

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

URBAN RECREATION AND AT RISK
YOUTH ACT

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 15, 1994

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, the issue of crime, and especially juvenile crime, has understandably angered and outraged our Nation. Today, perhaps 60 percent of violent crimes are committed by young people between the ages of 10 and 20 years old. For millions of these young people, the only social network and family structure they know are the urban gangs that deal drugs, foster crime, and slaughter each other in our Nation's streets.

Elsewhere on Capitol Hill this week, committees are preparing massive anticrime legislation. They, for the most part, are addressing the aftermath of crime.

Today, however, I am introducing the Urban Recreation and At Risk Youth Act to provide young people with constructive, supportive alternatives to street life and gangs.

In 1978, under the leadership of the late Rep. Phil Burton, The Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program was authorized. It offers matching grants to cities to rehabilitate and repair parks, rec centers, playing fields and other facilities. When UPARR has been funded it has been enormously successful—hundreds of parks, rec centers, pools and other facilities that otherwise would have been unable to meet the needs of their neighborhoods or simply closed their doors have been at work in their communities.

But UPARR is much more than bricks and mortar money. It also provides matching grants to cities, and through the mayors' offices to a wide range of nonprofit and government organizations for innovative programs targeted to youth at-risk. These programs are usually, but not always recreation oriented. They may be run by cities, schools or nonprofit entities like the Boys and Girls Clubs and the Police Athletic League. What they all have in common is that they bring at-risk youth in contact with caring adult mentors who will teach them the kind of personal skills and job skills they need to stay out of the gangs and in school.

At a hearing before the Committee on Natural Resources last week, I was deeply moved by the stories of our witnesses. People like Gil Walker, executive director of the National Association of Midnight Basketball Leagues, Carolyn McKenzie of Soccer in the Streets and Sgt. Frank Weirick of the Columbus, OH, Police Department told of the dramatic impact their work has had on life in urban neighborhoods when we in Congress provide them even modest means of support.

In its 15 years, more than 500 cities across America have benefited from UPARR. Neigh-

borhoods in big cities like New York, Chicago and Los Angeles, but also small and medium sized cities like Huntsville, AL and Oxnard, CA and Shreveport, LA, New Britain, CT and Pontiac, MI have been grant recipients.

Since 1979, \$192 million of the \$725 million authorized for UPARR has been obligated. But despite a record of success and a huge backlog of applications, nothing at all was spent on UPARR from 1985 to 1990. And we haven't been doing much better since then, with only \$5 million being appropriated this year. These meager amounts mean that program grants must remain small and on a one-time only basis, vastly limiting the effectiveness of the program.

This bill I am introducing today builds on the proven record of success of the Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery Act by expanding its focus to target urban neighborhoods with high crime rates, allowing innovative program grants to continue beyond the first year and making other needed refinements in UPARR.

As the chairman of the Select Committee on Children, Youth and Families, I held several hearings on the subject of youth crime and violence. And what we see over and over is that most of these young people have no opportunities for constructive activity in their neighborhoods and their cities.

Nowhere is the need for accessible and well-maintained parks, open space and recreation centers greater than in urban neighborhoods. No where are there fewer of those parks and facilities, and no where are the ones that do exist in worse shape, than in urban neighborhoods.

Public park and recreation facilities and services do more than just give young people something to do and a place to go. They are magnets that draw those young people into contact with adults who are mentors and programs that teach them important lessons in discipline, self-respect and respect for others, personal responsibility and teamwork, as well as job skills and other practical tools for living.

Accessible, well-maintained neighborhood parks are focal points of community pride and a place for youth to learn. Deteriorating parks are breeding grounds for crime and youth gangs and a visible symbol that nobody cares.

Expanding and rehabilitating urban recreational sites is not a new idea, and the idea of investing in parks and recreation centers to help lead young people away from crime and violence is still a very good one.

This Congress can make a significant contribution to the preventive and rehabilitative programs in our cities by revitalizing Phil Burton's idea. This is not about coddling criminals; it is about cost effectively giving our young people an alternative to gangs, to crime, and to jail. These programs work: the police say so, the experts say so, and the kids say so.

TRIBUTE TO DR. STEVEN GOLD

HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 15, 1994

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, one of the pleasures of serving in this legislative body is the opportunity we occasionally get to publicly acknowledge the accomplishments of remarkable individuals.

