

TRIBUTE TO ELMER "FUZZY"  
MUELLER

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 1, 1996*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a true community servant in my district, Mr. Elmer Mueller, who was recently selected as the Pleasantview Fire Protection District Employee of the Year.

Mr. Mueller, or "Fuzzy," as he is known to virtually everyone, has served the district as a paid-on-call firefighter for 35 years, starting when the multicomunity district had two firehouses and two full-time employees. Now there are 4 facilities, 2 paramedic units, and 16 people on duty staffing the district around the clock.

Fuzzy's dedication has helped the department become one of the finest in the State. He currently oversees the district's air rehab unit, which provides sometimes life-saving air to firefighters and victims on the scene. The unit also provides a few comforts for his colleagues weary from battling a fire, like coffee, snacks, and blankets. Fuzzy also serves as treasurer, responsible for fundraising that helps cover the district's expenses and special programs, like providing bath thermometers to senior citizens so they will be less likely to scald themselves.

Fuzzy is also active in his church, Hope Lutheran in LaGrange, singing in the choir, and he only recently stepped down as coach of the church's softball team after 48 years.

In the words of his chief, Dan Hemers, Fuzzy "goes at it full-bore, does it on his own, and makes sure it's done right."

TRIBUTE TO KURT ENGEL, JOHN  
SIEPLE, AND BOB BOYD

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Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute three teachers in my district who represent all that is good in education today—Mr. Kurt Engel, Mr. John Sieple, and Mr. Bob Boyd of Lyons Township, IL, High School. These three educators were recently honored as a Most Inspirational Teacher, an award for which they were nominated by former students.

Mr. Engel, a physics teacher and baseball and football coach, characterizes his teaching method as stepping back and putting yourself in the students' shoes and seeing how you're meeting their needs. Mr. Sieple, a psychology teacher and football coach, said he likes to use students' own experiences to illustrate the points he makes in class and believes teachers must be flexible for their students. Mr. Boyd, a music teacher and choral director at LTHS for 23 years, often gets to teach students from their freshman through senior years and says he finds it rewarding to witness the progression of their skills.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate these three fine teachers on receiving this honor and wish them, and all other dedicated teachers in our

Nation, further success in shaping the minds and character of young people.

TRIBUTE TO CARYN M. SAIMO,  
TOM HAYMES, AND EUGENE  
WOJCICHOWSKI

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Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to three heroic citizens who helped prevent three crimes in Berwyn, IL, in my district—Ms. Caryn Saimo of Berwyn, Mr. Tom Haymes of Berwyn, and Mr. Eugene Wojcichowski of Chicago. All three were recently honored with commendations by the police department and the city council of Berwyn for their efforts in preventing crimes and apprehending criminals in the community.

Ms. Saimo stepped in to physically rescue an 11-year-old girl who was the victim of an abduction attempt and provided information to the police on the attacker. Mr. Wojcichowski pursued a purse snatcher and helped police catch him. Mr. Haymes' telephone call to the police about a suspicious stranger in his apartment building led police to recover \$1,400 in stolen property in the suspect's car.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate these three individuals on their willingness to get involved and not look the other way, and I hope that all Americans develop their spirit of responsibility in our war against criminals.