

policy and the simple way they treat everyone who works at Wright-K. I believe that this attitude of respect comes back tenfold to the company since everyone feels that when the company rises, all boats within the company also rise.

The growth of Wright-K Technology has exploded in the past 4 years, evidenced by over a doubling of employees from 146 to nearly 350 today. This manufacturing company designs, builds, and rebuilds special assembly, test, metal removal, laser, and welding equipment. In fact, its superior performance has placed it among the 100 fastest growing firms in Michigan, moving up to No. 55 after debuting at No. 86 in 1996.

Wright-K's management team also gives back to the community many times over by volunteering their time and resources to support important initiatives like school-to-work programs, hospital and church programs, the Boy Scouts, and chambers of commerce. It is through these types of involvement that a company's dedication and staying power in the community is truly characterized.

I am enormously pleased to commend Wright-K Technology, Inc., and to highlight the accomplishments of this firm and its employees both from an economic and a philanthropic standpoint. I believe that this company serves as a model for aspiring small businesses nationwide and globally, and I look forward to witnessing continued years of growth and success.

#### SULLIVAN LEADS BY DOING

### HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 1997

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, we hear a lot from from time to time about burnout—about people whose constitutions are too delicate to allow them to continue with hard work. Unfortunately, that is a condition which often affects those who have taken on a commitment to serve others, especially recently, when the Nation has, sadly, cut back on the resources it makes available to people who seek to alleviate poverty and injustice.

I hope, Mr. Speaker, that the next time someone committed to this fight starts to feel sorry for himself or herself and contemplates easier work, they will read the following editorial and take some inspiration from the example of Mark A. Sullivan.

As this editorial in the Fall River Herald News explains, Mark Sullivan has been the chief executive—and chief strategist, motivator, and philosopher—of Citizens for Citizens in Fall River, MA, an effective community action agency.

I was fortunate enough to meet Mark Sullivan 15 years ago when the Massachusetts congressional district lines were changed and I found Fall River and myself in the same congressional district. Throughout the ensuing period, Mark Sullivan has been one of the strongest sources of advice, encouragement, and inspiration to me.

The Fall River Herald News editorial aptly describes the respect in which he is so justifiably held by those who work for him and, perhaps most interestingly, against him. Mr. Speaker I have always felt lucky to hold this

job, and one of the examples I give when people ask me to explain why I feel that way is that I have had the chance to work, befriend, learn from, and work with Mark Sullivan.

#### SULLIVAN LEADS BY DOING

The row of crock pots lined up along the buffet table at Mark A. Sullivan's silver anniversary celebration just about said it all.

The decidedly casual affair, held at Citizens for Citizens headquarters on Griffin Street, was organized as a surprise to the man who has served as its executive director for the past 25 years.

Clearly, Sullivan's employees know him well. Home-cooked chourico and peppers is more his style than filet mignon and Delmonico potatoes. And that unpretentiousness is the source of both Sullivan's charm and success.

The son of a bus driver/union president and community activist in his own right, Sullivan learned to accept people from all walks of life at a tender age. Sullivan credits both his mother and father with teaching him—by example—to treat all people equally.

That's a quality Sullivan has carried into his work at the community action agency, where he put his own unique and refreshing spin on it.

Renowned—at least in *The Herald News* newsroom—for knowing how to turn a phrase, Sullivan is seldom without an opinion on issues that effect his constituency.

"That designation qualifies us for a grant of \$256,000 to eliminate poverty in southeastern Massachusetts," Sullivan once said, explaining the Fall River City Council's endorsement of the agency. "And that's enough to buy everybody a hamburger and send them home."

Indeed, Sullivan has demonstrated a gift for glibness, but also for putting a human face on dry statistics with irreverent, non-nonsense—sometimes bordering on offensive—explanations.

The sideburns that dipped an inch or two below his earlobes have long since been trimmed and the thickly pin-striped suit probably placed in mothballs since Sullivan began as CFC director in 1972, but his passion about his job remains undiminished.

Even though Sullivan expresses disdain for what was once known as the war on poverty, pointing to the absurdity of its existence in the greatest economic nation in the history in the world, he has been one of its finest warriors.

The secret to his success, Sullivan says with characteristic modesty, is his talent for hiring good people. "I've hired people of good character and intelligence," he said. None of them, we suspect, doubt where the ultimate authority lies, however. A sign on Sullivan's wall in a 1985 photograph reading, "Never mind the dog—beware of the owner," sums up his philosophy on those who cross him.

His shirt sleeves ever rolled up, Sullivan has well earned his reputation as a hands-on administrator. Having never hesitated to admit his own foibles, Sullivan's empathy for those he serves no doubt comes from having experience in life's valleys himself.

Citizens for Citizens is an apt name for an agency of people helping people. And no one seems better suited to leading the organization than the unassuming Sullivan.

#### A TRIBUTE TO DR. FRANCISCO F. AND GERALDINE LEVINSON

### HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 1997

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to congratulate Dr.

