

We are truly fortunate that such a talented individual has committed his life to working for economic and social justice. We are especially fortunate that he and his wife, Alice Audie-Figueroa, have chosen to make the Metro Detroit community their home.

So, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating David and wishing both David and Alice, along with their children, Joelle, Jose and Gustavo, the very best.

RECOGNIZING IMPORTANCE OF
INCREASING AUTISM AWARENESS

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to show my support for H. Con. Res. 91, the Increase Awareness of Autism and Support Greater Research, Treatment & Training Resolution, to honor Autism Awareness Day, and to pay tribute to parents and families of autistic children everywhere.

As a result of autism, an estimated 400,000 Americans have lost the ability to communicate and interact with others. In my home state of Rhode Island, autism had become an absolute crisis. The incidence of the disorder has risen by over 1000% in the past seven years, and by over 300% in the past five years alone.

Caring for people afflicted with autism costs more than \$13 billion per year, and the majority of these costs are borne by the families of the victims of autism. These parents have sacrificed tremendously to provide the specialized education and support services that their children need. Yet, they still do not receive the support they deserve from the government.

My nephew has a form of autism so I know firsthand the challenges these families face. Many days, my nephew's parents cannot hold conversations with their son. Communicating with him takes extraordinary patience. Had his parents not engaged him in an intensive intervention program immediately after his diagnosis, he would have made much less progress today. It was not many years ago that children with autism would have been misdiagnosed and often institutionalized for the rest of their lives.

Parents of autistic children regularly encounter people who do not understand the difficulties associated with autism. Friends and teachers become impatient. They repeat the same phrase over and over, as if the child will understand if it is repeated one more time. Teachers are often ill-equipped to deal with the special challenges of autistic children. H. Con. Res. 91 calls upon federal, state and local governments to allocate sufficient resources to alleviate the shortage of appropriately trained teachers of autistic children; and recognizes the importance of worker training programs tailored to the needs of developmentally disabled persons, including those with autism.

The resolution further expresses Congress' support for increasing federal funding for research to learn the causes of autism, identify

the best methods of early intervention and treatment, and promote understanding of the special needs of autistic persons. It urges swift implementation of the Children's Health Act of 2000, particularly the establishment of at least three "centers of excellence" at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and at least five centers at the National Institutes of Health, in order to monitor the prevalence of autism at the national level.

As a proud member of the Coalition for Autism Research and Education (C.A.R.E.), I will fight for increases in support this year, to correct years of under-funding of organizations and programs that deal with autism issues.

In addition, the federal government must honor its promise to contribute up to 40 percent of the average per pupil expenditure for special needs funding. To date, the maximum the government has ever contributed is 15 percent. As an original co-sponsor of H.R. 1330, the Helping Children Succeed by Fully Funding the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, I am fighting to ensure that the federal government honors its commitment to local districts.

It is of utmost importance to me that the federal government keep its promise to special needs students so they receive the first class education they deserve. I commend my colleagues for honoring this special day and implore them to work together to guarantee that the national crisis called autism receives the critical attention and financial support it merits.

THE PASSING OF REVEREND LEON
SULLIVAN, AUTHOR OF THE SULLIVAN PRINCIPLES

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay a special tribute to the passing of one of America's greatest crusaders for civil rights and human rights both here at home and around the world, the Reverend Leon Sullivan. He left a rich legacy of activity and awareness, each new endeavor serving his vision of racial harmony and understanding, and he will be remembered for his crucial role in the right against Apartheid in South Africa.

As a Philadelphia minister with the Zion Baptist Church in the early 1960's, Rev. Sullivan organized a nonviolent boycott of local companies that would not hire blacks. The boycotts proved to be highly effective, but in order to bring about a genuine turn-around in the employment situation for black residents of Philadelphia he knew that many people would need professional training opportunities. In 1965, Rev. Sullivan attempted to address this training need through the creation of Opportunities International, a job-training program that has trained to date 1.5 million people in 142 centers worldwide.

Rev. Sullivan not only tackled tough problems, he also broke new ground in generating presence and visibility for the civil rights movement. He became the first black board member of General Motors Corp. in 1971—"the conscience of the board" according to then-

secretary to the GM board Rod Gilleum. Rev. Sullivan used his influence in this elite corporate environment to promote what would become his most famous civil rights manifesto: the Sullivan Principles.

