

Kitty Young was first elected to the Harker Heights City Council to replace her late husband. She served with distinction in that position for 15 years. She has also served as the mayor pro tem and has assumed mayoral duties of Harker Heights during the illness of the then mayor. Her vision has led to impressive city growth through annexation and through incorporation of a Water Supply District. City beautification and high housing standards have always been of great concern to her.

Besides her service on the City Council, Kitty Young was instrumental in establishing the local public library system, securing construction funds and obtaining grants and books.

Kitty Young is a founding member of the Harker Heights Ladies Service Club, a social and benevolent organization of women who live or work in Harker Heights. Under her guidance the annual "Garage Sale" was founded to benefit city charities, volunteer fire and police activities, and local schools.

For many years Kitty Young has opened her home to fundraisers for the CorBell Chapter of the American Cancer Society and helped raise thousands of dollars for research and patient support. She has also supported the Cancer Society by selling tickets and providing prizes and food.

Kitty Young has served on many boards and committees that aid education, health, police, and youth. An asset to her community, church, and country, she is an example of how a can-do spirit makes our communities great.

Members, please join me in recognizing Kitty Young for her distinguished role in the Harker Heights community.

TRIBUTE TO VICTIMS OF ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

SPEECH OF

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 22, 1998

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, on April 24 we commemorate the massacre of Armenians in Turkey during and after the first World War. In what historians refer to as the first of this century's state-ordered genocides against a minority group, more than 1.5 million people were murdered. We mourn the dead and express our condolences to the descendants of those who perished. We must also reflect upon the meaning and lessons of their suffering and sacrifice.

In the more than eighty years since this unspeakable tragedy, the world has witnessed decades of genocide and ethnic cleansing. Civilian populations, defined by ethnic, racial or religious distinctiveness, have become the objects of persecution and genocide simply because of who they are—Armenian Christians, European Jews, Bosnian Muslims, the Tutsis of Rwanda. The range of victims—geographical, ethnic, religious and political—testifies to the universality of human cruelty and fanaticism. The response of the survivors, however, testifies to the indestructibility and the resilience of the human spirit, even in the face of the most virulent evil.

Like the phoenix of mythology, the Armenian people survived its bleakest days and

arose with renewed vigor. Independent Armenian statehood has been restored to guarantee the security and future of the nation, and serves as a beacon of hope to Armenian people everywhere. It is our fervent hope, Mr. Speaker, that future generations will not have to sacrifice as their ancestors have. It is also our hope that all parties to the conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh will build on the now four-year-old cease-fire and renew their efforts through the OSCE process to reach a negotiated settlement. Nothing could honor the memory of the victims of 1915 more than an independent and flourishing Armenia living in peace with all of its neighbors, and moving and impressing the world with both the spiritual and material products of the unbreakable Armenian spirit.

IN HONOR OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE PAINTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL NO. 6

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

HON. STEVE C. LaTOURETTE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 5, 1998

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the establishment of the Painters District Council No. 6. This organization has effectively represented employees of the painting, glazing, and allied trades for 100 years. The council represents the ideals of the labor community with the highest standards.

At the turn of the century, as Cleveland began its transition into an industrial hub, the city began to expand at an astounding rate. New buildings rose, and with them rose the need for painters and decorators. The Painters District Council No. 6 that was founded in 1898 met the challenge. Painters, scenic artists, frescoers, and other artisans designed the decor that has graced the exterior and interior of Cleveland architecture for the last one-hundred years. These workers created artistic masterpieces in the Playhouse Square Theaters and the Cleveland Union Terminal. Their union, Painters District Council No. 6 effectively defended these workers' interests and kept their standard of living at the highest level.

Today, the artisans of the council still contribute to Cleveland landmarks such as Jacobs Field and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. The Painters District Council No. 6 continues to defend their interests and upholds the tradition this strong labor union set 100 years ago.

My fellow colleagues, join me in commending the Painters District Council No. 6 for their one-hundred years of service to the labor community.

CONGRATULATING HALF HOLLOW HILLS HIGH SCHOOL EAST

HON. RICK LAZIO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 5, 1998

Mr. LAZIO of New York. Mr. Speaker, yesterday schools from across the country com-

peted in the national finals of the "We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution" Program in Washington, D.C. I am proud to announce that the class from Half Hollow Hills, New York ranked among the top ten finalists in this competition.

As part of the rigorous program, students must demonstrate in-depth knowledge of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The students must defend their positions on relevant historical and contemporary constitutional issues through oral arguments before a panel of judges.

I commend the students from Hills east for their superior performance in this rigorous competition. The distinguished students on this team—David Abel, Rhea Abraham, Seth Abramowitz, Shriram Bhashyam, Tivona Biegen, Elsie Citrin, Jeff Firman, Jennifer Jenkins, Anne Kuo, Josh Martin, Alex Oren, Dominidor Pascual, Pratiksha Patel, Raquel Reinstein, Melissa Rosenzweig, Becky Rubin, Mike Scheine, Leah Schmelzer, Kathy Schmidt, Meri Shapiro, Ruthie Shek, Chad Silverman, and Lisa Weiser—all deserve heartfelt congratulations for their accomplishment.

I would also like to recognize their teacher, Gloria Sesso, who played a great role in the success of the class.

Administered by the Center for Civic Education, the "We the People" Program has provided curricular materials at upper elementary, middle, and high school levels for more than 75,000 teachers and 26 million students nationwide.

I commend these young constitutional experts for their great achievement. I am proud to represent them here in Congress and to have the opportunity to welcome them to our Nation's Capital.

A TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN NURSES DURING NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 5, 1998

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to an outstanding group of dedicated health care professionals—the 2.6 million registered nurses in the United States.

These outstanding men and women, who stand at the forefront of modern medicine, will celebrate National Nurses Week, May 6–12, 1998. As far as this Member is concerned, all Americans who have ever been cared for or comforted by a nurse should celebrate during National Nurses Week.

According to the American Nurses Association, National Nurse Week was first observed October 11–16, 1954, the 100th Anniversary of the founding of modern nursing by Florence Nightingale during the Crimean War. National Nurses Day and Week was eventually moved to May to incorporate Florence Nightingale's birthday, which is May 12.

Registered nurses are in many ways the backbone of our health care system. In many states they now safely prescribe medicine and deliver babies. Studies have shown that higher the ratio of nurse-to-patients in a hospital, the lower the patient death rate. In short, registered nurses provide top-quality, cost-effective health care services for their patients.

Mr. Speaker, I salute America's nurses during the week of May 6–12, 1998 and encourage my colleagues to do the same.