

the next century. The Upstate Urban League proves when we come together and give a helping hand, we can overcome any challenge and secure the future for our children.

I offer my sincere thanks and best wishes for their continued success in bringing freedom home to the citizens of the Upstate and South Carolina. I am proud to present the Upstate Urban League, Greenville, SC with the Congressional Spirit of Freedom Award.

EAGLE SCOUT HONORED

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to bring to the attention of my colleagues an outstanding young individual from greater Chicagoland who has completed a major goal in his scouting career. Kevin Michael Fleming, a young man from Evergreen Park, Illinois has attained the rank of Eagle Scout.

Kevin has been actively involved in scouting since 1986 when he joined Tiger Cubs in the Beverly-Morgan Park neighborhood of Chicago. After seven years of progressing through the Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts and Webelos, Kevin joined Boy Scout Troop #430 in June of 1993. While advancing through the Boy Scouts, Kevin demonstrated leadership abilities as a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, Senior Patrol Leader and Quartermaster. In addition, he participated in the Owaspice Scout Camp for five summers, where he earned numerous accolades and completed the COPE program.

Not surprisingly, Kevin Fleming has taken part in many diverse activities as a Boy Scout and a student. Some of his many pastimes have included participation in an annual Thanksgiving Day pancake breakfast fundraiser, as well as various campouts, cycling trips and canoe outings.

It is important to note that less than two percent of all young men in America attain the rank of Eagle Scout. This high honor can only be earned by those scouts demonstrating extraordinary leadership abilities. In light of the commendable leadership and courageous activities performed by this fine young man, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Kevin Michael Fleming for attaining the highest honor in Scouting—the Rank of Eagle. Let us wish him the very best in all of his future endeavors.

HONORING MS. PAULA WOLFF

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Ms. Paula Wolff who is resigning from her position as President of Governors State University (GSU) on March 1, 2000.

Ms. Wolff has a B.A. magna cum laude from Smith College and an M.A. and Ph.D. from the

University of Chicago in political science. Before becoming the President of Governors State University, Ms. Wolff was a tenured professor in the College of Business and Public Service between 1972 and 1976. Since becoming President, she has continued to teach public policy at GSU at least once a year.

Between 1977 and 1991, Ms. Wolff served as Director of Policy and Planning for Governor James R. Thompson. She directed development and implementation of policy for all areas of state government, serving with her staff as liaison to 57 state agencies and chairing six subcabinets composed of their directors, representing 67,000 state employees with over a \$25 billion budget.

Paula Wolff became GSU's President in 1992. Governors State University is the only upper-division university in Illinois. The University, which serves over 9,000 students, has grown by over 22 percent within the past 6 years. Ms. Wolff has maintained a balanced portfolio of programs in the arts and professional areas. Eleven market-oriented programs have been added to the curriculum during Ms. Wolff's tenure.

Paula is married to Wayne W. Whalen, a lawyer, and has five children. She participates in numerous boards and civic activities including the Illinois Courts Commission, the Ariel Capital Management Board, Metropolitan Planning Council, Harris Insight Funds, the Joyce Foundation, the Johnson Foundation and is Chair of the University of Chicago Hospitals Board and a Trustee of the University of Chicago.

It has been my pleasure to work with Ms. Paula Wolff these past 6 years. She has and will continue to be a helpful colleague who is cited for her effectiveness in communicating with employers and legislators. Paula is so dedicated that she has donated her annual pay increases to the student scholarship fund.

I urge this body to identify and recognize others in their congressional districts whose dedication and actions have so greatly benefited America's students, universities and the surrounding communities.

MARLENE MANOWN GOES THE DISTANCE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize a woman who is dedicated to doing whatever it takes to promote the well-being and high self-esteem of young women across the nation. Marlene Manown, a Glenwood Springs, Colorado resident, will join other women who will ride from one coast to the other on their bicycles.

Marlene is part of a group called Girls on the Move, organized by Outward Bound, that uses this trip to help girls all around the nation. During stops along the way, Marlene and the other women will host programs that target raising self-esteem and finding positive role models for women ages 9–18.

Marlene is definitely qualified for this challenge. She has worked as a counselor at

Glenwood Springs High School which means she knows all about what young women face on a day-to-day basis. She also has experience in cycling long distances on tours that, often times, last up to two weeks. This trip will last longer than two weeks, and Marlene will cycle at least 60 miles a day.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I would like to offer this tribute of gratitude to Marlene Manown. She has given selflessly to help young women across the nation.

