Mr. Speaker, when he retires on July 6, 2001, Chief Walpole will be leaving behind a three-decade legacy of excellence and professionalism. It has been a pleasure for myself and Congressman HONDA to work with him and other members of the Scotts Valley community, and it is an honor to be able to pay tribute to him here. We wish him well in his upcoming retirement, but we know that he will always remain an active member of the community.

HONORING JORDAN HENNER
HON. STEVE ISRAEL
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 26, 2001

Mr. Israel. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize one of New York's outstanding young students, Jordan Henner. This young man has received the Eagle Scout honor from his peers in recognition of their achievements.

Since the beginning of this century, the Boy Scouts of America have provided thousands of boys and young men each year with the opportunity to make friends, explore new ideas, and develop leadership skills while learning self-reliance and teamwork.

The Eagle Scout award is presented only to those who possess the qualities that make our nation great: commitment to excellence, hard work, and genuine love of community service. Becoming an Eagle Scout is an extraordinary award with which only the finest Boy Scouts are honored. To earn the award—the highest advancement rank in Scouting—a Boy Scout must demonstrate proficiency in the rigorous areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills; they must earn a minimum of 23 merit badges as well as contribute at least 100 man-hours toward a community-oriented service project.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the recipients of these awards, as their activities are indeed worthy of praise. Their leadership benefits our community and they serve as role models for their peers.

Also, we must not forget the unsung heroes, who continue to devote a large part of their lives to make all this possible. Therefore, I salute the families, scout leaders, and countless others who have given generously of their time and energy in support of scouting.

It is with great pride that I recognize the achievements of Jordan and bring the attention of Congress to this successful young man on his day of recognition. Congratulations to you and your family.

JIM ROPER, INDUCTEE TO THE NEW MEXICO-BROADCASTING ASSOCIATION'S HALL OF FAME
HON. TOM UDALL
OF NEW MEXICO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 26, 2001

Mr. Udall of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor one of the outstanding citizens of the northeast corner of my home state of New Mexico—Jim Roper, who was recently inducted into the New Mexico Broadcasting Association's Hall of Fame. As a pioneer with more than 50 years in the industry, he is eminently deserving of this prestigious honor.

Jim Roper is the chief executive officer of Raton Broadcasting and head of KRTN-AM and FM. These stations bring music and important news to the citizens of Colfax, Union, and Harding Counties as well as southeastern Colorado. In northeastern New Mexico, I cannot emphasize how important the medium of radio is as a critical news source. Mr. Roper and his team have served its citizens well.

Jim's career began in 1948, while still in high school. And it all started because the station's general manager had laryngitis. Jim and his family lived in the now abandoned town of Brilliant, not far from Raton, where radio was one of the only sources of entertainment. During a high school basketball game, Stan Brown, then the general manager of KRTN, had lost his voice and could not broadcast the game report. Jim said, "I don't know, but I'll try." One thing led to another, and soon he was spinning records at the station. In less than two decades, he was the station's owner.

Jim has seen vast changes in the radio broadcasting business since he began. Tape recorders replaced wire recorders, compact discs replaced records and satellites replaced disc jockeys. However, at KRTN on-site folks still operate the station, and despite lucrative offers to purchase the small station, Roper has refused to sell.

Jim has always been committed to providing quality service to the listeners of KRTN and capturing the essence of rural New Mexico. His dedication and commitment have made him an important part of the community. Jim has served as the city commissioner, the president of the Raton Chamber of Commerce, as a member of the city parks and recreation board and as the president for the Raton water board.

There have been two constants that have run throughout Jim's life: the radio station and his loving family. He is a proud husband and father, whose family has kept him focused and grounded.

Mr. Speaker, Jim Roper is a champion of his community and is completely deserving of being named as one of the first inductees into the New Mexico Broadcasting Association's Hall of Fame. I urge my colleagues to join me in saluting Jim Roper for his vast accomplishments.

HONORING MAYOR JOHNNY ISBELL OF PASADENA, TEXAS
HON. KEN BENTSEN
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 26, 2001

Mr. BentSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize a fine individual and exceptional teacher, Ms. Tanya Parisi of Olmsted Falls Middle School, for her outstanding dedication to the education of young students.

