

best and continued success with her endeavors in Bergen County. A simple "thank you" can not convey what our entire community owes to Ms. Epstein; however, I hope that all of my colleagues have individuals in their respective districts like Eleanor Epstein because it is people like her that make the United States of America a more caring, safer and more wonderful place to live.

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TRIBUTE TO GOODLOE SUTTON

**HON. EARL F. HILLIARD**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 6, 1998*

Mr. HILLIARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my congratulations to one of Alabama's finest and most ethical journalists, Mr. Goodloe Sutton of Linden, Alabama.

Mr. Sutton's series on police corruption in Marengo County, Alabama was recently entered into the competition for the prestigious Pulitzer Prize . . . the Academy Award of journalism.

I am personally *very proud* for Mr. Sutton, but I am equally proud for the citizens of Marengo County because they have such a brave and fearless man of letters to look after their interests.

Mr. Sutton's series of articles uncovered rampant law enforcement corruption, the misuse of public funds, and the uncovering of one of the largest drug rings ever revealed in the counties history.

Because of Mr. Sutton's public integrity, he suffered many, many injustices at the hands of the Sheriff's Department, as well as many death threats.

His story is a shining example of the best and the brightest which occurs in America when a single citizen has the bravery to stand alone, in the face of mounting pressure and odds, and stands up for justice and equality.

Mr. Sutton's quest for both the truth, as well as for the principle of equal justice under the law is both laudable and meritorious.

Mr. Sutton should be commended by the Congress and the American people for his truly American heroism and dedication to the truth. Well done, Goodloe Sutton.

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NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 6, 1998*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of America's 2.6 million registered nurses to save lives and maintain the health of millions of individuals in the United States.

May 6-12 is National Nurses Week. Using the theme "Nursing: Healthcare With a Human Touch," the American Nurses Association and its 53 constituent associations will spend this week highlighting the diverse ways in which registered nurses, the largest health care profession, are working to improve health care.

From acute bedside nursing to long term care, the depth and breadth of the nursing profession is rising to meet the challenges of the different and emerging health care needs

of the American population in a whole new range of settings. Registered nurses' education and holistic approach is especially suited to meet the renewed emphasis on primary and preventive health care in the managed care environment. And with an aging American population, the demand for registered nursing services in the home care field will be greater than ever.

National Nurses Week begins on May 6, marked as RN Recognition Day, and ends on May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of nursing as a modern profession. Nurses, as a rule, do not work in plush or serene environments. Indeed, they often work long hours at relatively low pay, and with far fewer thanks for their dedicated work.

During this week, I would like to ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring the registered nurses who care for all of us and, further, celebrate the registered nursing professions' continuing commitment to improve the safety and quality of patient care and availability of health care services for all in our health care system.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I note that as a registered nurse myself, I am proud to be associated with a group of individuals who exemplify the highest qualities of selflessness, compassion and concern for others.

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AMERICAN VICTIMS OF  
TERRORISM

**HON. JENNIFER DUNN**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 6, 1998*

Ms. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, while I missed roll-call vote 125, I would have voted in support of House Concurrent Resolution 220.

This sense of the Congress demanding that Yasir Arafat and the Palestinian Authority transfer to the United States, for prosecution, those residents of its territory who are suspected in the killings of American citizens is sensible and just. The harboring of suspected terrorists who attack Americans at home and abroad is deplorable, and measures to punish these terrorist must be taken.

Again, for the record, I join my colleagues in support of this sense of the Congress regarding American victims of terrorism.

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TRIBUTE TO THOMAS P. MONDANI

**HON. SAM GEJDENSON**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 6, 1998*

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to note with great sorrow the passing of Thomas P. Mondani, a man who will long be remembered for his dedication and commitment to Connecticut public schools.

For two decades Mr. Mondani served as the director of the Connecticut Education Association (CEA) and became a champion, and friend, for Connecticut public school teachers. He worked tirelessly to achieve improvements in both the professional rights and benefits of educators.

In 1979, he fought for the passage of a binding arbitration law for teachers, which

ended the threat of teacher strikes in Connecticut. In 1986, Mr. Mondani helped pass the Education Enhancement Act, which lifted teachers' salaries to a level comparable to those in other professions. With the enactment of these two important pieces of legislation and various other contributions, the CEA Board of Directors voted unanimously in 1994 to grant Mr. Mondani the CEA Friend of Education Award. As a lasting tribute, the CEA even renamed the award in his honor.

