TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM B. SWANBECK

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 1995

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize an exceptional young man from my district who has recently accepted his appointment as a member of the class of 1999 at the U.S. Naval Academy.

William B. Swanbeck will soon graduate Huron High School after 4 years of outstanding academic achievement as well as extracurricular involvement. While in high school William has distinguished himself as a leader among his peers. He is an outstanding student and patriot.

Mr. Speaker, one of the most important responsibilities of Members of Congress is to identify outstanding young men and women and to nominate them for admission to the U.S. service academies. While at the Academy, they will be the beneficiaries of one of the finest educations available, so that in the future, they might be entrusted with the very security of our Nation.

I am confident that William Swanbeck has both the ability and the desire to meet this challenge. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating him for his accomplishments to date and to wish him the best of luck as he begins his career in the service to our country.

TRIBUTE TO BRANCH 1111

HON. BILL BAKER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 1995

Mr. BAKER of California. Mr. Speaker, voluntarism has long been vital to our society. When ordinary Americans show care for one another in direct and tangible ways, we see our country at its best.

In my own 10th District of California, this tradition is being continued by the Greater East Bay Branch 1111 of the National Association of Letter Carriers. Branch 1111 has been conducting its annual food drive since 1992, and each year has collected canned goods to help hurting people.

The plan is very simple: on Saturday, May 13, Americans are being asked to leave canned foods by their mail boxes. Postal carriers will pick up the donations, which will be given to local food banks, charities, and food pantries.

The effectiveness of this effort goes beyond the East Bay. Last year, the letter carriers collected 32 million pounds of food nationwide. This remarkable generosity was sparked by the letter carriers' work to inform the public of its food drive and its commitment to helping the needy.

I am pleased to recognize Maria Arzate and the other men and women of branch 1111 for their terrific work. They are a reminder that compassion and giving are alive and well in the United States.

HONORING THE CONSELYEA STREET BLOCK ASSOCIATION DAY CARE CENTER

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 1995

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of my colleagues an important event that took place in my district on Saturday, April 29th. On that day, the Conselyea Street Block Association held a dinner dance to honor their distinguished officers.

The Conselyea Street Block Association was formed within the community to provide needed child care services and a senior citizen program. The day care program began in 1975 providing pre-school and after-school programs for children in the Greenpoint community. Parents who are working, looking for work, attending school, or have a need for child preventative services are fortunate to have this residential day care center within their community.

The board of directors, Ms. Agnes DiGruccion and Ms. Angela Federico, work together with the parents and staff to formulate goals and objectives for the school programs and develop activities and curriculum for each age group.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the members of the Conselyea Street Block Association for their continued dedication and service in the Greenpoint community. Their work with the children and seniors are so vital to the continued growth and development of their neighborhood.

It is comforting for a parent to know that their child is being cared for and receiving a valuable education within their own community. I would like to personally thank the officers who are being honored on this occasion: Mr. Thomas Guidice, president; Ms. Elizabeth Speranza, vice-president; Ms. Marion Ambrosino, secretary; Mr. Vincent Martello, treasurer; Ms. Tillie Tarantino and Ms. Agnes DiGruccino.

I ask that my colleagues join me in saluting the Conselyea Street Block Association for all of the exemplary work they do. Their tremendous community spirit and efforts to improve the lives of those in need is an inspiration to us all.

A PROCLAMATION CONGRATULATING PHYLLIS RICCADONNA

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 1995

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I commend the following article to my colleagues:

Whereas, Phyllis Riccadonna, Director of the Jefferson County Victim-Assistance program, received the Outstanding Victim's Services Practitioner Award at the seventh annual Ohio Victims of Crime Compensation Program's Recognition Awards Ceremony that was held in Columbus, Ohio on April 20, 1995; and

Whereas, Phyllis Riccadonna received this award for having consistently demonstrated foresight, caring and sensitivity for crime victims; and

Whereas, Phyllis Riccadonna, working with judges, prosecutors, and offenders, served more than 500 victims in 1994; and

Whereas, Phyllis Riccadonna developed the Ohio Valley Chapter of the Compassionate Friends, serves as aboard member of a local women's shelter and is now working to form a domestic-violence task force; and

Whereas, Jefferson County is a better place in which to live because of the work of Phyllis Riccadonna; and

Whereas, the residents of Jefferson County and the surrounding areas of Ohio, with a real sense of pleasure, join me in commending Mrs. Riccadonna as an outstanding Victims' Advocate.

HONORING THE WINNERS OF THE 18TH ANNUAL FAIRFAX COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS AWARDS

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 1995

Mr. DAVIS. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today and pay tribute to the winners of the 18th Annual Fairfax County Human Rights Awards. These awards, presented annually, recognize outstanding accomplishments in the area of human rights in Fairfax County. Accomplishments may represent a single significant activity or long-term commitment displayed through various activities. The winners are selected from nominees representing three categories: individual citizens, nonprofit organizations, and businesses. This year's awardees are:

The Honorable Gerald Bruce Lee, judge, 19th Judicial Circuit Court, serves as a mentor providing community awareness concerning social justice by participating in various volunteer programs such as Kamp Kappa, Early Identification, and professional programs aiding minorities. His ability to listen, lead, and inspire have done much to expand human rights concerns by fostering greater communication between the court system and our community.

Ms. Brenda V. Plum, advocate for the disabled, has set an example by giving her time and talents in an effort to provide social awareness concerning the rights of disabled persons. Her tireless efforts to alleviate unfair practices include countless hours of community service to local area boards, authorities, and commissions, including various programs and projects.

Ms. Lillie G. Morarity, is the third vice president of the Fairfax County branch of the NAACP and chairperson of the annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Day program. Ms. Morarity is a community organizer who has exhibited unselfish and untiring efforts to enhance the pride, dignity, and sense of accomplishment of the minority community in general, and African-Americans in particular. Her various accomplishments at both local and national level have rallied the community at large and thus reaffirm commitment and respect for the human rights of all.

Ms. Laura Soonkee Lee Falkenstrom, serves as liaison, mentor, and bridge between Asian-American students and the Fairfax County public schools. She has been instrumental in assuring that the English as a Second Language Program meets the evolving culturally diverse needs of non-English-speaking students. She has been a strong leader in