I rise today to recognize one such individual, Dr. Steven Gold, on the occasion of this admittance to the New York State Bar. Dr. Gold graduated summa cum laude from Yeshiva University, and went on to become licensed to practice medicine and surgery after attending New York University Medical School. He is an extraordinarily talented individual who has distinguished himself through his outstanding educational accomplishments. He has also been an important part of the community for years, and it is with pride that I salute him on this special occasion.

THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF OOIDA

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 15, 1994

Mr. SKELTON. On December 15, 1993, my constituent, the Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association, Inc., known as OOIDA, celebrated its 20th anniversary. OOIDA is the largest trade association representing the interests of the Nation's 350,000 independent owner-operator and small business truckers. From its headquarters in Grain Valley, MO, OOIDA serves its more than 29,000 members in a variety of areas—from representing their interests before the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Interstate Commerce Commission, the U.S. Congress, and other Federal agencies, to monitoring transportation activities at the State level, to combining the purchasing power of its members to provide low-cost insurance coverages to assisting in licensing and permitting. Over the 20 years of its history, OOIDA has grown from a fledgling organization of frustrated, yet dedicated and hard-working, truck drivers, to a well-recognized national vote for owner-operators. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the commemoration of OOIDA's 20 year anniversary.

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TRIBUTE TO THE REDLANDS, CA,
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 15, 1994

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention the fine work and outstanding public service of the men of the California Army National Guard and specifically the work of the National Guard unit in Redlands for its tremendous efforts on behalf of emergency relief in Los Angeles County.

In the last 2 years, the soldiers from the Redlands unit have been activated six times to respond to State emergencies. Without fail, these men and their families display a consistently remarkable level of dedication and commitment to service. This should come as no surprise, however, as the city of Redlands and the Redlands National Guard unit have answered the call to service since the First World War, and including World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm, and other State emergencies.

To say the least, the Redlands Army National Guard unit provides the city of Redlands and the State of California with an invaluable service during critical times of need. In the words of Sgt. Alexander Valero, "The men of Delta Company are your friends and neighbors next door and are our finest sons and brothers."

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me and our colleagues in congratulating the men and families of Delta Company, 4th Battalion, 160th Infantry for their outstanding support of the people of California and the United States. Their dedication and commitment to public safety and responsiveness in times of great need is remarkable. In its many years of devoted service, the Redlands unit of the California Army National Guard has touched the lives of many people in our community and it is only fitting that the House recognize all of these fine individuals today.

NATIONAL ARTS CLUB RECEIVES
WLIW AWARD

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 15, 1994

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of my colleagues the work of the National Arts Club and its recent receipt of WLIW's Award for Excellence in Education.

The club has been a haven for painters, sculptors, writers, and musicians since the late 1800's. Among its very first achievements was the decision to offer full membership for women at the onset, reflecting their accomplishment in the arts. The list of members and trustees reads like a Who's Who in the art world: Henry Frick, William Evans, Benjamin Altman, Jules Bache, Henry Walters, J. Pierpont Morgan, Frederic Remington, and Robert Henri.

The National Arts Club's most notable strides have been in the area of promulgating education. Each year the club hosts the Annual Student Art Exhibit which solicits work from 25 area colleges. It also sponsors Creative Writing: Children, Authors & Teachers, which places more than 30 authors each year into the New York City school system to teach creative writing. The NAC Music Committee recently instituted a scholarship program, the Tilden Prize, which is awarded for a different musical instrument each year.

In the field of theater and the dramatic arts, the club presents the Kesselring Prize, funded by author Joseph Kesselring upon his death. The \$10,000 award goes to a playwright who has not yet received national recognition. There are other awards too numerous to mention in the fields of film, dance, photography, and design.

As well as its scholarship work and residences, the National Arts Club operates four galleries that are open to the general public.

I would ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the outstanding contributions which the National Arts Club makes on a daily basis to enhance the quality of life for all Americans.

COMBATING RACISM AND
INTOLERANCE

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 15, 1994

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, last Thursday, March 10, 13-year-old Zlata Filipovic of Sarajevo testified before the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe. Poised and sincere, she described for us in straightforward, simple terms the horrors of a war that has stolen her childhood and threatened her future. She told us of the peaceful community of multiethnic Sarajevo, and commented sadly that their faith in love for one another had proved naive in the face of aggression. She told us that before the war, no one thought in terms of Moslem, Croat, or Serb—they were Bosnians, Sarajevans, one and all. She said most of her friends still saw themselves that way. But for some, she explained, for those children who had lost their parents or their siblings, the labels mattered now.

