

and develop leadership skills while learning self-reliance and teamwork.

The Eagle Scout award is presented only to those who possess the qualities that make our nation great: commitment to excellence, hard work, and genuine love of community service. Becoming an Eagle Scout is an extraordinary award with which only the finest Boy Scouts are honored. To earn the award—the highest advancement rank in Scouting—a Boy Scout must demonstrate proficiency in the rigorous areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills; they must earn a minimum of 21 merit badges as well as contribute at least 100 man-hours toward a community-oriented service project.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the recipients of these awards, as their activities are indeed worthy of praise. Their leadership benefits our community and they serve as role models for their peers.

Also, we must not forget the unsung heroes, who continue to devote a large part of their lives to make all this possible. Therefore, I salute the families, scout leaders, and countless others who have given generously of their time and energy in support of scouting.

It is with great pride that I recognize the achievements of Anthony and bring the attention of Congress to this successful young man on his day of recognition, Friday, November 2, 2001. Congratulations to Anthony and his family.

IN HONOR OF STUDENTS AND FACULTY AT DISNEY ELEMENTARY IN MAGNOLIA SCHOOL DISTRICT, ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA

**HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2001*

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the students and faculty at Disney Elementary in Magnolia School District, Anaheim, California, for their contributions of \$2,700 to the relief fund for the September 11th tragedy in New York City. These young students raised the money on their own, and when asked what they wanted to do with it, said "We want to donate the money to the victims' families, firefighters, policemen, and all those people affected."

It is incredibly sad that our children would have to experience such a horrible event in their lifetime, but their compassion clearly shows, even at such an early age. I am so proud of all the students and faculty at Disney Elementary! Keep up the good work! Through your eyes, we see the shining hope for the future.

TRIBUTE TO MR. RANDY BERRYHILL OF THE MUSCLE SHOALS FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2001*

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Mr. Randy Berryhill of

Muscle Shoals, Alabama as he retires on December 1, 2001. Mr. Berryhill has been a very special member of the Muscle Shoals Fire Department for 30 years. He was hired on June 19, 1971 by the City of Muscle Shoals as a custodian for the Fire Department, but has assumed a much larger role over the years. Mr. Berryhill is handicapped, but has not let that stop him from greatly expanding his responsibilities at the department. He picks up the mail, raises and lowers the flag on a daily basis, and performs various other tasks that are crucial to efficiently running the department.

Mr. Berryhill is very active in the Muscle Shoals community as well as the Fire Department. He is a member of the Woodward Avenue Baptist Church Choir, an avid supporter of the Muscle Shoals High School Football and Basketball teams, and a fervent fan of the University of Alabama. Mr. Berryhill's dedicated service will be greatly missed by the Fire Department, but I am confident that he will remain an active member of the Muscle Shoals community during his well-earned retirement.

IN HONOR OF PRESIDENT STUART RABINOWITZ

**HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2001*

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Stuart Rabinowitz, on the occasion of his recent appointment as the new president of Hofstra University in Nassau County, New York.

Chosen as the eighth President at Hofstra University, Stuart Rabinowitz assumes the post with 29 years of service to the University. Professor Rabinowitz joined the faculty of Hofstra University School of Law in 1972, and from 1989 to 2001, served as Dean of the Hofstra School of Law. In recognition of his outstanding contributions to the Hofstra community, Professor Rabinowitz has been honored by his appointment as the Andrew M. Boas and Mark L. Claster Distinguished Professor in Law.

Professor Rabinowitz received his juris doctor degree, magna cum laude, from Columbia University School of Law, where he was a member of the board of editors of the Columbia Law Review and a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar. He received his undergraduate degree with honors, from City College of New York, and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and the American Law Institute.

Stuart Rabinowitz is an outstanding citizen and dedicated to his community. In addition to being a devoted father and husband, Professor Rabinowitz holds many positions with a number of important government and community organizations. These include the Nassau County Health and Welfare Council, Cradle of Aviation Museum, Fund for Modern Courts and Long Island Coalition for Fair Broadcasting. He is also a former member of the Nassau County Blue Ribbon Financial Review Panel and former chair of the Nassau County Local Advisory Board.

For his notable service, Stuart is the recipient of the Martin Luther King Living the Dream

Award, EOC; Distinguished Service in the Cause of Justice, Legal Aid Society; UJA Federation Leadership Award; and the Bar association of Nassau County Proclamation for Outstanding service to both the Legal Profession and the community.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I honor Professor Rabinowitz for his distinguished contributions to Hofstra University and the Nassau County community. I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to please join me in congratulating Stuart Rabinowitz as he assumes his appointment as President of Hofstra University.

WHITE HOUSE CHRISTMAS TREE

**HON. BILL SHUSTER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2001*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share some exciting news from my district. I am delighted to report that the official White House Christmas tree is coming from a farm in my district. Specifically, the White House Christmas tree has been chosen from the Hill View Tree Farm in Middlecreek, Pennsylvania, which is owned and operated by Janice Bowersox and her son and daughter-in-law, Darryl and Aimee Bowersox.

In order to achieve the honor of being designated the farm to supply the White House Christmas trees, the Bowersox family entered the National Christmas Tree contest, an event sponsored by the National Christmas Tree Association. The Bowersox family won the contest at the national convention in August 2000, where they were named Grand Champions. As the winner, Hill View Tree Farm became the chosen supplier of two Christmas trees for the White House.

One tree will be set up in the Yellow Oval Room to serve as the tree for the Bush family. This is the tree under which members of the first family are likely to put their presents. This tree, from the Hill View Farm, is about eight feet tall and has been growing in the field since 1989. The larger tree, which will be placed in the Blue Room, must be at least 18½ feet high. This larger tree will be the official White House Christmas tree. It is being supplied for Hill View Farm by Donald Craul of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

The two trees will be cut and delivered to the White House the week after Thanksgiving. Janice, Darryl and Aimee Bowersox will present the official White House Christmas tree to First Lady Laura Bush at the White House on the morning of November 28.

Hill View Tree Farm was founded in 1954. The farm has about 150,000 Christmas trees growing on 120 acres. The Bowersox family grows Douglas fir, Colorado spruce, white pine, and concolor fir trees. According to Joyce Bowersox, winning the White House Christmas tree contest has long been a family goal. Joyce Bowersox said she and her family are honored to be presenting this year's tree and thrilled to have received the top honor in the Christmas tree industry.

I am delighted that a farm from my district was chosen to be a part of the White House