

school's dedication to involving students in the community.

In 2000, 84 percent of Mineola's senior class went to college, 57 percent to 4-year colleges. Of the last graduating class, 55 percent of all students received Regents seals on their diplomas, including 14 students who earned Regents diplomas with honors.

The outstanding academic record and the dedication of Mineola's administrators and staff demonstrate it is indeed a school of the month and a school vital to Long Island's future.

HONORING EDNA GARABEDIAN,
BORIS NIXON, AND DIANE NIXON

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 30, 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Edna Garabedian, Boris Nixon, and Diane Nixon for their contributions to the California Opera Association.

The California Opera Association was incorporated as a California non-profit corporation May 4, 2000. The association is dedicated to enhance public awareness of the role of arts in California through activities and services in the field. In addition to forming partnerships with community organizations, California Opera Association will participate in local, regional, national and international events designed to enhance good will and to support and encourage civic and community growth.

Edna Garabedian is one of the founding directors of the California Opera Association. She is a world-renowned Mezzo-Soprano who has performed throughout the U.S. and Europe. Ms. Garabedian was the founder of the Fresno International Grand Opera and has held the distinction of chairperson of voice and opera at several major universities.

Boris Nixon is a featured cellist with the Fresno Philharmonic Orchestra. He has performed with various symphony orchestras throughout the United States and he is also one of the founding directors of the California Opera Association. Mr. Nixon has collaborated with the Music Performance Trust Fund of America and Young Audiences of America to stress the importance of keeping music in the schools and expanding work and career opportunities for professional musicians.

Diane Nixon is an educator and musician, who is currently completing her pre-med requirements to become a physician. Ms. Nixon is also a founding director of the California Opera Association and has traveled extensively throughout the United States and Europe attending and studying International Operas and Special Arts Festivals for the disabled. Her goal is to focus on integrating and embracing the often-neglected populations, such as the disabled, disadvantaged and elderly, into the creation and consumption of the performing arts.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Edna Garabedian, Boris Nixon and Diane Nixon for their contributions to the California Opera Association. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Ms. Garabedian, Mr. Nixon and Ms. Nixon many more years of continued success.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW YORK JUNIOR LEAGUE

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 30, 2001

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to the New York Junior League (NYJL) on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary.

The NYJL is a remarkable organization, dedicated to training women for leadership in serving their communities. The Junior League is committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

The NYJL was founded by Mary Harriman, a 19-year-old New Yorker and Barnard College student, to unite young women and provide an organized means for them to give back to their communities. Originally called the Junior League for the Promotion of Settlement Movements, the organization was inspired by the settlement movement started by Jane Addams 13 years earlier. The NYJL quickly boasted 80 members. The new organization's first beneficiaries were residents of the New York College Settlement on the Lower East Side. Recognizing the success of NYJL, other areas of the country began to form their own Junior Leagues. Today there are 296 Junior Leagues in the United States, Canada, Mexico and the United Kingdom.

Eleanor Roosevelt joined the NYJL at the age 19. Her volunteer activities included serving as a dance teacher for young girls living in a Lower East Side settlement house. She later acknowledged that the experience played an important role in developing her social conscience and her commitment to public service.

Today, Junior League volunteers are engaged in helping a wide range of New Yorkers, including children, the elderly, victims of domestic abuse and prisoners. The NYJL teamed up with the Legal Aid Society Community Law Offices in East Harlem to help domestic violence survivors obtain divorces. As its 85th Anniversary project, NYJL created Milbank Houses, which provides transitional housing for homeless families. Junior League volunteers continue to provide education on subjects including living skills, nutrition and job-hunting. NYJL volunteers paired up with Victim Services to provide temporary emergency shelter victims of domestic violence through Project Debby. Volunteers recruit hotels to donate unused rooms for one to three nights to women and children in need of a safe haven until permanent arrangements can be made.

Ms. Speaker, I am delighted to congratulate the New York Junior League on its 100th Anniversary and I wish them many more years of successful service to my community.

January 30, 2001

TRIBUTE TO BILL EASTERLING OF HUNTSVILLE, AL

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 30, 2001

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and legacy of Mr. Bill Easterling of Huntsville, Alabama. On December 29, 2000, Bill Easterling, a Huntsville Times columnist and friend of our larger community succumbed to his 18-month struggle with cancer. Our community mourned the loss of this man respected throughout North Alabama for his generosity, talented writing and love of his fellow man.

The blessed life of Bill Easterling was filled to the brim with his writing. For 22 years, he shared his talents with the Huntsville Times in the capacities of sports writer, editor, and columnist. When he began writing the Times community column, his stories opened up new people and places and a lot of old ones too for all the community to learn from and take pride in. Lee Roop, one of Bill's colleagues, had this to say about Bill, "Bill Easterling had a talent for people, too. He was gifted with the ability to touch them. He was comfortable being up close where life is shared in all its emotions." John Pruet, a sports writer for the Times, expressed that Bill "commanded respect without seeking it, inspired loyalty without demanding it and exuded self-assurance without making a show of it." Mrs. Christine Richard eloquently wrote "Bill Easterling's death leaves a void in the lives and hearts of so many people—those who knew him personally and those who only knew him through his columns."

Bill Easterling's words of wisdom and insight will live on in his columns and books. During his prolific career, Bill wrote an award-winning children's book, Prize in the Show and published two collections of his columns, Voices on a Cold Day and A Locust Leaves its Shell. I extend my sympathy to Bill's family, his wife Pat, his children, Leigh and Mike, step-children, Victor and Natalie and grandchildren Caroline and Ellie.

On behalf of the people of Alabama's 5th Congressional District, I join them in celebrating the extraordinary life and honoring the memory of a man who filled his 60-years with a love of God, his community, and his family. I send my condolences to his family, colleagues and friends.

GUAM WAR CLAIMS REVIEW COMMISSION ACT

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 30, 2001

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, today, I'd like to reintroduce a bill which passed the House of Representatives during the 106th Congress dealing with equity for the people of Guam during World War II. While the bill received bi-partisan support, the Senate was unable to act on the bill before sine die adjournment.