The Sullivan Principles were designed to guide U.S. corporate behavior in apartheid South Africa. He described these principles as "a code that companies of America and the world came to follow to end apartheid peacefully, starting with the workplace." In explaining how one must go about reforming a system as entrenched as apartheid was in South Africa, he once noted that "if you take a hammer and chisel and pound a rock 100 times, it's going to crack. I pounded and pounded, and it cracked."

After retiring from Zion Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Rev. Sullivan then created the International Foundation for Education and Self-Help. This foundation aided hundreds of thousands of people in Africa and the United States.

Rev. Sullivan's lifetime of service and achievement fortunately did not pass unrecognized. In 1992, then-President Bush recognized Rev. Sullivan's contribution to the promotion of civil rights with the Presidential Medal of Freedom. In 1999, following the release of an updated version of the Sullivan Principles, United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan said of Rev. Sullivan, "He showed us all how much one individual can do." Rev. Sullivan's principles will live on to encourage corporations around the world to engage in fair employment practices.

Together with his wife Grace, his three children Hope, Julie, and Howard, and to the countless lives he touched and minds he opened, this Congress stands today in admiration and in gratitude of this extraordinary man and his very good works. Thank you, Rev. Sullivan, and may each of us learn from your example.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CHRISTOPHER SCHMUS, SBA YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, today I'd like to salute a man from my district who, at a relatively young age, has become quite the success story. Christopher Schmus, President and Chief Executive Officer of ProDriver Leasing (PDL) Systems, Inc., has been honored by the Small Business Administration as its Young Entrepreneur of the Year.

Four years ago, after rising through the ranks of the trucking industry, Chris recognized the un-met need for highly qualified, professional truck drivers and set about to establish a business to fill that void. In 1997, at the age of 23, with only \$3,000 in cash, Chris started PDL out of his basement with only three drivers, including himself. The business recruits and trains its drivers, who are then placed with trucking companies who don't have enough drivers of their own, for a day, a week, or longer.

The company took off, doing a half-million dollars in business its first year. Since that time, ProDriver's commitment to its customers and its employees has earned it a stellar reputation in the business. Its workforce is now approximately 100 employees, and the company earned almost \$4 million in sales in 1999.

Locally, PDL has been honored by the Milwaukee Metropolitan Association of Commerce as one of the "Future 50" companies the group has identified as major contributors to the economic health of the area. ProDriver was also named by the group as one of the five fastest growing companies in Milwaukee.

Now the company is being recognized nationally, by the Small Business Administration (SBA), and they couldn't be more deserving. The hard work and dedication that Christopher Schmus has poured into his business for the last five years has paid off. I'm proud to recognize him today for his remarkable accomplishments and the honor he will receive from the SBA here in Washington. Congratulations to all of ProDriver's staff, and continued success in the future.

HONORING THE LATE MARION
JENKINS—

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask that Congress pause for a moment of silence in memory of a life long resident of Durango, Colorado. Marion E. Jenkins, owner and operator of the former Jenkins Ranch, died from a stroke on April 30 at the age of 82. Marion became a friend of everyone he met and will truly be missed.

"He was one of those guys you loved being with, and he loved being with you," said Kenny Jenkins, Marion's son. "He never was a stranger. Everybody was his friend." Marion was a cattle rancher who loved to tell stories and travel across the United States with friends and family.

Marion moved to the family ranch in 1920. Over the years the ranch grew to 520 acres, which was used primarily for cattle and crops. Marion served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps during World War II, where he was present at the Normandy Landing. "He's one of those people that will sorely be missed," said friend Ray Stolworthy. "Marion Jenkins would like to be remembered as a person who would not condemn anybody for something they wanted."

Mr. Speaker, Marion Jenkins spent a lifetime being everyone's friend, for that I would like Congress to take a moment and pay respects to a great friend. An entire community will miss Marion.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF MRS. FILOMENA
"MINNIE" ZAHARSKY, RECIPIENT
OF THE UNITED CEREBRAL
PALSY OF HUDSON COUNTY
"LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT"
AWARD

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Filomena "Minnie" Zaharsky, recipient of this year's United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) of Hudson County, New Jersey, "Lifetime Achievement" Award.

