

and CEO of Globe Fire Sprinkler Corp., located in Standish, MI, which provides valuable jobs to more than one hundred dedicated professionals. He has been essential in building three major sprinkler manufacturing companies: Star Sprinkler Corp., the Central Sprinkler Co., and the Globe Fire Sprinkler Corp. Bob is recognized throughout the world as a fire protection expert and has been a featured speaker on life safety in several countries. Additionally, Bob has represented his company and the fire sprinkler industry on numerous technical advisory committees, and has provided training in the use of the first mini computers for pipeline hydraulics and grid systems.

Bob's professional memberships are numerous, and include the National Society of Professional Engineers, the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers, and the National Fire Sprinkler Association Board of Directors and Manufacturer's Council. Additionally, he is a registered fire protection engineer in California.

Bob is most certainly a talented and capable leader in his field, evidenced by the acclaim he's received from his peers with the Golden Sprinkler Award. Only a select few in his profession have received this award before him. Bob has been an inspiration to us all and especially to his two children who have both decided to follow their father's life work in the fire sprinkler industry.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and all of our colleagues to join me in commending Bob Worthington for his career choice, which blends technical expertise and the desire to ensure the personal safety of others, and in congratulating him for this most deserved award.

A TRIBUTE TO MARJORIE A.
NUDING

HON. GLENN POSHARD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 1997

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend, Mrs. Marjorie A. Nuding of Decatur, IL who recently passed away. Marjorie was born in Decatur and remained forever dedicated to that city, Macon County, and the State of Illinois by providing nearly six decades of public service. As our citizens grow impatient with the excesses of our campaign finance system, and as this body continues to debate the need and merits of various campaign finance reform proposals, Marjorie represented a simpler, more straightforward approach to politics. As a lifelong Democrat and a precinct committeewoman, she got voters involved the old fashioned way—engaging them one-on-one. The Macon County Democrats will certainly miss her presence, but will have her memory as a guide for the future.

Marjorie was an honorable citizen and enthusiastic local government official. She was a faithful Democrat who helped her party in numerous ways, from serving as local precinct committeewoman to county board district chairwoman. In all of these roles, Marjorie was a model for all Democrats to follow. She wanted to help her party as much as possible, and was active in recruiting her fellow citizens to become involved in politics. She eagerly par-

ticipated in the registration and elective process for her local Democrats and was extremely loyal to her party.

Moreover, Marjorie was also very active in local tax issues. She wanted to make sure that taxes were being assessed fairly in her county. As former supervisor of assessments, she was working for the current supervisor before her death. In addition, Marjorie was field assessor for Long Creek Township and Macon County, former field agent for Illinois Property Tax Division, a member of both Riverside Baptist Church and Decatur Moose Lodge Auxiliary, and was an active participant in the Decatur bowling leagues.

Her loss is ours, fellow Democrats, and Illinois will miss her greatly. I will miss her dedication and her love of this great party.

Mr. Speaker, as you can see, Marjorie dedicated her life to the community, and her party. Now it is our turn to thank Marjorie for all of the energy and love she expended for so many years to make Decatur a better place. It has been an honor to represent Marjorie in the U.S. Congress.

MASON HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER
TEAM—DIVISION II MICHIGAN
STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. DEBBIE STABENOW

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 1997

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Mason Bulldogs High School Soccer Team. Last weekend, the Bulldogs beat Petoskey High School, 2 to 1 in overtime, to capture the Division II State title.

From the first touch of the ball to Cory Gilbert's overtime goal, the Bulldogs never gave up. They played with pride, they played for the tradition of their soccer program, but most of all, they played for the community of Mason.

This overtime victory is a symbol, of the determination, teamwork, and resilience, the Bulldogs have shown all season. When critics said they were too young to compete throughout the State, the team simply stuck together, never gave up, and did their best.

I am so proud of the effort of these young men. But beyond the trophy, the Bulldogs have shown great character and sportsmanship throughout the year and these are the true qualifications of a champion.

The Mason community is very proud of their team and the example they have set for the future.

In addition, what cannot go unnoticed is the example the whole community has shown the State of Michigan. Whether it be the attendance at the home games or the car-pools to the away games, the Mason community has shown great spirit and support. My congratulations go to the team, Mason High School, and the many fans, young and old.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SMOKE-FREE AND HEALTHY CHILDREN ACT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 1997

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, for years, the tobacco industry has blatantly targeted children in their ads. Cartoon characters and glamorous models have made cigarettes appear to be the key to popularity and happiness.

Of course, these ads didn't tell kids the truth, which is that cigarettes kill more Americans than AIDS, alcohol, car accidents, murders, suicides, illegal drugs, and fires combined. But these ads were effective and every day 3,000 kids under the age of 18 become regular smokers. One out of every three of these children will eventually die of a tobacco-related illness like cancer or heart disease.

Yet studies show that if you don't start smoking as a teenager, you probably never will—and you will lead a longer, healthier and more productive life. That's why we need to take action now to stop America's young people from smoking.

Yesterday, I was proud to stand with 19 of my colleagues to introduce a bill that will help accomplish that goal—the Smoke-Free and Healthy Children Act. Experts agree that the best way to reduce teen smoking is to raise the price of cigarettes. Teens with little pocket money. This bill will do so by raising the tobacco tax by \$1.50 per pack over 3 years.

This tax will raise \$20 billion per year for the Federal Government. But more importantly, it will direct approximately \$10 billion to the National Institutes of Health—almost doubling the NIH budget and allowing researchers to expand studies into cancer and addiction prevention and treatment centers.

The bill will also direct approximately \$10 billion per year to increase research and investment in early childhood development, including initiatives for children aged 0–3 and expanded Head Start and child care. We have learned so much recently about the importance of the first three years in a child's development; now more than ever we know that giving a child a good start in life can help ensure they grow up to be healthy and productive members of society.

We need to take action now to protect our children. We must work together to counteract the tremendous ad campaigns of the tobacco industry and teach our kids that smoking doesn't make you cool, and it won't make you happy. It will only make you sick.

I urge all of my colleagues to stand up for America's children and cosponsor the Smoke-Free and Healthy Children Act.

THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF STONY BROOK,
LONG ISLAND

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 1997

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute the