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 Angelene Morris ensures support from the business community to the ECCC so the operations of the team are properly funded. Rubyne 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 Community Council's作用in the Community Directory and assists in the printing of newsletters and meeting minutes.

The Booker T. Washington High School Foundation nominated one of its 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 community of the Colony Apartments. 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. Ramonaga 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 provide 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 Committee 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 his 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 GARY LEE TIMMER
HON. DALE E. KILDEE
OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, April 4, 2001

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the loyal men and women of the Lapeer County, Michigan, Sheriff's Department. On May 11, the Department will honor one of its own, as friends, family, and colleagues will gather to celebrate the retirement of Officer Gary Lee Timmer, after nearly 30 years of outstanding service.

Born in Almont, Ml, in 1946, Gary Timmer's family moved to Imlay City, where he graduated from Imlay City High School in 1965. He entered the Police Academy in 1969 and joined the Imlay City Police Department soon after. He remained there until 1972, where he then became a member of the Lapeer County Sheriff's Department.

During his time with the Department, Gary has excelled in the proper use of firearms. In 1980, he was certified by the Detroit Firearms School as a gun range expert. The Washtenaw Firearms School bestowed the same certification upon him in 1991, along with an expert certification in semiautomatic weapon use. He has taken the responsibility to use these skills to instruct others. As a long time instructor at local gun clubs, as well as a member of the National Rifle Association, Gary teaches and promotes weapon safety and teaches a hunter's safety course.

Mr. Speaker, many people in the Lapeer area have greatly benefitted from Gary's contributions to the city. He has been a role model for his children, a mentor to local students, and an active member of the community. His dedication to justice has been an inspiration to all who know him.

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 congratulate the Hopkinton High School Girl's Indoor Track Team. On Saturday, February 24, 2001, they won the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston, the Hillsers won their second consecutive state championship.

This accomplishment is impressive in and of itself, but when one considers the obstacles that these outstanding young female athletes had to overcome in their season-long pursuit of the title, their victory is all the more remarkable. Despite construction delays at their practice venue that kept meets from starting until halfway through the season, they remained focused. Despite season-ending injuries to essential runners Vicki Henderson and Melissa Sprachman, they were able to remain positive. And despite illnesses that affected some team members at important meets, they were able to pull together and earn victories.

At the championship, senior co-captain Christine Moschella led the Hillers' charge. She not only won the 300-meter, but set a new state record in the event as well. Freshmen Tiana Riel also earned critical points for placing third in the 55-meter hurdles. Moschella and Riel then joined with senior co-captain Jen McCamon and sophomore Emily Campbell to win the 4200 meter relay. These three placements earned the Hillers 26 points—enough to capture the title.

I would be remiss not to acknowledge the contributions of the other members of the Hillers team without whose hard work, dedication and support this outstanding season would not have been possible: senior Meghan DiNapoli, juniors Alyssa Corsini, Elena Frank, Margo Pyne and Joanna Wood, sophomore Chelsea Keiller, Jess Curran, freshmen Lauren Crum, Lindsay Ferkir, Katie Henderson, Katelyn Mitsock, Marissa Parrish, Alex Savell, and Katie Hoppe, and eighth-graders Stephanie Camille, Louise Cashman, Emily Daly, Kristen Garvey, Kristen Knox, Liz Morgan, Katie Nicol, Lauren Philbrook, Vanessa Wilson, Danielle Corey, Jess Costantino, Lindsay Siegler, Hailey French, Lauren Helstocky, Sarah Kinney, Laurie Monahan, Kirsten Norby, Joelle Pecchi, Marie Rivers, Cassie Seery, and Meghan Stewart. Recognition must also be extended to head coach Mike Scanlon and assistant coaches Chris Shea, Martha Thompson and Eric Lammi who guided this team to the Tri Valley League, Class D and State Championships.

Mr. Speaker, it is with tremendous pride that I recognize the exceptional student-athletes of the Hopkinton High School Girl's Indoor Track Team for a remarkable season. I congratulate them in their accomplishments and wish them the best of luck in years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF VLADYSLAW BARTOSZEWSKI THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF POLAND
HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ
OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, April 4, 2001

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Polish Foreign Minister Wladysslaw Bartoszewski for his contributions...