last but not least, Ken won the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association's Morrough P. O'Brien Award in 1999.

Ken has led by example for many years, bringing an awareness to so many people about the importance of working together to preserve not only our beaches and oceans, but the environment and our natural resources as a whole. He has been tireless in his dedication to not only protecting the beaches but educating people on the importance of preservation. Even as he is fighting his own battle with cancer, his amazing drive and devotion to our shores has not wavered in the least.

Congratulations Ken, I look forward to working with you for many more years to come.

RECOGNIZING COMMUNITY BLOOD SERVICES

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 26, 2004

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring both attention and admiration to a program that truly has had lifesaving results.

The Community Blood Services, located in Paramus, NJ, within my fifth Congressional District, has working partnerships with many hospitals in the New York metropolitan area to supply cord blood. This cord blood is used in the treatment of leukemia, breast cancer, lymphoma, Hodgkin's Disease, Aplastic Anemia, various other cancers, blood diseases, hereditary/genetic conditions and immune system disorders.

The Elie Katz Umbilical Cord Blood Program at Community Blood Services recently and generously announced it will donate one of its umbilical cord units to St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center in Paterson, NJ, to assist an uninsured patient in need of a lifesaving transplant.

The patient is suffering from Burkitt's Lymphoma, a non-Hodgkin's disease which is rare in most of the world, but is the most common childhood cancer in Central Africa.

The Elie Katz Umbilical Cord Blood Program was inaugurated in 1997. Since then, it has accepted more than 1600 donated cord blood units. To date, 24 of those units have been used for transplants in children throughout the world. The unit being donated to St. Joseph's will be the twenty-fifth.

Stem cells obtained from placentas and umbilical cords, have been proven to successfully aid in the treatment of many life-threatening diseases. Researchers have found that umbilical cords especially are a rich source of stem cells. This discovery could make the use of embryonic stem cells unnecessary. The cells are easily attainable and can be expanded in vitro, maintained in culture, and induced to differentiate into neural cells. They are a potential source of multipotent stem cells that may serve many therapeutic and biotechnological roles.

In order to identify possible genetic diseases or past illnesses that could jeopardize the patient, when collecting donated cord blood there is a wide-ranging parental history considered. Once the parents agree to the donation, a technician working closely with the delivery team collects the residual blood from the umbilical cord after it has been detached from the baby, ensuring no risk to the mother or child. The cord blood unit is then transferred to the processing laboratory at Community Blood Services, where the red blood cells are removed and the remaining stem cells are frozen in liquid nitrogen for long-term storage.

Let me close by portraying just how proud I am that such a worthwhile organization is located within my community. It is an honor for me today to bring attention to Community Blood Services on the floor of the House. We thank you for everything that you do.

RECOGNIZING PUTNAM COUNTY, NEW YORK

HON. SUE W. KELLY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 26, 2004

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, as the Member of Congress who represents all of Putnam County, NY, I rise today to recognize Putnam County leaders, groups, and residents for their remarkable achievement in being recognized nationwide as one of eight Preserve America communities.

The new Preserve America initiative was developed in cooperation with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, as well as the U.S. Departments of Interior and Commerce. Putnam County recently received a Preserve America Award at a White House ceremony hosted by First Lady Laura Bush.

Located along the Hudson River, many of Putnam County's towns and villages were instrumental to trade and commerce throughout our nation's history. Putnam County has further demonstrated its ability to make history by becoming one of the first communities in our country to apply for and receive this special designation as a Preserve America Community. Putnam County's proactive spirit has been duly rewarded with this prestigious recognition.

County government has partnered with local municipalities, historic societies, and non-profit organizations to develop initiatives and plans to protect historic property for economic development and community revitalization. These efforts have helped Putnam County emerge as a national leader in the preservation of cultural and natural heritage.

I rise to commend Putnam County legislator Vincent Tamagna's dedicated efforts in spearheading the county's application efforts. I also rise to thank the Hudson River Valley Institute for its active support of Putnam County. Also deserving recognition and congratulations are Putnam County Executive Robert Bondi; the Putnam County legislature; Putnam County Historical Society; Putnam County Tourist Promotion Agency; Foundry School Museum; and the county's Historic Advisory Preservation Commission and its Office of the County Historian and County Archives.

Mr. Speaker, I am extremely proud and honored to represent the people of Putnam County. They deserve this special designation for their steadfast commitment to preserving a uniquely historic past while planning for a bright and promising future.

ONE MORE CHEER FOR THE CAT IN THE HAT

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 26, 2004

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker:

I rise today as many have before,
To honor Theodor Seuss Guisel for his contributions galore!

The literary world will never be the same,
After being introduced to Dr. Seuss' name

We remember the dreamer, the artist, the man,
Who taught us about life, green eggs and ham

For 60 years he captivated us with stories for all to know,
And left a legacy of cherished books about the places we'd go

He may not have been a real doctor—but boredom he cured,
With rhythm and rhyme and colorful words,

When our troops needed morale during World War II,
He was too old to serve but did what he could do,

With satire and imagery he inspired platoons
With silly and potent political cartoons!

We celebrate today, a man who dreamed,
And created for all an unending stream

Of insights and poems, books and tales,
Of red fish, blue fish and others with scales

He gave us the Lorax to speak for the trees,
A little creature to save saplings from corporate greed

And we cannot forget the Grinch with a heart so cold,
Or the innocence of a child, ''Who,'' touched his soul

His 46 books weren't meant to be silly,
Barbaloots were for grown-ups and leaders of cities,

Ahhh—So many stories, yet so little time,
To commend this man for his gift of rhyme

So when the sun does not shine,
When it is too wet to play,
When you are sitting in your house,
On a cold, cold, wet day

Always remember in December or September,
The spell of wonder,
Dr. Seuss put us under.

INTRODUCTION OF ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION BOARD OF ADVISORS APPOINTMENTS

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 26, 2004

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize two outstanding individuals who have dedicated their lives to encouraging all Americans to participate in our government through the voting process. Under the authority granted to me by the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA), I have appointed two election experts, Joseph F. Crangle of Buffalo, NY and Hilary O. Shelton of Washington, DC, to serve as national voting procedure advisors to continue improving the election process in the wake of the 2000 elections.

HAVA established a four-person body called the Election Assistance Commission (EAC). I