Neighborhood Volunteers of the Year Award. Angela Cooper is a schoolteacher who provides mentoring to the students on the team, teaching teamwork and reading skills. Community Advocate Angeline Morris ensures support from the business community to the ECC so the operations of the team are properly funded. Rubye Finch is a team mentor who excels in the teaching of conflict resolution.

Neighborhood promotion, preservation, and improvement are the goals of the Bradley Community Council; the Council has three outstanding volunteers nominated for the award. Block Captain Sue Finch devotes her time on a regular basis to ensure the success of events such as the annual Hot Dog Night and Crime Out Night. Susan Hamm served as President of the Bradley Community Council from 1995 to 2000 and currently leads a neighborhood bible study. Stacey Shugart leads the Council in the production of the Community Directory and assists in the printing of newsletters and meeting minutes.

The Booker T. Washington High School Foundation nominated one of their founding members, Susan Brown Freeman, as the Outstanding Neighborhood Volunteer of the Year. Mrs. Freeman was the first African American consultant for Special Education teachers in Richland County, SC School District 1. Mary C. Short of the Bethel Bishop Tenant Association is another nominee for the award. Her dedication to the AmeriCorps organization along with her work as an Education Coordinator for Eau Claire Community Council have earned her a nomination. The HOPE volunteer organization nominated Samuel Gadegbeku for his work with the organization and in his neighborhood. Mr. Gadegbeku selflessly gives his time to inspire self-esteem and hard work in the youth of his neighborhood.

The members of the Brandon Acres/Cedar Terrace Neighborhood Association are committed to improving the community in which they reside. They have nominated Dr. Ramona Lagos, professor at the University of South Carolina. Dr. Lagos organized the Association’s first meeting with important city officials; she also serves as Secretary. The Seminar Ridge Neighborhood Organization organizes activities to improve the best living environment to its residents. Dr. Lois Fries served as President of this Organization for seven years, during which time she greatly increased its impact in the community. The Read Street/Edgewood Community Improvement District nominated Georgia Davenport for the Outstanding Neighborhood Volunteer of the Year Award. Mrs. Davenport worked extensively in the Read Street clean up, which led to a reduction in drug traffic and violence in the area.

The Booker Washington Heights Neighborhood Organization is dedicated to the improvement of the community of Columbia, South Carolina and has nominated three individuals. Johnnie Edmonds serves as Treasurer and is very active in this organization despite the fact that he moved out of the neighborhood years ago. The late Beverly Hampton left a legacy of community involvement and dedication to her neighbors when she departed this life on May 21, 2000. Kevin Speaks has worked to improve a poor section of the Booker Washington Heights neighborhood by giving his time and showing pride in the community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring each and every one of these wonderful volunteers. They show all of us what can be done if we give back to the neighborhoods and towns we call home. Every one of the nominees for the Outstanding Neighborhood Volunteer of the Year Award deserves the honor along with our appreciation.

HONORING THE HOPKINTON HIGH SCHOOL GIRL’S INDOOR TRACK TEAM

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN
OF MASSACHUSETTS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, April 4, 2001

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the community of Hopkinton, Massa-