

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. WILLIAM F. GOODLING**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 18, 1995*

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, I regret my unavoidable absence for roll call votes Nos. 336 and 337, relating to H.R. 961, the Clean Water Act Amendments. I had to cast an important vote in a Pennsylvania primary election and could not remain in Washington.

Had I been present, I would have voted "Nay" on roll call vote No. 336 and "Aye" on roll call vote No. 337.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MICHAEL  
AND BETSY GREEN**HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 18, 1995*

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, today I congratulate Michael and Betsy Green who have been chosen as recipients of the Human Relations Award by the Milwaukee chapter of the American Jewish Committee.

The Human Relations Award is given annually to leaders in the community for exemplary dedication to the principles of pursuit of community understanding and dedication to social and economic justice for all.

Betsy and Michael Green have certainly earned this award through their volunteer and professional activities.

Betsy Green is the immediate past president of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation and the current chairperson of the Jewish Community Foundation. Betsy's achievements have been recognized with the Milwaukee Jewish Federation Young Leadership Award and the Esther Cohen Women's Community Service Award. Betsy is one of the founders of the Wisconsin Research Center, a group devoted to pluralism in our society.

Michael also has received the Milwaukee Jewish Federation Young Leadership Award and has served as a volunteer publisher of the Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle. Currently, Michael is the National Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal and will assume the chairmanship of the midwest region next month. Michael also has a commitment to creating opportunities in business for minorities with his work with the Jewish Foundation of Economic Opportunity.

Michael and Betsy Green are dedicated to making Milwaukee a community which nurtures and appreciates diversity. I am honored to have the Greens as constituents. I congratulate them for being selected as recipients of the American Jewish Committee's Human Relations Award.

DAVID BARNES, BAY CITY THANKS  
YOU**HON. JAMES A. BARCIA**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 18, 1995*

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, we have spent a great deal of time in this Congress and the

last talking about the importance of placing proper limits on the role of the Federal Government, and giving greater due to local officials. Those closest to the problems and needs of our communities often have the best capability of dealing with them in an effective and responsible fashion.

Bay City, MI, has been most fortunate to be served by one such official, our city manager, David Barnes. He is retiring after 18 years of service to Bay City, as an assessor, finance director, personnel director, the city manager, and even for 3 days its fire chief. He is being honored this weekend for his years of dedication to his neighbors, and I am pleased to be joining in this tribute to his many accomplishments for Bay City.

David Barnes understands the importance of business. That is why he has worked on behalf of a number of economic development proposals during his career. He understands the need for infrastructure. His work to secure funding for road and bridge improvements help our community move safely and efficiently. He understands the value of tourism and recreation. His work to improve city parks and other recreational attractions have provided children with enjoyable places in which to play, and adults with a sea of calm in the midst of the overwhelming demands of everyday life. His work on behalf of riverfront development provides an appropriate blend of business opportunity and more recreational opportunities for those who live and visit our city. He understands the value of a dollar, and the trust that taxpayers place in officials to be sure that dollars are well-spent. His improvements in financial management capabilities, and the improved use of technology to trace the flow of funds have saved the community money, and kept its records in impeccable order.

Most importantly, David Barnes understands people and the need to work with people in a friendly and efficient manner to accomplish goals that have been set. He has skillfully worked to settle the joint needs of both Bay County and Bay City. He has worked well with Federal and State officials, and his colleagues with other units of local government.

Mr. Speaker, I invite you and all of our colleagues to join me in wishing David Barnes, his wife JoEllen, his children Bradley, Bryan, and Valerie, a very happy retirement. I am sure he will remain a vibrant part of the Bay City community, continuing to contribute in a most productive way.

TRIBUTE TO STEVENS VAN LINES,  
INC.**HON. DAVE CAMP**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 18, 1995*

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize an outstanding family business in the State of Michigan. For the past nine decades, the Stevens family of Saginaw, MI, has served as an admirable example of devoted community service. On Wednesday, May 24, the Stevens family and Stevens Van Lines, Inc. will celebrate 90 years of successful service to their community.

The Stevens family legacy of quality work and dedication began in 1905 when Frederick H. Stevens, Jr. Began his small shipping busi-

ness with a little horsepower and a lot of muddy roads. Moving his first customers wasn't easy. It took a lot of hard work, but Mr. Stevens dedication eased the burden of moving from an area which you have grown to enjoy.