HONORING HIDDEN TREASURE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

HON. JIM DeMINT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. DeMINT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remind my friends in this chamber that freedom in America is created not by government, but by individuals who take responsibility upon themselves and share in the responsibilities of community. When citizens take this responsibility, local people keep dollars, decisions and freedom in their hands. It is my honor several times each year to present the Congressional Spirit of Freedom Award to members of the 4th District of South Carolina. This non-partisan award goes to individuals, organizations, schools, and businesses that go above and beyond the call of duty to advance the spirit and ideals of freedom and volunteerism in service to the communities of South Carolina.

It is my pleasure today to honor one such group, the Hidden Treasure Christian School in Taylors, SC that has embodied these ideals. This school has cared for hundreds of special needs children from all across the nation. They are recognized as a model school in ministering to the physical, emotional, educational, and spiritual growth of special needs children. They have experienced such a demand for enrollment, they are expanding into a new educational facility to reach out to more children in the community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for the tremendous gift they have given to our community's children, the gift of renewed opportunity for success.

It is an honor to serve constituents of such high character and dedication to the service of others. I offer my sincere thanks and best wishes for their continued success in bringing freedom and prosperity home to all the citizens of the Upstate and South Carolina. I am honored to award the Hidden Treasure Christian School with the Congressional Spirit of Freedom Award.

A TRIBUTE TO THE 1999 "SENIOR CITIZENS OF THE YEAR"

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the winners of my 1999 "Senior Citizens of the Year" competition. Every year,

I select twenty seniors that show exceptional vitality and service to the people of the 3rd District of Illinois. Local civic groups and government leaders nominate many outstanding seniors. Then I have the very difficult task of selecting the best of the pool. This year's winners are: Mary Alexa, Virginia Bannon, Dolores Cizek, Robert DeNovo, Cynthia Evenhouse, Frances Green, Alice Horton, Lillian Joly, George Kostakis, Irene Nichols, Harriet Niemiec, Helen Barber Olson, Dr. Shirley Verdugo-Perez, Raymond Rushton, Kurt Schalk, Lorraine Seymour, Evelyn Talerico, Eleanor Trzeciak, Alexander Walter and Theresa Wozniak. It now gives me great pride to describe their accomplishments.

Mary Alexa of Berwyn was nominated by the Jolly Friendly Seniors. Mary has been the President of the Jolly Friendly Seniors club for twelve years and is also an officer in the Gold Medallion and Mid-City Bank clubs. She played an instrumental role in merging The Jolly Club with The Friendly Club to create the Jolly Friendly Seniors. Mary also worked for the Sears department stores for fourteen years. The Jolly Friendly Seniors stated in their nomination: "Mary is generous, gracious—well liked by all."

Virginia Bannon of Crestwood was nominated by the Village of Crestwood. Virginia is an active volunteer at the Village's Christmas, Easter, and Halloween activities for children. She also does volunteer work at the Crestwood library and with needy families in Crestwood. Virginia is a member of several organizations including the Crestwood Senior Club, Incarnation Seniors and the Incarnation Women's Club. According to her application: "Virginia displays an unselfish willingness to help others. She sets personal goals aside when called upon to volunteer her time."

Dolores Cizek of Burr Ridge was nominated by Lyons Township Supervisor Patrick Rogers. Dolores has been a village Trustee for Burr Ridge since 1991 and has been an election judge for the last 9 years. She has written commentary columns for several area papers including the Doings and the Downers Grove Reporter. Dolores served on the local school board, District #107, in the 1970s and on the Burr Ridge Planning Commission in the 1980s. According to Supervisor Rogers: "She represents the right stuff in community volunteerism."

Robert C. DeNovo, Sr. of Palos Park was nominated by Deputy Chief Stan Szpytek of the Palos Fire Protection District. Robert is a founding member of the Palos Fire Protection District and is now in his 46th year of active service with the organization. He is an active member of the Palos Fire Fighters Association, the National Fire Protection Association, and the Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts. Robert received special recognition by the Illinois House and Senate for his many achievements and years of service. Deputy Chief Szpytek stated in Robert's application: "At over 75 years of age, Bob still is an integral part of our organization and works at the department on a daily basis."

