

of that will occur in the Third world, doubling demand for food there by the 2025.

High-yield agriculture has already proven to be an environmental success by increasing food production from the safest, most productive, most environmentally sound crop lands. The first and foremost issue of long-term agricultural sustainability is preventing the plow-down of the world's remaining wildlands for low-yield production. High-yield modern conventional agriculture is the most critical factor in preserving millions of square miles of wildlands from the plow. In contrast, low-yield organic farming on a global scale could cost between 20 and 30 million square miles of wildlife—not to mention millions of lives—by the year 2040.

Local environments must also be protected. New precision technologies will further reduce soil erosion and water quality impairment by applying agricultural inputs in an efficient, precise and site-specific manner that will help reduce unwanted runoff and improve surface and ground water quality.

States like Kentucky have been working to address water quality and other environmental concerns within the agricultural community. This legislation will help producers reach that next level of environmental protection. State efforts like Kentucky's water quality plan, along with funding and policies of the new farm bill and precision agriculture technologies, will help provide a safe and clean environment for many generations in the future.

Mr. Speaker, it is my hope that the proposals contained in this bill will be used by the Committee on Agriculture as we reform and reauthorize the research programs in the future.

HONORING ABRAHAM GRABOWSKY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 1996

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I am proud today to honor a constituent who has contributed so much to the United States, to Israel, indeed to freedom throughout the world through his actions. Abraham Grabowsky is celebrating his 100th birthday in New York, having come from Poland through Texas, Michigan to Palestine, where he served in the Allenby Brigade in World War I. He is the only survivor of that famous unit, which was formed to liberate Palestine from the Turkish Empire. His recollection of Tel Aviv in that time was of a village of "two or three buildings" surrounded by desert.

On his return from Palestine, he worked throughout the western United States before he "decided I missed New York." He settled in the city, married and raised a family. He fought for Israel 30 years before it existed. I am proud to honor him and to have him as a neighbor and to wish him the very best on his 100th birthday.

ANOTHER MILESTONE FOR
OZALEE PAYNE AND ROSALEE
GEE

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 1996

Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, 5 years ago I was proud to bring to the attention of my colleagues, the birthday of my aunts Ozalee Payne and Rosalee Gee. On Monday, July 15, 1996, they will celebrate their 80th birthday.

The bond that keeps sisters close is a special one. When the twins were born 8 decades ago in what is now Monticello, FL, their two older sisters, Laura and Sallie, took care of them while their mother recuperated. Laura took care of Rosie, while Sallie was in charge of Ozie. Until my Aunt Laura was moved to a nursing home a few years ago, all of the sisters lived in their own apartments in the same building in Newark, NJ. They were always close enough to help each other and enjoy each other's company, yet distant enough to lead their separate lives and enjoy their own interests.

The protection and nurturing they showed each other extended to those of my generation. My mother, Norma Garrett Payne, died when my sister (Kathryn), my brother (William), and I were small children. As you can imagine, our mother's death was devastating to us. Our father's job prevented him from being with us as much as he felt he needed to be. To solve some of the problems, my brother and I went to live with Aunt Rosie and our late Uncle Richard while our sister lived with Aunt Sallie and our late Uncle William. We were eventually brought together—our grandparents, the late William and Ollie Payne Williams, bought a three-family house and the families moved together. It was during these times that our grandmother and aunts had the greatest impact on our value system. We had a Christian upbringing and were taught to take care of and respect each other. Our late father, William E. Payne, was ever grateful for their help. When my wife, Hazel, died when our children were small, the cycle repeated itself. I had the help of my brother and sister and aunts in protecting, nurturing, and teaching values to my son, Donald, Jr., and my daughter, Wanda. I am ever grateful to them.

Mr. Speaker, a loving and supportive family is wonderful. This weekend our family is gathering to celebrate the birthday of our aunts. As we count our blessings for still having them in our lives, I am sure my colleagues will want to join us as we say "Happy Birthday Aunt Ozie and Aunt Rosie".

TRIBUTE TO JOHN DAVID DEBOER II

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 1996

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding scout, John David DeBoer II in achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Boy Scouts of America, Troop 3 presented John DeBoer with the Eagle Scout

Award at the All Saints Episcopal Church in Western Springs, IL on Sunday, June 23, 1996 in the presence of his fellow troop member, his parents, family and friends.

The Eagle Scout Award stands for honor which is the foundation of all character. It stands for loyalty and without loyalty, all character lacks direction. Finally, the award displays courage, which gives character force and strength.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate John and his parents for the many years of participation in the Scouting program. The Boy Scouts of America has proven to develop a solid foundation for many of our youths, all over this fine country of the United States.

MIDDLETOWN FIRE POLICE OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK, CELEBRATE 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 1996

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, it gives me pleasure to recognize the Middletown Fire Police of the city of Middletown, NY, on the occasion of its 100th anniversary. The Middletown Fire Police was organized on May 12, 1896. In their constitution, they bound themselves to uphold law and order and faithful performance.

Throughout the past 100 years, the Middletown Fire Police has dutifully detected and prevented fires, assisted the fire department, aided the police department, and protected the safety of citizens. Through its service, the fire police makes possible the incredible work of the Middletown Fire Department. During fire emergencies, the members of the fire police are vested with all the duties that the fire chief sees fit. In addition, they are authorized to act as special officers of the police department whenever the mayor determines it necessary. As special officers, the fire policemen have all the powers and duties of police officers. In this capacity, they further help and protect the members of their community.

The Middletown Fire Police has a long history of dedicated service to its community. By taking on diverse duties, it has provided the citizens of Middletown with greater safety. It has become an integral part of the Middletown community by providing these services.

Mr. Speaker, 100 years after its inception, the Fire Police still dutifully upholds law and order and faithful performance. Along with our community, I am grateful for their service and steadfast dedication to the ideals set forth in its constitution a century ago. I am pleased to take this opportunity to honor the Middletown Fire Police for all that it has done for our community, and I commend all of the members for their hard work and commitment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER BLUTE

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 1996

Mr. BLUTE. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall 301 I inadvertently voted "yea." I intended to vote "nay."