

the recipient of many awards including the Civilian Service Award from the Bergen County Policeman's Benevolent Association, the Humanitarian of the Year Award from the Boys Town of Italy, and Lo Stivale D'Oro. Thomas is also the founder and current president of the Italian-American Political Action Committee and has been awarded the Cavaliere delle Stato from the Italian Government in April 1995.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, and Thomas' family and friends, in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable service to the community of Dr. Thomas S. Bellavia.

HONORING SGT. LESTER R. STONE, JR.

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 1997

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I want to pay tribute today to a man who gave his life defending our Nation.

Sgt. Lester R. Stone, Jr., distinguished himself on March 3, 1969, while serving as squad leader of the 1st Platoon, Company B, 1st Battalion, 20th Infantry, 11th Infantry Brigade, 23d Infantry Division. On this date, the 1st Platoon as on a combat patrol mission just west of Landing Zone, when it came under intense automatic weapons and grenade fire from a well-concealed company-size force of North Vietnamese regulars.

Observing the platoon machinegunner fall critically wounded, Sergeant Stone rushed into the open area to the side of his injured comrade. Utilizing the machinegun, Sergeant Stone remained in the exposed area to provide cover fire for the wounded soldier who was being pulled to safety by another member of the platoon. With enemy fire impacting all around him, Sergeant Stone had a malfunction in the machinegun, preventing him from firing the weapon automatically. Displaying extraordinary courage under the most adverse conditions, Sergeant Stone repaired the weapon and continued to place on the enemy positions effective suppressive fire which enabled the rescue to be completed.

In a desperate attempt to overrun his position, an enemy force left its cover and charged Sergeant Stone. Disregarding the danger involved, Sergeant Stone rose to his knees and began placing intense fire on the enemy at point-blank range, killing six of the enemy before falling mortally wounded. His actions of unsurpassed valor were a source of inspiration to his entire unit, and he was responsible for saving the lives of a number of his fellow soldiers. His actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military profession and reflect great credit on him, his unit, and the U.S. Army.

To fully recognize Sergeant Stone's heroism and bravery, I would like to ask my colleagues to join me in asking the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to name the new veterans outpatient clinic at the Binghamton Psychiatric Center after Sergeant Stone. I can think of no more fitting or appropriate gesture to memorialize Sgt. Lester R. Stone, Jr., and his contributions to our Nation's freedom.

GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

HON. JOHN E. SUNUNU

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 1997

Mr. SUNUNU. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to salute an outstanding group of young women who have been honored with the Girl Scout Gold Award by the Swift Water Girl Scout Council in Manchester, NH. Tracie Young, Gayle Willis, Danielle Sylvain, Kerry Silva, Meghan Shuteran, Meredith Roman, Tracy Rockwell, Katrina Reneouf, Elizabeth Pery, Anne Perry, Emily Paquette, Syma Mirza, Theresa Lacroix, Aimee LeShane, Elizabeth Lenaghan, Michelle LaPlant, Patricia Haycock, Kierstn Harrow, Jaclyn Haley, Carrie Green, Aja Goldberg, Kerri Cobuccio, Jennifer Buonomano, Emily Bennison, and Lauren Williams-Barnard, are being honored on June 8, 1997, for earning the highest achievement award in U.S. Girl Scouting. The Girl Scout Gold Award symbolizes outstanding accomplishments in the areas of leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development. The award can be earned by girls aged 14–17, or in grades 9–12.

Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., an organization serving over 2.5 million girls, has awarded more than 20,000 Girl Scout Gold Awards to senior Girl Scouts since the inception of the program in 1980. To receive the award, a Girl Scout must earn four interest project patches, the Career Exploration Pin, the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, and the Senior Girl Scout Challenge, as well as have designed and implemented a Girl Scout Gold Award project. A plan for fulfilling these requirements is created by the senior Girl Scout and is carried out through close cooperation between the candidate and an adult Girl Scout volunteer.

As members of the Swift Water Girl Scout Council, these young women began working toward the Girl Scout Gold Award in 1995. They completed their projects in the area of community service and leadership and I believe that they should receive the public recognition due to them for this significant service to their community and to their country.

TRIBUTE TO THE 14TH ANNUAL MANAGEMENT WEEK IN TEXAS

HON. MARTIN FROST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 1997

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Lockheed Martin Fort Worth Management Association and to honor the members of the National Management Association who, during the week of June 2 to 7, 1997, will honor Texas managers and promote our American Competitive Enterprise System during the 14th annual Management Week in Texas.

Management Week in Texas is designed to recognize the profession of management and to appreciate the contribution and dedication the thousands of managers, in Texas, offer in support of the American free-enterprise system. Public recognition of management as a profession through Management Week in

Texas helps to inspire young people to choose management as a career and encourages those with management responsibility to take pride in their work.

Management Week in Texas is a part of the national Management Week in America which has been held since 1978. Both the local and national management weeks are sponsored by members of the National Management Association, which is committed to upholding and promoting the ideals of solid, effective management in diverse areas of society.

I congratulate the Lockheed Martin Fort Worth Management Association for their work in honoring Management Week in Texas, and their commitment to continually improving management and business productivity throughout our State and Nation.

IN HONOR OF REV. THOMAS BOYD OF THE SALEM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF BROOKLYN, NY

HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 1997

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound pleasure that I congratulate today an exemplary community and religious leader, Rev. Thomas Boyd of the Salem Missionary Baptist Church. He has devoted 50 years of his life to the church, 37 of those to the Salem Missionary Baptist Church alone.

Reverend Boyd has been an invaluable spiritual leader. He plays a vitally important role in the community to the many who over the years have come to depend on his warm heart and kind words. His dedication and service to the church is testament to what a commitment, in this case to the faith, requires of us all. His leadership is inspirational and extends well beyond the reaches of his congregation. As public servants we should draw from his example and strive to emulate this level of commitment.

I ask my colleagues to join me in extending a hearty congratulations to Reverend Boyd for his 50 years of religious service. And also to the Salem Missionary Baptist Church, for providing him a base from which to build a spiritual home for the people of Brooklyn.

TRIBUTE TO LOUIS R. MARCHESE

HON. SIDNEY R. YATES

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 1997

Mr. YATES. Mr. Speaker, on Sunday, February 9, 1997, Mr. Louis R. Marchese, 65, died at his home in Arlington Heights, IL. I rise today to pay tribute to this fine man.

A prominent lawyer in Illinois, with an extensive background in contract and distribution law, Lou was a senior partner with the Chicago law firm of Halfpenny, Hahn, Roche & Marchese. He was nationally recognized for his expertise in association law, antitrust law, contract law, trade regulation, employment law, product liability, interstate taxation, and government regulatory law. In addition to his significant legal contributions, Lou also lectured at the Executive Development Centers