Cynthia Evenhouse of Palos Heights was nominated by Palos Heights Mayor Dean Koldenhoven. Cynthia is a member of the Christ Community Hospital Women's Auxiliary, and has volunteered over 5,000 hours at the

hospital. For seven years, she has tutored handicapped people through the Friendship Club at the Palos Heights Christian Reformed Church. Cynthia also belongs to her church's choir and the Coffeebreak Bible study group. Mayor Koldenhoven stated in her application: "She always gives generously of her time and talent; she's dependable, loyal and is always there to help others."

Mrs. Frances Green of Bridgeview was nominated by Fran Marie Green and the Women's Active Party of Bridgeview. Frances was a founder of the first PTA charter at a Bridgeview school in 1954. She was also one of three women to start the first Brownie and Girl Scout troops in Bridgeview. Frances volunteers at Little Company Hospital and is Chairwoman of Active Angels, a group that visits the sick and lonely of Bridgeview. She is a 20-year member of the Active Women of Bridgeview and a village resident for 45 years. Fran Marie Green, President of the Women's Active Party of Bridgeview, said: "She has truly served a multitude of people, and in my opinion, she is the Queen of Bridgeview."

Alice Horton of Midlothian was nominated by Thomas J. Murawski, Mayor of Midlothian. Alice is a founder and 22-year director of Coffeehouse, an organization that hosts social gatherings for handicapped adults in the Chicagoland area. In addition, she is active as a nursing home visitor and driver for the disabled to doctor appointments. Alice is a volunteer at Oak Forest Hospital, a member of the St. Vincent DePaul Society, and a member of the Altar & Rosary Society. She is a 54-year resident of Midlothian. In her application, Mayor Murawski said: "Alice continues to live her life in the service of others; she does this quietly and without fanfare."

Lillian Joly of Chicago was nominated by the St. Symphorosa Super Club. Lillian volunteers with the Metropolitan Family Services by visiting handicapped children and shut-ins, including driving shut-ins to doctors appointments, among other locations. She is an active member of several organizations including the Hale Park Club, the Messiah Senior Club, the St. Symphorosa Super Club, and the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Lillian also has received the "Ozanam Award," which is given to St. Vincent DePaul members who demonstrate great service to the poor. St. Symphorosa Super Club President George Kouba stated in her application: "She is a silent and willing giver—a role model for anyone who believes in helping and loving his fellow man."

George Kostakis of Cicero was nominated by Cicero Town President Betty Loren-Maltese. George was the co-founder of Cicero's Neighborhood Watch Program in 1984 and has remained a coordinator of the program. His watch includes 141 blocks throughout Cicero. George is a member of the Morton Anti-Violence Task Force and also writes a column for the Cicero Town News, the town's official newsletter. President Maltese stated in George's nomination: "Very few residents have a lasting impact upon their communities; Mr. Kostakis' work with the Neighborhood Watch has made him an impact resident."

Irene Nichols of Burbank was nominated by Stickney Township Supervisor Louis Viverito. Irene has played an important role in the de-

velopment and success of the Stickney Township Council on Aging since 1978. She is the current President of the Stickney Township Council on Aging, a position she has held since 1998. Irene is also a member of the Circle Senior Club and the Burbank Silvertones Senior Club. Sen. Viverito stated in her application: "Her concern for fellow Senior Citizens is prevalent in any activity she is involved in."

Harriet Niemiec of Oak Lawn was nominated by the St. Louis de Montfort Seniors. Harriet serves as Oak Lawn's Senior Citizens Commissioner. In addition, Harriet is an active volunteer with the PLOWS organization and Christ Hospital. She is also a member of several organizations including the St. Louis de Montfort Senior Citizens Club, the St. Fabian's Senior Citizens Club, the Oak Lawn Senior Citizens Club and the Christ Hospital Volunteers Auxiliary. According To Helen Sula, President of St. Louis de Montfort Seniors: "She is a model citizen and we all would do well to imitate her."

