

the best "Local Hero" video. Videos in the Local Hero category profile an individual who represents accomplishments, heroism or spirit, and demands our attention and adulation. The video created by the Weehawken school KWN team used a series of on-camera narrators, interviews, still photographs, and home video footage to create a moving portrait of one of their classmates, 12-year-old Lenny Rodriguez, a cancer survivor who made the hard decision to have his leg amputated. In choosing the Theodore Roosevelt School, the judges selected "Our Little Giant Dares to Dream," an inspirational story about one person's extraordinary triumph over adversity. I commend Mr. Jon Hammer, 7th grade teacher and KWN coordinator, and 6th grade teacher Eileen Hochman for their generous time and support given to the Weehawken KWN team to produce such an outstanding and special video.

I am very familiar with Panasonic's Kid Witness News program. It is a hands-on, video education program, in more than 200 primarily inner-city schools in 120 U.S. cities. Using Panasonic-supplied equipment to create video projects, young people are encouraged to develop their creative, communication, and technical skills through video production. Annual awards are presented to student teams in various categories, including Best Video, Documentary, Local Hero, Multiculturalism, and News at a special program held in New Jersey each spring.

Theodore Roosevelt School was the very first participating school in Panasonic's KWN student news program. Mr. Anthony LaBruno, the school's principal, clearly understands the students' pride in accomplishing from these kinds of programs. Congratulations to him, to the KWN program advisers, and to the students of Theodore Roosevelt School for work well done. And a special recognition and best wishes to Lenny Rodriguez, a very courageous young man.

For 11 years the Panasonic KWN program has been helping young people learn about issues that affect them, their classmates and their community. And in its efforts to bridge the digital divide, KWN encourages students' discovery of what technology can do to enhance their educational experience. Therefore, I commend Don Iwatani, Panasonic's Chairman and CEO of North American operations, for his leadership and support. The effort of KWN to bring information, knowledge, and understanding of current events to tomorrow's citizens will make a difference in the world we all share. Kid Witness News certainly has made a difference in the lives of children in New Jersey and throughout the United States.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the talented students and teachers who have contributed to the great success of Panasonic's Kid Witness News program.

TRIBUTE TO ANNE M. GLATT

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 15, 2001

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call the attention of my colleagues to a friend

and constituent of the sixth district whose unselfish service for over 35 years has left a lasting impression in the hearts of members of both her Temple and her community.

Born in Poland and raised in a Yiddish-speaking home in Montreal, following her family's 1930 emigration to Canada, Anne M. Glatt's early education included both public school and a six-day cheder. After three years of college, Anne moved to the United States in 1950, living first in the Branch Brook Park section of Newark, NJ, then Jamestown, NY, and finally settling down in the Edison-Highland Park area in July, 1964.

When she arrived, Anne immediately began looking for a Hebrew School for her three daughters and called the Highland Park Conservative Temple and Center. Once all financial arrangements for her daughters' schooling were arranged, Anne politely suggested to Executive Director Reuben S. Silver that the Temple might be able to use a bookkeeper. Director Silver agreed and thus began an extraordinary relationship that continues to this day. Anne was kindly welcomed by all at the Temple, and found a particularly warm friend in the new young Rabbi Yakov R. Hilsenrath, with whom she often engaged in spirited conversation.

After having been single for 23 years, Anne met Moishe Glatt in 1982, and the two were married in 1986. They will soon be celebrating 15 wonderful years together.

Anne has been a loving mother, grandmother, wife, sister, and most of all, friend to everyone who has had the good fortune of meeting her. She has been the caring voice on the other end of the phone, shining smile behind the desk, and confidante in times of need. Her genuinely good nature and tireless devotion to her community have rightfully earned her the Temple's prestigious Chaver Award for exemplary service.

It is my sincere hope that my colleagues will join me in honoring Anne M. Glatt for her nearly four decades of dedication to the Highland Park Jewish community and wish her all the best in the years to come.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PRESIDENT
CHEN SHUI-BIAN OF TAIWAN

HON. PHIL ENGLISH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 15, 2001

Mr. ENGLISH. Mr. Speaker, as the Republic of China on Taiwan prepares to celebrate President Chen Shui-bian's first anniversary in office, I wish to extend to President Chen and the people of Taiwan my congratulations.

Despite its diplomatic isolation, Taiwan is a proud nation that has made extraordinary progress in recent years. It has an exemplary democracy with free elections, free press and respect for human rights.

For decades, the United States and its people are united in supporting Taiwan's pursuit of freedom and democracy. We will continue to support Taiwan and its people. Peace and security in the Taiwan Strait is vital to the security interests of all nations in the area.

Congratulations, President Chen on a job well done.

MEMORIALIZING MARY
BIANCHINI'S LIFE AND SERVICE

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 15, 2001

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and remember the life and service of my dear friend and tireless advocate, Mary Bianchini of Nyack, NY.

Throughout her life, Mary Bianchini has not only served her family and friends, but our communities with her unwavering kindness and commitment. She devoted a lifetime to service to others—as a nurse, as a media personality, and as a linchpin in numerous charitable endeavors. It is therefore appropriate that we reflect upon Mary's many significant accomplishments and as a dear friend to so many of us that we pause and express our love to her which she has showered upon us all these many years.

A cover story in the January–February 1987 issue of "Geriatric Nursing" recounted how Mary emigrated to the United States from Italy with her family at a young age. In 1929, she married the man her parents had chosen for her even before that union found a firm foundation in love. In fact, Mary remained married until her husband's untimely death in the late 1950's, nearly 30 years after their nuptials.

Mary was a devoted housewife and mother, but as happened with all too many Americans at that time, the Great Depression threw a wrench into her plans. Forced to find employment in a shoe factory, Mary had to seek new employment when that establishment burned down and upon applying to become a telephone operator at the Rockland State Hospital, she was told there were no vacancies, but would be hired if she would help out in patient care. From that experience on, Mary was dedicated to helping others.

Mary demonstrated a natural skill in caring for the ill. She became a licensed practical nurse in 1938, and soon earned a reputation statewide for her compassion, skill, common sense, and her advocacy for nurses.

Mary served as an officer in the New York State Practical Nurses Association from 1948 until 1962. In those positions, her reputation as a feisty defender of the underdog was assured. In the 1960's, Mary embarked on a completely new career as host of her own radio, and cable television programs. Soon, the movers and shakers in all aspects of society were seeking to be interviewed by this remarkable woman, not quite five feet high. Her popular broadcast interviews continued until well into the 1980's.

Mary, who was often referred to as "Rockland's First Lady," received many awards and recognition, including the American Heart Association "Queen of Hearts" in 1985, being cited by Governor Mario Cuomo for her service to our State, and as a strong supporter of my Congressional Citizens Advisory Committee on Drugs.

Perhaps Mary's greatest pride was in her own family. Her son, Dr. Valentino Bianchini, is a respected member of the medical profession, who has raised his own family following Mary's lifetime goals.