

Spain eventually returned just \$114,000 in looted gold from a stockpile of \$30 million. Turkey, which held \$44 million in Nazi assets and \$5 million in looted gold, made no restitution. Only Sweden paid up.

The victims of this dismal record were the survivors of the Holocaust and others left homeless and stateless by the war. Assets that could have been used to help them were never returned to the countries plundered by Germany. Worse still, gold and other valuables found in Germany that had been seized from millions of individuals and households across Europe were knowingly mingled with assets stolen from European governments by the Nazis. As a result, gold that should have gone to help individuals through relief and compensation programs ended up in European and American government vaults, where some remains today.

These matters remained too long obscured from public view, shielded by excessive secrecy and national pride. It is late to redress the wrongs, but every effort should now be made to return gold and other assets to those with a legitimate claim. Switzerland, after long delay, is finally making an effort to trace and return assets deposited before the war. Mr. Eizenstat and Mr. Slny have performed a high public service by digging for the truth.

HONORING KEEP HOUSTON
BEAUTIFUL'S 2D ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the efforts of Keep Houston Beautiful and the success of the second annual neighborhood cleanup in making Houston a better—and cleaner—place to live.

On May 3 more than a thousand volunteers across the city committed to improving the quality of life in Houston in wrapping up the 1997 neighborhood cleanup effort. Boy Scouts, students from area schools, parents and children worked side by side at the Thank You Celebration at the Fondren YMCA. It was quite an experience. For almost 2 months, thousands of people all across the city of Houston bagged thousands of pounds of trash and gathered hundreds of tons of recyclables, all in an effort to make their community a better place to live. Because of the efforts of these volunteers, our neighborhoods are cleaner, our parks are more fun, and our environment is safer.

Each and every person who took time to participate in the Keep Houston Beautiful effort understands the importance of community, that it thrives on involvement and starves from apathy. They understand that it is our government, our schools, our churches and our neighborhoods that they make better when they take the time to get involved. They understand that, when they take an hour, a day, or a week to clean up their community, the effects are felt for much longer. They are setting an example for others to follow, sowing the seeds for the success of future cleanup efforts.

This year, Keep Houston Beautiful launched its biggest attack on litter yet, enlisting nearly 35,000 volunteers in their effort to get trash off our streets. Keep Houston Beautiful has done

a tremendous service to the people of Houston by organizing a neighborhood cleanup event in our community. Working with the city of Houston, the Board of Realtors, and civic and neighborhood groups, Keep Houston Beautiful is doing its part to make a long-term difference in Houston.

But neighborhood clean-up is not just occurring in Houston. Now entering its 12th year, this program is America's largest organized cleanup effort, involving 1 million volunteers in 100 cities nationwide. These volunteers have collectively removed more than 178 million pounds of debris from public lands so far.

I commend the great work of Keep Houston Beautiful and their efforts to cleanup our city through community cleanup events. And I congratulate the thousands of volunteers who gave their time to clean up their neighborhoods and make Houston an even better place to live and raise a family.

THE HAMMOND POLICE
DEPARTMENT

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, It gives me great pleasure to announce that the Hammond Police Department will represent northwest Indiana in the Police Memorial Week taking place in our Nation's Capital from May 11 to 16, 1997. The Hammond police motorcycle brigade, comprised mainly of traffic enforcement officers, will leave northwest Indiana tomorrow for their day long journey to Washington, DC.

The Hammond Police Department, which conducts its own memorial ceremony for its fallen officers every year, will be the first police department in northwest Indiana to participate in the Police Memorial Week. On May 11, the Hammond police officers will gather with other motorcycle officers from across the country at Robert F. Kennedy Stadium to attend the Law Ride Motorcycle Parade, which will include a procession to Judiciary Square. During the week, the officers will be given the chance to attend seminars, candlelight vigils, and the main memorial on May 16 at Judiciary Square. The Hammond motorcycle brigade, which has expressed interest in participating in this memorial in past years, took the initiative in earning the necessary funds by conducting a raffle and securing donations from Hammond businesses. Any remaining money will be generously donated to the Indiana Surviving Families Fund, which helps families who have lost a police officer in the line of duty.

Those Hammond police officers who will ride in the brigade tomorrow include: Lt. John Pohl, Sg. Dennis Serafin, Cpl. Anthony Sonaty, Cpl. Charles Legg, Cpl. Danny Small, Cpl. George Gavrilos, Cpl. Kerry Newman, Officer Bret Plemons, and Officer Richard Tumidalsky. In addition, Chief of Hammond Police, Fred Behrens, will be joining the aforementioned police officers in Washington on Wednesday, May 14.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the Hammond police brigade to our Nation's Capital as they remember police officers who have been killed in the line of duty. I would also like to take this op-

portunity to commend the Hammond police, as well as police officers across our Nation, on the dedication and courage they demonstrate daily in working to keep our communities safe.

TRIBUTE TO ROLLING MEADOWS
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HON. PHILIP M. CRANE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize three very special business leaders and one special community leader in my district who will be honored today by the Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce.

Daniel Sawusch, President of Citadel Management and general partner of Woodfield Gardens Apartments, will be honored as the 1996 Business Leader of the Year. Under Dan's guidance, Woodfield Gardens has been turned into the showplace it now is. In addition to receiving the Exemplary Business Partnership Award from Governor Edgar and the C.A.M.M.E. [Chicagoland Apartment Management and Marketing Excellence] Award for its ongoing public relations programs, Woodfield Gardens has been awarded the Grand C.A.M.M.E. Award for property excellence for being the best in the business.

Mr. Philip Burns, Fire Chief of Rolling Meadows, will be honored as the 1996 Community Leader of the Year. Aside from serving residents as Fire Chief, Mr. Burns has belonged to, and held positions in, a wide range of local and State organizations. Over the years he has served as President of the Rotary, President of Great Lakes Division of the international Fire Chiefs, and Chairman of the Resource Committee of Illinois Fire Chiefs. Other activities that have benefited the community include his involvement with Community Make a Difference Day and Clearbrook Olympics and Tag Day.

Meadows Funeral Home will be honored with the 1996 Business Beautification Award. Bill Haberichter, proprietor of Meadows Funeral Home, took an unattractive, undeveloped piece of property and transformed it into an attractive, functional building and grounds that serve the community well. The funeral home is on approximately 2 acres of land which required 11,000 yards of fill to bring the parcel of property up grade level.

G.L. Technology also will be honored as the Small Business of the Year for 1996. Company president Samuel Kim has over 20 years of product design and development experience in the coin-operated and consumer electronic industries. To date, Mr. Kim has been issued 35 patents for his designs. G.L. Technology is a leading developer and manufacturer of sports games which are distributed throughout the U.S., Canada, and over 20 other countries worldwide. The success of G.L. Technology's games has earned the company a reputation for being able to develop innovative games that people enjoy playing.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate these leaders of Rolling Meadows for their hard work and dedication. Rolling Meadows and the Eighth Congressional District of Illinois is a better place to live because of them.