As our Nation developed in the 1920's and 1930's, Stevens Van Lines, Inc. expanded as well, further demonstrating the family's determination and keen business sense. Today, the Stevens family continues to make a significant impact on people's lives under the guidance of Morrison Stevens. Morrie has combined innovation with adherence to his grandfather's three basic tenets: Adapt to change, adopt innovations, and improve services.

This perseverance has led the business down a road of prosperity. By adapting to changes and adopting new innovations, Stevens Van Lines, Inc. has been able to increase its efficiency. As a result, Stevens Van Lines, Inc. is able to excel in their customer service. This dedicated service has made it among the top 20 certified carriers in the United States, and led to its recognition as "Mover of the Year."

In addition to a customer service dedication, Stevens Van Lines is also committed to community service. Today, Stevens Van Lines is a member of the National Moving & Storage Association and the American Movers Conference. Furthermore, it continues to be active in the local, State, and the national chapters of the chamber of commerce.

Mr. Speaker, that Stevens family devotion to Fred Stevens' principles demonstrates its commitment to make residential or commercial moves smoother. I ask you to join me in celebrating 90 years of Stevens Van Line's successful business growth, spanning four generations of family ownership. With its commitment to customer and community service, the Stevens family is bound to enjoy many more years of business and personal success.

## TRIBUTE TO DR. ANNA MAE BURDI

**HON. DAVID E. BONIOR**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 18, 1995*

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Anna Mae Burdi, former assistant superintendent for community services in the L'Anse Creuse Public School system. Dr. Burdi retired last year and in honor of her longtime commitment to the students and the community, the L'Anse Creuse Board of Education is naming their newest educational facility the Anna Mae Burdi Center for Community Development.

Dr. Burdi devoted nearly 40 years to public education—the past 14 at L'Anse Creuse. She began her career as an elementary school teacher in 1955. However, for the majority of her career she specialized in giving adults a second chance by teaching adult basic education. She also taught at Wayne State University in Detroit.

During her tenure at L'Anse Creuse, Dr. Burdi earned the respect of her colleagues and students alike. Her expertise led to many invitations to direct education workshops in several States. She was also a workshop director for the Michigan Department of Education and has done many presentations at

National Adult Education conferences. Her efforts to improve adult education have undoubtedly benefitted students around the country.

Dr. Burdi was largely responsible for creating a community education program that is a model within our State. And, although she is missed at L'Anse Creuse, her colleagues and students throughout Michigan continue to learn because of her devotion to education. It is truly fitting for the board of education to bestow Dr. Burdi the honor of naming the new center after her.

On Sunday, May 21, 1995, when the L'Anse Creuse Public School's newest building becomes the Anna Mae Burdi Center for Community Development, a permanent legacy of a lifetime commitment to public education will be established.

I have known Dr. Burdi for many years and I know she is grateful for the distinction. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding Dr. Burdi and the L'Anse Creuse board for their role in honoring her. Dr. Burdi richly deserves the recognition.

**PIO PICO ELEMENTARY LIBRARY  
TO BE NAMED IN HONOR OF  
MARIA TONIA AGUIRRE**

**HON. ESTEBAN EDWARD TORRES**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 18, 1995*

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, this Saturday, May 20, 1995, the El Rancho Unified School District will name the library at Pio Pico Elementary after Maria Tonia Aguirre in acknowledgement and recognition of her exemplary contributions and tireless service to the residents of Pico Rivera.

Following her death last October, board president Raul Salcido suggested the school board name the library in honor of her legacy. A bronze bust of Maria will be permanently placed in front of the school.

Mr. Speaker, on November 13, 1991, I asked my colleagues to join me in recognition of Maria's contributions to the El Rancho Unified School District Board of Education as she retired after 12 years of service. First elected to the board in 1979, and reelected in 1983 and 1987, Maria served with distinction. Maria was a near 50 year resident of the city of Pico Rivera. She served on the district bilingual advisory council, migrant education advisory council, the hall of fame committee, and the Whittier Area Trustee Association executive board, to name a few.

In addition, she worked persistently to implement education reforms which increased graduation requirements and established high levels of student academic performance standards. Throughout her years of service, she was a vocal proponent in initiating, promoting, and implementing bilingual-bicultural education in the El Rancho Unified School District.

Marie Aguirre's leadership abilities and efforts to improve education for the youth of Pico Rivera brought her noteworthy praise from civic leaders, education and business communities, and her colleagues on the board of education.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in saluting Maria Aguirre as we honor and remember her on Saturday, May 20, 1995.

