

innovators in public protection and public safety. In 1923 he patented the nation's first traffic signal, which was used throughout North America before being replaced by our current system. Seven years earlier Mr. Morgan had made national news for using a gas mask that he had developed to enable him to go into a tunnel under Lake Erie to rescue several trapped men. In his honor, the Program was created to better prepare America's students—with math, science, and technology skills—for entering the transportation workforce in the 21st century.

Following are the winning poems. I'm sure all of my colleagues join me in congratulating all of this year's participants.

Region 1: ME, MA, NH, RI, CT, VT

1st Place: *Emily Erkinen Clinton Middle School Clinton, MA*

An Airplane can fly very high. I would like to fly an airplane. Right through the clouds I would go. Pilots drive the airplane. Lots of birds fly along. A great way of transportation. Now the airplane has landed. End of the ride, let's go home.

2nd Place: *Kerri McCarthy Clinton Middle School Clinton, MA 01510*

How that hot air balloon floats up in the sky Oh look, there's another and another and one more oh my That one has purple all over the tie And Look! I see a purple line I think I see a blue one too Round and round the higher it floats Balloons float up in the air And all of them spread everywhere Look at the purple one Look at the blue Oh how pretty they look don't you think they do? Oh no one just popped what are we going to do! Now I'm off bye, bye, I do miss you too!

3rd Place: *Jack Bavaro Clinton Middle School Clinton, MA 01510*

Hot Air balloons don't go very far They're even slower than a car. But they can glide in the sky. Just like a bird flying high.

Region 1: ME, MA, NH, RI, CT, VT (Grades 4-6)

1st Place: *Mackenzie Bernier E. S. Brown School Swansea, MA 02777*

"TRANSPORTATION"

What makes transportation really neat, Is that we no longer have to use our feet. We can ride a bike, or drive a car, We can take a plane to go very far. We can hop on a bus to get out of the rain. We can catch a subway, or take a train. There are ferry boats and cruise lines too, And trolley cars for me and you. There are great big trucks for moving freight, And limos for that special date. Who knows, someday very soon, There might be transportation to the moon!!

2nd Place: *Timothy Leger, Thacher Elementary School Attleboro, MA 02703*

"TRANSPORT"

Trains transfer trucks to Turkey. Cars carry crackers to Colorado. Submarines ship snowboards somewhere. Dump-trucks deliver dirt to Denver. Helicopters haul huge hats. Canoes carry cats to California. Boats bring bicycles back.

3rd Place: *Krista Duchnowski Clinton Middle School Clinton, MA 01510*

No boats, planes, cars? Walking on your own two feet? Not in this day and age. Walk to school? Carry my books? Take the bus I say. Dream of crossing the ocean? Never see France? Let's fly my friend. Paddle to the islands? Take a raft? Hey dude, fire up the motor! Run across the country? Get tired and SWEAT? Chugga, chugga, take the train!

Walk, run, paddle, WORK? Do it yourself? Transportation does it for me!

Region 1: ME, MA, NH, RI, CT, VT (Grades 7-8)

1st Place: *Caroline Flannagan Clinton Middle School Clinton, MA 01510*

Cavemen used the feet they had Until the idea of a wheel we had Ships allowed us to sail the seas Making men's dreams realities The car was invented as time went by Orville and Wilbur soon did fly Rockets and space-ships were shot into space Bringing man to a whole new place Transportation keeps us on the go In the future we don't know.

3rd Place: *Luke Nickerson Clinton Middle School Clinton, MA 01510*

Henry Ford, and the Wright Brothers were men with vision, Just like the man who invented the television. This Country uses modes of transportation like planes, autos, and trains To go to work so that we can invent more, and use our brains. Now that we have reached a destination, Aren't you proud of this great nation? For the resources and modes of transportation, Just think, in 1969 of Armstrong and space exploration. We need to stop, and think of where we are going, If flight is in your plans, try a 747 Boeing.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES MEIER

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 2000

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize Charles Meier of Okawville, IL. Charles was recently inducted into the Illinois Jaycees Recruiters Hall of Fame.

He was inducted for his successful efforts to recruit many new members into the club during his 21 years as a Jaycee. His recruitment efforts have brought in new members from an area that extends from Steeleville and Waterloo to Interstate 64.

I want to congratulate Charles on receiving such a prestigious honor. I wish him the best as he continues to serve.

IN HONOR OF THE CONCERNED CITIZENS OF BAYONNE ON ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT MENEDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 2000

Mr. MENEDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Concerned Citizens of Bayonne (CCB) on its 30th anniversary.

Founded in 1970 by Frank P. Perrucci, CCB was established as an instrument for concerned citizens to take action on a variety of national and state issues. CCB is a perfect example of the influence that a civic organization can have on our political system. This organization levels the playing field, providing ordinary citizens with the opportunity to affect the political process, reducing the disproportionate influence of special interest groups.

The CCB supports several community organizations and charities: the Bayonne Hospital

Cancer Treatment Center; the Windmill Alliance; Deborah Hospital, the Bayonne PAL; Bayonne Little League; Bayonne Babe Ruth Baseball; the Bayonne Family YMCA Day Care Center; and Bayonne for the Battleship New Jersey, Inc.

CCB actively supports fines and jail terms for ocean dumping, opposes self service gas stations in New Jersey, and has opposed extreme wrestling exhibitions in Bayonne.

Committed to helping its community, CCB is a strong advocate for senior citizens, conducts activities for the veterans at the East Orange V.A. Hospital, and has been a participant in Toys for Tots for the past thirty years.

In 1990, on its 20th anniversary, CCB established the Frank P. Perrucci Scholarship Award, and in 1995, on its 25th anniversary, established the Frank P. Perrucci Civic Achievement Award to recognize extraordinary individuals who have volunteered their time and efforts for important causes.

Today, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the Concerned Citizens of Bayonne for its commitment and active participation in our political system and for its contributions to our community. I especially want to thank Frank Perrucci, his wife Jean Perrucci, and CCB President Joanne Kosakowski.

HONORING THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF THE WESTERN PACIFIC (WERI)

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 2000

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the University of Guam Water and Environmental Research Institute of the Western Pacific (WERI) on their twenty-fifth anniversary. WERI is the only regional water research institute dedicated to the needs of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), and the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM).

Formally established in June of 1975, WERI has since sought solutions to technical problems associated with the location, production, distribution, and management of freshwater resources—an extremely essential function for the island communities it serves. One of fifty-five water research institutes authorized by Congress in the U.S. through the Water Research Act of 1964, WERI has expanded from a one-person operation in 1975 to a staff today of fifteen people conducting research, training, and information dissemination for Guam and the Western Pacific. They have continually strived to foster and promote research, training, technical assistance, outreach, awareness, information sharing and dissemination.

Partially funded by the federal government, WERI provides a wide array of services to the University of Guam and the people of the Pacific insular region for a fraction of what independent consultants would charge. Their research program covers all the costs for materials, equipment, supplies, computers, audio