For the sake of Zlata and her friends, for my children, for all children, I long for a world in which national or ethnic identity is a source of pride but not aggression, a source of belonging but not of exclusion. I long for a world that favors compassion and understanding over malice and ignorance. How many more children will be taught to hate before we, who control their destiny, cry out "enough."

Earlier this month, the United Nations Commission on Human Rights passed a resolution to combat racism, xenophobia, anti-Semitism, racial discrimination, and other forms of prejudice. As the international president of B'nai B'rith has pointed out, this resolution sends the international community a clear message that the United Nations condemns hate of any kind. I support this resolution, and agree that its message is vital—not just for multilateral institutions and diplomats, but for all of us. Let

us each resolve to fight discrimination now, to fight it as though we were the current targets, so that our children will never be tomorrow's victims.

SALUTE TO HOSPITALIZED
VETERANS

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 15, 1994

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to the hospitalized veterans at the VA Medical Center in Wilkes-Barre, PA.

At a ceremony held last month, Lawrence F. Kelly, a Vietnam veteran from Hazelton, PA, read this poem that he wrote in honor of those who served their country.

I would like to take this opportunity to insert this poem in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD so that my colleagues also have the opportunity to read these poignant words.

OUR VETS

There are none so very lonely,
As those who share so much.
They keep their memories only,
To forget what they can't touch.

They all hold on to something,
Be it sight or even sound.
Could be only one thing,
They're all so tightly bound.

Their comrades, no their brothers,
My God, their sisters too,
Share one thing that no others,
Can ever share with you.

Their minds are etched with pictures,
Of fallen friend and foe.
Those damned eternal fixtures,
Never letting go.

Though war has no conscience,
The people who fought them do.
They don't need the nonsense,
That man has put them through.

They fought for all our freedom,
And love of country too.
Let's show them that we need them,
They live with this for you.

A SPECIAL SALUTE TO RABBI
BRUCE ABRAMS

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 15, 1994

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to salute an outstanding resident of my congressional district, Rabbi Bruce Abrams. On Friday, March 18, 1994, the congregation of Temple Ner Tamid, which is located in Euclid, OH, will honor Rabbi Abrams for 13 years of service to the temple. I take special pride in joining friends, family, and community leaders in this special tribute to Rabbi Abrams. I want to share with my colleagues and the Nation some important information concerning this extraordinary individual.

Mr. Speaker, Rabbi Abrams was ordained at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. His first pulpit was in Skokie, IL. It is interesting to note

that he served there during the turbulent years of the Nazi march through Skokie. Rabbi Abrams came to Temple Ner Tamid during the late summer of 1981. As he celebrates his Bar Mitzvah year of service, Rabbi Abrams can reflect upon an impressive list of accomplishments.

When Rabbi Abrams began serving the Ner Tamid congregation, the membership was approximately 110 families. Today the congregation membership has risen to over 300 families. In addition, the religious school has quadrupled in size and is now operating at two sites, with the recent historic opening of a Cleveland Heights branch facility.

Throughout his career, Rabbi Abrams has demonstrated his commitment to Jewish survival, and to peace and social justice. He has also maintained a strong devotion to meeting the needs of the disadvantaged.

Due to Rabbi Abrams' efforts, Temple Ner Tamid has been the past recipient of the Mayor's Award for Volunteerism for its work with Project Hunger. For 12 years, the temple has worked closely with Saint Aloysius Catholic Church. The joint work of the two congregations has served the needs of over 100,000 hungry people. In addition, Temple Ner Tamid has a hot meals program with Morningstar Baptist Church, as well as a hunger program within the Euclid community. Temple Ner Tamid is also the first Temple in Cleveland to host an Alcoholics Anonymous group. The temple also conducts an active adult education program.

Mr. Speaker, I read with interest an article which appeared early this week in the Plain Dealer newspaper. In the article entitled, "Euclid Rabbi Crosses the Boundaries of Faith," it is noted that, at the invitation of Imam Clyde Rahman, Rabbi Abrams joined Moslem worshippers at Masjid Bilal at the close of Ramadan to pray for peace and reconciliation. It is believed to be the first time that a rabbi has said prayers in an Islamic place of worship at the close of the holy month of fasting. It is indeed this type of leadership, commitment to peace, and compassion for humanity that has earned Rabbi Abrams the respect and admiration of the Cleveland community.

