

Ron has displayed a commitment not only to firefighters, but to the entire labor movement. He serves as a member of the Labor Council Executive Board, and as Chair of the Labor Council's Finance Committee, Ron has helped the Council grow and become a stronger organization.

Through his dedication, Ron has done much to advance the cause of the labor movement in our area. My congratulations go to Ron Saathoff for these significant contributions. I believe him to be highly deserving of the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council, AFL-CIO Labor Leader of the Year Award.

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY
RECOGNIZES RAYMOND P. FARLEY

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2000

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the accomplishments of Raymond P. Farley and his contributions to central New Jersey. Over the course of the last thirty-six years, Mr. Farley has worked as a teacher, district supervisor, principal, adjunct college professor, and superintendent.

Mr. Farley has been the Superintendent of the Hunterdon Central Regional High School District since 1990. During his tenure, Hunterdon Central Regional has won a state record three "New Jersey Star School Awards" and nine "New Jersey Best Practices Awards." It was the first ever Malcolm Baldrige Finalist in Education, and it received the Governor's Award for Performance Excellence. Mr. Farley himself was honored as an Earl Murphy Outstanding Educator/Administrator for 1994.

A constant theme in the accomplishments of Mr. Farley is technology. Hunterdon Central Regional High School has been deemed "One of America's Top 100 Wired High Schools" by Family PC magazine. Hunterdon Central Regional has also won the National School Boards Association's "Technology Leadership Award." The Courier News, in its "1997 People to Watch," remarked, "Hunterdon Central Regional High School Superintendent Raymond Farley revamped the school to make it the most technologically advanced public school in the state." Industry is also aware of the accomplishments of Mr. Farley. The President and CEO of Bellcore has said, "Ray is one of our state's leaders in educational telecommunications."

Mr. Farley has not limited his hard work to the halls of the Hunterdon Central Regional High School District. He has traveled as far away as Singapore, and here to the Capitol to lecture about school reform. Throughout his career, Mr. Farley has worked to spread his talents across many geographic and political boundaries.

Mr. Farley has also found time to share his talents with the community. To name a few, Mr. Farley has served on the Board of Directors of the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce, and is on the Board of Regents of St. Peter's College in Jersey City, New Jersey.

Mr. Raymond P. Farley has demonstrated dedication to his goals and to the community.

Friends, colleagues, and family of Mr. Farley are honoring his exemplary career this week. I urge all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Farley's accomplishments.

SALUTE TO MAXINE ALEXANDER

HON. TONY P. HALL

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2000

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I salute Maxine I. Alexander who will celebrate her 80th birthday on May 24, 2000. Maxine is an outstanding example of an individual who successfully balanced career and family by working hard, caring for loved ones, and serving others.

Maxine was born in Aurora, Nebraska, where she put the values of caring and serving into action early, becoming a schoolteacher for the Aurora public schools at the age of 17. She continued to serve her community as clerk of the Draft board during the 50's, before going to work for the Bureau of Reclamation with assignments in Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado.

Maxine retired in 1987 after a 50-year career and settled in Oakhurst, California where she has spent her retirement traveling and spending time with her family that she loves very much. She is the Mother of 5 children, Grandmother to 13, and Great grandmother to 18. I know that all of her family joins me in congratulating her on her 80th birthday and thanking her for her life of service and caring. Happy Birthday Maxine.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
NATHANIEL R. JONES

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2000

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to a friend and distinguished constituent, the Honorable Nathaniel R. Jones, who will receive the Distinguished Service Citation from the National Conference for Community Justice (NCCJ) on May 25. Judge Jones was selected for this esteemed award for his outstanding work, personally and professionally, that has promoted the cause of inter-group understanding in our community.

Judge Jones was born and raised in Youngstown, Ohio. He served our nation in the Air Force during World War II. Following the war, he attended Youngstown State University, graduating with degrees of Bachelor of Arts in 1951 and Juris Doctor in 1956. In 1957, he was admitted to the Ohio Bar.

In 1961, Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy named Judge Jones an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, where he served for nearly 7 years. He continued his service as Assistant General Counsel to the Kerner Commission, studying the causes of urban riots in the 1960s. In 1969, Judge Jones was asked to serve as General Counsel for the National Association for the

Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). For 10 years, he worked tirelessly for the NAACP, organizing and arguing a number of cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. In 1979, he came to the Cincinnati area after President Carter appointed him to serve on the U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit.

Judge Jones is deeply involved in legal education, having taught at the University of Cincinnati College of Law and a number of other law schools. He recently was chosen to deliver the inaugural Judge A. Leon Higginbotham Distinguished Memorial Lecture at Harvard Law School. He also regularly writes and lectures on a wide range of legal and social issues.

Judge Jones played a role in helping to end apartheid in South Africa; monitored the election process leading to Namibia's independence; participated in a U.S.-Egypt Judicial Exchange program; and went to the Soviet Union in 1986 to meet with officials in connection with human rights.

Judge Jones has received numerous awards and distinctions, including the Millennium International Volunteer Award from the State Department. In addition, Congress recently named the new federal courthouse in Youngstown, Ohio after Judge Jones.

Among his extensive list of civic activities locally and nationally, Judge Jones serves as a Co-Chair of the Board of Trustees for the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, and as Co-Chairman of the Roundtable, which works to broaden the involvement of minorities in the legal profession.

Judge Jones and his wife currently live in Mt. Lookout. They have four children and six grandchildren. One of his children, a former law colleague of mine, Stephanie Jones, currently serves as a Chief of Staff to a Member of Congress. We are most fortunate for his service and commitment to our nation and local community, and I congratulate him on this well deserved honor.

BILL TWEET: LABOR TO NEIGHBOR
AWARD

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2000

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, and colleagues, today I recognize Bill Tweet, as he is honored by the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council, AFL-CIO, at its 12th annual Worker's Memorial Dinner with its Labor to Neighbor Award.

As Business Manager of Ironworkers Local 229, Bill has been one of Labor to Neighbor's strongest supporters. This vital program educates and involves union members and their families in the campaign to protect jobs and the future of working people in San Diego and Imperial Counties. By sponsoring the annual Labor to Neighbor Golf Tournament, Bill has helped to raise funds for member education and voter registration programs. Ironworkers Local 229 has also been a leader in staffing phone banks, walking precincts, and registering union members.

Bill's dedication to strengthening the Labor to Neighbor Program and the San Diego