

a brand new high school in addition to plans to renovated and modernized the elementary schools and junior high.

The presence of Dr. Juliana Texley will surely be missed throughout Anchor Bay Schools. But her legacy as a leader will be seen in every modernized classroom and every successful student that walks the halls of an Anchor Bay school. Please join me in wishing Dr. Texley and her family all the best as she begins her new life.

HONORING THE SILVER BELL CLUB, LODGE 2365 OF THE POLISH NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF THE UNITED STATES

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2000

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that the Silver Bell Club, Lodge 2365 of the Polish National Alliance of the United States, will be hosting the 27th Annual Hank Stram-Tony Zale Sports Award Banquet on May 22, 2000. Nineteen Northwest Indiana High School athletes will be honored at this event for their outstanding dedication and hard work. These exceptional students were chosen to receive the award by their respective schools on the basis of academic and athletic achievement. All proceeds from this event will go toward a scholarship fund to be awarded to local students.

This year's Hank Stram-Tony Zale Award recipients include: Christopher Bruszewski of Wheeler High School; Sara Butterworth of Andrean High School; Doug Dybzinski of Boone Grove High School; Julie Hoover of Merrillville High School; Tim Kacmar of Crown Point High School; Jeannie Knish of Munster High School; Michelle Kobli of Whiting High School; Adam Kowalczyk of Hanover Central High School; Vanessa Krysa of Valparaiso High School; Tom Kubon of Bishop Noll High School; Kari Lukasik of Lake Central High School; Daniel Matusik of Highland High School; Greg Mytyk of Hobart High School; Gary Ray of Lake Station High School; Jonathan Siminski of Hebron High School; David Taborski of Calumet High School; Mark Wachowski of Lowell High School; Kevin Wlazlo of Griffith High School; and Natalie Yudt of Portage High School.

The featured speaker at this gala event will be Mr. Len Dawson. Mr. Dawson was a quarterback for Purdue University as well as the Kansas City Chiefs. With Dawson's leadership, the Chiefs won the AFL Championship in 1962, 1966, and 1969. Dawson quarterbacked for the Chiefs in both of their Super Bowl games, and was selected as Most Valuable Player in Super Bowl IV when the Chiefs upset Minnesota 23-7.

Hank Stram, one of the most successful coaches in professional football history, will also be in attendance at this memorable event. Hank was raised in Gary, Indiana, and graduated from Lew Wallace High School, where he played football, basketball, baseball, and ran track. While attending college at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Hank won

four letters in baseball and three letters in football. During his senior year he received the Big Ten Medal, which is awarded to the conference athlete who best combines athletic and academic success. After college, Hank began coaching in the NFL, where he became best noted for coaching the Kansas City Chiefs to a Super Bowl victory in 1970.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my distinguished colleagues to join me in commending the Silver Bell Club, Lodge 2365 of the Polish National Alliance of the United States, for hosting this celebration of success in sports and academics. The effort of all those involved in planning this worthwhile event is indicative of their devotion to the very gifted young people in Indiana's First Congressional District.

FLOYD D. SPENCE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001

SPEECH OF

**HON. JIM SAXTON**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2000

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4205) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes:

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong support of the Gilchrest amendment to H.R. 4205. The amendment allows the Department of Defense to activate 5 more crucial emergency response teams designated as Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Teams, formerly called RAID teams, to address an emergency event caused by a weapon of mass destruction. As Chairman of the Special Oversight Panel On Terrorism, facts have been revealed to show that an event caused by a terrorist is becoming much more likely. It has also been revealed that first responders to such an event are not currently equipped to handle an incident that includes nuclear, biological, or chemical materials.

There are many adversaries of the United States who are becoming increasingly sophisticated and well financed. So it is not a matter of . . . "if . . . we are attacked by a weapon of mass destruction but . . . "when" . . . we are attacked. Our nation needs to be ready with well-trained teams that can help local first responders in managing such an event. These response teams, as trained and equipped by the Army, are a valuable resource for respective state governors.

Some parts of the country, such as my own area in New Jersey, are densely populated and have a great need for a response team. The New Jersey National Guard and the State of New Jersey needs to have a team that can easily reach the populated areas of its state and the surrounding region. Cities like Philadelphia and Atlantic City just to name two are far from the reach of even the closest response teams currently scattered throughout the country.

It is important that we have enough response teams to be able to work in concert with various agencies such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, Federal Emergency Management Agency, State Police, local law enforcement agencies, fire departments, hospitals, and emergency medical technicians to respond to WMD events all over the country. It is equally imperative that the response team have the means for being mobile so that a team may expeditiously deploy to a region that otherwise would be inaccessible by normal transportation mechanisms.

Mr. Chairman, I applaud the decision by the Secretary of Defense to create an organization that is immediately available to him for that expeditiously deploying resources in the event of a WMD incident. I also urge the Secretary to evaluate methods for enhancing prevention measures to complement the consequence management efforts. As individuals and groups gain an easier time to acquire information, materials, and resources, the need for our senior officials and citizens to have a sense of urgency becomes more evident.

Mr. Chairman, our nation has yet to face a WMD event involving nuclear, biological, or chemical weapons and we owe it to ourselves to be prepared. Some of the nation's most populated region are currently unprepared and unprotected. This amendment will provide a valuable resource that may be applied some of those regions.

I urge other members to emphatically support this measure.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ZOE LOFGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2000

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, there are times when the obligation we have to be a good parent conflicts with the schedule of the House of Representatives. Tomorrow is such a day for me. Accordingly, I would like to note for the record that, were I able to be present tomorrow, I would vote in favor of the Transportation Appropriations bill the House will consider. I appreciate the assistance my district will receive because of this important appropriations bill as well as the courtesy that has been extended to me by both the Chairman and Ranking Member in considering funding requests important to Silicon Valley.

In addition, I have been informed that there will likely be an amendment offered to strike the provisions in this bill that would freeze CAFE standards at their current level. I would also like to note for the record that I would vote in favor of this amendment.