Francisco F. and Geraldine Levinson on their receipt of the 1997 Merrillville Exchange Club's Book of Golden Deeds Award. Dr. and Mrs. Levinson will receive this award at a luncheon held at the Radisson Hotel at Star Plaza in Merrillville, IN, tomorrow, June 12, 1997. The Levinsons will be joined by friends and family on this special occasion.

The Exchange Club, a national organization devoted to a variety of initiatives involving the Nation's youth, the well-being of its communities, and responsibility of its citizens, bestows the Book of Golden Deeds Award upon individuals who have accepted leadership roles in bettering the communities and/or world in which they live. The Levinsons have been awarded the Book of Golden Deeds Award, the most distinguished award the service club can bestow, for their many contributions to the communities of Gary and Merrillville.

The Levinsons have positively impacted these communities by contributing their time and energy in the areas of health, community organizations, and sports. Dr. Levinson served on the Gary Board of Health for 25 years, and the Indiana State Board of Health for 20 years. Among his many accomplishments while with these organizations was his instrumental role in bringing water fluoridation to the area's filtration system. Dr. and Mrs. Levinson were also essential in the erection of the main building for the Lake County Association for Retarded Children.

In addition, Dr. and Mrs. Levinson have devoted their efforts to numerous volunteer organizations. Dr. Levinson served 5 years of active duty in the U.S. Army, followed by 29 years in the Active Reserves, from which he retired as a lieutenant colonel. He was also an active member of the Gary Exchange Club where he instituted the Toothbrush fund raiser, which successfully raised money for the organization by selling toothbrushes to large corporations. Dr. Levinson has also maintained leadership positions in numerous professional, civic, and community service organizations. Over the years, he has served as president of the Gary Dental Association, the Northwest Indiana Dental Association, the Indiana State Dental Association, Jewish War Veterans, and B'nai B'rith. He has also served on the board of directors for the YMCA, Jewish Welfare Federation, and Consumer Credit Counseling of Northwest Indiana.

Mrs. Levinson has been active in many community organizations, as well, including the Methodist Hospital Auxiliary, the Job Corps Agency, Israel Bond Drive, Jewish Federation, Temple Beth-El, and Temple Israel. She was also a soloist for the Macedonian Choir, and has served on the auxiliary of the Northwest Indiana Dental Society.

The Levinsons have also devoted much time to promoting sports within the community. Over the past 10 years, the Levinsons have been positive influences on the members of the Merrillville High School tennis team, during which Dr. Levinson has acted as a volunteer assistant coach. Creating organizations for community sporting activities has also been a priority for the Levinsons. Some of their endeavors have included the highly successful Gary Junior Tennis Association and the Ross Township Tennis and Racquet Club. The Levinsons were also very active in Club Vida, a social, athletic, and recreational club, where Dr. Levinson was the financial manager of the

Club Vida basketball team. In 1940, Dr. Levinson coached the basketball team all the way to the first game of a national championship at Denver, CO.

Other awards Dr. Levinson has received include the Sagamore of the Wabash Award, presented by former Indiana Governor, Robert Orr, and the Lugar Fitness Award, presented by U.S. Senator, the Honorable RICHARD LUGAR. The Sagamore of the Wabash Award is the most prestigious award granted by the Governor of Indiana.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Dr. Francisco F. and Geraldine Levinson on their receipt of the 1997 Merrillville Exchange Club's Book of Golden Deeds Award. Their children, Eileen Samuelson and Don Levinson, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, can be proud of the hard work and dedication the Levinsons have displayed while working to improve the quality of life for the residents of Indiana's First Congressional District.

#### TRIBUTE TO FRANK LEE

### HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 11, 1997*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Frank Lee of San Mateo, CA, who passed away on June 7, 1997, and who will be buried in Golden Gate National Cemetery. He will be fondly remembered for his lifelong dedication to marine engineering, significantly improving harbor facilities in the San Francisco Bay area, and providing leadership in the Asian-American community.

Frank Lee gave much of himself to our region and touched people's lives both at home and abroad. He served his country in the South Pacific during World War II as a merchant marine and spent 35 successful years as a marine engineer and naval architect. During his career, he completed the \$467 million retrofit of the battleship *New Jersey* and led over 50 design modifications of various U.S. Navy and commercial ships.

Frank Lee served for 28 years on the board of directors of the San Mateo County Harbor District. He was president of the board for six terms, and, in 1994, he was named president emeritus of the board, a position created just for him. Frank Lee has left an indelible mark on our county harbors. He transformed the Pillar Point Harbor into a premier commercial and recreation harbor with 369 berths and then did the same with Oyster Point Harbor.

Frank Lee also found time to provide leadership in the Asian-American community. He was a founder of the Peninsula Association for Chinese Americans, an advisor to the Organization of Chinese Americans, a member of the Asian American Manufacturers Association, and a president of People to People International, an organization promoting world peace. Frank Lee always encouraged other Asian-Americans to become active in the community and gained the respect and admiration of everyone who worked with him. Above all, Frank Lee was devoted to his beautiful family.

Mr. Speaker, Frank Lee will be greatly missed by all whose lives he touched. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Frank

Lee and his lifetime of contributions to the bay area community.

#### TRIBUTE TO OFFICER THOMAS FAHEY

### HON. THOMAS J. MANTON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 11, 1997*

Mr. MANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the outstanding bravery of Police Officer Thomas Fahey, an exemplary New Yorker and 14-year member of the New York Police Department [NYPD] who is currently battling a life-threatening disease.

Officer Fahey has been diagnosed with third-stage cancer with only a 20 percent chance of survival. A team of physicians has already prepared for an experimental procedure whereby Officer Fahey must undergo an exceedingly large amount of blood transfusions of up to 300 pints of extremely rare type O-negative blood.

On Monday, April 21, concerned individuals from throughout the New York metropolitan region arrived in droves at the Flushing Armory in Flushing, Queens, and subsequently donated over 1,000 pints of blood for Officer Fahey. Representatives of the American Red Cross indicated that this tremendous outpouring of support for Officer Fahey culminated in the largest single-day blood drive in the history of New York State.

For the past decade, Officer Fahey has dutifully served as the NYPD youth officer for the 110th Precinct in Elmhurst, Queens in the Seventh Congressional District. Numerous educational and athletic programs for countless youths within the precinct were successfully implemented on his watch. His dedication to serve his community and fellow citizens illustrates his commitment to helping others.

Indeed, Officer Fahey's distinguished record of community service has not been limited to the city of New York. In addition to the field of law enforcement, Thomas Fahey also earned a solid reputation while serving in the U.S. Navy and U.S. Naval Reserves. Foremost among Officer Fahey's stints of heroic actions made on behalf of our Nation was his active participation in both the Persian Gulf war and the TWA Flight 800 rescue operation.

His professional achievements aside, Officer Fahey is a dedicated family man who has always been there for Debbie, his wife of 17 years, and their three children, Christina, 14, Marissa, 9, and Tammy, 7.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in recognizing Police Officer Thomas Fahey, along with his family, friends, and fellow officers, on the occasion of today's NYPD "10-13" Benefit that has been organized in his behalf. And, I genuinely hope that this event will go a long way in defraying Officer Fahey's excessive medical costs as well as heightening our awareness of an affliction that he and others are forced to confront on a daily basis.

Mr. Speaker, as a former New York City police officer, I am proud to bring Officer Fahey's accomplishments and ordeals to the attention of my colleagues. My best wishes go out to him and his family.

#### CLARIFICATION BY FATHER DRINAN

### HON. MARTIN T. MEEHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 11, 1997*

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that Jesuit Father and Georgetown University Law Center Prof. Robert F. Drinan has withdrawn statements he made in a New York Times article of June 4, 1996, on legislation to ban so-called partial-birth abortion. At the request of the Most Reverend John R. McNamara, regional bishop for Massachusetts' Merrimack region, I am submitting for the RECORD the text of Father Drinan's statement of May 12, 1997, clarifying his position on abortion.

Articles that I wrote in the New York Times on June 4, 1996, and in the National Catholic Reporter on May 31, 1996, were used in ways I did not intend. I withdraw those statements and any statement that could be understood to cast doubt on the Church's firm condemnation of abortion—a doctrine that I totally support.

Moreover, new information about the true nature and widespread use of partial-birth abortion renders my statements on that issue in 1996 factually incorrect.

I do not believe the every moral evil should be outlawed. I do, however, see abortion—particularly partial-birth abortion—as a grave evil and can understand why Church leaders are urging lawmakers to ban it. I do not want anything to impede that effort. On the contrary, I join in that effort and stand ready to promote laws and public policies that aim to protect vulnerable human life from conception until natural death. I support the Catholic bishops in their efforts to exercise moral leadership in the fight against abortion.

#### TRIBUTE TO TWO GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS

### HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 11, 1997*

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to salute two outstanding young women who are being presented with the Girl Scout Gold Award by the Vermont Girl Scout Council. They are Lori Brown of Rutland, VT and Kathleen Lomedico of Colchester, VT. They were honored on May 29, 1997 for earning the highest achievement award in U.S. Girl Scouting.

The Girl Scout Gold Award symbolizes outstanding accomplishments in the areas of leadership, community service, career planning and personal development. The award can be earned by girls aged 14 to 17, or in grades 9 to 12. To receive the award, these Girl Scouts first earned four interest project patches, the Career Exploration Pin, the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award and the Senior Girl Scout Challenge as well as designing and implementing a Girl Scout Gold Award project to meet a special need in their communities.

As a member of the Vermont Girl Scout Council, Lori Brown first earned badges in child care, reading, music, games, well being,