Along with his temple duties, Rabbi Abrams plays an integral role in a number of interfaith clergy and community organizations throughout the greater Cleveland area. He is a member of the East Side Interfaith Ministry, the Interfaith Clergy Association of Cleveland, the Cleveland Board of Rabbis, and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations Social Action Committee. His memberships also include the Greater Cleveland Growth Association, the Anti-Defamation League Black/Jewish Relations Committee, the City Club of Cleveland, AIDS Housing Council, and Project Learn.

Rabbi Abrams is married to Sarah Littlefield Abrams, who serves as president of Townsend Learning Centers of Chagrin Falls, OH. The Abrams reside in Cleveland Heights where they are the proud parents of two children, Jessica and David.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to salute Rabbi Abrams. I join the Temple Ner Tamid Congregation and others in expressing our appreciation for his tireless efforts on behalf of our community and the Nation. I extend my best regards on the celebration of his anniversary, and wish him much continued success.

NATIONAL SEWING MONTH

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 15, 1994

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, I am introducing legislation to designate the month of September as "National Sewing Month."

National Sewing Month was previously designated by the Congress each year from 1984 to 1988 to increase interest in home sewing.

It is estimated that over 30 million Americans sew at home. Many of these individuals have used their acquired sewing skills to enter fashion design, retail merchandising, interior design, patternmaking, and textiles.

The great majority of these careers had their beginning in seventh or eighth grade home economics classes where the enjoyment and pride associated with sewing was first encountered. For generations, the fundamentals of home sewing have also been learned in the context of the family.

The sewing industry employs thousands of individuals in the manufacture, wholesale, retail, and service sectors. The industry generates over \$3.5 billion in sales annually and each year invests millions of dollars in plants and machinery.

This September will mark a continuation of a industrywide effort to revitalize the sewing spirit in America, as the American Home Sewing Association conducts an extensive nationwide promotion of National Sewing Month.

A wide variety of civic organizations will be invited to participate, including home economics teachers, county extension agents, 4-H clubs, the Girl Scouts, American Sewing Guild chapters, Future Home Makers of America, and many others.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in this effort to cosponsor this joint resolution designating September as "National Sewing Month."

THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 15, 1994

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, as many of our colleagues are well aware, our American Legion is celebrating its 75th anniversary this month.

In the wake of the horror of World War I, the need was recognized for an organization which could effectively represent the interests of the American veterans who had sacrificed so much through those years of terror. World War I raised the curtain on a new type of warfare, so horrible and inhumane in its nature that mankind had to deal with problems in a post-war world without precedent.

The need for adequate health care for the wounded, the need to assist the crippled, and the need to counsel those who were witness to the carnage required an organization that could articulate these challenges and translate them into positive action.

In addition, our Nation was burdened in those post-war years with a crisis of spirit. Many Americans questioned the need to fight to preserve democracy in the first place, while many questioned the future of our way of life.

The American Legion rapidly became one of the most respected organizations in our Nation because they rapidly answered these challenges: reminding our Government and our citizenry of the debt we owed to those who sacrificed on the battlefield while also keeping alive the ideals for which we fought.

Much had been accomplished by the predecessor of the American Legion, the Grand Army of the Republic [GAR]. That organization of Civil War veterans brought about the first veterans hospitals in our Nation's history, as well as the first pension plans for veterans and assistance programs for widows and orphans.

The GAR, however, after surviving the carnage of our Civil War, did not anticipate that we would ever go to war again. Accordingly, the organization had no provisions to admit veterans of subsequent conflicts.

Accordingly, the American Legion, founded in the wake of World War I, was able to build upon the foundation laid by the GAR.

In each of our subsequent conflicts—World War II, the Korean war, the Vietnam war, the Persian Gulf war—the American Legion was on hand, as an effective champion of our armed services while hostilities were in progress and as the premier spokesperson for veterans rights when the guns were stilled.

Today, as we celebrate 75 years of progress, we salute the American Legion for a job well done, and look forward to working with this, the largest veteran's organization in the world.

In many ways, the American Legion helped formulate the strong pro-veterans stance which I have taken since becoming a Member of Congress over 20 years ago. Our American Legion posts throughout our 20th Congressional District of New York and throughout the Nation have been of great support and assistance as we have worked hard to maintain pension benefits for our veterans, to expand our system of excellent Veterans Administration hospitals, to provide health care and education for those who gave so much on the battlefield, to care for the dependents of those who gave their lives in our Nation's services, to advocate a full study of the effects of agent orange and the substances which impacted the health of our veterans, the long-sought creation and elevation of the Department of Veterans Affairs to a Cabinet level post—the fifth anniversary of which we celebrated earlier this year—and the many other legislative initiatives in which so many of our colleagues joined in supporting. The American Legion was behind us on each and every one of them.

