

has worked diligently with severely and multiply disabled individuals and has become a strong community advocate as well, developing effective partnerships with other community agencies. Her selfless and pleasing manner was responsible for her being named Michigan Rehabilitation Services Counselor of the Year in 1989.

Mr. Gerald Grantner is leaving after almost 30 years of service to the citizens of Michigan. Beginning in 1968 as a vocational rehabilitation counselor, Mr. Grantner became district manager of the office in Flint, MI, in 1970. In addition to his working tirelessly on behalf of the public, he has also developed affiliations with groups such as the Bentley School Board of Education, Goodwill Industries of Mid-Michigan, and the Burton, MI, Planning Commission, among others.

Mr. Marvin McLaughlin also began his career with the State of Michigan as a vocational rehabilitation counselor, first in 1965, and then again in 1969 after receiving further education. In the nearly 30 years, he has worked with the jobs commission, the citizens he has worked with have benefitted greatly from his determination and ambition. To those close to him, Mr. McLaughlin has been called a man of high professional and ethical standards, qualities that he has exhibited time and time again in both his professional and personal life.

Mr. Speaker, it seems only fitting that these three, who have practically begun their careers together as a team, shall bring their careers to a close together as well. I am exceptionally proud of the service they have provided to many throughout the State, and I am sure that their deeds shall provide a worthy example to emulate.

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#### HONORING OUR PROTECTORS

### HON. JON CHRISTENSEN

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 14, 1997*

Mr. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in appreciation of police men and women across this country. This week the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service will be held on the west front of the U.S. Capitol. This memorial service is a tribute to peace officers who have put their lives on the line for the safety of our neighborhoods and communities. I wish we didn't have to have these memorials—I wish that we never had to mourn the loss of a single police officer. But sadly we do.

Unfortunately, we seem to be losing more officers each year. In our Nation's capital, we have lost three officers in just a few months.

Almost 2 years ago, my district lost a true hero. Jimmy Wilson Jr. was on duty with the Omaha Police Department and was shot while he was in his patrol car, still restrained by his seat belt, and in a position where he could not defend himself. Jimmy Wilson Jr. was killed in cold blood. He gave his life defending me, defending my family and friends, and defending all those who make Omaha their home. I honor him today and all of the other officers whose lives have been taken prematurely and without cause or warning.

When will this senseless killing come to an end? It won't end until we start making the penalty fit the crime and get rid of the antipunishment mentality that exists.

If I have learned anything over the past year in Congress, it's that there are two opposing views on crime in our country. There are those who believe that crime is not necessarily an issue of personal responsibility, but of environment. They tend to believe that the criminal lawyers, liberal jurists, and endless death penalty appeals have been a good development for our criminal justice system. They advocate rehabilitation, lenient sentences and legal loopholes, often in the name of compassion.

Then there are those like myself—those who are sick and tired of criminals preying on our police officers, our families and children. We're tired of our kids being afraid to walk to school alone. We're tired of the illegal drugs that are poisoning our youth and eating away at their futures. We're tired of seeing our prisoners treated better than the working men and women in this country.

If we are to rebuild the American dream, it is here where we must begin. Stone by stone, brick by brick—we must rebuild the foundation of this great Nation to ensure freedom from fear, freedom from drugs, and the opportunity to achieve the American dream.

This isn't a battle that we can win overnight. But, we must begin to rebuild our foundation before it is too late. How many more senseless killings must occur before we realize that our current criminal justice system is not working; before we realize that crimes that go unpunished send a message of tolerance to criminals and do nothing to help our Nation rebuild its foundation; before we realize that leaving criminals in our community fails to protect our citizens and neighborhoods.

We must act now. The sooner we take action the sooner we can make the law of the land actually mean something again.

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#### A TRIBUTE TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF MUGELLO, ITALY, ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. THOMAS M. FOGLIETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 14, 1997*

Mr. FOGLIETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the members of the Rotary Club of Mugello, Italy, who have provided civic and humanitarian services to their community for the past 20 years.

Established in 1977 in the town of Mugello, nestled in the beautiful hills of Tuscany in Italy. Its members from Firenze, Scaperia, and Borgo San Lorenzo represent business and professional leaders of Tuscany, Italy. They include, physicians, dentists, architects, engineers, high fashion clothing designers, heavy machinery manufacturers, publishers, government officials, cattle ranchers, and businessmen.

This club has established twin-club relationships in France, Greece, and Philadelphia. Through Rotary International, the Rotary Club of Mugello has established scholarship funds for Italian graduate students to study at graduate schools in the United States of America.

This club has close ties to America through Judge Joseph C. Bruno and his wife, Kathie of Philadelphia, U.S.A. Judge Bruno, past governor of Rotary International District 7450, is an honorary member of the Rotary Club of

Mugello and along with his wife, Kathie, visits with the club members every year in Tuscany. He reports that the humanitarian services rendered internationally by the Rotary Club of Mugello, are admired by rotary clubs around the world.

The Rotary Club of Mugello, under the leadership of its President, Paolo Collini, and its incoming President, Alvaro Baglioni, will celebrate 20 years of "Service Above Self" which is the motto of Rotary International.

The following are members of the Rotary Club of Mugello: Agostini Alfredo, Ariani Lamberto, Aspesi Pierangelo, Azzurri Gianfranco, Baglioni Alvaro, Bartolini Riccardo, Berretti Alessandro, Beretti Antonio, Bertetti Luciano, Berti Leonardo, Bettini Franco, Billi Carletto, Borgioli Adriano, Cafulli Felice, Calo Armando, Catini Marino, Cerchiai Umberto, Chelazzi Giovannino, Chini Ferdinando, Collini Paolo, D'Agliana Giancarlo, Diani Pier Francesco, Fiorentini Giorgio, Fronticelli Paolo, Gambi Siro, Grazzini Massimo, Greco Giuseppe, Guandalini Carlo, Guarnieri Giuliano, Lapucci Enrico, Livi Daniele, Lorenz Rudolf, Malhotra Chandra Parkash, Manini Angiolo, Maini Benito, Manneschi Luca, Margheri Mario, Mercatali Luifi, Michienzi Pasquale, Muraro Giovanni, Naldoni Desiderio, Nencetti Mario, Nencetti Roberto, Niccilai Giancarlo, Niccolai Raffaello, Paladini Guseppe.

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#### 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE I.A.M.A.

### HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 14, 1997*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, May 17, 1997, the Italian American Memorial Association [IAMA] of Long Branch, NJ, will celebrate its Golden Anniversary—50 years of serving the community. As a life-long resident of Long Branch and the son of a World War II vet, I am indeed proud to pay tribute to this great center of civic and social life in our community.

Mr. Speaker, the IAMA was established as a living memorial to Italian-Americans who made the supreme sacrifice for their country, giving their lives in World War II. Its prime purpose is to promote physical fitness, build good character in our youth, and aid in the development of the mind and body through civic, social, recreational, and athletic services in the city of Long Branch.

On April 19, 1947, a certificate of incorporation for the IAMA, drawn up by Attorney Theodore Mirabella, was approved by the New Jersey Secretary of State. Its charter members were Joseph Tomaine, Leon Giordano, Angelo Francese, Philip Tomaine, and Joseph P. Tomaino. Membership was originally limited to men of Italian descent, although the membership has since been opened up to other ethnic groups.

Association meetings were at first held in members' homes, but as the membership grew the organization moved to several different locations until 1953, when the members purchased Temple Beth Miriam on North Bath Avenue. Two years later, a youth baseball league was established by IAMA. But in 1958, disaster struck: the IAMA hall burnt to the