

The famous historian George Santayana once said, "Those who do not remember history are bound to repeat it." V.F.W. posts all across America have not forgotten the past or those men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. I ask all my fellow Members to rise in tribute to V.F.W. Post 420 in Saratoga Springs on the occasion of their 75th Anniversary.

**JANET BANACH NAMED 1995
POLISH WOMAN OF THE YEAR**

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 1, 1995

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mrs. Janet Banach on being named 1995 Polish Woman of the Year by the ladies auxiliary of the Polish National Alliance—Milwaukee Society.

Janet Banach is a person who is genuinely committed to well-being of others and to the betterment of her community. By selecting Janet as the 1995 Polish Woman of the Year, the Milwaukee Society—ladies auxiliary is rightfully recognizing a person who has devoted her time and talents to a wide variety of worthwhile activities.

Over the years, Janet Banach has been actively involved in a number of organizations dedicated to assisting the needy and less fortunate. Through her volunteer involvement with organizations such as the American Red Cross, the St. Vincent DePaul Society, the SHARE Program, and the South Community Organization, Janet has transformed her concern for others into effective action. Through her involvement as a Cub Scout and Brownie leader Janet has helped to prepare our community's future leaders for the challenges that lay ahead.

Janet has also shown herself to be a person committed to her Catholic faith and her Polish-American heritage. Janet is a long-time member of Milwaukee's Holy Spirit Parish. Both she and her husband take an active role in sharing their faith with others through their parish activities. In addition, through her involvement with organizations such as the Polish National Alliance—Milwaukee Society and Polish Festivals Inc., Janet plays an active role in keeping Milwaukee's Polish-American heritage alive.

I would like to commend Janet on her outstanding and worthwhile achievements and I congratulate her on being named 1995 Polish Woman of the Year.

**OPENING OF EXHIBIT "DEFENDING
RELIGIOUS LIBERTY": THE
STORY OF THE BAHAIS**

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 1, 1995

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call attention to the Members and the general public of the opening of an exhibit entitled "Defending Religious Liberty," on view in the rotunda of the Cannon House Office Building, U.S. House of Representatives, May 2–5, 1995.

The focus of the exhibit is on repression of the Bahai community and portrays America's concern for religious freedom and the response of the United States and other nations to the persecution of members of Iran's largest religious minority.

Those who practice the Bahai faith number 6 million in more than 205 countries with more than 100,000 worshipers in the United States. The Islamic regime calls the Bahai faith a conspiracy and heresy. Followers have no legal rights and secret documents show official Government policy is suppression of the Bahai community. Bahai students have been expelled from schools, followers have been denied food ration cards, dismissed from jobs and denied pensions. Many have disappeared, been kidnapped, jailed, tortured, and executed on account of their religion.

Congress has acknowledged that the abusive treatment of the Bahais is a critical human rights concern. Although diplomatic pressure and critical publicity has elicited a positive response from the Iranian Government the Bahai community remains an oppressed minority, denied the right to elect leaders, conduct religious schools, and pursue other organized religious activities.

Bahai members are composed of the mainstream of people, from different races, nationalities, and social and economic backgrounds. They believe that all people are meant to live in peace and unity and should be supported in their continuing efforts to protest against the Iranian Government's persecution of Bahais.

Mr. Speaker, I hope this exhibit will remind us of the oppression of our fellow human beings. We must continue to direct our efforts toward resolving these crimes against humanity. Therefore, I propose we should never resume trade or diplomatic relations until the Islamic Revolutionary regime reverses their policy.

**SCHEURER HOSPITAL: CELEBRATING
50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY
CARING**

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 1, 1995

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, this past week I was privileged to join a great number of people who came together to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the opening of Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon, MI. The many people in Huron County and around the western portion of the Thumb of Michigan who have been helped by the quality medical care provided by the dedicated staff at this facility over the years know a quality institution when they have the good fortune to be served by it.

Scheurer Hospital is named for Dr. Clare Scheurer, a physician who in 1944 was convinced that a new medical facility was needed for the people in the area who either overfilled his office, couldn't be served within the hours he had available for treating patients, or were too far away following surgery in the Bad Axe Hospital. Donations from friends and businesses in the area helped lead to the construction of the then 21-bed hospital, and its official opening on April 23, 1945. Mrs. C.H. Spence was the first patient admitted, and her

daughter, Margaret, was the first baby born at the hospital.

Over the years this facility continued to provide excellent elective and emergency care to patients, until it was replaced by the current 47-bed hospital in 1971. And an expansion and modernization program in 1985 provided more examination rooms, and an improved laboratory and pharmacy. This project was again heavily supported by the community served by this most important facility.

Today the thousands of people who live in Scheurer Hospital's service area know that they can count on the 28 doctors, 40 nurses, and nearly 170 other professionals that are part of the dedicated Scheurer team under the direction of Chief Executive Officer Dwight Gascho for a wide range of medical services including orthopedics, cardiology, nuclear medicine, micro eye surgery. In the hospital's last fiscal year, there were over 3,500 emergency room visits, nearly 5,800 redi-care visits, and 600 admissions.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and all of our colleagues to join me in wishing the wonderful staff of Scheurer Hospital the very best of wishes on their 50th anniversary.

HONORING JOYCE TOBIAS

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 1, 1995

Mr. DAVIS. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today and pay tribute to one of Virginia's outstanding citizens, Joyce Tobias.

Joyce Tobias, a registered nurse and the mother of seven children, has been a community organizer and a parent and child advocate since 1967. A tribute dinner was held in her honor Friday, April 28th on the occasion of PANDAA's [Parents Association to Neutralize Drug and Alcohol Abuse] 15th anniversary. Joyce founded PANDAA in 1980 and has served as executive director, newsletter editor, and member of the board of directors since its founding. The organization greatly contributes to parents awareness of drug abuse among young children and gives hope and support to parents and children alike who face those problems.

PANDAA, a volunteer organization, combats alcohol and other drug abuse through education and civic action. Under the leadership of Joyce Tobias, PANDAA publishes a quarterly newsletter with a national distribution of 10,000 copies, provides a hotline and referral service for parents, conducts adult and youth conferences, maintains a speakers bureau and assists in the formation of new groups.

Joyce was also a founding member of the Virginia Federation of Parents [VFP] in 1982 and served as its president in 1992 and 1993.

Along with her strong advocacy role in Fairfax County, she has served as a consultant for the U.S. Department of Education—1988–89—and other school districts across the country. She traveled to Brazil for the U.S. Information Agency in 1991, participated in electronic dialog with two countries in Africa, and represented the United States by speaking many foreign visitors through USIA.