

success it did under the able leadership of Jim Kelly. During his 11-year career, Jim Kelly took the Bills from league obscurity to four consecutive Super Bowls. He amassed nearly 36,000 passing yards, completing over 60 percent of his attempts. But with Jim Kelly, statistics only tell half the story. His toughness, will to win, and dedication to his team are truly legendary.

In addition to his Hall of Fame caliber performance as a professional quarterback, Jim Kelly has proven himself a leader off the field in our western New York community. His charitable endeavors include an annual celebrity golf tournament to benefit disadvantaged children, involvement with area youth through an annual football camp, the Kelly for Kids Foundation, and his tireless effort on behalf of Camp Good Days and Special Times for families dealing with cancer.

Jim's own family played an important role in developing the values which made him such a leader in the community and with the Bills. His closeness to his father and brothers, well-known love and admiration for his late mother, Alice, and commitment to his new family embody the true blue-collar values which characterize our community.

Mr. Speaker, today I would like to join with Jim's wife, Jill; his daughter, Erin; his brothers, Pat, Ray, Ed, Dan, and Kevin; his father, Joe; the Buffalo Bills organization; the National Football League; and indeed, our entire western New York community to pay tribute to Mr. Jim Kelly. With retirement comes many new opportunities. May Jim meet every opportunity with the same enthusiasm and vigor in which he demonstrated throughout his brilliant career; and may those opportunities be as fruitful as those in his past.

On behalf of all of the Buffalo Bills fans in western New York and elsewhere, I would just like to express to Jim our sincere thanks and congratulations.

HONORING THE LIONS CLUB OF
LaGRANGE ON THE OCCASION OF
THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 1997

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today and pay tribute to an outstanding service organization located in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. On May 10, the Lions Club of LaGrange, OH, will celebrate their 50th anniversary.

The city of LaGrange is a community renowned for its civic pride and commitment to service. In 1947, it was home to active churches and school organizations dedicated to helping others. There was not, however, an agency which could coordinate these services to provide for the entire community. It was decided to form a Lions Club and after enlisting 28 good citizens of LaGrange, they became charter members and joined Lions International.

It was a good start and the club was active in the community from the very beginning. Throughout its history there has never been a lack of enthusiasm or volunteer labor for its many projects. In addition, the LaGrange Lions Club has been active throughout the years in zone, State and international Lions.

Anniversaries are a time to reflect upon a steadfast tradition of service. It is also a time to look toward new horizons. Lions have made it their responsibility to serve those in need by keeping pace with the ever increasing challenges facing mankind.

Mr. Speaker, it is obvious that the community and the members of the club have greatly benefited from the effort that was started in 1947. I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the achievements of the LaGrange Lions and encourage them to continue to uphold what has become the standard for service in Ohio.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. THOMAS
STRACK AND MS. CHRISTINE
KELLY

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 1997

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to two outstanding athletes from my district. Mr. Thomas Strack and Ms. Christine Kelly, who are competing in pairs figure skating at the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Canada, February 1 to 8, 1997.

Mr. Strack of Palos Heights, IL, and Ms. Christine Kelly of Oak Lawn, IL, have skated together for 6 years and are both veterans of local, national, and international special olympics competitions. More important, they are good friends, and have forged friendships with many others through the special olympics.

Tom and Chris, as well as 131 other athletes and 29 coaches from Illinois, will join more than 2,000 competitors from 90 countries vying in five different events at the winter games.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my best wishes to these fine athletes, as well as all the other courageous participants in the 1997 Special Olympics World Winter Games.

TRIBUTE TO JOAN BERKMAN

HON. JAMES M. TALENT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 1997

Mr. TALENT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to one of my constituents, Ms. Joan Berkman. Ms. Berkman is being recognized as the outgoing president of the Creve Coeur-Olivette Chamber of Commerce. Her dedication to community service, through her work with the chamber and numerous other organizations, highlights her as an outstanding leader and citizen.

The following proclamation was presented to Ms. Berkman by the Creve Coeur-Olivette Chamber of Commerce, in recognition of her many accomplishments.

Whereas Joan Berkman, 1996 President of the Creve Coeur-Olivette Chamber of Commerce and Area Manager of External Affairs, Southwestern Bell, and

Whereas as President of the Chamber she has provided outstanding leadership in her commitment to develop partnerships between the residential and business communities, and

Whereas she has challenged, encouraged and motivated the Creve Coeur and Olivette

business communities to enhance, promote and sustain the quality of life and economic climate of both communities, and

Whereas under her leadership the Chamber has worked with the City of Creve Coeur and Missouri State Highway Department for improvements to the I-270/Olive Boulevard Interchange, and

Whereas under her leadership the Chamber, in partnership with the City of Olivette, established that city's first Economic Development Council, jointly-funded by the Chamber and City, and

Whereas under her leadership the Chamber established a partnership of governments and business organizations for expansion of MetroLink, and

Whereas for her outstanding contribution to the Creve Coeur-Olivette Chamber of Commerce she was awarded the prestigious Outstanding Businessperson of the Year Award in 1991, and

Whereas she has been recognized for her community service by the University of Missouri-St. Louis, as Volunteer of the Year, and

Whereas she received the President "C" Flag Award for producing and coordinating the "Teen Talent Showcase", and

Whereas she was recipient of the Arthur W. Page Award for Exceptional Performance in Public Relations for her "Information for the Disabled" Program, a Bell System Award, and

Whereas she has demonstrated unselfish commitment of time and effort through volunteer leadership positions, active participation and support of many charitable, civic and business organizations, and

Whereas she has been an inspiration to us all, and

Therefore be it resolved that Joan Berkman, be honored by the membership of the Creve Coeur-Olivette Chamber of Commerce for her service as the 1996 President of the Creve Coeur-Olivette Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Speaker, I join the Chamber and the St. Louis business community in honoring Ms. Berkman for her continuing service to our community. Her efforts are an inspiration to us all.

TRIBUTE TO THE WILFANDEL
CLUB

HON. JULIAN C. DIXON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 1997

Mr. DIXON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the Wilfandel Club of Los Angeles, CA, on the occasion of more than 50 years of service to the Los Angeles community. Nearly 3 months into its 52d year, the Wilfandel Club is as strong today as it was more than five decades ago when it organized with a credo of promoting civic betterment, philanthropic endeavors, and general culture.

Founded on November 4, 1945, the Wilfandel Club took its name by combining the names of its primary founders, Mrs. Della Williams, wife of the renowned Los Angeles architect Paul Williams, and Mrs. Fannie Williams, a noted community leader. Though recognized by many in the Los Angeles community for their activism and commitment to social progress, Della and Fannie could not penetrate the barrier of racism which existed throughout America—a barrier which excluded them and their fellow African-American