Mr. Mondani began his career in public education as a teacher in Moodus in 1959. He joined the CEA staff in 1963 as a research consultant and later was promoted to director of research. From 1965 to 1971, he served in the state legislature as a Representative and a Senator. On July 1, 1971, he became the CEA's fifth full-time executive director since its 1848 founding. He continued as director until March 1, 1994 holding the position longer than any previous director. In 1991, he was appointed Vice Chairman of the State Board of Governors for Higher Education by Governor Lowell P. Weicker Jr. He was reappointed in 1997 to a third term by Governor John Rowland. Since October 1997 he had been serving a six month appointment as the interim executive director of the Georgia Association of Educators.

Mr. Mondani was a remarkable man. Connecticut is most certainly a better place as a result of his work for children, teachers, schools and higher education. He knew how to deal with tough questions concerning education and did so with a sense humor and goodwill.

Mr. Speaker, Thomas P. Mondani was a rare kind of man, a man who devoted his whole life to a cause that has changed so many lives for the better. I have lost a good friend, and the State of Connecticut, its teachers, students and families, have lost one too. He will surely be missed by all of us who had the pleasure to know him. I am sure the House will join me in expressing our most sincere sympathy to Mr. Mondani's family.

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RECOGNITION OF RHODE ISLAND'S  
SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

**HON. ROBERT A. WEYGAND**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 6, 1998*

Mr. WEYGAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Rhode Island branch of the Small Business Administration. Last year the Rhode Island District Office set a record for the number of loans they issued. 511 different loans were issued totaling \$101.7 million approved for Fiscal Year 1997.

The Small Business Administration provides financial, technical and management assistance to help Americans start, run and grow their businesses. With a portfolio of business loans, loan guarantees and disaster loans, the SBA is the nation's largest single financial backer of small businesses. The SBA offers management and technical assistance to small business owners as a compliment to the financial services it provides. The Small Business Administration is committed to providing financial support to entrepreneurs in order to continue the economic recovery and viability of

Rhode Island. Access to capital and sound business advice are critical to growth and are often cited as a major factor in business success.

The hundreds of thousands of small businesses across this country provide the majority of jobs to Americans. These loans have allowed entrepreneurs to start their own businesses, given small businessmen the capital needed to expand existing companies, and have created jobs for thousands of people in the State of Rhode Island alone. The additional investment in the future of small business will help keep the economy strong.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the Rhode Island branch of the Small Business Administration. Without the dedication and hard work of all those involved, business in America would not be what it is today.

PRAISE FOR MS. JACQUELINE KEMPNER, SPRING HONOREE OF THE UNITED JEWISH APPEAL OF BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

**HON. STEVE R. ROTHMAN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 6, 1998*

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of the great women of my community in Bergen County, New Jersey—Ms. Jacqueline Kempner. Jackie Kempner has spent her life distinguishing herself as a cornerstone of both the local Jewish and secular communities. She has spent thousands of hours of hard work and dedication constructing a solid network among local Jewish and neighborhood organizations.

Jackie is being honored this year by the United Jewish Appeal for her years of service to the Jewish community. She founded the future leaders of the Northern Jersey Jewish community. She has served on the UJA Federation's Young Women's and Women's Divisions, eventually becoming the Young Women's Division's chair. And she is a member of the prestigious group of donors called the Lion of Judah.

During her many years of service, Jackie's passion has been the cultivation of our young people, specifically preparing young women from across North Jersey to assume the mantles of leadership, community and responsibility. She is passing on the lessons her parents taught her to a new generation of Americans. Without individuals with the drive and dedication of Jacqueline Kempner, the torch of leadership and the wisdom of those who went before us would be lost to the generations to come.

Jackie Kempner is a friend, not just to me, but to everyone with whom she comes in contact. She is the kind of person who brightens the day and makes things work. The UJA, the Federation and the various other civic and religious organizations that she has touched would not be as active and vibrant today without her tireless efforts. She truly is an inspiration to us all.

One of the characteristics I personally respect about Jackie Kempner is that she knows that charity starts in the home. She has been just as giving and caring to her own family as she has been to her community. She and her

husband Michael have raised two beautiful and intelligent children in Zachary and Melissa.

Ms. Speaker, all of this being said, I wish to take a moment and wish Jackie Kempner all the best and continued success with her endeavors in Bergen County and throughout the world. A simple "thank you" cannot convey what we and future generations owe to Ms. Kempner; however, I hope that all of my colleagues have individuals in their respective districts like Jacqueline Kempner because it is people like her that ensure that the United States of America will continue to be a wonderful place to live for generations and generations to come.

