

Street Award. One of them, Saratoga Springs, NY, is in the 22d Congressional District I have the privilege of representing.

The award was well earned. Saratoga Springs has long enjoyed its distinction as a city of thoroughbred racing and fine mansions. But by the 1970's, the city's charm was starting to fade. Fortunately, Saratogians are justifiably proud of their city, and a group of them decided to restore the city's splendor to its fullest.

About a quarter century ago building facades were crumbling and the downtown was lifeless. Fear that a recently constructed nearby supermall would drain the city's commercial blood, a group of citizens responded by forming what was known as the plan of action. Besides encouraging ideas on renovation, plan of action led to a special assessment district, a group of 82 downtown property owners on and along Broadway who paid an additional tax each year for improvements.

These efforts, in turn, led to a spring flowerplanting program and the gathering of residents 4 days a week to dig up sidewalks and plant 250 trees along Broadway. The city also boasts of a new urban center that attracts tourists even outside the racing season.

To make a long story short, Mr. Speaker, the total value of downtown property was valued at \$15 million in the early 1970's and is valued at \$63 million today.

The summer season of thoroughbred racing and Saratoga Performing Arts Center always drew tourists to Saratoga Springs. But the city's finest sons and daughters were not content until they once again had a city worthy of those two attractions.

As the recipient of a Great American Main Street Award, Saratoga Springs will receive a plaque to display along the street, a certificate, a trophy, and a \$5,000 award to be put in a revolving trust controlled by the city's Preservation Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, the spirit that restored Saratoga Springs is the spirit that made America the greatest country in the world. I'm proud of the city, privileged to represent her residents in Congress, and fortunate to have my major district office on Broadway.

Let us now, Mr. Speaker, add our own voices to the growing chorus of tributes to Saratoga Springs, NY, as one of this Nation's truly fine cities.

#### A TRIBUTE TO TERRI MCNAIR

HON. SUE W. KELLY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 1996*

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a true American hero. Terri McNair, a constituent of mine, is the living embodiment of the spirit of charity and giving that this Nation was built on. She has devoted her career, and much of her free time, to easing the pain and the burden on people who are less fortunate.

As the volunteer president of the Community Center in Katonah, NY, Terri McNair coordinates an operation that provides food, clothing, literacy programs, career counseling, and most importantly, a helping hand and word of encouragement to needy people in my district and hometown. The Katonah Community Center is a place of refuge for many people, and she is a beacon of hope for those people who seek out this refuge.

Terri McNair's commitment to the less fortunate does not end when she goes to her full-time job. She is a social worker who coordinates the Family Violence Program at the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility. As a social worker at New York's only maximum security women's prison, Terri McNair works with inmates who have been both the perpetrators and the victims of violence and she is in a key position to help these women stop this endless cycle of violence.

For her commitment to making her community and our world a better place, I rise today to pay tribute to a woman whose commitment to the less fortunate is unmatched and whose charity and compassion is truly awe-inspiring. Terri McNair, on behalf of myself, my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives and all of the people whose lives you have touched, I want to offer you my most sincere thanks. Terri, you truly are an American hero.

#### IN HONOR OF SHELL EXPLORER POST 9999, DEER PARK, TX

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 1996*

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the members of Shell Explorer Post No. 9999 in Deer Park, TX, for their many achievements and contributions to our community.

The Shell Explorer Post is sponsored by the Shell Oil Refinery located in Deer Park, TX, and is part of the East Central Exploring District of the Sam Houston Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The post is open to young men and women, ages 14 to 20, who wish to be part of a vibrant, growing, fun-filled organization that explores career opportunities and encourages community involvement.

Shell Explorers learn the value of community service, develop an awareness of our fragile environment, and establish an understanding of the strength we have as a people that fosters pride in themselves and their ability to do good work, both as individuals and as a team.

During the 1994-95 season, they brought their hard work and dedicated service to a wide assortment of community projects.

To help improve our environment, the Explorers cleaned up a stretch of beach front for the fifth year in a row. They then turned their attention to the Armand Bayou Nature Center where they helped to build gates, repair fences, and clear brush vines. Through such activities, the Explorers learned about the ecosystem and wildlife while helping to beautify our community for all of us.

Senior citizens hold a special place in the hearts of the Explorers, and they go out of their way year after year to help better their lives. Whether it be removing old broken sheetrock, helping a carpenter to install a new kitchen counter and sink, patching or painting, the Explorers are always there to extend their valuable services.

Besides doing handiwork, the Explorers can always be relied on to share a friendly smile. During the Christmas holiday, they delivered hot, hearty meals to homebound seniors in Pasadena, Deer Park, La Porte, and the Deer Park Activities Center. The Explorers also brought Christmas cards and kind words for those who lived far from families and were alone for the season.

The Shell Explorers are particularly proud of their \$1,000 donation to the Boys and Girls Harbor Youth Facility in Morgan's Point, TX. Through several car washes, the Explorers had raised this money to finance their yearly activities. However, they later learned that the Boys and Girls Harbor Youth Facility, which helps orphans and troubled youth, was in need so the Shell Explorers donated the funds to help the Facility.

Career opportunities are also a focal point for the Explorers. They visited KRBE Radio to learn the tricks of sound mixing, the art of promotions, and other career opportunities for those interested in a future in broadcasting. The Explorers invite guest speakers to discuss their careers as well as to instill the value of good study habits and the importance of a college education.

The Shell Explorers provide an example of good citizenship for all of us. Through the years, they have learned that by serving others they serve themselves and each member has gone forth with the knowledge that he or she had made a difference.

#### IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEES IN THE UNITED STATES

HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 1996*

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, for the benefit of my colleagues I would like to have printed in the RECORD this statement by Tedra Guyett and Harmony Hariman, high school students from Washington County, VT, who were speaking at my recent town meeting on issues facing young people.

My name is Harmony Hariman, and I'm a Student Area Coordinator for Amnesty International, and I'm an intern with the Vermont Refugee Assistance.

My name is Tedra Guyette; I'm also a Student Area Coordinator for Vermont, and I'm also an intern with Vermont Refugee Assistance.

The first thing we really want to talk about is a Bill that was passed on March 21st in the House, HR 2202. That's really upsetting to me, because it effectively banned people who have genuine political claims . . . from ever entering the U.S., or ever staying, because . . . When a person flees their country with the fear of safety, and they come here, do you think they're going to come off the plane and say, "Whoops, we better get a lawyer and file some papers?" No, they're worried about their safety. And often spend months trying to save their families, and just getting settled, which pretty much bans them from ever filing. The Bill HR 2202 would ensure that any immigrant or refugee who is caught entering or crossing the border illegally will be permanently barred from ever legally entering the country. Yet there are instances where a refugee has no other option. Immigrants lack knowledge about specific opportunities of become a citizen, and often do not understand the process itself, or how to negotiate the I.N.S. bureaucracy.

There is a section of the bill that says that immigrants who are here illegally, or undocumented immigrants, are unable to receive health care through out public system.