

praising their fundraising efforts to build and maintain hospitals in Israel. The Prime Minister expressed the fervent hope that Hadassah Hospital would treat Israeli children for many years—but “never again to be treated due to the ravages of war.”

Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay particular tribute to Elynn Shapiro, president of Ocean Township Hadassah, for her leadership in this tribute to Yitzhak Rabin, and to the many other citizens of our community who have contributed to this most worthy effort.

SECRETARY OF VETERANS  
AFFAIRS, JESSE BROWN

HON. JAMES P. MORAN  
OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 31, 1996*

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my gratitude for the noteworthy accomplishments achieved by Secretary Jesse Brown on behalf of the veterans of this great Nation. Since his selection as the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the women and men who served our country have had a knowledgeable and responsive supporter in that post.

Among some of Secretary Brown's greatest accomplishments are:

The creation of new clinics allowing veterans more access to VA health care.

Assistance to one and a half million veterans with employment services in a joint venture with the Department of Labor to increase the number of veterans hired in the Federal Government.

The expansion of programs for homeless veterans by doubling the resources dedicated to these initiatives, and the institution of a grant program to assist public and non-profit organizations in assisting homeless veterans.

A more complete accounting on the register of Vietnam veterans' diseases for which service-connected compensation is awarded based on exposure to herbicide agents.

The expansion and great improvement in health care services for those combat veterans who suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder.

The increased attention given to the needs of women veterans including mammography quality control and counseling, and medical programs for women veterans who suffer the after-effects of service-related sexual trauma.

The establishment of a home refinancing program that enables veterans to obtain lower home loan rates, thus saving an average of \$1,500 a year.

There are about 70,000 veterans in the Eighth Congressional District of Virginia, so I am very concerned about the service these individuals receive. Even with such a large number of veterans' needs to be processed from just northern Virginia, the VA procedures are exceptional. The VA under Secretary Brown has worked so well, in fact, that my need for inquiries has declined from several cases a month to several cases a year.

Secretary Brown's initiative to improve services to veterans also saved money through streamlining, privatizing or consolidating activities. I could not ask for better support for those who served this country.

While Secretary Brown's promotion of a decent budget to support these benefits has fre-

quently been rebuffed, the services his Department provides shows his steadfast commitment to our Nation's veterans and their families. We should not forget the responsibility this Nation has to our service members and their survivors. Budgets and associated dollars cannot replace the sacrifices these veterans have made.

As a combat veteran himself, Secretary Brown has walked the walk. He has ensured that VA benefits and the health care system are efficient and support our veterans. He is a true American, a friend, and a great man.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CITIBANK  
FOR EXCELLENCE

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 31, 1996*

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, as the saying goes “we reap what we sow.” In my home district of Guam, one of our local banking institutions is showing a commitment to our island in a wonderful way: They are sowing seeds, or in this case “seed money.”

Since 1992, Citibank of Guam has awarded \$10,000 in cash to our island's top teacher of the year. This is a competition for public and private school teachers from kindergarten through high school, but the winners are the children.

We have many noteworthy teachers on Guam, and I know they work under difficult conditions which demand commitment and integrity. As a former educator, I salute the teachers of Guam and also Citibank for honoring excellence among professional educators.

Citibank helped to form a private corporation to expand this fine program. In addition to Citibank, the newly formed Excellence in Teaching Foundation now includes corporate citizens Ernst & Young and the Pacific Daily News. Kudos to them as well.

It is events like this program that display the character of our island community. Our corporate citizens took this task upon themselves. They know that a quality education for our children is the key to their company's success.

Our teachers are vital, yet their work requires much more than Government can fund, more than parents can give and more than the private sector can donate. This program provides a little incentive, or seed money, to push an already taxed teacher corps. To our 1993 winner, Ms. Jelly Flores and to our 1994 winner Ms. Sandra Bojtos, I commend you.

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH O. BUSICK

HON. JAMES C. GREENWOOD

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 31, 1996*

Mr. GREENWOOD. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to an outstanding businessman from the Eighth District of Pennsylvania upon the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his business, Delaware Landscape Stone and Delaware Quarries, Inc.

Mr. Busick served in the Air Force in World War II and was decorated as a bomber pilot flying the Flying Fortress B-17.

At the end of his active duty in 1946, Mr. Busick returned to Bucks County and started a small quarry in Mt. Pleasant. He continued to serve in the Air Force Reserve and retired as a lieutenant colonel in 1969.

In the intervening years his business grew from that small quarry to a company with four operational locations and between 80 and 125 employees, depending upon the time of year. In 1955 Mr. Busick took over an abandoned quarry that has been in existence since 1758. In the first year of operation that quarry was flooded out, but Mr. Busick was undaunted and continued to work for the growth of his business. The company produces decorative stone of all kinds and also building stone for facades. Stone from these quarries graces universities, churches, and commercial buildings all over the country as well as private homes and garden walls. Mr. Busick also sells stone produced by other quarries throughout the United States.

It was in 1972 that the company's newest operation was opened near Orlando, FL. That operation, called Pebble Junction, creates most of Disney World's stone work. Mr. Busick and his son, J. Kevan Busick, who is now CBO of the business, have recently created a park in Sanford, FL. The park which is open to the public is beautified with waterfalls, ponds and landscaping stone from their quarries.

Joe Busick continues to be active in the business with his son, Kevan, but he is also an avid gardener and staunch defender of the environment. He has turned more than 300 acres of his own land into a wildlife preserve to protect animals from the rapid development taking place in our district.

Mr. Busick has contributed much to our communities through his successful business and through his many other endeavors.

ED MEYER: 25 YEARS AT THE  
HELM OF GREY ADVERTISING

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 31, 1996*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, today marks a very important milestone for one of the most respected and enduring leaders of the business world. Ed Meyer celebrates his 25th anniversary as chairman and chief executive officer of Grey Advertising, during which time he has been a shining example of a good corporate citizen. I feel it is important to bring Ed Meyer's many extraordinary accomplishments to the attention of this body so that we may appreciate and honor this exemplary American.

There are many successful executives in this country, but relatively few have been at the helm of an industry giant for so long. Indeed, Grey Advertising is an industry giant—largely because of the vision, skill, integrity and humaneness of Ed Meyer. When he joined the firm, Grey had 1 office and 14 clients. Today, under Ed's leadership, there are 277 offices in 72 countries, including APCO public affairs here in Washington.

As a highly successful international entrepreneur, Ed Meyer has been a pioneer in leading U.S. firms to new markets throughout the world, thereby advancing America's position as a leader in the global marketplace of