

Grace's energy, foresight, fierce determination and firm conviction. We will miss her in the fights that lie ahead, but her spirit will continue to inspire and guide our actions.

IN HONOR OF THE NORTH  
OLMSTED MUNICIPAL BUS LINE  
(NOMBL)

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 6, 2000*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I honor Ohio's oldest municipally owned bus system, the North Olmsted Municipal Bus Line (NOMBL), which is celebrating 70 years of service to the community of North Olmsted and surrounding suburbs.

NOMBL, located in North Olmsted, serves over one million customers annually, having come a long way since the line's first red and white-painted bus made its first official trip to Cleveland at 5:15 a.m. on March 1, 1931; the first day's revenue was \$24.65.

NOMBL was founded after Southwestern Railway decided to discontinue trolley services for the region. Mayor Charles Seltzer, Clerk Elroy Christman, Solicitor Guy Wheeler and resident John Schindler borrowed money to lease two used buses and drove them to Columbus, Ohio to get the vehicle licenses necessary to operate a bus line. With consistent and continued dedication to service and commitment to excellence, NOMBL buses became a landmark in Cuyahoga County.

Today, the active 40-coach fleet operates seven different routes under a contract with the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (RTA). Operating under this agreement since 1975, NOMBL maintains operation and city ownership while having access to new buses and equipment, technologies, natural gas fueling capabilities, and garage space, enabling the line to better serve customers. Evolving through appearance changes, service expansions and various partnerships, NOMBL has remained committed to dependable and faithful service, with much thanks given to and appreciation for its dedicated and responsible employees.

Mr. Speaker, let us recognize the achievements of the NOMBL, which will be honored at the 70th Anniversary Luncheon on March 1, 2001, for 70 years of service.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE EXCELLENCE OF THE READING JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL ESTEEM TEAM

**HON. ROB PORTMAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 6, 2000*

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I honor the Reading Junior-Senior High School Esteem Team, which received Ohio's 2000 BEST Practices Award on October 10, 2000. The BEST Practices Award honors groups that improve the performance of Ohio's stu-

dents through innovative, effective approaches to common education challenges.

The Esteem Team has an outstanding record of positive results. I have met and worked with several members of the Team, and I can say firsthand that their work has made a very significant difference in the Cincinnati community.

The Team was founded in 1989 by three senior students at Reading Junior-Senior High School. The goal of the program is to instruct and motivate other students to lead safe, healthy lifestyles. The group is student-run, and, since 1989, it has blossomed from a handful of members to its current count of almost 90. Molly Flook Woodrow, who teaches special needs students at Reading Junior-Senior High School, serves as the Team's advisor and has done so since the Team was established.

The Esteem Team members play a critical role in our community by serving as role models and contributors to safe, drug-free lifestyles for other students. The Team primarily educates elementary and secondary students by providing current, accurate information on the dangers and often life-threatening effects of drug abuse. Through organized workshops, group discussions, role-playing and informative skits, these young leaders have developed an effective message that teaches students to make good decisions and to be responsible.

The Esteem Team has been instrumental to efforts to reverse substance abuse trends in our area, and we are very fortunate for the hard work of its members. All of us in the Cincinnati area congratulate the Esteem Team on receiving Ohio's 2000 BEST Practices Award.

HONORING FAIR LAWN  
COUNCILWOMAN FLOSSIE DOBROW

**HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 6, 2000*

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to a longtime resident of the Borough of Fair Lawn, New Jersey who is completing her 24th year of service to our community as a distinguished member of the Borough Council. Mr. Speaker, I honor Councilwoman Florence Dobrow, who is better known as Flossie to her many friends and supporters.

Flossie became politically active as part of the Fair Lawn Independent Democrats and was first elected to the Borough Council in 1976. In July of 1981, Flossie became the Borough's 18th Mayor and served one term.

Having earned the support and respect of the people of Fair Lawn, Flossie has been re-elected time and again to the Borough Council and today is recognized in the Hall of Fame of the New Jersey League of Municipalities for her year of public service.

Flossie's accomplishments in Fair Lawn are legendary. The Dobrow Field Complex, which for years has been used by youngsters to play a number of sports, is named in honor of her contributions to our community.

As a founder of the Fair Lawn Garden Club, Flossie created what is popularly known as

"Flossie's Posse," to engage local community members in making certain that shrubs and flowers throughout the Borough are being managed properly.

Simply put, Flossie is a local treasure, much as her cousin Abe Stark was a treasure to Ebbets Field, where his "Hit Sign Win Suit" was a legend of a different kind. With her late husband Saul and her son Ira, she has contributed to Fair Lawn in every respect. Today, Flossie's grandson is the object of her love and devotion.

I understand that Flossie's remarkable years of service to the Borough of Fair Lawn will be the subject of a testimonial dinner that will be held on December 7, 2000. As a proud resident of Fair Lawn, I join my fellow Borough residents in saluting Flossie and the outstanding example she has set for others to follow.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Flossie Dobrow on the occasion of this well deserved tribute and wish her health and happiness in the years to come.

REGARDING INDIA'S FIGHT  
AGAINST TERRORISM

**HON. JIM SAXTON**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 6, 2000*

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, the terrorist attack on the U.S.S. *Cole*, in which 17 young American sailors lost their lives, and 39 were seriously wounded, was but the latest tragic reminder of the threat that the world's democratic nations face from the specter of terrorism. For many years, the United States has worked with our friends and allies to combat the scourge of international terrorism. This cooperation recognizes the mutual enlightened self-interest of democracies that face common threats to develop common means of responding to those threats.

Few countries have suffered as much from international terrorism as India. India, a nation with deeply rooted democratic traditions, must remain vigilant against an ever-present threat of terror fomented from many of the same forces that seek to attack U.S. interests and cause harm to Americans, such as Osama Bin-Laden and the forces associated with his international terrorist network.

That is why I am encouraged to see that cooperation between the United States and India on the anti-terrorism front has been strengthened and deepened. At the two U.S.-India summit meetings this year—one here in Washington the other in New Delhi—a framework for bilateral cooperation in the war against terrorism has been adopted, including establishment of a Joint Working Group on counter terrorism. We should see to it that this cooperation is strengthened and that this Joint Working Group continues to meet productively on a regular basis.

In particular, I am encouraged that the U.S. and India have decided to expand the mandate of the Joint Working Group to include discussion on such issues as narco-terrorism and Afghanistan. During his visit to Washington in September, Indian Prime Minister Vajpayee