

JOHN LIVINGSTONE AMERICAN LEGION POST 1466 HONORED FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

**HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 8, 1997*

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, on November 15, 1997, the John Livingstone American Legion Post 1466 in Poughkeepsie, NY, celebrates 50 years of tireless service to the veterans, their families, and the communities of my congressional district. As a lifetime American Legion member, it gives me tremendous pride to recognize the valuable work done by this post to further the American Legion's efforts toward adequate programs and benefits for America's veterans and the vitality and well-being of its community.

Of all of my experiences as a Member of Congress, I would have to say that I cherish the work which I have done with the American Legion above nearly all else. The members of the Legion are true American heroes, serving their country first in uniform, then later by ensuring the respect and proper treatment of their fellow veterans. Legion posts also further the welfare and spirit of their communities, by sponsoring and supporting scholarships and sports teams for youths, as well as other communitywide events.

Post 1466 exemplifies the Legion's tradition, with its Legionnaires presenting on a daily basis examples of patriotism and pride in flag and country which we can all follow. Good citizens like Leonard W. Peluso, Joseph Carao, Arthur Marx, and Robert Sheedy, the four surviving charter members of American Legion Post 1466, helped make this country the great Nation that it is. They will continue, through their selfless service to America's veterans and national defense, to ensure that the United States will remain a secure global powerhouse into the next millennium.

At this time, Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and all members join me in paying tribute to all the members of the John Livingstone American Legion Post 1466 for their 50 years of unwavering and invaluable devotion to their community and our Nation as a whole.

TRIBUTE TO JUANITA GITTINGS

**HON. DAVID E. BONIOR**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 8, 1997*

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of a woman who I have had the pleasure to work with and know. A woman who has dedicated 13 years of service to the people of St. Clair County. On September 30, 1997, Juanita Gittings retired from her position as director of St. Clair County Family Independence Agency. Her friends and colleagues will honor Juanita with a retirement roast on October 10, 1997.

Throughout the years, I have had the pleasure to work with Juanita. I have always thought of Juanita as a problem solver and strong leader. She is a decisive, cooperative, intelligent, and a dedicated team player. Juanita's participation on various community boards gave her the insight to meet the needs

of the people within St. Clair County. Since 1984, Juanita has been a witness to many changes in policy. She has used her abilities to work with the various government agencies to implement programs that will benefit families and individuals in need.

Juanita has always been willing to help neglected and abused children and people who were affected by poverty. Yet through her compassion and understanding, Juanita empowered people to get their lives back on the right track. Juanita knew that ultimately people had to help themselves. Her job was to give them the tools that they needed to be self-sufficient. For these reasons, Juanita was awarded the Public Citizen of the Year Award for 1997.

St. Clair County has been lucky to have a leader like Juanita Gittings. Few people give to their community the same time and energy that Juanita has given to hers. Juanita's commitment and contributions have touched the lives of many people. On behalf of the citizens of St. Clair County, I would like to thank Juanita for all of her hard work and dedication.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID H. GOLDSTEIN

**HON. IKE SKELTON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 8, 1997*

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to say a special word in tribute to David H. Goldstein, who has served as executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Bureau/American Jewish Committee of Greater Kansas City since 1972. Goldstein, an expert in community relations, is celebrating his 25th anniversary as executive director.

A native of Cleveland, OH, Goldstein began his career in public relations by earning a bachelor's degree in sociology from Case Western Reserve University and a master's degree in education from Butler University. After college, Goldstein went to work for the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith in New England. He then took a post at the Jewish Community Relation Council in Indianapolis. While at that job, Goldstein designed one of the earliest Head Start programs. Head Start is a program designed to prepare underprivileged children for school, and Goldstein became its first director in Indianapolis. Later, Goldstein went on to direct a Head Start program in Washington, DC, and then to work in fair housing at the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development before coming to Kansas City to head the JCRB.

While at his post in Kansas City, Goldstein has helped coordinate a working relationship between the Jewish community and the community at large. Other major areas of Goldstein's involvement have centered around fostering good relations with the African-American community, fighting anti-Semitism, and working for freedom for Soviet Jewry.

Goldstein is a member of the board of directors of the Kansas City chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and a life member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He has served on the boards of the American Civil Liberties Union and the Urban League, and was cochairperson of the Kansas City, MO Human Rights Commission.

Mr. Speaker, for 25 years David H. Goldstein has served the people of the Kansas City area with pride and honesty. I am certain that the Members of the House will join me in paying tribute to this great American.

IN HONOR OF MAYOR JOHN M. COYNE OF BROOKLYN, OHIO

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 8, 1997*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life long work of Mayor John M. Coyne of Brooklyn, OH. Mayor Coyne is currently completing his 50th consecutive year as mayor of Brooklyn. Mayor Coyne was first elected in 1948 and holds the record for being the longest serving mayor of a city in the United States. On October 22, 1997, Cleveland State University will honor Mayor Coyne for his lifetime achievement of 58 years in public office. The celebration will benefit the John M. Coyne Endowed Public Service Scholarship at the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University.

Mayor Coyne has had a long and distinguished career in public service. Prior to being elected mayor of Brooklyn, he served 2 years as treasurer and 6 years as clerk-auditor for the city. In 1966, Mayor Coyne pioneered legislation for the first mandatory seat belt law in the country. Brooklyn was the first city in the country to implement a mandatory seat belt law. Mayor Coyne also recommended and implemented a mandatory curbside recycling program as part of the city's solid waste management plan. As a result of his efforts Brooklyn was the first city in Cuyahoga County and the second in the State of Ohio to enact a mandatory recycling program.

Mayor Coyne has also served on various political and civic committees during his career and has been recognized for his commitment to the community. He served five consecutive terms as Chair of the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party from 1982-93. He also served as a member of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections from March of 1990 to August of 1991 and as a suburban representative on the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority from March of 1981 to August of 1982. He was the first recipient of the Ernest J. Bohn Award for outstanding execution of public business. In addition, Mayor Coyne was recognized by the Waterford Society as their 1993 Man of the Year and received the Irish Good Fellowship Club Award in 1984.

Mayor John M. Coyne is a proven public servant. He has dedicated his life to improving his community and I applaud his efforts. I am proud to honor Mayor Coyne and wish him continued success in the future.

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**HON. LANE EVANS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 8, 1997*

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, on September 4, the same day that this Congress voted against