

University of La Verne, and began his career in law enforcement with the Montebello Police Department on July 24, 1967, as a police officer. He quickly rose through the ranks, becoming sergeant on January 1, 1974, assigned to the Training Unit; lieutenant in the Patrol Division on March 24, 1987, captain on December 18, 1988; and served as bureau commander for both the Support Services Division and Field Services Division.

Through his guidance and leadership, Captain Gonzales was instrumental in the formation and implementation of the department's explorer program in 1971. He also served as coordinator for the Montebello police reserve officer program from 1977 through 1987, and as a member of the advisory committee of the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training [POST] since 1979. Throughout his career, he has represented the California Association of Police Training Officers with distinction, and has demonstrated leadership and diligence in his service as chairman of the POST Advisory Committee. Additionally, he served as State and local president for the California Association of Police Training Officers, and as a member of the Hispanic American Police Command Officer's Association, the Boy Scouts of America's Exploring Program, and was executive vice president of the California Asian Peace Officer's Association.

Captain Gonzales has received numerous awards and commendations throughout his distinguished career in Montebello law enforcement. He is a role model for our community, and serves as a model officer for his colleagues in law enforcement. I proudly ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Montebello Police Captain Michael T. Gonzales as he retires from 30 years of dedicated service to the Montebello community.

A TRIBUTE TO FAITH AND
JONATHAN COOKLER

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 1997

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to honor an extraordinary couple who has given an abundant amount of their precious time and energy to forwarding the ideals of community service and education. I join our community in honoring Faith and Jonathan Cookler.

Faith and Jon have dedicated themselves to the preservation of Jewish ethics and family values. They have served Abraham Joshua Heschel Day School in many capacities promoting Judaic education in a community school setting. In doing so they have strengthened our community's values at its roots.

Zohar wrote in the Talmud that "Each man should aid his fellow man according to his talent." The Cookler's exemplify this ideal by promoting Jewish values through their own strengths. Jon serves as the capital funds vice-president utilizing his financial and fundraising expertise while Faith serves as the executive vice-president employing her organizational talents, each serving the community in his or her own unique way.

In addition to supporting Jewish foundations in the local community, Faith and Jon have

also dedicated their services to broader regions. Faith has been deeply involved with the Anti-Defamation League serving as president of the Pacific Southwest Regional Board and as president of the Women's Division. Jon has also served the greater community through his work on the Boards of Valley Beth Shalom Synagogue and the Pacific Southwest Region of the Anti-Defamation League.

As Faith and Jon's Congressman I am deeply honored to recognize them for their dedication to our community. I congratulate them on their successes thus far and wish them luck in the future.

AMERICAN DREAM CHALLENGE
AWARDS

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 1997

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, Dr. Irving A. Fradkin and the Committee of the Citizens Scholarship Foundation of Fall River, MA, have initiated and nurtured an educational movement that has benefited children not only in my own Third Congressional District of Massachusetts, but throughout the country. By working with individuals and businesses in a community, scholarships are presented to children that will motivate and enable them to go to college. These children, who are students in elementary school, promise to adhere to good behavior and high scholarship. They take a pledge to do their best in school and to take advantage of the opportunities of a good education. They promise to respect their classmates and teachers and to learn about and appreciate different religious and ethnic backgrounds. They pledge to stay away from drugs, violence, and weapons of any kind. They volunteer to perform service in their communities and to be caring and responsible young citizens. Certainly these are the actions and values we would like to instill in our children.

I would like to enter into the RECORD letters of commendation from President Clinton and Secretaries Riley and Shalala praising the American Dream Challenge Scholarship Program. I am also pleased to include essays from elementary school children who live in the southern part of my congressional district and who are participants in this program. They have written about how education has shaped their dreams of the future and I believe their words should inspire as all.

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, January 3, 1996.

Dr. IRVING FRADKIN,
American Dream Challenges, Citizens Scholarship Foundation of America, Fall River, MA

I am delighted to commend the participants and supporters of the American Dream Challenge scholarship program.

Education is one of the most effective tools that individuals can use to create a brighter tomorrow for themselves and for our nation. By studying hard and working to improve their school communities, young Americans can look forward to the time when their generation will help to lead this country.

Initiatives like the American Dream Challenge emphasize the importance of a good

education, encouraging young people to invest in their future by preparing for college and exciting career opportunities. I commend the program's supporters for your dedication to helping young people fulfill their dreams, and I wish the scholarship recipients every happiness and success.

BILL CLINTON.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,
Washington, DC, May 18, 1997.

To the Participants in the American Dream Challenge, Fall River, MA.

It is a pleasure to greet the students participating in the Fall River American Dream Challenge. I am grateful for this opportunity to emphasize to you how important it is that you meet the challenge by staying in school and striving for excellence.

As President Clinton has said, "The fight for education is the fight for the American Dream." Through your academic efforts, you are working toward realizing that dream for yourselves. As I hope you have discovered, although you may face many obstacles in your achievement of that dream, you may overcome those obstacles through hard work and dedication.

As our world becomes more complicated and our economy more competitive, education becomes more and more important. I commend you for resolving to stay in school, stay out of trouble and work hard to excel academically. However, education today must not end with high school graduation. The constantly changing demands of new technologies and of the world economy mean that for today's citizens education must be a lifelong endeavor. I hope that you will use your scholarships to continue your studies after your graduate.

America is counting on each of you to make a special contribution to our nation. By being here today, you have taken an important step toward making this contribution. I commend you for setting your sights high and wish you all the best as you strive to reach the goals you have set for yourselves.

RICHARD W. RILEY.

THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES,
Washington, DC, April 3, 1996.

Dr. IRVING FRADKIN,
American Dream Challenge,
Fall River, MA.

DEAR DR. FRADKIN: I appreciated receiving information about the American Dream Challenge Program. As you know, the education of our youth is of great concern to me, especially as we look at new ways to break the cycle of poverty and give our children a strong foundation for the future.

I commend the efforts of your program to motivate and inspire our youth and provide them the opportunity to participate in higher education. Also, I commend the students who participate in the program. Their commitment to excellence and their achievements in this program surely will inspire other young people.

The Fall River Chapter of the Citizens Scholarship Foundation has a long-standing track record of helping young people finance their education. Initiatives like the American Dream Challenge program reflect the commitment of the organizers to education, and promoting access and excellence in education.

My best wishes for your continued success.
Sincerely,

DONNA E. SHALALA.