

Mr. Costa was an esteemed leader, establishing many firsts within the New Bedford, Mass., Portuguese community. He was a founder and past president of the Luso-American Soccer Association as well as the Portuguese American Athletic Club in New Bedford.

An entrepreneur, he began by purchasing Phillips Press and continued with the founding of Costa Imports. He founded the first Portuguese-language radio station in the United States, WGCY, now broadcasting as WJFD-FM in New Bedford, and produced the first Portuguese variety television program, "Passport to Portugal" on WTEV-TV. He initiated a daily TV cable program "Panorama of Portugal," currently known as The Portuguese Channel, and purchased and published what is known as "The Portuguese Times" newspaper, also in Southeastern Massachusetts.

Mr. Costa relocated to Washington, D.C., to represent Portugal as the Portuguese language broadcasting director for "Voice of America." He returned to New England as co-owner and director of Radio Club Portugal, "WRCP."

In recognition of his services to the Portuguese community, the government of Portugal conferred upon him the rank of *comendador da ordem do infante dom henrique*. Various civic organizations recognized his achievements as well. The Seven Castles Club named him Man of the Year, as he received the Merit Award from the United Way as well as the Portuguese-American Federation.

He received official citations from the Massachusetts and Rhode Island houses of representatives, the Medal of Prestige from the Portuguese Continental Union and the Annual Achievement Award from the Prince Henry Club.

In retirement, he produced the only Portuguese-language radio program in South Florida on WHSR-AM, where the transmission continues via his Web site, radioportugal.net. He also wrote periodic chronicles published in *O Journal* entitled "Desabafos."

Survivors include his widow; two sons, Carlos Alberto Costa and his wife, Susan, of Westport, Mass., and Luis Manuel Costa and his wife, Nancy, of New Bedford; a daughter, Ana Maria Costa of New Bedford; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a nephew.

His funeral will be at 9 a.m., Friday from the Dartmouth Funeral Home, 230 Russells Mills Road, Dartmouth, Mass., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 in Immaculate Conception Church, New Bedford. Interment will be private.

Arrangements are by Porter Funeral Service, Westport.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF DR. RUBEN OLIVAREZ, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Superintendent of the San Antonio Independent School District, Dr. Ruben Olivarez, for his contributions to the local community.

Dr. Ruben Olivarez has dedicated his career to educating our youth. In 1970, Dr. Olivarez started his career in education. Having taught at J.T. Brackenridge Elementary School, he is

no stranger to the educational needs of our community. He has held a number of important educational posts over the years, including a professorship at the University of Texas at Austin, the title of Principal in the Fort Worth Independent School District, the post of Deputy Commissioner of the Texas Education Agency, and many others.

On January 11, 2000, Dr. Ruben Olivarez was named Superintendent of the San Antonio Independent School District, which has a student population of approximately 57,000. He is currently responsible for the "Vision 2005 and Beyond" plan for educational improvement. Dr. Olivarez has helped to provide the guidance our schools need, keeping the needs of our students an important priority.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the Superintendent of the San Antonio Independent School District, Dr. Ruben Olivarez, for his dedicated service to our local schools.

CONGRATULATING PATTY LAWLER ON BEING NAMED WOMAN OF THE YEAR BY THE LACKAWANNA COUNTY FEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC WOMEN

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Patty Lawler as the Lackawanna County Federation of Democratic Women names her Woman of the Year.

Patty is the daughter of James and Dolores Lawler. She was born and raised in the MidValley area, and currently lives in Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania.

Patty is a graduate of St. Patrick's High School in Olyphant. She graduated from Marywood University with a bachelor of arts degree in education and theater. Patty was active in many clubs and organizations on campus and was president of the class of 1971. She was a member of the Student Pennsylvania State Education Association and the Marywood Players. She held leading roles in many productions on campus and chaired several committees including Sophomore Parents' Weekend and the Junior Prom. Patty is listed in the 1971 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities*.

Patty completed her graduate work at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. in theater and directing. She participated in Shakespearean productions and represented the university at a meeting with Ed McMahon in New York City.

Patty currently works as a second grade teacher in the Lakeland School District, where she is in her 27th year in the education field. She has served as director of the Lakeland Curtain Club and also teaches theater courses for Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit. She has also worked at a summer camp for the Association for Retarded Citizens of Wyoming County where she trained campers in the basics of acting for a performance on the last day of camp.

Patty is a past president of the Lackawanna County Federation of Democratic Women. She ran as a delegate for John Kerry to the 2004 Democratic National Convention and received the highest number of votes in each of the

counties in her district. She attended the convention in Boston in July 2004 not only as a delegate, but also as a member of the Pennsylvania State Education Association Caucus.

Patty is currently a member of the Pennsylvania State Education Association, the Lakeland Education Association, the Laurel Garden Club, and the Rock and Mineral Club of Northeastern Pennsylvania. She is a very active member of the Lackawanna County Humane Society, of which she is a former board member. She can still be seen walking dogs in the St. Patrick's Day parade or serving refreshments at fund raising events. Patty is a member of the Marywood Alumni Club of Northeastern Pennsylvania and belongs to Holy Rosary Parish in Scranton, where she is a member of the choir. Patty was recently appointed to the Saint Joseph's Auxiliary Board and is working diligently on this year's summer festival.

Patty received the Volunteer of the Year Award from the Association for Retarded Citizens of Wyoming County for organizing the adoption of a ward program at Clarks Summit State Hospital.

Quality education and honest politics are Patty's passions. She was exposed to politics at a very early age when she and her sister accompanied her parents to political functions. The family attended functions such as the National Association of Postmasters Convention at the Waldorf Astoria. Patty's father was the postmaster of Olyphant and first cousin to County Commissioner Mike Lawler and Assistant Postmaster General Jo Jo Lawler. The families were very close, and Patty recalls that, as little girls, she and her sister would accompany their dad to the corner in Jessup where the men met to talk about politics.

Patty Lawler has a devotion to the community and expresses that through her willingness to volunteer her talents helping others. The Lackawanna County Federation of Democratic Women is awarding this honor to her this year because she works so hard to make a difference in Lackawanna County.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Ms. Lawler on the prestigious honor of being named Woman of the Year by the Lackawanna County Federation of Democratic Women.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2005

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 95) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006, revising appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2005, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 through 2010:

Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to H. Con. Res. 95, the Republican Budget Resolution, and in support of the Democratic Substitute offered by Mr. SPRATT.