

records during her tenure. She has also served in a variety of capacities within the community; serving as Board Chair of the Sevier County Arts Council, Board Member of the Gatlinburg Gateway Foundation, Board member of Leadership Sevier, member of the Gatlinburg First and Lasting Impressions Committee, Board Member of the Sevier County Bear & Boar Club, and the Sevier County Representative on the Nine Counties One Vision organization. On top of that, Margit has also served as an organizing member of Gatlinburg's Fourth of July Parade, Taste of Autumn event, Vision Conference, and the Leadership Sevier Graduation Event.

While those missions should be enough to keep Margit fully occupied, she also serves with several conservation groups working to protect the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the Atlantic Salmon.

When asked to describe her personality, a fellow volunteer remarked that her enthusiasm, friendliness, positive attitude, and energy made her a natural leader. It was also noted that Margit never delegates a job she is not willing to do herself, and never asks for contributions until and unless she has done so herself.

Mr. Speaker, residents like Margit Worsham are the reason many local communities flourish. Margit, and thousands like her, contributes so much time and effort to ensure that important causes and important people continue to be assisted or protected. We should always recognize these valuable personal assets to our local communities, and I ask that the House join me in honoring this remarkable woman.

IN HONOR OF ROBERT BRANDT

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 16, 2005

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Robert Brandt upon his nomination as a Jefferson Award finalist. For nearly 19 years, Mr. Brandt has aided Delawareans confronting personal crisis. Mr. Brandt has logged over 8,000 hours of volunteer service and over 3,000 hours as a help line listener.

Mr. Brandt's tireless dedication to the well being of others is an inspiration to all Americans. Mr. Brandt has touched the lives of countless individuals as one of the organizations most committed rape crisis volunteers. He is a most worthy candidate for the Jefferson Award and a truly outstanding Delawarean.

Mr. Speaker, I commend and congratulate Mr. Ellison upon his nomination as a finalist for the Jefferson Award. Mr. Brandt's selflessness serves as an example to us all.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO MAGGIE HARVEY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 16, 2005

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Maggie Harvey who has committed herself strengthening her community and has had an accomplished thirty-year career in finance.

Maggie was born in Georgetown, Guyana. The second of two girls and two boys, she was born to Uric and Gwendoline Harris-Haynes. She was baptized in St. George Cathedral.

During her early years, she was dedicated as a soldier in the Salvation Army and worshiped at the Citadel Corp. She received her early education and professional training in Guyana and upon graduation, accepted the position of personal secretary to the Divisional Commander of the Salvation Army.

In 1970, she immigrated to the United States and married Ronald Harvey, who is also Guyanese. Maggie and Ronald have three daughters.

During her 30 years of employment with JP Morgan Chase & Co., she has worked in various departments of the bank. Presently, she is in the Legal Department, Corporate Compliance/Money Laundering and Foreign Assets Control.

In 1988, she was received into fellowship at Miracle Temple Ministries in Brooklyn (formerly Church of the First Born), where Bishop E. Stewart is the Pastor. She serves on the Bishop's Anniversary Committee and also has responsibility for the Church's weekly bulletin.

She is also a Home League Member of the Salvation Army Bedford Temple Corp. in Brooklyn. Members of the organization sew handmade blankets, lap throws, cosmetic bags for personal items and smocks, which are given to the homeless, sick and nursing home shut-ins. Maggie finds this work very rewarding, and takes a leading role in the organization as the Service Chairperson for the Home Leaguers. She looks forward to doing greater things through Christ, which strengthens her.

Mr. Speaker, Maggie Harvey has served her community while launching a successful career in the financial industry. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

CONGRATULATING JAMES CONLON JR. AS HE IS NAMED MAN OF THE YEAR BY THE GREATER PITTSSTON FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 16, 2005

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to James Conlon Jr. as he receives the Man of the Year Award from the Greater Pittston

Friendly Sons of St. Patrick on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2005.

Mr. Conlon is a lifelong resident of Inkerman. He is the son of the late James and Mary McAndrew Conlon. James graduated from Jenkins Township High School in 1944 and was drafted into the Army the following September. He served overseas with the Third Army, 90th Division, fighting in campaigns in Central Europe and Rhineland, Germany.

In 1956, James took a position with the Wilkes-Barre Record and worked there until 1978, when unionized workers went on strike and formed The Citizens' Voice newspaper. He was a member of the board of directors of The Citizens' Voice and was foreman of the plate department until he retired in 1989.

James has been a member of the Jenkins Township Volunteer Fire Department since 1948 and served as Fire Chief from 1970 through 1991. He also belonged to the Luzerne County Fire Chiefs Association and the Greater Pittston Mutual Aid.

James is a member of the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, Fox Hill Country Club, Knights of Columbus JFK Council #372 as Fourth Degree Knight, and a lifelong member of St. Mark's Church in Inkerman.

James and his wife, the former Jean McGarry, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last year. The couple has five children: James III, Mary Jo Pacchioni, William, Robert and Maureen Fetchko. They have seven grandchildren: Kathryn, James IV, Kelly, Mary Kate, William Jr., Michael and Megan.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating James Conlon Jr. upon being named Man of the Year by the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of St. Patrick.

HONORING THE DEDICATION OF HARLANDALE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER JOSHUA J. CERNA

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 16, 2005

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the dedication of Harlandale Independent School District Board Member Joshua J. Cerna, of my Congressional District for a lifetime of distinguished public service.

Mr. Cerna is a San Antonio native and a graduate of Harlandale High School. He received a Bachelor's of Science Degree at Mississippi State University. Currently he is serving his community as an educator, contributing much of his time and efforts to educational matters.

Joshua Cerna was elected to District 1 Board of Trustees in 2002, and through his years of service he has held the position of the Board's Vice President, Secretary, and currently he serves as President. His active role in the District has led him to join various committees such as the Building Committee, Finance Committee, and for the past three years he has been the Chairman of the Curriculum Committee.

Mr. Cerna was one of the architects of the Bexar County School Board Coalition, which