Helen Barber Olson of LaGrange was nominated by the Robert E. Coulter, Jr. Unit No. 1941 American Legion Auxiliary. Helen is a charter member of the LaGrange Historical Society and Robert E. Coulter, Jr. Unit No. 1941. She assisted in the organization of the LaGrange area Chapter 4277 of the AARP, and was instrumental in establishing the LaGrange Community Hospital. She has been a resident of LaGrange for over 50 years. This past year, the LaGrange Chapter of the Business and Professional Women's Club voted her "Woman of the Year." The Robert Coulter Unit noted in her application: "She is still active in many organizations and never fails to contribute her time and money, even when not asked."

Dr. Shirley Verdugo-Perez of Riverside was nominated by Ms. Mila Verdugo. Shirley holds a bachelor's, two masters and a doctorate degree. She also has seven teaching certificates and can speak five different languages. She has been in the education field for the past 32 years, teaching kindergarten through graduate school students. Shirley has volunteered for numerous organizations including Hispanics in Vocational Education, the Merit Conservatory of Music, and the Polish National Alliance Lodge 825. Ms. Mila Verdugo stated in Shirley's nomination: "She sees the glass as half-full no matter what challenges come her way. She has devoted her life to educating her children, motivating her students, and volunteering her time to various community organizations."

Raymond Rushton of Berwyn was nominated by Berwyn Mayor Thomas G. Shaughnessy. Raymond is a Block Captain in the City of Berwyn's Neighborhood Watch Program, where he checks on seniors in extreme temperatures and spreads information about the Watch Program. He is the founder of the Grace Bible Church Senior Citizen Club and is a volunteer for the Berwyn-Cicero Council on Aging. He was a journeyman union electrician, and worked on the dismantling of the Manhattan Project. In his application, Mayor Shaughnessy stated: "He is a shining example to other captains in the Neighborhood Watch Program in his enthusiasm and commitment to our city and his neighbors."

Kurt Schalk of Chicago was nominated by the Clearing Civic League. Kurt is a trustee for

the Clearing Civic League and is in his 5th year as President of the St. Rene Seniors Social Club. In addition, he is a post commander and member of the William McKinley American Legion Post #231. He has been active in Hines Hospital's blood donor program since 1955, and has received recognition from the United Blood Donors. Kurt volunteers with the St. Vincent DePaul Society and is an important booster for the St. Rene School Band. In his application, Rich Zilka, President of the Clearing League stated: "Kurt has realized the full range of life—successful employment, happy marriage, military duty, and civic volunteer work in his 45 years of active community affairs."

Lorraine Seymour of Palos Hills was nominated by Theresa Jania, Senior Service Director of Palos Hills. Lorraine has served as a member of the Palos Hills Senior Advisory Board for 15 years. She has received the "Women of the Year" award from Sacred Heart Church and was given a volunteer award from the PLOWS organization. Lorraine is also active with several organizations including the New Horizon Senior Club, the Second Timers Club, the Sacred Heart Fun Club, and the Sacred Heart Parish Council. Theresa Jania nominated Lorraine because of her "attitude and professionalism, her smiling face and willingness to help every senior who comes within her reach."

Evelyn Talerico of Palos Park was nominated by James and Victoria Talerico. Evelyn is the founder of the oldest restaurant in Bridgeview, Mama Luigi's, which is now in its 52nd year of operation. Currently, she provides daily care and company to her invalid sister-in-law. Evelyn has also served as First Senior Regent of the Bridgeview Women of the Moose and as a First Graduate Regent. In addition, she was the first baby born in Bedford Park. James and Victoria Talerico stated in her application: "She is a fine example for all women today."

Eleanor Trzeciak of Chicago Ridge was nominated by the Chicago Ridge Friendship Senior Club. Eleanor actively volunteers to assist the elderly and sick members of the Chicago Ridge Friendship Senior Club, and has been the group's tour guide for seven years. She has been a member of the club for thirteen years, and is also a member of the St. Louis de Montfort Seniors Club. According to her application, the Chicago Ridge Friendship Club had a vote to nominate a candidate for the Senior Citizen of the Year award. Eleanor was the group's unanimous selection.

Alexander Walter of Indian Head Park was nominated by the Blind & Visually Impaired Support Group of Greater LaGrange. Al serves as the leader of the Blind & Visually Impaired Support Group, where he arranges programs and discussions for the group. Al has volunteered at Hines Veterans Hospital and at the Illinois Veterans Home—Manteno for a number of years, and has given over 2,100 volunteer hours at Hines. He is active in several groups including the Blinded Veterans Association, Hines Blind Rehab Center Alumni, and Amvets: G.I. Joe Post 24. Julia Emery of the Blind & Visually Impaired Support Group stated in Al's application: "His work on behalf of hospitalized veterans and of the most vulnerable has been constant since his discharge from the Navy."