Mr. Speaker, many of our colleagues in the Congress throughout the past 75 years have been members of the American Legion. The first was one of the primary founders of the Legion, the late Hamilton Fish, Sr., of New York. Colonel Fish, a genuine hero of World War I, helped cofound the Legion in 1919. Later that same year, he was elected to Congress in a special election and served continually until 1945. Throughout his lengthy career in Congress, he was a consistent advocate of

the needs of our veterans and of the patriotism which made our Nation strong. It is fitting that the VA hospital in Castle Point, NY, was named in his memory, and it is fitting that we remember former Congressman Fish today.

Mr. Speaker, throughout the next few weeks and months, American Legion posts throughout our Nation will be commemorating this 75th anniversary with appropriate festivities. I urge our colleagues to join in wishing the American Legion a happy birthday, and thanking our Legionnaires for all they have done to make our Nation a better one for our veterans and for all of us.

CONGRATULATIONS MINNIE COHEN

HON. DANA ROHRBACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 15, 1994

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to inform my colleagues that I have the honor to represent Mrs. Minnie Cohen who is today celebrating her 108th birthday.

Mrs. Cohen was born in New York City on this day in 1886. Her mother was an immigrant from Rumania and her father emigrated from Paris, France.

Mrs. Cohen is the oldest of nine children. She has 5 children, 14 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

I have been informed by the Social Security Administration Santa Ana, CA branch manager, Mrs. Wanda Waldman, that Mrs. Cohen is the oldest person in the United States receiving Social Security benefits.

An event with many of Mrs. Cohen's friends and family members including her oldest daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Schneiderman, who is visiting from New York, will be held at Mrs. Cohen's convalescent home in Huntington Beach, CA today to celebrate her 108th birthday and to note the fact that she is the oldest Social Security recipient in the United States. Many happy returns Mrs. Cohen.

BROOKLYN IRISH-AMERICAN PARADE

HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 15, 1994

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Brooklyn Irish-American Parade Committee on the occasion of its 19th annual parade.

The Irish-American community in Brooklyn is one of the oldest and most active groups in the borough. The annual parade highlights the cultural, educational, and historical accomplishments of the Irish community and fosters an appreciation of Irish heritage. It is a festive event that is among the most important traditions in Brooklyn.

The parade takes place on the historic site of the Battle of Brooklyn, in which many Irish freedom fighters gave their lives during the American Revolution.

This year's parade honors the memory of John F. Carroll from County Galway, a found-

ing member of the Brooklyn Irish-American Parade Committee, a son of Erin who made significant contributions to the educational, civic, cultural, and religious life of the citizens of Brooklyn and New York City. The theme of this year's parade is the "Ongoing Struggle for Irish Independence." It commemorates the 75th anniversary of Ireland's Declaration of Independence.

I would like to thank the parade committee for organizing this truly outstanding event.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID CURRY

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 15, 1994

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to recognize an outstanding Missourian, David Curry, who was recently honored by the Children's Therapy Center in Sedalia, MO.

A member of the Children's Therapy Center board of directors since 1967, Curry received the center's Lifetime Achievement Award, its highest honor. Curry's family benefited from the center's services when their youngest son was born deaf.

Since becoming a member of the board, Curry has served as vice president and president. He was president for 4 years of the Casa Grande and Palms independent living board. In addition, Curry has been a member of the cooperative workshop board.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating David Curry for his honor and wish him the best regards in the years to follow.

TRIBUTE TO PAUL WOODRUFF

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 15, 1994

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention the fine work and outstanding public service of my good friend Paul Woodruff. Paul is retiring from the California State Assembly this year after 6 years of distinguished leadership on behalf of the people of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties in southern California.

Paul Woodruff attended local schools and graduated from California State University at San Bernardino. Over the years, Paul has been an active member of a number of civic and community-based organizations giving freely his time and energy to many worthy causes. He has also served as an elected or appointed member of the Republican Central Committee of San Bernardino County since 1978 and has been a member of the California State Republican Central Committee since 1982. Paul also worked as the chairman of the incorporation effort in Yucaipa in 1987. Prior to winning the Republican primary for the State Assembly in 1988, Paul worked as an administrative aide and advisor to Assemblyman Bill Leonard.

Recognizing his many talents, Paul's colleagues promoted him to serve as the Repub-

lican Assembly caucus chairman, as well as the secretary and elections chairman. Presently, he serves on the prestigious Assembly Ways and Means Committee, the Governmental Organization Committee, the Assembly Committee on Health, and the Higher Education Committee.

Needless to say, the many residents of the 65th assembly district will miss Paul's fine work and effective representation. Beyond serving as a legislator, Paul has provided support and genuine friendship to the many people of Big Bear Lake, Big Bear City, Running Springs, Forest Falls, Twentynine Palms, Yucca Valley, Joshua Tree, Cabazon, Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Yucaipa, Hemet, San Jacinto, Moreno Valley, and the city of Riverside.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, and Paul's many friends in wishing him the very best in his retirement. In his many years of devoted service, Paul Woodruff has touched the lives of many people in our State and it is only fitting that the House recognize him today.

SAINT CECILIA CHOIR HONORED ON OCCASION OF 90TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 15, 1994

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of my colleagues an important event which will take place on April 10 in Long Island City, NY.

That date marks the 90th anniversary of the Saint Cecilia Choir of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church. Since 1904, the Saint Cecilia Choir has been touching the hearts and souls of all who attend St. Stanislaus Kostka Church. Their beautiful rendition of the music liturgy for high mass every Sunday from September to June will never be forgotten by those fortunate enough to have heard it.

Fortunately, the Saint Cecilia Choir brings its gifts to hundreds of thousands of other listeners by performing at numerous religious and secular functions throughout the city of New York. Over the years, these special events have included participating in the services at St. Patrick's Cathedral which precede the start of the annual Pulaski Day parade; performing for the 1979 visit of Pope John Paul II to Shea Stadium in Queens; numerous radio and television appearances; a command performance in 1991 for President and Mrs. Lech Walesa during their visit to the United States; three appearances at the Polish Consulate in New York City; the release of four record albums; and much, much more.

Through their efforts, the Saint Cecilia Choir has done a great deal to preserve and promote its Polish-American heritage through song. The choir is comprised of nearly 50 active members who give so much of their free time for this noble purpose.

Because of their tremendous success over the past 90 years, I hope that my colleagues will join me in congratulating the Saint Cecilia Choir on the occasion of their wonderful anni-

versary, and wishing them another 190 years of service to their community.

TRIBUTE TO BOYS AND GIRLS
CLUB OF COACHELLA VALLEY, CA

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 15, 1994

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Boys and Girls Club of Coachella Valley, CA.

On a recent trip to the area, I was able to witness the activities of the Boys and Girls Club of Coachella Valley firsthand. The impact this and other boys and girls clubs have on the lives of our youth is impressive and encouraging.

The Boys and Girls Club of Coachella Valley provides a wide spectrum of interesting and fun activities designed to get kids off the streets and into a stable environment. The activities are organized in a manner which is interesting enough to keep the kids coming back. Aside from athletic and artistic activities, the club provides programs which help the kids with their school work, assist in obtaining collegiate financial assistance, provide computer training, and teach basic useful culinary skills.

The impact the Boys and Girls Club of Coachella Valley has had on the youth in its community has afforded it the opportunity to participate in a youth rehabilitation program. This program permits youths charged with misdemeanors to attend the constructive programs and activities at the club, instead of serving time in a prison where they learn more violent criminal behavior. This rehabilitation program has been funded entirely through private donations. When the entire community gets behind a project, there is no limit to what can be accomplished.

Mr. Speaker, in a time when most Americans are concerned and/or affected by violent crime, the Boys and Girls Club of Coachella Valley has taken the initiative to promote the family values often missing in today's youth. By doing this, the club has become a beacon, a shining example of what can be done if there is dedication and desire to do so.

TRIBUTE TO ALAN JOHN
MACDONALD

HON. JACK REED

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 15, 1994

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute a distinguished young man from Rhode Island who has attained the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. He is Alan John MacDonald of Troop 11 in Coventry, RI, and he is honored this week for his noteworthy achievement.

Not every young American who joins the Boy Scouts earns the prestigious Eagle Scout award. In fact, only 2.5 percent of all Boy Scouts do. To earn the award, a Boy Scout

must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills. He must earn 21 merit badges, 11 of which are required from areas such as citizenship in the community, citizenship in the Nation, citizenship in the world, safety, environmental science, and first aid.

As he progresses through the Boy Scout ranks, a Scout must demonstrate participation in increasingly more responsible service projects. He must also demonstrate leadership skills by holding one or more specific youth leadership positions in his patrol and/or troop. This young man has distinguished himself in accordance with these criteria.

For his Eagle Scout project, Alan built and installed flower boxes for the residents of the General Hospital, State of Rhode Island.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in saluting Eagle Scout Alan John MacDonald. In turn, we must duly recognize the Boy Scouts of America for establishing the Eagle Scout Award and the strenuous criteria its aspirants must meet. This program has through its 80 years honed and enhanced the leadership skills and commitment to public service of many outstanding Americans, two dozen of who now serve in the House.

It is my sincere belief that Alan John MacDonald will continue his public service and in so doing will further distinguish himself and consequently better his community. I join friends, colleagues, and family who this week salute him.

RECOGNIZING THE ACADEMIC
ACHIEVEMENTS OF PRESTON
HOPSON III

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 15, 1994

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the efforts and achievements of an outstanding young man from my hometown of Grand Rapids. Preston Hopson III is a senior at City High School and has been selected as a regional recipient of the AAU/Mars Milky Way High School All-American Award. For his dedication and effort, Preston will receive a \$10,000 scholarship to attend the college or university of his choice.

Receiving this honor was no easy task. Preston was chosen as just 1 of 8 regional recipients from a field of over 10,000 high school students nominated nationwide based on exceptional achievements in scholastics, athletics, and community service.

Those achievements are many and a prime example of what our young people can achieve if given the resources and encouragement. I would like to give you just a sampling of Preston's many honors. He is ranked first in his class, he is a National Merit Scholarship Commended Scholar, a U.S. Achievement Academy Scholar, a Presidential Scholar, and a semifinalist in the National Achievement Program for Outstanding Negro Students. He has been named Student of the Year in three subjects and is also learning how government works by serving as president of the student

council and chairperson of the executive board.

On the field of competition, Preston is equally impressive. He is a member of the varsity swim team and has been named captain-elect for the upcoming tennis season. Outside of school, Preston is equally committed to getting the most out of life, despite a very challenging schedule. He has worked as an intern in Senator REIGLE's regional office and also gained experience through work with a local law firm. He has also committed time to help feed disadvantaged citizens in the community.

Preston's commitment to excellence and responsibility is a model all young people could follow. It is a pleasure to take this time and honor a young man who is a first-rate citizen and a fine representative of our area.

CORPUS CHRISTI HOUSING
AUTHORITY HONORED

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, and colleagues, I rise to pay tribute to some very talented heroes in our society today, Mr. Ken Chastain and the Corpus Christi Housing Authority.

The Corpus Christi Housing Authority was honored by the Community Action Network with the 1993 Certificate of Merit for Documentary of the Year at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City. To give perspective to the quality of the competition, the Corpus Christi Housing Authority's documentary beat out one produced by Oliver Stone. Walter Cronkite presented the award on behalf of the Community Action Network, declaring that the Corpus Christi Housing Authority was a wonderful example that could be emulated by communities throughout the United States.

Mr. Speaker, the Corpus Christi Housing Authority has labored mightily to combat crime and drugs in a section of town known as the Northside. That labor was the focus of Mr. Chastain's documentary. The documentary took the theory that negative images perpetuate negative stereotypes, and stood it on its head. The documentary, "Challenge and Change in the Northside," featured the hope of the people who live there. It focused on the law-abiding people in the neighborhoods and the realities they face each day.

One of the citizens featured in the film, Thea Hicks, described the allure of drugs, gangs, and associated illegal activities. She said that people with no resources who need money for the daily expenses of life are very easy prey for the money that drugs and associated activities can bring. Describing the temptation of the money for her neighbors, she said, "They eventually turn to drugs. CP&L [Central Power and Light] doesn't care how they get their money."

In order to assist people in joining the work force, the authority has instituted day care services for children whose parents are faced with the decision of leaving their children unattended and finding work to pay the bills. Day care services for the unemployed erase a ter-

rible anxiety that many people have with leaving their children to find work.

The authority has also initiated karate classes for the young people in the area. By making these athletic opportunities available to the area children, the housing authority is giving these young people an alternative to life on the streets, or in gangs. Athletics will surely not turn the tide of crime, violence, or poverty in any community, but I am pleased that the housing authority is using all the available weapons in their arsenal to combat the cycle of poverty and violence.

Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, the housing authority has established voter registration drives and community financing for area programs. The voter registration drive has gauged the political interest of the community and helped to teach them that they are indeed responsible for their own destiny. By instituting community financing, the authority is teaching current occupants about the responsibility of living and working in our society—all of which reinforces the notion that self-determination is the essence of liberty.

Arturo Gutierrez, the former chairman of the board of the housing authority, says that most of the resident programs are now sponsored by residents rather than sponsored by the authority. The ultimate goal, of course, is to promote home ownership and to make unemployed citizens contributing members of our society.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud of the efforts of the Corpus Christi Housing Authority as they attempt to bring fiscal and personal responsibility into the realm of local and Federal housing policy. I believe that housing authorities all over the country would be well served to pattern their own programs after the one in Corpus Christi.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONOREES OF THE 30TH ANNUAL SHOWCASE SUNNYVALE

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 15, 1994

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the exceptional businesses, organiza-

tions, and individuals who are being honored at the 30th Annual Showcase Sunnyvale for their invaluable contributions to the city of Sunnyvale, CA. Showcase Sunnyvale is a unique gala evening which celebrates the diverse and talented people who live in this outstanding community, and I salute the Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce for its commitment in sponsoring this remarkable event.

The following awards are being presented to those who have made a positive difference in Sunnyvale this past year: The Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year Award is being given to Julie Jaroshenko; the Chamber Small Business of the Year Award is going to Capsco Sales, Inc.; the Realtor of the Year Award is being presented to Jon Buurma of Top Realty; the Leadership Vision in Business Award is being given to Lockheed Missiles and Space Company/Sunnyvale Town Center; the Outstanding Efforts in Defense Conversion Award is going to Trimble Navigation Limited; the Outstanding Media Support Award is being presented to KICU-TV Action 36/Mix 106.5 KEZR; the HOPE Client of the Year Award is being given to Darlene Lynch; the Community Services Outstanding Volunteers of the Year Award is going to Ann Marie and Charles Nussbaum; and the Leadership Sunnyvale Alumnus of the Year Award is being presented to Donna Brown, class of 1992.

Additional awards are being given to: Leadership Sunnyvale for Exceptional Service to the Community; Advanced Micro Devices for Corporate Community Support; Ann McCarty for Sunnyvale School District Teacher of the Year; Alison Broaddus, Leanne Deschamps, and Dorothy Mansfield are being named Fremont Union High School District Outstanding Teachers; Advanced Micro Devices/Sunnyvale School District and Hewlett-Packard Co./Fremont Union High School District are being singled out as Exemplary Partners in Education; County Supervisor Dianne McKenna and Matt Bailey of NOVA/PIC Youth Employment Service are being honored for Distinguished Service to the Region; 2d Lt. Fred Taylor is being named Onizuka Air Force Base Officer of the Year while SSgt. Michael Massey is being honored as Onizuka Air Force Base Enlisted Member of the Year; and finally the City of Sunnyvale Public Works and Parks and Recreation Departments are being given the Exemplary Community Partners Award.

Mr. Speaker, I am exceedingly proud to represent a district where business and community leaders continue to make significant contributions together on behalf of the Sunnyvale community. By doing this, they indeed strengthen our Nation. I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring these citizens for their untiring and notable efforts in making Sunnyvale an exceptional place in which to live and do business.

TRIBUTE TO WALTER WARD

HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 15, 1994

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Walter Ward for his 25 years of service as a New York City councilman. The value of individuals who have given their undying energy and commitment to the community cannot be understated. Walter Ward is such an individual. There is no denying that Walter has truly been an asset to the Queens community. His tireless efforts as a community leader will continue to serve as an example to all who care about the future of the communities that comprise the Borough of Queens. It is my great pleasure to bring him to the attention of my colleagues today.

Walter Ward will be greatly missed on the city council. Since his election in 1968, Walter has distinguished himself in his representation of constituents from all walks of life. His efforts on behalf of the handicapped, senior citizens, students, tenants, landlords, and consumers were an inspiration to all. He fought for increased funding of schools and libraries and was a leader in the campaign against crime. In deep appreciation of his efforts to win freedom for Soviet Jews, the councilman was honored with an award by Yakov Arieiev and the greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry.

In his 25 years of service, Walter Ward represented his constituents with pride. He will be remembered as an influential member of the city council who produced and endured.