

invaluable knowledge that they will use in all of their endeavors. Perhaps even more importantly, they gained a better understanding of law, which will help their growth as informed and participatory citizens.

I applaud the team for their dedication and salute them for their outstanding success.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR MATTHEW M.  
MODLESKI

**HON. JAMES T. WALSH**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 17, 2000*

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, on 31 August 2000, Maj. Matthew M. Modleski is retiring as the Air Force Advisor for the 174th Fighter Wing, New York Air National Guard in Syracuse, NY. He assumed this position in February 1998. In this capacity, he serves as the active duty personnel representative for the 9th Air Force Commander, as well as assisting the 174th Fighter Wing in preparing for mobilization, while attaining the highest possible level of combat readiness.

Major Modleski was born on 22 September 1962 in Hudson, NY. He graduated from West Seneca High School, West Seneca, NY in 1980 and enlisted in the Air Force in July of that same year. He was a Jet Engine Technician until 1983 when he crosstrained into Air Traffic Control. He served as a controller at Dover AFB, DE from April 1984 until September 1987, and was awarded Controller of the Year honors in 1986.

Major Modleski earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Wilmington College, DE in May of 1987 and went on to earn a Masters of Aeronautical Science Degree from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Florida. Major Modleski attended Officer Training School in 1987 and was the Honor Graduate for his class. He completed Undergraduate Pilot Training at Williams AFB, AZ and went on to fly the A-10 Warthog at RAF Bentwater/Woodbridge, UK.

He was an instructor Pilot in the 78th TFS and a Flight Examiner in the 81st TFW. Major Modleski was then assigned to the 355th Wing, 357th FS at Davis Monthan AFB, AZ as the Chief of Standardization and Evaluation and a Flight Commander. In 1993 Major Modleski was the 355th Wing Instructor Pilot of the Year and in 1995 he was selected to be a member of the United States Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, The Thunderbirds. Major Modleski flew as the Opposing Solo during the 1996 Show Season and then as the Lead Solo during the Air Forces 50th Anniversary celebration during the 1997 Show Season. He then began his current assignment as the 174th Fighter Wing Air Force Advisor.

Major Modleski is a senior pilot with more than 2,850 flying hours in the F-16, A-10, T-38, and T-37.

His military awards and decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Meritorious Service Medal, Aerial Achievement Medal with 1 device, Air Force Commendation Medal with 1 device, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, AF Outstanding Unit Award with 3 devices, Combat Readiness Medal, Air Force Good Con-

duct Medal with 1 device, National Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal with 1 device, Humanitarian Service Medal, Air Force Overseas Long Tour Ribbon, AF Longevity Service Award Ribbon with 3 devices, NCO Professional Military Education Graduation Ribbon, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon with 1 device, and the Air Force Training Ribbon with 1 device.

Major Modleski is a member of the Air Force Association as well as the Air Force Daedalians. He is also a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association, and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

Major Modleski resides in Baldwinville, NY, and is married to the former Dianne Reilly of Schaumburg, Illinois.

RECOGNITION OF COBB FAMILY  
RESOURCES 40TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. BOB BARR**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 17, 2000*

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, forty years ago Cobb County, Georgia, witnessed the beginning of an exemplary non-profit organization. The original idea, conceived by its three founders, Fred Bentley Sr., Howard Ector, and Harry Holliday, was the formation of an entity that would unite the social service efforts of six existing emergency aid agencies into one effective unit to be more cost effective and efficient.

In its humble beginnings, with a part-time director and three staff members, the organization was incorporated as Cobb County Emergency Aid Association, Inc. on May 17, 1960, and offered, as its name suggests, help of a short-term nature.

Supported by donations from the community, aided by volunteer efforts, and a board of dedicated local citizens, the organization continued to grow, expanding its assistance to the needy of Cobb County. The agency offered financial aid, food, clothing, and medical supplies to help low income people with temporary setbacks. This emergency aid allowed families and individuals to address the immediate need in their lives.

Even greater assistance was ahead for the needy of Cobb County. In the mid 1980's, Cobb Family Resources, as the organization was later renamed, was fortunate to work with the federal government on programs offering family self-sufficiency and emergency housing for homeless families. With the federal government's policy direction and funding assistance, the agency adopted an effective case-management philosophy which continues today to be the successful core for each of its many programs. Also, with the federal government's assistance in the 1980's, Cobb Family Resources was able to buy its own facility and to expand its housing program for homeless families to include transitional housing and supportive services for long-term help.

Now, after 40 years of service to the community, through the partnership of public, private, and government efforts, Cobb Family Resources is a universally-recognized leader in serving the needs of low-income and home-

less individuals and families in Cobb County, and in changing dependency into self-sufficiency. The housing program, for example, requires clients to have a job or be a full-time student. Residents are required to take Life skills classes, Budget courses, and open a savings account. Tutoring programs are offered for youth, and, for adults, GED training and employment skills, such as resume writing and interviewing techniques.

Let me leave you with the words of a former Cobb Family Resources' client who received help with housing, resume writing, and employment skills; she said:

Having an organization such as Cobb Family Resources really gives single mothers such as myself an opportunity for growth and improvement. When I came to know this agency, I really did not have any idea the relationship that was about to develop. I was simply seeking help to pay my rent due to a sudden lay-off.

I am no stranger to hard work. I am no stranger to hard times. I grew up in one of Atlanta's largest public housing projects . . . but I always strived for better things in my life. Sometimes it seemed as if my hard work was in vain, and then came [Cobb Family Resources].

What Cobb Family Resources has that most organizations of its kind does not, is the help you receive to become self-sufficient. My income that was once poverty level has increased dramatically in the past year. I have better transportation and I no longer receive any public assistance. I do not need it anymore because my job allows me to meet the needs of my family.

Cobb Family Resources provides the comprehensive, organized approach to working with both generations in a family to provide them the tools and skills to take responsibility for themselves, to become—and, more importantly, to remain—self-sufficient and productive members of our community.

HONORING THE EVERETT  
ALVAREZ, JR. POST OFFICE

**HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 17, 2000*

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I am introducing legislation honoring one of our Nation's heroes. This bill will designate a post office in my district the Everett Alvarez, Jr. Post Office Building.

During his life, Mr. Alvarez has faithfully served his nation as a distinguished military officer and public servant. He joined the Navy in 1960 after earning a bachelor of science in electrical engineering from the University of Santa Clara. He also holds a master's degree in operations research and systems analysis as well as juris doctorate.

He served in program management at the Naval Air Systems Command before leaving the Navy in 1980. He was appointed Deputy Director of the Peace Corps in 1981 and was appointed by President Reagan to be Deputy Administrator of the Veterans Administration in 1982 where he stayed until 1986.

After leaving the Veterans Administration, Mr. Alvarez served as vice president for government services for the Hospital Corporation