

As a youngster and young adult Ingrid excelled academically, earning a myriad of honors, citations, awards and scholarships. She graduated from New York University earning a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Ingrid's love of children naturally guided her to a profession in education. For the past sixteen years she has been a staunch advocate for children and committed educator, working in Community School District 19 in Brooklyn's East New York neighborhood. She has served the parents and children as a teacher, assistant principal and principal. She is currently the assistant principal of P.S. 346 in Starrett City. She has earned a Master of Science in Bilingual Education and an Advanced Certificate in Education Administration, both from Brooklyn College. She is a member of many professional organizations including the Council of Supervisors and Administrators, the Association of Assistant Principals and the Association for School Curriculum and Development.

Ingrid's philosophy on education and working with children stems from her belief that all children possess inner greatness waiting to be awakened. She sees this not only as a challenge, but as a duty. Each day she strives to awaken that greatness by passing on to them the legacy given to her.

Ingrid is provided with "wings" each day by the love, support and encouragement of her family, daughter, Jahira, sister, Rose, and nephew and niece, Travis and Alice, her greatest fans.

Mr. Speaker, Ingrid S. Mason has dedicated her career to education and children's advocacy. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving this recognition, and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable woman.

THANKING CYPRUS FOR ITS SUPPORT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM

HON. MICHAEL BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the government and people of the Republic of Cyprus for expressing their heartfelt condolences and sympathies to our nation. They have declared their unconditional and immediate condemnation of the heinous acts of terrorism against the people of the United States on September 11, 2001.

The Republic of Cyprus has always unequivocally condemned terrorist acts while cooperating with other governments to stamp out terrorism. Following the recent horrific events in New York and Washington, the government and people of Cyprus, standing shoulder to shoulder with the United States, reaffirmed their commitment to the international fight against the perpetrators of terrorism and those that sponsor such barbaric acts. They also reiterated their determination to further augment their capacity to collect and utilize information for the purpose of combating terrorism and eliminating its sources of funding, pledging to cooperate both at the bilateral level, as well as internationally.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

As America confronts one of the most ominous challenges in its history, it is reassuring to know that we have the unconditional and unequivocal support from good friends such as Cyprus. Upholding the ideals of freedom, justice, democracy and human dignity are treasured values both Americans and Cypriots hold dear.

IN HONOR OF DR. STEVE HYMAN

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Speaker, Dr. Steve Hyman, Director of the National Institute of Mental Health at NIH, will soon be leaving NIMH to become Provost of Harvard University. While I am very happy that he has chosen to take this important step, I very much regret that public service is losing such a significant figure working on behalf of patients and families affected by mental illness.

Steve is a very well known neuroscientist, and also a gifted communicator. We have worked together on several issues and events, most recently a briefing for Members and staff on the mental health effects of terrorism in the wake of the awful events of September 11, 2001. Steve has a remarkable ability to leave his audience—whether it is lay or scientific—with a more complete understanding of whatever complex issue he is addressing. This is critical to those of us who work to reduce and eliminate the entrenched stigma about mental illness that so unfairly plagues patients and families. As a scientist, Steve has many times asserted that science shows us absolutely no reason to treat those with mental illnesses as anything other than respected individuals affected by treatable illnesses who deserve health insurance coverage completely commensurate with the coverage provided for physical ailments. In fact, NIMH recently held a meeting in which I participated, focusing on the very real relationship between depression and physical disorders—something that is critical to understand.

For too long, those suffering from depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, anxiety disorders, or any of the other diseases that affect our brain and behavior, have faced discrimination, shame, and even scorn. Leaders like Steve have given us the tools we need to argue forcefully and credibly for equal treatment and equal justice. I believe that his leadership, scientific expertise, and his active participation in trying to educate policymakers like us, as well as our constituents—the American public—have moved us far down the path to eliminating stigma. Steve and NIMH were very much involved in the development of the unprecedented Surgeon General's Report on Mental Health, a groundbreaking document that has had a major impact in this country. He also was a key participant in the equally groundbreaking White House Conference on Mental Health held in June of 1999, a public event that featured the President and First Lady, the Vice President and Mrs. Gore, and many, many Members of Congress.

While we will miss Steve Hyman, I am confident that the course he has set for NIMH,

and the people he has left to steer it, will enable it to continue to move steadily forward. I know that Steve has left a strong institution, but he has also left a major challenge for his successor—to continue the momentum that he has built up over the five and one-half years he served us as NIMH Director. I haven't known him for a long number of years, but I do know Steve Hyman well enough to know that he will continue his role as champion of patients and their families, and that we are all better off for it.

NATIVE AMERICAN SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2001

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Native American Small Business Development Act. This bill will establish a three-year pilot project providing grants to Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs) for assisting the Native American, Native Alaskan, and Native Hawaiian populations with their small business development needs. The purpose is to stimulate the economies on reservation lands through the creation and expansion of small businesses by ensuring the targeted population has full access to important business counseling and technical assistance available through the SBDC program.

Having traveled extensively throughout Indian Country, I can tell you that there is great need for such a grant program. I am pleased to serve as a cosponsor of this bill and I appreciate the hard work that my colleague, Mr. UDALL, has put into bringing this important piece of legislation to the floor today.

IN HONOR OF ULYSSES E. KILGORE III

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Ulysses S. Kilgore III in recognition of his commitment and service to the health of the Central Brooklyn community.

Ulysses S. Kilgore III possesses a Masters of Business Administration from Long Island University, and a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from Lincoln University (MO). He is a former U.S. Army officer whose assignments took him to the Republic of South Korea, West Germany and Fort Meade, MD. His professional experience includes appointments as fiscal officer at the former Sydneham Hospital and financial management positions at Pfizer and Brooklyn Union Gas Company, respectively.

In 1982, Mr. Kilgore was selected as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Bedford Stuyvesant Family Health Center, Inc. Over the years—with strong and compassionate management and clinical teams—the