As the first Executive Director of UCP, "Minnie" Zaharsky was instrumental in managing the overall operation of the agency. In an effort to address the growing needs of children suffering from cerebral palsy in Hudson County, Mrs. Zaharsky and the UCP successfully worked to obtain Medicaid coverage for children to receive therapies and services provided by the UCP. This fantastic feat made it possible for several families to provide their children with the necessary examinations and therapies needed to treat cerebral palsy.

During her tenure at UCP, Mrs. Zaharsky was humble and dynamic in her many roles. As a parent volunteer, she put in several hours answering phones, typing letters, scheduling appointments, and providing transportation to families who otherwise would not have had access to the facilities at UCP. Furthermore, she raised funds to keep the UCP agency in secure financial standing.

Whether she was organizing auctions to raise needed funds, or answering phones, Mrs. Zaharsky exemplified true leadership.

For her years of outstanding work and charitable dedication, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mrs. Zaharsky for being one of the recipients of the UCP "Lifetime Achievement" Award.

SALUTING THE 2001 JOHNSON
COUNTY, KANSAS YOUTH VOLUNTEER
AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise again today to salute twenty-eight outstanding young Kansans from Johnson County, Kansas, who will be recognized on Friday, May 4th, at an informal reception honoring their volunteer service. Youth Excelling in Service [YES], a program of the Volunteer Center of Johnson County, has invited Johnson County leaders and educators to this reception honoring the twenty-eight Outstanding Youth Volunteers who will be featured in the upcoming "Movers and Shakers" publication. I will present the young people with a Congressional Award for their contributions to the community, and YES will spotlight the role these committed young people play in addressing community needs.

Johnson County's young people are becoming increasingly involved in service to their

community and the stories of their accomplishments are powerful. The twenty-eight "Movers and Shakers" to be honored at the reception testify to the fact my congressional district's young people see needs in their communities and are ready, willing and able to meet those needs by investing their time and skills. These young people are passionate about challenging, motivating and recruiting other young people to likewise take the plunge into volunteer service. I am pleased to have this opportunity to place in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD profiles of twelve "Movers and Shakers" who were not included in my RECORD submission of May 1st on this topic.

Snow Fain, 17, Blue Valley North High School. Snow volunteers with her parents through the Leawood Arts Council in addition to activities through Rotary, KC Art Coalition, Habitat for Humanity, her church and others. She has volunteered over 100 hours.

Lisa Kornfeld, 16, Shawnee Mission West High School. Through her activities with her school's service organization, JAWS (Join Active West Students), Lisa has volunteered over 100 hours. She has also volunteered through National Honor Society and Girls to Women.

Anna Clark and Aaryn Clark, 18, Olathe East High School. These twins have volunteered nearly 400 hours each through many different activities. They have spent the most time as camp counselors for children with physical or mental challenges. Other activities they have been a part of include Olathe Youth Court, tutoring and church projects. They have been volunteering through National Honor Society for two years.

Rachele Davis, 16, St. Thomas Aquinas High School. Rachele has volunteered over 225 hours in a variety of areas, including youth services, elderly assistance and homelessness. Her volunteer organizations include: Olathe Medical Center, Hunger House, National Historical Society of the DAR, Johnson County Christmas Bureau, and Johnson County 4-H.

Ryan Davis, 17, St. Thomas Aquinas High School. Ryan has accumulated 155 hours of volunteer service through the Johnson County 4-H, Habitat for Humanity, Johnson County Christmas Bureau, and Bikes and Trikes for Tykes. He often volunteers with his sister, Rachele Davis (listed previously).

Rosa Gabel, 18, Olathe South High School. Rosa's volunteer activities include: arts and crafts, youth services, collecting and donating items and gardening and groundskeeping work. She has worked with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society on fundraising activities and also with the Johnson County Christmas Bureau.

Steve Evans, 18, Bishop Miege High School. Steve has served 300 hours as a volunteer through Johnson County Youth Court, where he is a youth attorney and judge. Additionally, Steve's activities have also included projects addressing hunger and homelessness.

Amy Johnson, 12, Leawood Middle School. Amy has served 58 hours of volunteer work through her school and the Kansas Humane Society. She has also volunteered for campaign work.

Brad Buser, 18, Mill Valley High School. Brad volunteers through a class at his high