Theresa Wozniak of Chicago was nominated by the St. Camillus Golden Agers Club. Theresa is President of the St. Camillus Golden Agers, an active member of the St. Camillus Holy Name Society, and legislative liaison for the VFW Rhine Post #2729 Women's Auxiliary. She is a volunteer for the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and has received several awards including the "Cook County Sheriff's Medal of Honor" award, the "Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs Volunteer of the Month" award, and recognition from the Chicago City Council for outstanding volunteer service. According to Lucille Budzinski, Secretary of the St. Camillus Golden Agers: "Her cheerful attitude in accepting many volunteer duties encourages other seniors to follow her lead."

I agree with all of the statements submitted by those who nominated the 20 winners. It is community activism and volunteerism that makes Chicagoland a truly great place to live. In the 19th Century, Robert Browning, a British poet proclaimed: "What's a man's age? He must hurry more, that's all; Cram in a day, what his youth took a year to hold." Mr. Speaker, I believe those are important words, and I commend the senior citizens for their great spirit and hard work.

HONORING BLOOM TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Bloom Township High School which is celebrating its 100th Anniversary in the year 2000. Bloom Township High School lies within Illinois School District 206 and my 11th Congressional District.

Bloom Township High School began in 1900 in four rooms rented from Washing School in Chicago Heights, Illinois. Bloom had an initial enrollment of 81 students and three teachers. By 1901, "new" Bloom was built at the southwest corner of Lincoln and Dixie Highways. In 1931, under the leadership of Board of Education President, Harvey Adair, construction began on the Bloom Township High School at 10th Street and Dixie Highway.

In 1934, Principal Rosewell C. Puckett watched his students carry their books and desks down Chicago Road to the new school. The school was a major architectural achievement highlighted by "the Tower", and later enhanced by the fresco murals and limestone statues. The frescoes were painted by Edgar Britton. Edgar Britton used Bloom students as models for the frescoes and show students in the foreground studying the life work that is being carried out in the background by adults. In 1982, Bloom was named as a National Historic Site. Bloom is the first public high school to be so designated.

Bloom has experienced rapid growth over the years that required major additions to the school, including the Industrial Arts building, McCann Gym, the cafeteria, the music and art wing, the Nelson Field House, the Workman Auditorium and the Steckel Library. By 1954,

a separate freshman-sophomore division was built at Cottage Groove and Sauk Trail, which ultimately became its own four-year high school in 1976, named Bloom Trail High School.

The history of Bloom Township High School District 206 has been one of growth and change, with a continuing commitment to quality education and a dedication to meet the needs of a varied student population.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the many teachers, and administrators who have helped to make Bloom Township a success. I wish Bloom a successful year of celebration.

I urge this body to identify and recognize other schools in their congressional districts whose dedication and actions have so greatly benefitted America's students and the surrounding communities.

REMEMBERING HAROLD BAUDUIT, A TELLER OF TALES AND CAP- TAIN OF HIS SOUL

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to share memories of a man that knew no limits when it came to what he wanted out of life. Sadly, Harold Bauduit passed away on January 25, 2000. He was 69 years old.

Harold accomplished many things during his life; he was no stranger to hard work and extra effort. He did so well on military tests that he was told to join the United States Naval Academy. Harold was only the fifth African-American to graduate from the United States Naval Academy. But after graduation, Harold decided he liked the air more than water and he joined the Air Force. During the Vietnam War, Harold was part of the air command based in Thailand flying B-66 aircraft to monitor enemy radar.

When his career in the military ended, Harold turned to education. He earned master's degrees in economics and business, and a law degree. He taught black studies classes at Fort Range Community College and the University of Colorado. He felt very strongly about education and felt that everyone deserved the opportunity to learn.

Harold loved to debate and was always on top of current events. He read the Wall Street Journal every day and kept his TV turned to CNN constantly. He never wanted to be behind on anything.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, I offer this tribute in Harold Bauduit's honor. He truly was an exceptional man who lived life fearlessly.