York, Republican Committee is hereby directed to forward this resolution to the above named State and Federal Officials.

JOHN SCHEMMEL, GERMAN-AMERICAN OF THE YEAR

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 1995

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my good friend, John Schemmel. John was honored by the members of the German-American Cultural Center this past Sunday during the 45th anniversary banquet. He was named German American of the Year at the Carpathia Hall in Sterling Heights, MI.

John is a first generation German-American. His parents immigrated from Siebenbuergen before he was born in 1920. From an early age John developed an appreciation of his heritage. He attended St. Thomas German Lutheran School as an elementary student. His German roots were rapidly becoming intertwined with America by the time he became a teenager. He was first baseman in the Transylvania Saxons Junior Association fast pitch softball league and, as team manager, he and his teammates won the championship in 1939.

In 1942, John found himself in the U.S. Army as an infantryman. He served in the Aleutian Islands and eventually in France and Germany. After returning to the States, John worked for Chrysler Corp., the Detroit Police Department, and he attended the Michigan Technical School for electrical study. He eventually joined the engineering staff at General Motors where he worked for 33 years. John also became one of the first trustees of UAW Local 160 at the General Motors Technical Center.

Long before John began engineering world class quality cars, he was active in organizations that celebrate and commemorate his German heritage. He has been a member of the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons since 1937 and has served in every office of the Siebenbuerger Sachsen Verein. He sang tenor with the GBU-Saxonia Gemischterchor. The members of the German American Cultural Center are well aware of John's efforts to preserve the rich German heritage that exists in the metropolitan Detroit area. He served as the center's president for 4 years and is currently the group's first vice president.

In addition to his involvement with cultural organizations, John is a member of the Fraternal Order of Police, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the United Automobile Workers Local 160, and the Roseville Democratic Committee.

John's pride in his German heritage is only equaled by his pride in being American. He has devoted time and energy to his colleagues, his community, our Nation, and his family and friends in numerous capacities. I applaud the German American Cultural Center for recognizing John. He has provided outstanding leadership to the group and I know he is proud to be honored by the members.

On behalf of the German-American community, I urge my colleagues to join me in saluting John Schemmel, German-American of the year.

FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS FOR VICE ADM. DONALD F. HAGEN, MC, USN

HON. OWEN B. PICKETT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 1995

Mr. PICKETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor a truly outstanding naval officer and physician, Vice Adm. Donald F. Hagen, for his devoted and distinguished service as the Surgeon General of the Navy. It is a privilege for me to recognize his many outstanding achievements and commend him for the superb service he has provided to the Department of the Navy and to our great Nation as a whole.

During his 30 year Navy career, Vice Admiral Hagen has served our Nation in a variety of roles, ranging from combat surgeon to the chief executive of a unique, worldwide health care system dedicated to providing health care and related medical services to Navy and Marine Corps members, retirees, and their families.

Upon commissioning as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps in 1964, Vice Admiral Hagen assumed his first assignment as a battalion surgeon with the Marines in Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam. He returned to Vietnam twice more, serving aboard the hospital ship *U.S.S. Repose* and then as staff surgeon with the Riverine Assault Forces in the Mekong Delta.

Vice Admiral Hagen's experiences as a primary care physician under combat conditions led him to seek a career in surgery. His surgical training took him to Naval Hospital, St. Albans, NY, and Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, VA. He then served as staff surgeon at Naval Aerospace and Regional Medical Center, Pensacola, FL; Naval Hospital Yokosuska, Japan; and Naval Regional Medical Center, Jacksonville, FL. During these years, Vice Admiral Hagen gained not only clinical expertise, but became proficient in all aspects of hospital medical staff leadership.

Due to his extensive combat experience aboard hospital ships and service with the Marine Corps, Vice Admiral Hagen was selected to head the Contingency Planning Division at the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery where he served from 1981–1984. Returning his energies to peacetime clinical medicine in 1984, he assumed command of Naval Hospital, Camp Pendleton, CA. During this tour, Vice Admiral Hagen's broadly based record of excellence was recognized by his selection to flag rank. As a rear admiral, Dr. Hagen returned to Washington, DC, as Director, Health Care Operations, Navy Medical Command and Chief of the Medical Corps. In December 1988, he assumed command of the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD. On June 28, 1991, Dr. Hagen took command of all aspects of Navy Medicine with the rank of vice admiral as the 31st Surgeon General of the Navy.

Vice Adm. Donald F. Hagen will complete his tour as the Surgeon General of the Navy in July 1995, concluding more than 30 years of Federal service. Vice Admiral Hagen has provided the broad vision, innovation, and dedicated leadership which have resulted in the Navy's current high state of medical excellence. A man of Vice Admiral Hagen's talent and integrity is rare indeed and while his honorable service will be genuinely missed, it gives me great pleasure to call upon my colleagues from both sides of the aisle to wish him and his family every success as well as fair winds and following seas.

TRIBUTE TO THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET MARY ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 1995

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, June 4 will mark the 75th anniversary of the Roman Catholic parish of St. Margaret Mary in Manhattan Beach. Though small in membership, the church of St. Margaret Mary remains one of the largest parishes in the Dioceses of New York. This church has provided strong leadership to the community of Manhattan Beach, while serving as a role model to other small Catholic churches within the dioceses. Since 1928, the families of Manhattan Beach have maintained an active membership to St. Margaret Mary's Church. In honor of this anniversary celebration, I rise to salute the generations of parishioners who have made St. Margaret Mary's Church a valuable addition to New York's spiritual community.

The history of St. Margaret Mary's Church is characterized by courage, strength, and a will to survive during difficult times. For over 75 years, parishioners have overcome severe financial obstacles, often threatening the very existence of the church. Yet, the church and its members fought hard to keep it functioning. By maintaining a strong sense of unity throughout the years, the parishioners of St. Margaret Mary's Church have successfully preserved the character and vitality of the Manhattan Beach community.

On this most joyous anniversary celebration, the Church of St. Margaret Mary remains a beacon of strength and hope for every Catholic church in New York. May the families and future parishioners of St. Margaret Mary's be blessed with the good fortune of celebrating many more anniversary celebrations well into the future.

TRIBUTE TO LOW-INCOME HOUSING PARTNERSHIP

HON. WILLIAM (BILL) CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 1995

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the collaborative efforts of two institutions in my district, whose achievements are helping to rebuild and restore hope in south St. Louis. DeSales Community Housing Association and Equality Savings and Loan Association have been recognized by the Social Compact in the 1995 Outstanding Community Investment Awards for their partnership achievement: the creation of an innovative housing program that allows residents to participate fully in the decisions that are shaping their community.

The Social Compact is a national coalition of leaders from the financial services industry