

nomination to local, State, and national designation. As a result of the collected documentation, the historic Overtown Folklife Village and Dade County's Black Heritage Trail came to fruition.

It also works in conjunction with the Dade County Public Schools by providing content for the Infusion of African-American history into existing curriculum utilizing source materials for school children of all races throughout the school year. It also initiated the restoration of several historic sites including the Dr. William A. Chapman, Sr. residence. Located on the campus of Booker T. Washington High School, the house was restored for reuse as the Ethnic Heritage Children's Educational Center.

One of the more recent joint ventures it worked out with the Dade County Public Schools is the creation of a district-wide, multi-cultural and multi-ethnic research and educational facility for students, teachers, and the community. The objective is to provide opportunities for students at all grade levels to celebrate the rich variety of cultures in Dade County. This program enables students to record the past in relation to the present, as well as ponder the possible events of the coming century.

The documented materials that now form the wealth of the Black Archives Foundation collectively represent a stirring graphic journey into the inner sanctum of some of the most vivid life-experiences of African-Americans in Dade County. The soul-searching representation captivated by its historic documents personify not so much the black destination, as much as the episodic journey of our pioneers to that destination. Together they evoke the truism of a revered African Ashanti proverb that " * * * until the lions get their own historian, the story of the hunt will always glorify the hunter."

Mr. Speaker, I am truly proud of the pioneering efforts and resilient spirit of Dr. Dorothy Fields that nurtured the spirit of the Black Archives Foundation in south Florida. The significance of the role of the foundation is premised on the paradigm in that when you stifle the remembrance of your people's past, you will have silenced the promise of their future. Conversely, however, I am exultant that under the aegis of this revered institution our community has truly become redemptive and knowledgeable of the struggles and sacrifices of our African-American forbears.

As we honor them through the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Black Archives Foundation, we will have become once again their partners in exploring the journey they begun. In the convergence of our spirits and memories with theirs, we will be enriched because through our understanding of the many and varied messages they left us through their life's journeys, we will be inextricably linked closer to them.

On this occasion, I want to congratulate the board of directors and the board of trustees for their steadfast efforts and genuine resilience throughout the Black Archives Foundation's 20-year history. I would like to reiterate our community's utmost gratitude for giving us the privilege of maximizing our knowledge of the vast richness and nobility of our African-American heritage.

INTRODUCTION OF THE POLICE PURSUIT AND RESCUE SUPPORT ACT

HON. CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 1997

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, today, along with Congressman MARTIN FROST and Congresswoman JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD, I am introducing the Police Pursuit and Rescue Support Act. This legislation is very simple: it will allow for our financially strapped police departments to utilize Department of Defense helicopters and other equipment to pursue felons or rescue citizens.

High-speed police pursuits are an unfortunate consequence of the very difficult job that our local police officers must do everyday. In 1996, 377 persons nationwide were killed as a result of these high-speed pursuits, with 107 of these fatalities being occupants of other, uninvolved vehicles or innocent bystanders. Two persons in my congressional district have died as a result of these high-speed pursuits this year. Their deaths inspired me to seek a reasonable and workable solution to this challenge. Helicopters have been shown to be a more cost-effective and efficient device in high-speed pursuits. However, the high expense to purchase and maintain a helicopter is prohibitive to many local police departments.

The Police Pursuit and Rescue Support Act will allow local police departments to utilize helicopters or any other equipment from the local Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard branch to pursue fleeing criminals or rescue citizens. Upon the submission to the Department of Defense of high-speed pursuit and rescue guidelines by the local police department, the Department of Defense will make helicopters and other equipment available, with a pilot and maintenance person, free of charge, to the local police department. This would be a mutually agreeable arrangement: the local police department and the local Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, or Navy base both must conclude that this arrangement is practical, feasible, and financially responsible.

The Police Pursuit and Rescue Support Act is a voluntary program that allows local police departments to draft their high-speed pursuit and rescue guidelines, submit these to the Department of Defense, and upon approval of these guidelines, work with their local branch of the Department of Defense to establish exactly how, when, and where this emergency equipment would be used. Each local police department would have the flexibility to design and develop their own high-speed pursuit guidelines. As a former elected Michigan State legislator, I am sensitive to mandates in a one-size-fits-all fashion coming from Washington, DC, and stringently avoided any such prerequisites in the Police Pursuit and Rescue Support Act.

Finally, this bill will make Department of Defense equipment available for the rescue of citizens. Many of our cities have high-rise office buildings that are inaccessible by the longest hook and ladder fire trucks. There are those accidents and catastrophes that are only accessible by the high technology, advanced vehicles available to our armed services.