Ms. Parisi is one of two teachers that have organized a program that will enrich students and address concerns pertinent to the Olmsted Falls community. Within the past few years, pollution has become a growing concern for the small suburb of Olmsted Falls, and Ms. Parisi has taken it upon herself to analyze this problem. With the help of 140 seventh-graders, Ms. Parisi will be researching water and air pollution, studying water samples, researching the food web, identifying living specimens, and so much more. Through-out this entire project, students will maintain a computer portfolio of their research and publish their results online.

This program materialized only through the tireless efforts of Ms. Parisi. Her love and...
dedication to enriching the lives of her students has earned her the very prestigious G.I.F.T., Growth Initiatives for Teachers grant. Ms. Parisi also will be taking courses in computers and technology at Cleveland State University and attending conferences of the Environmental Education Council of Ohio.

Ms. Parisi holds a bachelor's degree in education and is now pursuing a dual masters degree in science and technology. She began teaching in 1996 and has been with Olmsted Falls Middle School since 1999. She teaches math in the classroom, but her influence extends much beyond numbers and calculations. Ms. Parisi is giving students information that is not only pertinent to where they live, but that will be relevant for their entire lifetime.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring a young teacher that is touching the lives of hundreds of students, Ms. Tanya Parisi. She has given her time and dedication to Olmsted Falls Middle School, and has earned the respect of students, faculty, and the entire Olmsted Falls community.

ENCOURAGING MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND THEIR STAFFS TO HAVE SCREENINGS FOR PROSTATE CANCER

HON. SILVESTRE REYES
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2001

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, as we begin to celebrate Men's Health Week, the week leading up to Father's Day, I rise today to applaud the efforts of my colleagues to bring attention to many issues surrounding men's health.

I would like to encourage my colleagues and members of their staffs to have screenings for prostate cancer. Except for lung cancer, prostate cancer is the greatest cause of cancer deaths among American men. At highest risk are African-Americans and those with a family history of prostate cancer. One in five men will develop prostate cancer in his lifetime and the American Cancer Society estimates that over 32,000 men will die from the disease this year, a mortality rate approaching 1 percent. Men of African and Native American descent have a 30 percent higher risk of developing prostate cancer than white men.

I urge my colleagues to join me in praising Mr. Taylor's literary contribution to the city of Fresno and in wishing him continued success in the future.

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Sametta Alicia Taylor. Ms. Taylor recently graduated from college and is now pursuing a dual masters degree in education and environmental education with a minor in computers and technology at Cleveland State University.

Sametta received a $1,000 educational bond, $100 educational bond for winning the speech competition, and 4 trophies for the highest scholastic average of all the participants.

Sametta has a 10-year-old brother, Sammie Taylor, III. She is the granddaughter of Joseph and Emily J. Brown of Moncks Corner, and Sammie Taylor, Sr. and Josephine Sanders of Rembert, South Carolina. Her godparents are Carl and Altizse Weldon of Bowie, Maryland.

Mr. Speaker, please join me and my fellow South Carolinians in honoring Sametta Taylor for her outstanding achievements.

IN HONOR OF JOSEPH J. GARRY, JR.
OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Joseph J. Garry, Jr. on his remarkable accomplishment of instilling joy and laughter through theater arts in Cleveland for over 34 years.

Joe Garry, who performs side by side with David Frazier, was just honored by the award-winning actress Patricia Neal with the Signstage Theater's annual Spotlight award, which recognizes individuals for their contributions to the arts and culture in Cleveland.

Gary and Frazier, well-known in the local and national entertainment circles, were instrumental in the success of many long-running productions. They are best known to Cleveland audiences for their landmark musical “Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris” which ran for two and a half years, and by supporting the restoration of the Playhouse State complex in Cleveland.

Garry, director and former professor and head of the Theater Department at Cleveland State University has written, directed, and produced plays, musicals, and operas. Together with his partner, they have actively produced 15 musicals. They have received many prestigious awards, including being inducted into The Cleveland Play House Hall of Fame for their many years as actors in repertory there, and for performing both nationally and internationally.

Recently, they have performed on the Queen Mary, QE2, Caronia and Seabourn Sea. There they sail the world first class and perform on the bill with many theater legends, while hosting a group of Cleveland friends and including them in the performances.

Joseph Garry has proved to help cultivate not only the Cleveland arts community, but locations throughout the world via his musical theatrical abilities and inspiration. I ask my colleagues to rise in recognizing this great man, Joseph J. Garry, Jr. for his remarkable contributions to the theater arts.