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 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 Owasippe Scout Camp for five summers, where he earned numerous accolades and completed the COPE program.

His dedication has continued as he has taken part in many Scouting activities including numerous camps 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.

Kevin has also been committed to community service, participating in numerous organizations, including the Owsippe Boy Scout Camp, where he earned numerous accolades and completed the COPE program.

Kevin has demonstrated exceptional leadership abilities, maintaining numerous roles in the Boy Scouts of America, including serving as a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, Senior Patrol Leader, and Quartermaster. His dedication to Scouting has not only contributed to his personal growth but also to the community.

MARLENE MANOWN GOES THE DISTANCE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS
OF COLORADO
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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize a woman who is dedicated to helping others. Marlene Manown, a Glenwood Springs, Colorado resident, has dedicated herself to promoting the well-being and self-esteem of young women across the nation.

Marlene is a dedicated volunteer who has worked tirelessly to help young women develop their sense of self-worth and overcome challenges. Her efforts have been recognized, and she has received numerous awards for her work.

Through her work with the Hidden Treasure Christian School, Marlene has helped countless girls find their confidence and overcome obstacles. Her dedication and commitment to the well-being of young women is truly inspiring.

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

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Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Ms. Paula Wolff for her outstanding contributions to the community. She has been a dedicated public servant and has made significant contributions to the well-being of Illinois.

Ms. Wolff's dedication to public service has been exemplary. She has served with distinction in various capacities, including as a member of the Illinois State Board of Education, the University of Chicago Hospitals Board, and a Trustee of the University of Chicago.

Ms. Wolff's tenure has been marked by her commitment to ensuring that every student has access to quality education. She has worked tirelessly to improve education in Illinois and has been instrumental in the implementation of several important initiatives.

Paula Wolff's contributions to the state of Illinois have been significant. She has been a dedicated public servant and has made a lasting impact on the lives of countless students and families in Illinois.

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 recognize the Hidden Treasure Christian School in Taylors, South Carolina. The school has been a beacon of hope and support for children in need.

Hidden Treasure Christian School has a long-standing tradition of providing a safe and nurturing environment for children. It is committed to helping children develop their full potential and achieve their academic goals.

Their dedication to education and their commitment to the well-being of children is truly inspiring. The school has a strong track record of success, and I am proud to recognize their efforts.

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HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI
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Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the winners of my 1999 "Senior Citizens of the Year" competition. Every year,
EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

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I select twenty seniors that show exceptional vitality and service to the people of the 3rd District of Illinois. Local civic groups and gov- ernment leaders nominate many outstanding Seniors. After my selection, the Chicago Tribune publishes a list of the honored Seniors. The following individuals are among those who have been selected over the years. The Jolly Friendly Seniors club for twenty years and is also an officer in the Gold Me- damillon and Mid-City Bank clubs. She played in the Sear's department stores for fourteen years. The Jolly Friendly Seniors stated in their nomination: "Mary is generous, gra- cious—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 Crest- wood library and with needy families in Crest- wood. Virginia is a member of several organi- zations including the Crestwood Senior Club, Incarnation Seniors and the Incarnation Women's Club. According to her application: "Vi- rginia displays an unsellish willingness to help others. She sets personal goals aside when called upon to volunteer her time."

Delores Cizek of Burr Ridge was nominated by Lyons Township Supervisor Patrick Rogers. Delores has been a village Trustee for Burr Ridge since 1991 and has been an election judge for the last 9 years. She has written commentaries for several area papers including the Doings and the Downers Grove Reporter. Delores 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 re- presents the right stuff in community vol-unteering."

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 its current president and fire chief. He has served as a volunteer in various community organizations in the Palos Park area including the Doings and the Downers Grove Reporter. Delores 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: "He re- presents the right stuff in community vol-unteering."

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the Clearing Civic League and is in his 5th year as President of the St. Rene Seniors Social Club. His mother, and also a member of the West Suburban 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 Zika, 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 Senior Citizens Club, the Senior Bears, the Sacred Heart 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 the United States, the Chicago Ridge Friendship Senior Club. By 1954, the Club had over 300 members, and is an important booster for the Chicago Ridge Friendship Senior Club. In her application, 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 Home for Education and Training 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 Avemts: 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, and is also the President 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 Buzdinski, 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 and added 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 Grove 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 benefited America's students and the surrounding communities.

REMEMBERING HAROLD BAUDUIT, A TELLER OF TALES AND CAPTAIN 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.