**HOLOCAUST "RESCUERS IN  
ITALY" DAY**

**HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 18, 1995*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend all of those involved in the Holocaust Rescuers in Italy Day to be held at the Villa Walsh Academy in Morris Township on this coming Tuesday, May 23. This ceremony marks the extraordinary courage exhibited by ordinary people during the Second World War.

During the autumn of 1943, Italian Jews were in imminent danger of being captured by Nazi troops. In order to try and save them from the horrible fate of the Nazi death camps, Pope Pius XII sent word that the Roman Catholic religious orders should provide sanctuary to persecuted Jews by welcoming them into their monasteries and convents. Eighty percent of Italy's Jewish population survived the Holocaust because of their efforts. This took countless individual acts of courage by Italian Catholics who risked a similar fate if discovered by Nazi storm troopers.

"A Debt to Honor," a documentary film narrated by New Jersey resident Alan Alda and produced by Documentaries International president Sy Rotter, shows how these acts of heroism occurred when individuals, faced with extraordinary fear and adversity, simply did what was right. This film is a welcome reminder of what we are all capable of as human beings and that heroism and moral courage are not forgotten character traits.

Sister Margherita Marchione, a member of the Religious Teachers Filippini, one of the Catholic orders involved in helping the Jews of Rome, assisted Rotter in collecting the memories of Italy's Jewish survivors such as Carlo Sestieri. According to Sestieri, who was hidden in one of the Vatican buildings while his wife was provided sanctuary in a nearby convent:

Thousands of Roman Jews would have been captured by Nazi troops on October 16, 1943, had it not been for the prudent politics of the Vatican. Without a doubt, it helped avoid worse disasters.

Sister Margherita has opened the doors of Villa Walsh to numerous Jewish and Italian organizations including the United Jewish Federation of Metrowest, the Italian Embassy, the Italian American Foundation, the Anti-Defamation League, Unico National, Order Sons of Italy in America, and the Temple B'nai Or of Morristown, who along with the National Endowment for the Humanities are sponsoring the event.

I am proud to have "A Debt of Honor," filmed in Italy with the help of the Italian State Broadcasting Network, debt in my congressional district. Holocaust Rescuers In Italy Day helps to remind each of us that there are things in life larger than ourselves, things worth sacrificing for—things worth being a hero for.

HONORING MIAMI CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT, INC., AUDREY NELSON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT FOR 1995

**HON. CARRIE P. MEEK**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 18, 1995*

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to pay tribute to a truly outstanding community-based organization, Miami Capital Development of Miami, FL.

Miami Capital Development, Inc., was recently selected in a national competition as one of only six recipients of the National Community Development Association's prestigious Audrey Nelson Community Development Achievement Award for exemplary uses of community development block grant-funded projects.

Miami Capital Development, Inc., serves as the lending arm of the city of Miami. Created in 1980, it provides financial assistance at below-market interest rates to new and existing, small and minority-owned businesses located within underserved areas of the city of Miami and Dade County. It is a public-purpose lending agency that provides financial assistance that stimulates economic development and helps create and retain jobs for low- and moderate-income people.

I know that my colleagues join me in congratulating Executive Director Pablo Perez-Cisneros and his staff for a job well done.

**SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATIVE  
COSTS SHOULD BE OFF  
BUDGET**

**HON. ANDREW JACOBS, JR.**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 18, 1995*

Mr. JACOBS. Mr. Speaker, today Mr. CARDIN and I are introducing legislation to assure that Social Security administrative costs are off-budget, just as Social Security benefit costs are segregated from the rest of the budget.

In the 101st Congress, we made the Social Security trust funds independent. In other words, the financial accounting of the Social Security Old-Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance [OASDI] Program would not in any way be intermingled with the financial accounting of the rest of the Government.

The trouble is that, despite this law, the administrative costs of the Social Security Program remain subject to the general caps on Federal spending that we passed in the Budget Enforcement Act of 1990.

The backlog of disability cases pending at the Disability Determination Services is just over 700,000 cases. Thanks to the hard work of the stalwart employees of the Social Security Administration, that backlog has not grown since last year. However, the number of cases piling up at the Office of Hearings and Appeals for review by administrative law judges is increasing.

I am introducing this legislation again this year to clarify that Social Security administrative funds are independent of the general