

has the best winning percentage in the NAIA. As one of Birmingham-Southern College's most successful basketball coaches, the biggest achievement for Rebol is not the records he attains, but the respect he receives from former players. Each year, the goals remain the same—winning a championship and striving to make each player the best possible person he can be. Consequently, the student-athletes take these ideals and this winning attitude into the classroom and win them for the rest of their lives.

Finally, the winning attitude that has been instilled in the minds of the players should not go unnoticed. At this time, I would like to congratulate the student athletes who have worked so hard, and dedicated their time and efforts to achieving these accomplishments. Chris Armstrong, Obra Carter, James Cason, Nigel Coates, Bo Coln, Tommy Dalley, Dwayne Elliot, Paul Fleming, Todd Largen, Jay Mitchell, Mike Schwallie, Eddie Walter, Damon Wilcox, and Will Worrell are each to be applauded for their accomplishments both on and off of the court. I wish them all success in their academic as well as athletic pursuits.

Congratulations to Coach Rebol and his team for an outstanding year. We look forward to your continued success and achievement of excellence.

TRIBUTE TO LT. COL. MICHAEL J.
LEPPER

HON. GREG LAUGHLIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 1995

Mr. LAUGHLIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lt. Col. Michael J. Lepper for his distinguished and exemplary service to the U.S. Air Force and this great Nation as Deputy Chief of the House Liaison Office from March 29, 1993, to July 5, 1995. In this capacity, Mike has excelled in providing the House of Representatives with outstanding service and unselfish commitment above and beyond the call of duty. He quickly established a solid reputation with both Members and staff, displaying his extensive knowledge of Air Force programs and issues, as well as national defense strategy. As a highly trained and experienced fighter pilot, I can think of no one who has provided better guidance, advice, and real-world expertise on a wide array of aerospace and other national security issues than Mike Lepper. His intelligence, charm, keen wit, and can-do attitude have made an indelible impact on us. He has aided us immeasurably in our day-to-day operations, and his effectiveness on Capitol Hill is legendary. No one has a better feel for the congressional pulse. In the challenging arena of international travel, Mike has always been the military escort of choice. He was brilliant in planning, organizing, and executing numerous congressional delegation trips to virtually every corner of the Earth. Having personally traveled with Mike, he has a way of making the difficult look effortless, and the impossible a reality. Because of Mike's credibility and goodwill, the Air Force and the Department of Defense will long reap the benefits of his tenure on the Hill. My colleagues and I bid a fond farewell to Lt. Col. Mike Lepper and his wife, Joanne, and wish

them continued success in their next assignment at National War College.

IN HONOR OF ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO MAKE PROJECT CHILDREN A REALITY FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF NORTHERN IRELAND

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 1995

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to all the people who make Project Children a great success. Project Children is an organization that brings together children from Northern Ireland and American host families. These volunteers give up their time to dedicate themselves to providing these children with a peaceful and fun-filled summer.

There are many heroes involved with Project Children. John and Joan Hughes coordinate the Project Children in New Jersey and I am grateful for their devotion. The Hughes' have dedicated much of their time to raising funds that make it possible for these children to travel. They are assisted by many others, including Carolyn Malizia, Maryanne McAdams, Patty Moreale, Kevin Ferrick, Joe Masterson. They have all dedicated their time and resources to provide a summer away from the troubles and pain of Northern Ireland. I have singled out some of the people responsible for Project Children, but there are many other volunteers, too numerous to mention here, who also deserve our thanks. Every year I hold a luncheon for these young children and their host families. For the past 2 years Mr. and Mrs. Liam Benson, owners of O'Donohues Pub in Hoboken, NJ, have been gracious enough to donate their services.

Project Children is an organization founded by Denis Mulcahy and his brother Pat Mulcahy. Through the years, the organization has grown and has provided thousands of children many wonderful summers in the United States. It is an opportunity for these children to experience a different type of life, a life away from the threat of violence with which they live daily. Project Children aims to touch each individual child and imprint in their heart and mind the memories of a lifetime.

This year there is new hope for Northern Ireland with the recent signing of a ceasefire agreement. Hopefully, this will mark the dawn of a new era. These children can, perhaps now, return to a Northern Ireland that is free of bloodshed. May they return to a country united by a common cultural heritage and accepting of its religious diversity.

Please join me in honoring all those responsible for this summer of peace. Let us hope that the cease-fire agreement will be the first stepping stone to a peaceful resolution. We hope that next year these children will enjoy a wonderful summer in a peaceful Northern Ireland.

A NATIONAL LATINA ORGANIZATION HONORS RITA DI MARTINO

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 1995

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Rita Di Martino, a national Latina leader who will be honored on July 27, 1995 by MANA: A National Latina Organization. On that evening the organization will announce the establishment of the Rita Di Martino Scholarship in Communications.

MANA was founded over 20 years ago and through its programs has worked to achieve recognition for Latin American women throughout the United States. The Rita Di Martino Scholarship is the first of many scholarships that MANA will establish in the future to recognize the impressive accomplishments of Latin American women in this country. Latina leaders' achievements and service in the fields of business, education, politics, science, medicine, and the space industries will be honored in this way.

Rita Di Martino is the first Latin American woman to be recognized by MANA for her outstanding contribution to both the Hispanic community and to our Nation as a whole. She is an esteemed spokesperson for the Hispanic community and a nationally recognized expert on Hispanic affairs.

Ms. Di Martino is a member of the Council of Foreign Relations, the Ana Mendez University System, and Gems Television International. She serves on the Executive Committee of the National Council of La Raza, the National Hispanic Corporate Council, the Cuban American National Council, the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials, the U.S. Senate Republican Task Force, is the Vice-Chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, and is a Presidential appointee to the USO World Board of Governors.

In 1982, President Ronald Reagan appointed Ms. Di Martino as the U.S. Ambassador to the UNICEF Executive Board. Ms. Di Martino influenced policy regarding the relationship of the United States and UNICEF, achieved increases in UNICEF's financial support, and extended the scale of programs in the areas of child health, water quality and sanitation, nutrition, and education. Ms. Di Martino conducted oversight and program review visits in Central and South America, East and West Africa, Egypt, and Morocco.

Ms. Di Martino is currently the Director of Federal Government Affairs for AT&T where she coordinates the company's relations with the administration, Congress, and various State governments. She enhanced the political standing of AT&T by securing recognition of AT&T as a major corporate citizen by the current administration. As a leader in the Hispanic community, Ms. Di Martino provides information and guidance to the company's administration about this growing segment of the population and offers leadership and direction with respect to multicultural issues. She is frequently called upon to act as a spokesperson for AT&T in both Spanish and English publications, broadcasts, electronic media, and live events.

Ms. Di Martino has been recognized by Who's Who in America, 100 Hispanic