It only makes sense for our financially strapped police departments to have access to that equipment, already paid for by taxpayer dollars, to safely pursue criminals and rescue citizens. My bill gives local police departments the flexibility to design policies that will protect citizens, police officers, and save taxpayers untold sums in wrongful death lawsuits.

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EDISON INDUSTRIAL SYSTEMS CENTER

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 1997

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 10th anniversary of the Edison Industrial Systems Center. On November 6, 1997 EISC will celebrate its long history of achievement and contribution to the businesses and citizens of Ohio at a celebration to be held at the center of science and industry in downtown Toledo, OH.

EISC has been a tremendous force in helping to link companies to high tech resources in Ohio and throughout the Nation. These connections have been instrumental in increasing production and in improving the quality of products and employee skills in industry.

One of EISC's major accomplishments is the revolutionary and much acclaimed Toledo Technology Academy. The academy's goals are to prepare high school students for high-tech careers or for further education in engineering disciplines.

Food production is Ohio's largest industry and EISC's food technology centers work to modernize food producers who still rely on outdated technology for quality control. Modernization provided by EISC through this program vastly improves plant safety, product consistency and profits.

Among the innovations created under the food technology centers are several new types of food sensors that measure quality. Germ free packaging methods instructed by EISC are another helpful addition to the industry, improving the safety of our food.

The center for technology commercialization offers a variety of services to firms. Attorneys, accountants, and financial institutions maintained by this division are available to companies as a form of cost-effective support.

Companies in the city of Toledo, OH, and throughout the Nation are indebted to EISC for its work. I will be pleased to join my community on November 6, 1997, to commemorate the strides EISC has made in 10 years of growth and betterment to industry.

HONORING ASSEMBLYMAN JAMES F. BRENNAN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 1997

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the work and achievements of Assemblyman James F. Brennan.

Jim Brennan represents the 44th assembly district containing section of Park Slope,

Flatbush, Kensington, Parkville, Midwood, and Windsor Terrace. Since 1994, Jim has chaired the assembly standing committee on mental health, mental retardation and developmental disabilities. Mr. Brennan also serves on four committees: corporations, authorities and commissions; education; and real property taxation.

In his 12 years in the legislative, Mr. Brennan has sought to champion consumer protection, energy conservation, and social and economic justice. He is well known for his expertise on budget matters, school aid, and utility regulatory matters. He is the author of a major piece of budget reform legislation, the tax expenditure budget. This law, passed in 1991, requires the Governor to submit an itemized list of every special tax break that exists within the State tax code as part of the budget. This gives the legislature and the public the opportunity to scrutinize each tax break and to determine if it has a benefit to the public as well as to the private parties involved. Mr. Brennan also authored the exemption from the vault tax for New York City homeowners and the exemption from the New York City personal income tax for poverty level taxpayers.

Mr. Brennan maintains an active presence in his district, participating in the many civic, school, and community improvement efforts with his constituents. To better serve his constituency, he maintains two district offices. He was first elected to the assembly in 1984 after working for his predecessor, Joseph Ferris.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Assemblyman Jim Brennan for all of his years of faithful service to his country and to the 44th assembly district of Brooklyn, NY.

CONGRATULATIONS TO C.W. "BILL" JONES AND THE WESTERN DIVISION OF WILBUR-ELLIS CO.

HON. GEORGE P. RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 1997

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate C.W. "Bill" Jones and the Western Division of the Wilbur-Ellis Co. as they are presented with Fresno Agriculturist and Fresno AG Business of the Year Awards. Bill Jones and the Wilbur-Ellis Co. exemplify excellence in the agriculture industry.

Bill Jones, originally from Big Spring, TX, graduated from the University of California, Davis with a bachelor of science degree in agriculture. After being honorably discharged with the rank of captain from the U.S. Army Air Force, Bill Jones returned to the Central Valley where he worked as a fertilizer salesman. In 1949, Jones acquired 1,200 acres of farmland in the Firebaugh Canal Co. and started J & J Farms. In 1968, Bill was appointed to the California Water Commission by then-Gov. Ronald Reagan. During his time of service on the commission, he was known for recognizing the importance of water development throughout the State. J & J Farms has continued to grow and add a number of crops to its production ledger, including cotton, melons, alfalfa, corn, tomatoes, onions, garlic, broccoli, lettuce, and other vegetables.

