open land preservation. Throughout this funda-
mental change, Lee has always attempted to
maintain a balanced perspective between
the county's master plan and the desires of
the public seeking to live out their goals and
dreams. Lee has a keen interest in ensuring
that the common person is not overlooked in
deliberations.

Mr. Speaker, as we wrestle with the issue of
growth in Colorado, Lee Sperry has done an
outstanding job shepherding that process for
over sixteen years. He has truly helped to pre-
serve the heritage of Colorado while allowing
it to progress into the future judiciously. It is
with great appreciation that I recognize Lee
today and I extend my warmest regards to him
upon his retirement and wish him many happy
years to come.

HONORING THE CATHOLIC-JEWISH
COMMISSION OF SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY
ON SIGNING AN INTER-
FAITH AGREEMENT OF UNDER-
STANDING AND COOPERATION

HON. JIM SAXTON
OF NEW JERSEY
HON. FRANK A. LoBIONDO
OF NEW JERSEY
HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS
OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with
my colleagues to recognize the Catholic-Jew-
ish Commission of Southern New Jersey as
among the first in the nation to create a formal
Agreement of Understanding and Cooperation
between their faith communities.
The Roman Catholic Diocese of Camden,
Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey,
the Jewish Community Relations Council,
and the Tri-County Board of Rabbis have com-
mited themselves to eliminating all forms of
anti-Semitism, anti-Catholicism, racism and re-
ligious intolerance, and in promoting mutual
understanding.

In the spirit of their respective traditions, this
Agreement affirms the continuing commitment
of these two communities to uphold and ob-
serve the right of every human being to free-
dom of religion and conscience.

We believe this Agreement is a shining ex-
ample of a sound and lasting basis for con-
tinuing development of interfaith cooperation.
We join the members of both the Catholic and
Jewish communities worldwide in expressing
appreciation to the efforts of the Catholic-Jew-
ish Commission to build a bridge of faith and
peace.

Mr. Speaker, please join us in congratu-
ating the Catholic-Jewish Commission of
Southern New Jersey on their historic achieve-
ments and the signing of their interfaith Agree-
ment of Understanding and Cooperation.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS
IN MEMORY OF EDITH FINLAYSON
HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT
OF WISCONSIN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker,
Wisconsin lost a true friend on Wednesday,
with the passing of Edith Finlayson.

Edith was a self-made woman, an out-
standing example for my daughters and for all
young women. She was the daughter of a
Baptist minister, and she drew on her faith for
strength and guidance throughout her life. She
earned a nursing degree and pursued ad-
vanced education in nursing administration.

Edith and her husband William moved to
Milwaukee in 1958. She became the first Afri-
can American nurse at Milwaukee’s Veterans
Administration hospital. Her talents and hard
work won her the position of head nurse in the
hospital’s paraplegic unit.

When her own health failed, Edith left the
VA hospital, but she did not retire. Instead,
she began a long and illustrious second ca-
reer as what our hometown newspaper aptly
described as a “professional volunteer.” Wis-
consin’s governor appointed Edith to the Uni-
versity of Wisconsin Board of Regents in
1980, and she represented the children of our
community for decades with caring and dis-
tinction. Edith’s dedicated leadership contrib-
uted immeasurably to the decision to bring
doctoral programs to the University of Wis-
consin—Milwaukee. She was also an active
steward of institutions including the Greater
Milwaukee Committee, the Milwaukee Founda-
tion, Milwaukee Area Technical College, the
National Council of Christians and Jews, the
Milwaukee Urban League, the NAACP and the
Milwaukee Regional Medical Center.

Edith Finlayson exemplified our Nation’s fin-
est spirit. She was an American who defined
her citizenship not by her place of birth, but by
her commitment to the betterment of our com-
munity. Though Wisconsin is diminished by
her loss, we remain inspired by her example.

TRIBUTE TO FRANK J. TORNETTA
HON. JOSEPH M. HOEFFEL
OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. HOEFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to
recognize and congratulate the Frank J.
Tornetta School of Anesthesia at Montgomery
Hospital in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania
on their fifty years of academic and clinical
training of nurse anesthetists.

Dr. Tornetta founded the school in 1951 to
provide the community with highly educated
and clinically competent nurse anesthetists.

Over the past fifty years, the school has grad-
uated over 300 students. The nurse anes-
thetists from the Frank J. Tornetta School of
Anesthesia are respected in their various
fields and hold many high level positions in
academic and administration fields. The
school is accredited by the Council on Accred-
tiation of Nurse Anesthesia.

A strong academic partnership exists be-
tween the La Salle University School of Nurs-
ing and the Frank J. Tornetta School of Anes-
thesia. This partnership has also received a
one million dollar grant through the Depart-
ment of Health and Human Services Health
Research and Services Administration.

The Frank J. Tornetta School of Anesthesia
has been a premier institution at Montgomery
Hospital for fifty years. It has developed a long
tradition of excellence and a highly regarded
reputation. Our community is very fortunate to
have such an outstanding educational pres-
ence in the health care field in our area. I am
honored to celebrate this special day with the
Frank J. Tornetta School of Anesthesia.

HONORING CHIEF MICHAEL E. RIO
ON HIS RETIREMENT
HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI
OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to
pay tribute to a remarkable civil servant and
protector of the public. I would like to honor
Chief Michael E. Rio on his retirement from
the Chicago Ridge Police Department and to
pay tribute to his many years of service to the
officers and citizens of the village of Chicago
Ridge. Chief Rio retired from service to the

Chief Rio is a 31-year veteran of the Chi-
cago Ridge Police Department. Hired as a
policeman in 1970, he had risen to the rank of
Detective and then was appointed Chief in Au-
gust 1987. He was the first member of the
Chicago Ridge Police Department to attend the
prestigious FBI national academy. His dedica-
tion, excellence, and courage can be seen through the numerous awards and com-
mandations he has received, including two
Awards of Valor for his actions in life-threat-
ening incidents. Also, during his many years of
service, Chief Rio has been instrumental in re-
forming the Chicago Ridge Police Department,
making it one of the most state-of-the-art facili-
ties around.

Chief Rio is well regarded by his family and
the community for his personal character, hon-
esty, and integrity. He is a father of four chil-
dren, Linda, Joseph, Michelle, and Michael Jr.,
as well as the proud grandfather of six.

Mr. Speaker, as Chief Rio leaves behind a
long and rich history at the Chicago Ridge Po-
lice Department, I would ask that my col-
elogues join me in honoring this great man.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM E. LEONARD
HON. GARY G. MILLER
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise
today to pay tribute and honor the accom-
plishments of the Honorable William E.
Leonard, the father of the Honorable Bill Leon-
ard, member of the California Assembly, 83rd
District.

Mr. Leonard earned a bachelor’s degree in
Business Administration from UC Berkeley in