

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATIONS TO CON-  
GREGATION OF ST. JOHN'S LU-  
THERAN CHURCH ON THEIR  
125TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. THOMAS W. EWING

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 7, 1997*

Mr. EWING. Mr. Speaker, I wish to take this opportunity to offer my congratulations and commendation to the people of St. John's Lutheran Church in Bloomington, IL. During 1997 the congregation is celebrating its 125th anniversary.

St. John's has been a very integral part of the Bloomington community for all of the 125 years since the church was established. St. John's has played a central role in bringing the people of this community together, helping them through the difficult events of life, and strengthening and nourishing their faith. Bloomington has always been a closely knit community where neighbors look out for each other, and St. John's is part of the glue that keeps the community together.

St. John's was around when Bloomington was a small farm town and has seen the community grow into one of the most dynamic and expanding cities in Illinois. St. John's will continue to serve the people of Bloomington into the next century and for many years to come.

Again, I want to offer my congratulations and thanks to the people of St. John's Lutheran Church for their commitment and service over the years.

IN HONOR OF NICK NARDI

### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 7, 1997*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Nick A. Nardi, a union leader for over 35 years who has worked tirelessly for his members and for his community.

Nick began his union career as a business representative for the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 416. Nick earned the respect of his peers, and they chose him for higher union office. Nick rose to secretary-treasurer and later to president.

His fellow union leaders quickly recognized Nick's leadership qualities and appointed him as a trustee of joint council 41. Nick rose to become president of the joint council last year.

Nick distinguished himself as a labor leader who emphasized the importance of organizing, resolving grievances quickly, and helping members win a better life for themselves and their families. Nick helped to keep the Teamsters on the front line of fighting for justice. The Teamsters are a leading force for defending the rights of all working people as they fight for fair trucking laws along the border with Mexico. They are a crucial counterforce

to the evergrowing power of large corporations. They are a voice for ordinary people.

Nick has made sure that the voice was heard and put into daily practice. Nick has ensured that union members had access to low-cost financial services through his service on the board of directors of the Ohio Teamsters Credit Union. Nick has given generously of his time, helping community nonprofit organizations such as the Salvation Army, City Mission, and Holy Family Cancer Home.

Mr. Speaker, let us recognize the achievements of Nick Nardi, who will receive the Tree of Life Award from the Jewish National Fund of Cleveland, OH, on May 28, 1997.

PREVENTION PROGRAMS THAT  
WORK

### HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 7, 1997*

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, too often in our discussions on juvenile crime, we forget to acknowledge and celebrate the young people who succeed despite tremendous adversity. I rise today to acknowledge one such young man and the organization that helped him realize his full potential.

Thomas Washington, a former gang member and high school dropout, is now a role model for other young people in his community. Thomas grew up in Point Breeze, a neighborhood in the East End area of Pittsburgh. It is a neighborhood that suffers from gang activity and juvenile crime. Despite a loving, caring, supportive mother, Thomas got involved in gang activity. He was kicked out of three different high schools and had no sense of direction. Then Thomas got involved with the Pittsburgh YMCA's East End Youth Outreach Program.

The Pittsburgh YWCA had established the East End Youth Outreach Program in five of Pittsburgh's poorest neighborhoods in an effort to reduce crime and juvenile delinquency. This program encouraged and helped Thomas and other former gang members to start their own business, the Deluxe Landscaping Co. Now, a lot of young people from Thomas' neighborhood seen him working rather than hustling. They see through Thomas' example that there are positive, legitimate ways to earn a living and contribute to the community.

As we prepare to consider juvenile crime legislation, I would encourage my colleagues not to forget young people like Thomas Washington and organizations like the Pittsburgh YMCA. Prevention programs have an important role to play in reducing juvenile crime and helping young people through the often difficult transition to adulthood. I urge my colleagues not to ignore the need for prevention programs in addressing the problem of juvenile crime.

A TRIBUTE TO COMMUNICARE  
HEALTH CENTERS' 25TH SILVER  
ANNIVERSARY

### HON. VIC FAZIO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 7, 1997*

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an organization which has provided health care to low-income residents of California's Yolo County for one quarter of a century.

CommuniCare Health Centers was founded in 1972 for the express purpose of providing access to high quality, affordable medical and dental services for individuals and families with limited financial resources, lack of insurance, language, and cultural barriers, and/or addiction to drugs and alcohol.

During this time, CommuniCare has successfully served as Yolo County's health care safety net for medically indigent populations as a result of multiple funding sources that include Federal title X moneys for family planning services as well as from other Federal and State programs, foundation grants, and private citizen support.

CommuniCare furthers the success of innovative public/private partnerships through its cooperative programs with other health care organizations such as Sutter Davis Hospital, Sutter West Medical Group, Kaiser Permanente, Woodland Healthcare, and the University of California, Davis Medical Center as well as various county and city agencies both public and private. In addition, critically needed health care services are provided by dedicated staff and management as well as over 200 physicians, dentists, mid-level practitioners, and trained community workers who volunteer their time with no compensation to help their Yolo County neighbors in need.

By virtue of committed staff and volunteers along with the philanthropic community and government support, CommuniCare serves as a model system for successfully serving a traditionally underserved population. I urge my colleagues to join me today as I honor CommuniCare Health Centers on its silver anniversary.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CON-  
GRESS REGARDING THE  
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

SPEECH OF

### ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 6, 1997*

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, During roll-call vote No. 105, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes." I ask unanimous consent that the RECORD reflect my support for House Resolution 93, and that I be permitted to submit a statement for the RECORD.

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