

Network was founded by a group of concerned citizens who are answering the call to do more in this era when government is being told to do less. At no cost to the taxpayer, this system will provide those in need with a direct connection to help. Addictions to drugs, alcohol, gambling, and other problems will be addressed in the privacy of people's homes, so that those taking the first step toward recovery can deal with doing so without a harsh public watching every move.

Mr. Speaker, I have a better description here with me and I am inserting this into the RECORD. I commend it to all of my colleagues and Americans everywhere:

RECOVERY NETWORK,  
Santa Monica, CA.

The Recovery Network: providing political leaders with an issue of importance to every citizen.

In every city throughout the United States political leaders and community groups have focused major efforts and limited resources on the growing problem of drug and alcohol abuse. The cost in human suffering and diminished self-worth cannot be measured in the loss of productive work, crime, domestic violence and child abuse, or the large expenditures in local, state and federal financed programs.

The social cost of these problems is having an impact on other services demanded by citizens. Alcoholism and chemical dependency alone cost taxpayers, insurers and businesses more than \$166 billion.

Finding solutions has eluded government officials, law enforcement and community leaders. With the dramatic cuts in funding from tax revenue, the problem will continue to plague government at all levels. Now, with ever-decreasing resources, more and more government leaders have come to the realization that new solutions are needed to solve social problems. The President and the Congress have called for a commitment by corporate America to use their resources to turn the tide in all areas that affect the lives of our citizens.

It is in that spirit that a group of concerned citizens and television professionals joined with professionals in the television industry, prevention experts and those in the recovery community to create the Recovery Network. This innovative cable network is working with established local recovery organizations in every state to deal with drug, alcohol and other substance dependencies, as well as eating disorders, compulsive gambling and depression, to a name a few.

The Recovery Network will provide a direct connection to those in need in the privacy of their homes. Real people. Real solutions. At no cost to the taxpayer. An answer to those never-ending issues leaders in government should enthusiastically endorse.

The Recovery Network is private enterprise helping to solve public problems through locally oriented programs created and supported by the national network. To do it, the Recovery Network must secure two hours of cable time each day on city-franchised cable systems. Within two years, this privately financed venture will seek a full-time, 24-hour-a-day link into every home to provide round-the-clock public education services to people in need of life-changing guidance to reclaim their lives.

For the first time, the Recovery Network offers a positive and innovative use of cable that provide daily programs to the homes of an estimated 88 million Americans affected by substance abuse and dependency.

30 million are children of alcoholics.

50 million are addicted to nicotine.

80 percent of all crime cases are alcohol- or drug-related.

The social impact is clear. The political advantage is positive.

In every local cable community, the Recovery Network is working closely with a partnership of local community organizations and foundations providing care to the people in need. Those care providers cannot reach all the people in need of their services. The Recovery Network expands that capability to every home wired to cable in their community.

This cable connection offers its viewers more than a presentation of the problem, more than direct involvement with real solutions but also a direct link to sources of information. The Recovery Network allows viewers to interact with others through a 24-hour crisis response hotline, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, as well as a support service offered on the Internet.

Support of the Recovery Network's search for a two hour link into every home through a cable system provides a real solution to the never-ending need to confront the problems of drug and alcohol addiction and provide real solutions through local government-franchised cable provider.

The Recovery Network gives political leaders, public officials, unions and the local recovery community a real tool to confront an issue of concern to every citizen at no cost to the taxpayer.

IN HONOR OF ITT AUTOMOTIVE

**HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 7, 1997*

Mrs. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to a distinguished company located in New York's 28th Congressional District: ITT Automotive.

ITT Automotive, which employs 3,800 workers at its electrical systems plant in Rochester, NY, was awarded the 1997 Quality Cup for manufacturing on May 2, 1997. ITT Automotive received the Quality Cup Award for creating an advanced modular windshield wiper system that met stringent quality and safety requirements for the Chrysler minivan and provided added value for the automotive industry supply chain. The employees heading the award-winning quality team include team leader Craig Hysong, Robert Price, Richard Fisher, Michael Kinsky, and Jeannine Marciano, all from ITT Automotive's electrical systems plant in Rochester.

No company could be more deserving of this award than ITT Automotive. The Quality Cup, given by the Rochester Institute of Technology and USA Today, honors companies and individuals who excel in the pursuit of quality.

In addition to the RIT/USA Today award, the ITT Automotive team members also were honored with Chrysler's Award for Excellence. These honors add to a long list of other awards that ITT Automotive has received in the past few years, including such prestigious honors as Ford's Q1, General Motors' Mark of Excellence, and Chrysler's Pentastar awards, as well as honors from Honda, Toyota, Mazda, Audi, and other international manufacturers. Last year the plant also received a Governor's Award from the State of New York for environmental protection programs that minimize hazardous wastes, reduced solvent air emissions, and improved energy efficiency.

These awards are a testament to ITT Automotive's workers and management, and I am delighted that RIT, USA Today, and Chrysler have chosen to recognize ITT Automotive for its strong record of quality. ITT Automotive represents the very best in American business: Putting its customers first, trusting its employees, and building quality into products and services. I am proud of its success, its achievement, and of the contribution it makes to our community. Congratulations to everyone at ITT Automotive who shares in this honor.

WORCESTER, WESTBOROUGH,  
STERLING, AND HOLDEN SENIOR  
GIRL SCOUTS EARN GOLD  
AWARD

**HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 7, 1997*

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, last Sunday, May 4, I was privileged to be present when six young women from the cities of Worcester and Holden, MA, received the Gold Award, the highest achievement a girl can earn in Girl Scouting. These awards are a demonstration of the high values, commitment and goals of these remarkable women. They represent the future leaders of our communities and Nation—indeed, I expect that one of them will one day serve in the U.S. House of Representatives or the U.S. Senate.

The requirements for earning the Gold Award are rigorous and demand a significant commitment of time, effort, and personal initiative. Typically a young woman will invest 3 or 4 years of personal development, leadership activities, community service, and career exploration in preparation for the Gold Award Project. In the Gold Award Project, each girl reaches out to serve some segment of the community—of her world—in a meaningful and long-lasting way. She must develop and execute a special project, at least 4 months in length, that is original, challenging, solves a need, incorporates outside experts, and can be sustained after she leaves. The project must be approved and evaluated for successful completion by the Montachusett Girl Scout Council's Gold Award Committee of Worcester, MA. The project is truly an express of each girl's creativity and individuality.

The six young women honored on May 4, 1997, are Angela M. Achorn of Westborough, GERALYN DION of Sterling, Martha Miriam DOUTY and Margaret Aria Felis of Worcester, and Katherine R. Hebert and Patricia Anne Owens of Holden.

For her Gold Award final project, ANGELS M. Achorn of Westborough compiled and distributed a 52-page book, "Preschools, Daycare, Activities and Other Services" for families of young children in the Westborough, Northborough, Marlborough, Hopkinton, Grafton, Shrewsbury, and Worcester areas. The book helps families new to the area know what programs are available for their children. Two hundred copies have been distributed and are available for reference in local libraries.

Working extensively with the Sterling Historical Commission, GERALYN DION's Gold Award project, "Historic Sterling," included a tour of