Bill Jones played a key role in the formation of the San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water

Users Association in 1977, and was elected president of its board of directors at the first meeting. He held the position for 20 years, retiring in June 1997. Under his leadership, the association expanded its membership to include urban contractors such as the Santa Clara Valley, the city of Tracy and the Grasslands Water District.

The Western Division of the Wilbur-Ellis Co., headquartered in Fresno, has been serving the San Joaquin Valley and Arizona for 51 years. The company was selected by a committee representing the AG Fresno Advising Board, the Baker, Peterson & Franklin [BP&F] AG Department, and other organizations as a winner of the 1997 BP&F AG Business Award.

The Western Division of the Wilbur-Ellis Co. is actively involved in testifying, lobbying, and helping to influence legislation for the reform of the Endangered Species Act, pesticide safety, water issues, and tax reform. They encourage their 400 employees to be actively involved in community service. The company also provides its employees company time to pursue their interests. The company sells pesticides and fertilizers through 18 branch locations, and its AMC subsidiary manufactures spray rigs and equipment. The company prides itself on the exceptional service to their customers.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I congratulate both C.W. "Bill" Jones and the Western Division of the Wilbur-Ellis Co. as they are presented with the Fresno Agriculturist of the Year and the AG Business of the Year Awards. The hard work and dedication of both Mr. Jones and the Wilbur-Ellis Co. serve as a model for all Americans. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Jones and the Western Division of the Wilbur-Ellis Co. the best for the future.

IN MEMORY OF ANNE DOYLE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 1997

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Anne Doyle of Brecksville, OH. A Cleveland native, Anne successfully managed a family, a career, and several community activities.

In 1959, Anne was named Mother of the Year by the Southeast Mothers of Twins Club. She gave birth to twin sons, one of whom had Hodgkin's disease, only 11 months after the birth of her first child. She and her husband, Bertram, welcomed their fourth child when their oldest was starting kindergarten. Juggling an active household with four young children and budgeting her time to include activities such as Cub Scout den mother and singing with the Sweet Adelines prepared Anne for her later career. She served as an administrative assistant of parking and security for Cleveland State University for 9 years.

Anne's strong family values, and her exceptional Czechoslovakian recipes, will endure in her three surviving sons, Michael, Kenneth, and William, and her five grandchildren. She will be greatly missed.

IN MEMORY OF JOHN MILSTEAD

HON. BILL McCOLLUM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 1997

Mr. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise with great sorrow over the loss of a good friend of many of us in the Florida delegation, John Milstead, and to give condolences to his family. On Sunday, November 9, 1997, John suffered a massive heart attack while at home. He passed away that night at the age of 62.

John Milstead was the executive vice president of the Florida Bankers Association [FBA] for the last 24 years. In that role he was instrumental in many of the major changes in the banking industry over the last quarter century. John was government relations for the FBA both in Washington and Tallahassee.

Legislators of all stripes knew and liked John, and he will be missed by many. It was always a pleasure to visit with him, both in Washington and back home in Florida. His lack of pretense and absolute sincerity in personal and professional relationships made him a special person. John always knew the issue and argued his cause, but he was never abrasive. He was warm, generous, and thoughtful with everyone with whom he came in contact. Mr. Speaker, no words could do justice to how fine a person John Milstead was.

Our sympathy goes to John's wife Chris, his two sons, three daughters, and six grandchildren.

IN MEMORY OF HON. JUDGE ANGELO DARRIGO

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 1997

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep regret that I inform our colleagues of the passing of a truly outstanding member of the bar in my congressional district, a credit to the bench, the Honorable Judge Angelo Darrigo.

Angelo was first elected town justice in the town of Newburgh, in Orange County, NY, in 1957. He was reelected every 4 years since and accordingly served on the bench for nearly 40 years. It is a credit to the high regard in which he was held that he was unopposed for reelection. In fact, he was reelected without opposition to his 11th 4-year term on the bench just last week, 4 days prior to his passing.

Angelo was a combat veteran of World War II, serving in the Army Air Corps. When he and I came to know each other, when we were both studying law in New York City, we shared many memories of our experiences as Army Air Corpsmen.

Angelo was known not only for his compassion and fairness on the bench, but also as a skilled legal practitioner whose door was open day or night for anyone seeking his wise counsel and advice. Angelo will be sorely missed.

Mr. Speaker, I invite our colleagues to join with me in expressing condolences to Angelo's widow, Antoinette, their three sons, Carl, Michael, and Anthony, their two granddaughters, Angelo's sister Mary Russo, his brothers, Frank and Thomas, and their many