TRIBUTE TO OUTSTANDING EDUCATORS

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 6, 1998*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to commend eight dedicated teachers from Northwest Indiana, who have been voted outstanding educators for the 1997-98 school year. These individuals, Mary Czapko, Donna Dowty, Marilyn Edwards, Bill Gresh, Peter Hedges, Nancy Mills, Judith Musselman, and Mary Tanis, will be presented the Crystal Apple Award at a reception at the Radisson Hotel at Star Plaza in Merrillville, Indiana, today, May 6, 1998. Mary Czapko will also receive the torch of Knowledge Award for being selected the outstanding member of this distinguished group of educators.

Mary Czapko has been a first grade teacher at Lincoln Elementary School in Roselawn, Indiana for 22 years. She is known as a dedicated teacher by her colleagues, since she puts so much time into planning her lessons and developing special projects for the school and her surrounding community. Mary has since handedly organized such programs as "Green Eggs to Hamlet", which involved convincing community members to read to young children in all three of the public libraries in her area. She was also active in "Read Across America" family reading night on Dr. Seuss' birthday, and was instrumental in developing the "Math Their Way" program in the North Newton School Corporation. An individual with a strong commitment to early childhood education, Mary has even used her own money to purchase books to create a resource library for all teachers in the North Newton School Corporation.

Donna Dowty, a teacher described by her colleagues as someone who puts the needs of children first, has also taught within the North Newton School Corporation for 22 years. Donna began her career as a kindergarten teacher at Lincoln Elementary School, where her development of a kindergarten graduation program has remained a tradition for 23 years. Over the years, she has taught kindergarten, first, and second grade at Morocco Elementary School, and she has become well-known for working with parents for the betterment of their children's education, as well as doing whatever it takes to get a child to succeed. Donna participates in a variety of programs and committees, including the Parent Teacher Organization and technology committee. One

of her most noteworthy accomplishments was obtaining a 4R grant for mini-computer labs in Morocco Elementary School's kindergarten and first grade.

Marilyn Edwards has been a science teacher with Taft Middle School for over 20 years. During this time, she has become known for making the success of her students her top priority. A strong belief in cooperative learning has marked her career. Hands-on learning methods are used in her own classroom, and she has been instrumental in integrating lab activities into the school's curriculum. Some organizations to which Marilyn belongs include: the Indiana Science Assessment Teachers' Association; the Indiana Science Teachers' Association; and the National Science Teachers' Association. Locally, she serves on the Crown Point and Taft Professional Development Committees, and she is a member of Taft School's Improvement Team, which guided the staff's transition from a junior high school to a middle school. Marilyn is described by those who know her as a professional, caring, and hard-working teacher who has improved education at all levels.

Bill Gresh, who has worked at Lowell High School for 12 years, has made his mark on education by placing the school's Media Center at the forefront of technology and innovation. Bill changed the Lowell High School Library into a Media Center, beginning with the installation of an electronic card catalog and CD ROMs, and culminating with the current online services in place. Over the years, Bill's focus has remained clear: to make available a plethora of current resources available to students, faculty, and staff. Bill's colleagues describe him as a professional who is available, approachable, and accommodating. If a new teaching idea is being considered, Bill is known to work with the necessary individuals to make worthwhile projects a reality. As a 20-year veteran of the teaching profession, Bill remains devoted to securing for teachers the tools they need to deliver state of the art instruction to their students.

Peter Hedges has been a science teacher at Highland Middle School for the past 34 years. Peter is known by his students and colleagues, alike, for his enthusiastic and good-humored approach to teaching. His wit makes his presentations entertaining and informative for his students, and encourages them to become excited about the subject matter. Those who work with Peter describe him as being a voice of reason, as he often reminds them that the reason for being a teacher is to educate children. His colleagues agree that they are better people for having known and worked with him.

Nancy Mills has been a devoted Spanish teacher for 25 years, 19 of which she has spent teaching at Lowell High School. For many years, Nancy has successfully taught the fourth year Spanish class at Lowell. According to Purdue University, 56 of the 76 credits college credits Lowell students accumulated through Advanced Placement (AP) testing last year, were granted to Spanish students. Indeed, every member of Nancy's 1997 Spanish class earned college credit.

Judith Musselman has been a Speech and English teacher at Highland High School for 34 years. Throughout her career, Judith has a reputation among her colleagues for working to advance the expertise, knowledge, and preparedness of the students she has instructed.