

I am proud to speak today in favor of House Resolution 93. This resolution states that Congress should not change the consumer price index. If any changes are found to be necessary, they should be made by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Federal agency with the necessary technical expertise and resources.

Many Federal programs including Social Security, Medicare, and Veterans' benefits are tied to the consumer price index in order to determine cost-of-living adjustments based on inflation. Congress simply lacks the technical knowledge required to properly deal with any change in the consumer price index. Only the Bureau of Labor Statistics can adequately evaluate and address the situation. This resolution today makes this crystal clear.

The consumer price index should not be politicized, nor should the budget be balanced through budgetary gimmicks. It is imperative that our Nation's seniors be protected. Promises have been made to our seniors that cannot be broken. I am committed to making sure that our Government keeps the promises it has made to the generation that saw us through some of the darkest moments of the 20th century.

ON ERIC DORENKOTT'S  
ATTAINMENT OF EAGLE SCOUT

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 7, 1997*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Eric Dorenkott of Fairview Park, OH, who will be honored this month for his recent attainment of Eagle Scout.

The attainment of Eagle Scout is a high and rare honor requiring years of dedication to self-improvement, hard work and the community. Each Eagle Scout must earn 21 merit badges, 12 of which are required, including badges in: lifesaving; first aid; citizenship in the community; citizenship in the Nation; citizenship in the world; personal management of time and money; family life; environmental science; and camping.

In addition to acquiring and proving proficiency in those and other skills, an Eagle Scout must hold leadership positions within the troop where he learns to earn the respect and hear the criticism of those he leads.

The Eagle Scout must live by the Scouting Law, which holds that he must be: trustworthy, loyal, brave, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, clean, and reverent.

And the Eagle Scout must complete an Eagle project, which he must plan, finance, and evaluate on his own. It is no wonder that only 2 percent of all boys entering Scouting achieve this rank.

Eric's Eagle project involved publicizing the Tot Finders Program to parents groups in Fairview Park. In the Tot Finders Program, parents receive special stickers which, when put in the windows of children, identify the children's location to firemen in case of fire.

My fellow colleagues, let us join Boy Scouts of America Troop 401 in recognizing and praising Eric for his achievement.

TRIBUTE TO PUBLIC SERVICE  
EMPLOYEES

**HON. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY II**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 7, 1997*

Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to public service employees at all levels of government in observation of Public Service Recognition Week.

As we observe Public Service Recognition Week, I would like to invite my colleagues to join with me in reflection upon and appreciation of the many contributions of men and women who, in a vast array of capacities, have chosen to dedicate their lives to serving the common good. Every day Federal employees do an incredible job of providing the people of our Nation with vital services. Through their outstanding efforts, these employees ensure the stability and continuity of our Government, but unfortunately, do not always receive due credit for their actions. That is why it is so important that we take this time to remember all the good work that Federal employees perform.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to commend all government employees for their work, and in particular, recognize and thank all the Federal employees in Massachusetts as they celebrate Public Service Recognition Week.

>'UPWARD BOUND' HONORS 71  
EAST BAY AREA STUDENTS

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 7, 1997*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of a remarkable group of young people from Hayward, CA, who are being honored for their participation in the California State University—Hayward Upward Bound program.

On Saturday, May 24, 1997, Cal State-Hayward will host its Seventh Awards Recognition Banquet. Seventy-one Upward Bound program participants, 19 of whom are graduating East Bay Area seniors, and their parents will be honored.

In the summer of 1965, the Upward Bound program began in colleges and universities across the country, to recruit low-income students in the 8th, 9th, and 10th grades for participation in this college awareness program. The Cal State-Hayward program was later established in the fall 1990, and provides tutoring instruction, counseling, career orientation, and assistance in defining career goals, applying for college admission, and filling out financial aid applications.

The type of student selected for participation in upward bound is a very special one. These low-income students, chosen for their potential and desire to achieve, have had the opportunity to experience educational development and personal growth within a college setting while still in high school. Upward bound students work tirelessly in either the academic year sessions or summer sessions which consist of tutorial sessions during the week, complimented by Saturday sessions for field trips and cultural activities.

Students are referred to upward bound through school administrators, instructors, counselors, or community agencies who have recognized low-income students who would otherwise have been without the resources and guidance so necessary to the college preparation process. As a result, many of these students will be the first in their families to receive a 4-year degree.

As we maintain that educating our young people is priority No. 1, I am inspired by these real-life testimonials to the obstacles students can conquer when given a boost. We congratulate them on their achievement, admire their dedication, and wish them well in any endeavor they choose.

Printed below are the names of the students to be honored at this year's banquet:

Ninth Grade: Diana Ascencio, Tennyson; Andrea Bozant, Mt. Eden; Gabriel Cortez, Hayward; Stephanie Jones, Hayward; Robyn Moss, Hayward; Alberto Williams, Hayward; Pablo Chavez, Dublin; Tiana Gaskins, James Logan; Marco Palomino, James Logan; Gabriela Peña, James Logan; Jason Wells, James Logan; Ruby Lopez, San Lorenzo; Bogdana Marchis, San Lorenzo; Nocmi Arrieta, Tennyson; Peng Lim, Tennyson; Gaby Bressler, Hayward; Joshua Jones, Hayward; Eujenia Garcia, Hayward; Ana Gutierrez, Hayward; Vanessa Perez, Hayward; Marion Thurmond, Hayward; Damali Burton, Castro Valley; Andrea Williams, Castro Valley.

Tenth Grade: Noel Amezcuita, James Logan; Emiliano Leyba, James Logan; Alisha Lovett, James Logan; Arnid Ramamoorthy, James Logan; Monifa Willis, James Logan; Steve Hayes, Hayward; Carlos Bressler, Hayward; Mario Guerrero, Hayward; Mahasin Mu'min, Hayward; Lisette Padilla, Hayward; Tanea Rhea, Hayward; Jose Herrera, Tennyson; Saila Molina, Tennyson; Michael Martin, San Lorenzo; William Watkins, San Lorenzo; Juan Flores, Arroyo; Ed Santana, Arroyo; Michael Boykin, Castro Valley; Ariana Sanchez, Richmond.

Eleventh Grade: Darryl Hampton, James Logan; Feliza Montes De Oca, James Logan; Reyna Nava, James Logan; Sonia Abrego, Mt. Eden; Michael Barrett, Mt. Eden; Ricshell Bunton, Mt. Eden; Phuong Nguyen, Mt. Eden; Oliver Chang, San Lorenzo; Anthony James, San Lorenzo.

Twelfth Grade: Joy Hadden, James Logan; Sylvia Mora, James Logan; Nicole Poston, James Logan; Jarrad Woods, San Lorenzo; Edward Gorton, San Lorenzo; Miguel Lopez, San Lorenzo; Raymond Chan, Tennyson; Miguel Dueñas, Tennyson; Houg Huynh, Tennyson; Tim Lin, Tennyson; Carlos Martin, Tennyson; Reocel Mercado, Tennyson; Mariano Preciado, Tennyson; Yazmin Ramirez, Tennyson; Kiet Truong, Tennyson; Brant Guerrero, Hayward; Larry Leatherwood, Hayward; Rebecca Akin, Hayward; Claudia Flores, Arroyo.

TRIBUTE TO MR. BILL CROOKSTON

**HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 7, 1997*

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Bill Crookston, who will be honored on June 5, 1997 at the Annual Installation Ceremonies for his past year of exemplary leadership as the President of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce.