA, NEW YORK

HON. AMO HOUGHTON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2000

Mr. HOUGHTON. Mr. Speaker, today I congratulate Nick Rowe, a star soccer player from the 31st.

On September 12 of this year, Nick, the varsity goalkeeper for the Moravia High School Soccer team, broke a 21-year-old national record for accumulating 1,130 saves. The previous record of 936 saves was set by Brian Siebrasse of Malta, Illinois in 1979—three years before Nick was even born.

Nick was featured in the September 25th edition of Sports Illustrated, and on ESPN in celebration of his record-breaking performance.

So, Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to join Nick's family, friends, and teammates in congratulating him on this outstanding achievement. We all wish him well on his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF
CONGRESSMAN CHARLES CANADY

HON. MICHAEL BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2000

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take the opportunity to recognize the service and accomplishment of one of our colleagues, Congressman CHARLES CANADY. As the representative for the people of the 12th district of Florida, CHARLES CANADY has made significant contributions to the legislative debate on a number of important issues facing both the state of Florida, as well as the nation as a whole. The people of Florida, and his colleagues in the House, will miss his presence and leadership.

As a result of his service and diligent efforts, Congressman CANADY has been able to achieve significant legislative accomplishments. He introduced and worked to secure passage of the Lobbying Disclosure Act, the

first significant reform of lobbying regulations in over a generation. To accomplish this difficult goal, CHARLES took a bipartisan approach and reached across party lines to pass this important legislation without amendments that would have diluted the bill's effectiveness.

Congressman CANADY has also been an active proponent for the freedom of religious expression. To that end, he introduced the Religious Liberty Protection Act, which protects against government encroachment on free religious expression in public places, and that bill was subsequently passed by the House of Representatives.

More recently, I had the pleasure to work with CHARLES and the other members of the Florida Delegation on one of the most significant pieces of environmental legislation this nation has ever passed, the Everglades Restoration bill. As a member of the Florida Delegation, Congressman CANADY can take pride in knowing that his work will contribute to the economic, environmental, and cultural vitality of the state, saving this precious national treasure for generations to come.

We will all miss the contributions and camaraderie CHARLES has shared with us. This will be an exciting time in the lives of the Canady family, as they await the birth of their second child. As a friend and fellow Floridian, I wish CHARLES, his wife Jennifer, his daughter Julie Grace, and the newest addition to the Canady family, the best as they embark upon a new chapter in their lives. I look forward to working with CHARLES in other capacities in the future as he continues his service to the people of Florida.

IN HONOR OF SENATOR GRACE L.
DRAKE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Ohio State Senator Grace L. Drake. As senator she held a most distinguished political career, marked by numerous accomplishments and awards. Today, as her 17 years of service to the Ohio State Legislature is coming to a close, I offer my recognition and admiration for her exalted work.

Appointed to the office of State senator in May 1984, Senator Drake was re-elected handily in November of the same year. She has served on numerous committees throughout her tenure. Most recently, she served as chair of the Senate Health Committee since 1989, and as a member of the committees on Rules, Reference, and Ways and Means.

Widely recognized as one of Ohio's outstanding legislators, she has introduced over 146 pieces of legislation, passing over 60 of them. This remains a record unmatched by any current member of the Ohio General Assembly. Recognizing Senator Drake's hard work and dedication to the people of Ohio, Ohio Governors, and Senate Presidents have rewarded her with key State appointments to the powerful State Controlling Board, chairman of the Retirement Study Committee, and the first chairman of the Women's Policy and Research Commission, among numerous others.