

Planning Council, the Regional Flood Control District, the Nevada Business Service Job Training Board, and the Equal Opportunity Board.

Over the years, Ms. Dondero has been appointed to numerous boards and committees on the State and Federal level. Her gubernatorial appointments include the Governor's DUI Task Force, the Commission on Nuclear Projects, the Nevada Energy Commission, the Nevada Commission on Aging, the Tourism Commission, the Nevada State Parks Board, and the Nevada State Intergovernmental Board. At the request of the Department of Agriculture, Ms. Dondero served as a member of the National Forest System Law Enforcement Advisory Council, and the Department of the Interior appointed her to the National Bureau of Land Management Committee.

Ms. Dondero's commitment to the community is evident in her involvement as former executive director of the Frontier Girl Scout Council, former president of the Nevada and Clark County Parent-Teacher Associations, and former chairman of the Council of Social Agencies. She is an active member of an impressive number of civic organizations including the Soroptomist Club, the Nevada Dance Theater, the United Way Service, Inc., Rotarian International, Opportunity Village, and the Las Vegas Center for Children.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to personally commend Ms. Dondero for her years of distinguished public service and dedication to both the Las Vegas community and the State of Nevada. Ms. Dondero exemplifies the virtue of service to others. I join all southern Nevadans in wishing her the best in her newest endeavor as a regent of the University and Community College System of Nevada.

SLEEPY HOLLOW

HON. SUE W. KELLY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker:

In the bosom of one of those spacious coves which indent the eastern shore of the Hudson, at that broad expansion of the river denominated by the ancient Dutch navigators the Tappan Zee, and where they always prudently shortened sail and implored the protection of St. Nicholas when they crossed, there lies a small market town or rural port, which by some is called Greensburgh, but which is more generally and properly known by the name of Tarry Town.—Washington Irving.

These immortal words penned by Washington Irving more than 150 years ago describe a beautiful Hudson Valley village which I am proud to represent in Congress. Now, however, Washington Irving's fiction has become fact: the village of North Tarrytown, has been renamed the village of Sleepy Hollow to recognize the importance that Washington Irving's story, "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," plays in the annals of America literature.

In December of 1996 the village of North Tarrytown, NY, in the town of Mt. Pleasant, officially changed its name to the village of Sleepy Hollow. I rise today to pay tribute to the village of Sleepy Hollow and to recognize the truly historical nature of this village that is

nestled in the "bosom of the one of those spacious coves which indent the eastern shore of the Hudson. . ."

The village of Sleepy Hollow is home to not only the great legend which Washington Irving created, but also sites of historical significance such as Patriots Park where American patriots, during the Revolutionary War, captured the British spy Maj. John Andre as he made his escape after having been given the plans to West Point by Benedict Arnold. Sleepy Hollow is also home to the Sunnyside Estate which was the home of Washington Irving and of Kykuit, home to four generations of the Rockefeller family.

The village of Sleepy Hollow, NY holds a special place in the hearts of all Americans, from young children enjoying the thrill of reading Washington Irving's story for the first time, to the rest of us who appreciate the true courage and sacrifices made by American patriots during the Revolutionary War. Therefore, I rise today to pay tribute to the village of Sleepy Hollow and the townspeople who worked so diligently to see this name change become a reality. They have helped to preserve a piece of American history and future generations of Americans will be truly grateful for their efforts.

TRIBUTE TO LYNDA BURTON

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lynda Burton, a dedicated community leader who is being honored as an inductee into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

Lynda Burton has served the community as an attorney at the Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County since 1981, representing low-income clients in family law, domestic violence, landlord-tenant, and consumer protection cases. She has made important contributions to the County Task force on Violence Against Women, the Family Law Center, Sor Juana Inez, and the Center for Domestic Violence Protection. She gives generously of her time to Planned Parenthood and is a strong supporter of human rights in Latin America. She participated in the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing and has brought the news of this and many other important meetings to the Spanish speaking women of San Mateo County. She is an exemplary public servant, dedicated to making our legal system accessible and effective for the poor and disadvantaged.

Mr. Speaker, Lynda Burton is an outstanding citizen and I salute her for her remarkable contributions and commitment to our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and congratulating her on being inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

TRIBUTE TO THE POLISH SINGING CIRCLE

HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Polish Singing Circle on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary.

Founded in September of 1897, the Polish Singing Circle was created to promote American and Polish culture through song. Throughout its 100 year history, the Polish Singing Circle has continued to exhibit a strong and dedicated commitment to the Polish community, the city of Buffalo, and to the spirit of community service and volunteerism that has always been the hallmark of our western New York community.

The Polish Singing Circle has helped raise funds for charitable organizations such as the American Red Cross, the Immaculate Heart of Mary Orphanage, and the Villa Maria Academy.

The commitment of service exhibited by this historic group has also been expressed through military service, as many members defended our Nation during times of war. And, in a great show of patriotism, members of the America Polish Singing Circle came home from war and dedicated their time to performing for the injured veterans hospitalized in the VA Medical Center. This unselfish gesture truly highlights the Polish Singing Circle's exceptional 100 year history.

Mr. Speaker, today I would like to join with the group's members, and indeed, our entire western New York community, to honor the Polish Singing Circle on the occasion of its 100 anniversary. On behalf of the 30th Congressional District of New York, please accept my personal best wishes for another hundred.

LONG BEACH AUTHORS FESTIVAL—A MODEL FOR OTHER CITIES TO FOLLOW

HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Long Beach Authors Festival. Celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, this highly successful program was founded by Long Beach high school teacher Joan Hansen.

Ms. Hansen started by bringing authors on campus to speak and interact with students. Authors would describe the writing process and students became motivated to read the author's book, leading to other books. From this beginning, the program has grown to reach every school in the Long Beach Unified School District—every child, from kindergarten to 12th grade, is reached. To prepare for the Authors Festival, teachers and librarians will have devised reading and writing activities to prepare their students: Reading their author's books, illustrating favorite scenes, outlining questions to be asked, and writing poems or proclamations of welcome for their authors.

This year, 104 authors are involved in the program, making a total of 118 visits to the