

resumption of hostility. This makes the time shared by the 39 host families and the 46 children who are participating in Project Children '96 even more significant.

This year, the 39 families from my home State that have been kindhearted enough to open their lives to these young people include Rodney and Lynda Bialko, Michael and Elizabeth Cancian, Brian and Patricia Carmen, Marc and Tina Marie Cleaver, Kevin and Patricia Comer, James and Patti Cunningham, Anthony and Marge DeSando, Louis and Nancy Dolloway, Al and Ellen Dorso, Arnold and Madeline Fatteross, Rick and Arlene Faustini, Ken and Arleen Ferguson, Patrick and Fiona Ferguson, David and Patricia Freed, Margaret Gilseman, Raymond and Isabelle Kayal, Timothy and Renee Kelly, James and Iza McCosker-Keane, Michael and Doreen Mackin, Michael and Kathleen McBride, Robert and Linda McGee, Brian and Lori McGorty, Peter and Nancy Midgley, Robert and Dyan Moore, Dennis and Meg O'Brien, Sean and Anne O'Neill, Paul and Julie Palminteri, Christopher and Barbara Pickell, John and Lori Rose, Hoby and Joyce Stager, Cheryl Stone, James and Louise Sweeney, Glenn and Diane Taylor, Michael and Anne Tizlo, Robert and Linda Toth, Joseph and Joyce Tricola, Joseph and Barbara Wells, John and Barbara White, and Craig and Barbara Yeske.

The 46 children we are privileged to have visit New Jersey are Denise Coyle, David Mahony, Samantha Walker, Dearbhlagh Digney-McCann, Ryan Corbett, Elaine Coyle, Daniel Fearon, Shauna Scott, Claire McKinley, Lorraine Fitzpatrick, Aisling Leavey, Shauna O'Toole, Laura Deane, Krisoffer Gallagher, Laura McCambridge, Aaron McCay, Joseph Doak, Jennifer Slavin, Jaime Teresa Coyle, Lisa Beggs, Natalia McKeown, Lynsay Martin, Katrina O'Reilly, Seadhna Billings, Brian Anneslay, Stephen Connelly, Brigid Fitzsimmons, Karen Barnes, Ciara Doherty, Karen Rafferty, Jonathan Magennis, Joseph O'Neill, Barry Dobbin, David Goodall, Catrina McQuillan, Charlene Nellins, Kenneth Murphy, Darren Diamond, David Diamond, Richard Johnson, Conor Hunter, Claire Dunseath, Aine Duffy, Elaine Murray, Shauna O'Hagen, and Eamonn Porter.

It is an honor to applaud the outstanding benevolence of the Project Children '96 sponsors. Their efforts to further the cause of peace will serve as a beacon of hope for countless others throughout Northern Ireland and the world. These compassionate individuals are truly local ambassadors of peace.

TRIBUTE TO THE AMERICAN
AUTOMOBILE CENTENNIAL

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 1, 1996

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, on June 22, 1996, there was a celebration which was held in Detroit to mark the 100th anniversary of the automobile.

And what a celebration it was.

There was a parade with hundreds of cars that reflected the development of automotive production—from the 13 identical vehicles produced by the Duryea Bros. in Springfield, MA, and in June of the same year, the miraculous

machine that Henry Ford drove amidst the horse and buggies in Detroit.

There followed a centennial gala. Thousands from all walks of life connected with the modern American automobile gathered to take note of the revolutionary impact of the automobile on daily life, its key role in the American economy, and its growth into a global industry.

The guiding spirit of the centennial, Keith Crain, presided over the gala's program. His remarks set the tone for the entire evening. They should be widely read, so it is my pleasure to place in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the speech given that evening by Keith Crain, chairman of the board of trustees of the American Automobile Centennial Commission and vice chairman of Crain Communications, Inc.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS AT THE AMERICAN
AUTOMOBILE CENTENNIAL DINNER

(By Keith Crain)

Good evening, it's my very pleasant duty to welcome you to Detroit, and this gala dinner, honoring 100 years of the American automobile industry.

As so many of you know, automobile production was bred, but not born, in Detroit.

