

Mr. Martinez's work has been commissioned as murals in many locations in El Paso including works such as "Pre-Colombian Mexico," exhibited at Bowie High School; the "Congressional Medal of Honor," at the Veteran's Clinic; and "Desert Storm," which is a military mural commissioned by the Junior League and located at Stout Gym on Ft. Bliss. In addition, Mr. Martinez's work has been exhibited at the Centennial Museum and Glass Gallery at UTEP; the Corbett Gallery at New Mexico State University; the University of Colorado at Boulder; the El Paso Public Library; the Chamizal National Memorial Gallery; and the El Paso Civic Center.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud the work and legacy of Mr. Ernesto Pedregon Martinez. He has made El Paso very proud.

HALLOWEEN CELEBRATED BY OUR SAILORS

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 6, 2001

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that Halloween was recently celebrated by sailors aboard the USS *Theodore Roosevelt*. The crew celebrated with a door-decorating contest, improvised jack-o'-lanterns and the ship's mascot donning a ghost costume.

The festivities included a three-foot man-made jack-o'-lantern made by the ship's airframe department in their free time. The door-decorating contest produced a picture of Dracula in a cemetery, with one of the gravestones for Osama bin Laden. The ship's mascot, a moose, put on a ghost costume and trick-or-treated up and down the carrier's passage ways.

Activities like these keep spirits high and create a break from daily activities for our sailors during a difficult time. I know the Members of the House will join me in paying tribute to America's men and women in uniform who nobly serve aboard the USS *Theodore Roosevelt* and around the world.

RECOGNIZING ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF ANSONIA, CONNECTICUT

HON. JAMES H. MALONEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 6, 2001

Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to recognize the 150th anniversary of the First United Methodist Church of Ansonia, CT.

Since its first meeting in 1848 at the home of James Booth, the Methodist Episcopal Society of Ansonia has been an invaluable member of the community. In 1851, the Ansonia Methodist Society was formed and began

meeting in the second story hall of a building on the corner of Main and Bartlett Streets. This hall became the first house of worship for the Ansonia Society. As membership expanded and the society outgrew its meeting hall, they began looking for a new house of worship. A new church was built on Main Street, and the first worship service took place there on April 22, 1865. A fire damaged the church in April of 1887. Through the dedication of the parishioners, and with the help of a local Baptist Church, the building was reopened in August of 1887.

Tragically, in December 1943, another fire destroyed the Main Street Methodist Church. In the true spirit of America, the Trinity Methodist Church opened its doors, minds, and hearts to the membership of the Main Street Methodist Church and in 1944 the two churches merged. Combining resources, a new sanctuary was planned and the first worship was observed on June 24, 1951. On November 5, 1951, Bishop G. Bromely Oxnam formally dedicated the newly completed building.

As the Trinity Methodist Church opened its doors to the Main Street Methodist Church, so has the First United Methodist Church of Ansonia opened its doors to the community. Hosting the Ansonia 2001 Education and School project meetings, making itself available to many community groups and organizations who need meeting space, serving as the site for the Ansonia High School Baccalaureate worship, and offering itself as a place of prayer and hope when many churches came together the day following the tragic events of September 11, 2001.

At this troubling time in our Nation's history many Americans turn to their church as a foundation of support. For 150 years the First United Methodist Church of Ansonia has been providing its community with that support. As you can see, the First United Methodist Church is a sterling example of what America stands for—unity, diversity, and commitment to community. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to represent the membership of the First United Methodist Church and wish them another 150 years of successful community service.

TRIBUTE TO SCOTT C. SCHWARTZ, D.D.S.

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 6, 2001

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the generosity and kindness of one of my constituents, Scott C. Schwartz, DDS.

Scott is an orthodontist in Deer Park, LI, who has brought much happiness—and beautiful smiles—to thousands of children and adults in Long Island. He now would like to continue to bring that happiness and those smiles by offering his services to all of the children of Suffolk County who lost a parent in the World Trade, free of charge.

It is so very heart-warming to see a person helping to get America to smile again. I applaud and thank Scott for his kind and heart-

felt actions. I ask my colleagues to do the same.

RECOGNIZING MR. CHARLES HART FOR BEING NAMED 2001 TEXAS SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 6, 2001

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a good friend and important member of the El Paso community.

The Texas Association of School Board's Superintendent of the Year is a person chosen for dedication to improving educational quality, board-superintendent relations, student achievement, and commitment to public support and involvement in education. This year's recipient truly epitomizes every one of these qualities. Mr. Charles Hart of the Canutillo Independent School District (ISD) has deservedly been named the 2001 Texas Superintendent of the Year.

Mr. Hart began his career teaching high school in El Paso in 1966. He steadily moved up the public school ranks and in 1997, he became superintendent of Canutillo ISD. During his four year tenure, Mr. Hart, along with the Board of Trustees, has been instrumental in moving Canutillo ISD forward into a leadership role in public education. Canutillo ISD has implemented instructional programs and policies in student services, special education, special programs, technology and career education that have helped students succeed academically and socially.

The selection committee noted Mr. Hart's ability to change the district's perception, bringing the community together in support of its schools. Also cited by the committee were the success of the innovative parental involvement Mother/Daughter and Father/Son programs and the steadily improving student achievement and fiscal stability of the district. Canutillo ISD has been at the forefront in a variety of innovative programs including Two-Way Dual Language, Reading Renaissance, Service Learning, Migrant Academics 2000, Agricultural and Health Sciences, and many more.

Mr. Hart currently serves on the boards of the Texas Fast Growth Coalition, the Southwestern International Livestock Show and Rodeo, and the El Paso Teachers Credit Union. In addition, he is a member of the Region 19 Administrators Council, the El Paso Jaycees, the Golden Boot Club, and the Boys Baseball of El Paso, among others.

The students, faculty and Board of Trustees are all fortunate to have such a hardworking and dedicated individual at the head of their school district. I have known first hand of the tremendous work he has done throughout the years and I would like to again, extend my congratulations to my good friend, Mr. Charles Hart of the Canutillo Independent School District for his well deserved recognition as the 2001 Texas Superintendent of the Year.