The Duryea Brothers manufactured 13 identical motor-wagons in 1896, according that honor to Springfield, Massachusetts.

But it was also in June of that same year, at a site within walking distance of this Cobo Center that Henry Ford first drove what he called a quadri-cycle around the horse and buggy streets of this city and Detroit and the motor car became forever linked in history, and in the collective consciousness of people all around the world.

Tonight we celebrate the American automobile, and the heroic accomplishments of an industry whose business became the business of the century, the business of America.

We celebrate not only the history and lore of that amazing industry this evening, but a victory of ideas, of national will, of genius and muscle, of sweat, and blood, a victory of men and women and organizations and corporations who bent the way of living of an entire planet, in much the same way they bent the steel, that they molded into the vehicles of the world's dreams.

It was my friend and publisher, Leon Mandel, who said, "It is important to understand how important the automobile has been to our development as a country, whether we like the way we developed or not."

I think I speak for those of us in this room tonight, and for millions and millions more around a country connected by highways from coast to coast, in saying that we very much like the way America has developed over the past 100 years, and we thank the American automobile industry for giving us mobility and freedom and speed, and for making wheels the pivotal symbol of the 20th century.

The names of those responsible for this watershed accomplishment in the social evolution of mankind, are forever inscribed in the hearts of auto lovers. To list but a few is to risk omitting so many, but listen to the history, and the magic, those names inspire, Henry and Edsel Ford and the Duryea Brothers, Billy Durant, Walter Chrysler, Randson E. Olds, Maxim, Pope, Nash, Leland, the Dodge Brothers, Packard, Marmon, Studebaker, Willys, Thomas, Jeffery, Pierce, Stanley, Flanders, Chapin, Kettering, Sloan, Earl, Reuther.

We salute these pioneers, and so many of their fellows—past and present—in our centennial observation tonight. And among them, the name Walter Reuther. For it cannot be forgotten, that the American automobile industry was forged not just by cele-

brated men with revered names, but built vehicle by vehicle, on the muscle and strength, the will and, yes, the courage, of those that toiled in their shops.

It has been a wonderful business, developed by and nurtured by engineering geniuses, great designers, marketing powerhouses, manufacturing marvels and financial wizards.

That this business, our business, still exists and thrives today, is testimony to the greatness of the American idea, and testimony to the contributions of all those—known and unknown—that have sustained it for these 100 years.

In honoring this most American of enterprises, we must also take time this evening, to welcome and acknowledge our friends from overseas who join us here at the Cobo Center in this great celebration. There can be no question, that the global competition of the past quarter century, has been the most positive development in recent auto history. The buying public, the customer and the vehicles they purchase, have been the beneficiaries of this competition, and that is the ideal. It harkens back to the rivalries, and the pioneering spirit, of the original days of motor car production.

Who knows—were it not for this international influence, we might all still be driving 1950 Studebakers.

So we also salute America's newest manufacturers, and we thank them for their contributions to this century of growth, and for joining us tonight.

And finally, on a local note, we hope you out-of-towners will forgive us some parochial pride this evening in crowing about our motor capital of the world, this arsenal of democracy, this Detroit. Yes, it might have been Cleveland, it could have been Flint or Auburn, but to our town's everlasting credit and fame, it was Detroit.

And so we welcome you to a celebration that is both international and local at once, this 100th anniversary of the industry that has shaped America, and all of our lives. We thank those whose efforts over the decades have made this evening possible, those who have gone before us, and those who sustain this wonderful and world-changing business today. And we thank you in attendance, for joining us tonight in our centennial salute to the epic history, of the American automobile.

TOAST

I'd like to propose a toast to the men and women who have made the motor car in America, to the industry that has changed all our lives, to a blessed and magical 100 years, and to another 100 years that will rival the achievements of the first.

And finally, to the cars themselves, and the favorites we hold in our hearts; it's been a wonderful ride.

ROGERS CITY 125TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 1, 1996

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for me to bring to the attention of the House and the entire Nation the 125th anniversary of Rogers City. Rogers City, found in Presque Isle County in the northeast corner of Michigan, will be celebrating its 125th birthday this weekend in conjunction with its Nautical City Festival.