

has taken such a toll on these peace officers. We can best honor their service by seeing that today's officers have the training, equipment and public support they need to accomplish their dangerous mission. To quote Lincoln again, our greatest tribute to these fallen officers is to see that they "shall not have died in vain."

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SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 1998

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to submit the following for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

"MY VOICE IN OUR DEMOCRACY"

(By Lori Parcel, Indiana Winner)

Who hasn't solved a jigsaw puzzle? We all have been faced with the task at one time or another. I remember the last time I tried to solve one. After hours of work, the puzzle was nearly complete . . . and then I realized that some of the pieces were missing. I scoured the area in search of the missing pieces, but I was unable to find them. The puzzle remained incomplete. In many ways, our democracy is a puzzle that consists of over 250 million pieces. Over 250 million voices which are inextricably bound. And interlocked within this tapestry, the tapestry of democracy, is my voice.

I realize that all of the pieces of the puzzle must be present for our government to be fully effective. However, looking around, I can't help but notice gaps in democracy's tapestry. Gaps which surely weaken the entire structure. I raise my voice to cry out to the missing pieces, to tell them to join the majority of Americans, to exchange ideas and strengthen our government, but my cry does not reach some. They do not understand that by discounting their own voices, and by ignoring my plea, they are hurting both themselves and our government. They do not realize that a democracy such as ours cannot effectively operate without their input. I use my voice to tell them about the time I was paging in the state legislature. I tell of a man who came into the statehouse and observed me tallying opinion surveys. The man, presumably a stray piece, was surprised that the surveys were tallied. He expressed his astonishment by saying, "That's where those surveys go. You actually read these. I did not think anyone listened, or that it was worth spending money for a stamp." The man did not understand that the absence of a single voice, a solitary note in the symphony of our government, can throw harmony into discord.

I plea to the stray pieces once again. I tell them that, during my experience paging, I learned that legislators are people. They have pictures of their families on their desks, and they even drink coffee. They are no different from the rest of us except they have decided to make a career out of using their voices to build our democracy, to add more pieces to the puzzle in hope of solving our nation's problems.

But certainly one does not have to hold public office to have a voice in our government. Rosa Parks provided the impetus for the Civil Rights movement by simply refusing to give up her seat on the bus. She did not even have to open her mouth to have her voice heard throughout the nation.

My voice will not be the missing piece of the puzzle or the chord absent in the sym-

phony. I may speak loudly and run for public office. Or I may speak softly by writing to my representative to tell him my opinions on an issue. But regardless of how I speak, my voice will always be audible. It must be, in order for me to be a fully participating member of our democracy. It is my duty to those who have sacrificed and those who continue to work for freedom throughout the world to exercise my right to participate in our government.

I realize that using my voice is critical to the continuation of democracy. Our government consists of millions of voices. Those of politicians and those of voters, but all of which are American voices. Exercising our voices through voting is our privilege, right, and duty as American citizens. In order to truly have a government of, by, and for the people, we must all work to build it. We must all contribute our piece of the puzzle, our voice, to our democracy. When I cast my vote a year from now, I will be doing far more than choosing one candidate from the ballot. I will be contributing my voice to the extensive puzzle which depicts the tapestry of our government. And I will be raising my voice, in harmony, to contribute to that symphony we call democracy.

HONORING WIVB-TV CHANNEL 4

HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 1998

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of my colleagues a very special anniversary in my district, that of our local television channel, WIVB-TV.

On May 14, 1948, then known as WBEN-TV, WIVB began service to the Greater Buffalo areas as our community's first television station. In addition to being the first television station in Western New York, WIVB was also first to offer live news broadcasts, live weather reports, live coverage of sporting events, and color broadcasting. This pioneering and innovative spirit has established WIVB a leader in local broadcasting.

In that proud tradition, WIVB-TV looks to the future with a continued commitment to ethical and ambitious journalism, technological innovations through Doppler Radar, and a growing system of local weather stations.

These impressive accomplishments would not have been possible without the many talented individuals who have served WIVB. Whether as an on-air television personality, or as one of the countless behind-the-scenes men and women who contribute so much to the success of the program, WIVB-TV, and indeed, our entire community, are indebted to their service.

Mr. Speaker, today I would like to join with the many residents of Buffalo and Western New York who enjoy WIVB's programming everyday in expressing my enthusiastic commendation to WIVB-TV Channel 4 on the occasion of its Fiftieth Anniversary, and send our best wishes for the next half-century.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JACK V.
PANDOL

HON. GEORGE P. RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 1998

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jack V. Pandol for being honored with the Boy Scouts of America Southern Sierra Council's Great American Award. This is one of the highest awards given by the Boy Scouts and is only the fourth in the 86-year history of the local Scout Council. As a man who has made lasting contributions to his community and country, Jack is very deserving of this award.

Jack Pandol began his service in the United States Army 25th Infantry Division during World War II. He fought in the Philippines and Japan and received the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, and Combat Infantry Badge for his distinguished service.

Jack V. Pandol is of Croatian descent and has been a Delano based farmer since 1941. In 1948, Jack and his two brothers purchased 400 acres of land from their parents. Today, this family owned farming operation has grown to over 6,000 acres of land in Kern and Tulare counties. He began as a grape grower, but soon branched out to become a grower, marketer, exporter, and importer. Jack is currently the President of Pandol Brothers, Inc. National and International Sales, and a partner in Pandol & Sons Farming. The Pandol firm currently does business in over thirty countries, representing growers from Washington state to South America and as far away as China.

Jack has been instrumental in the opening of foreign markets for international trade in Europe, the Orient and South America. He is known for his innovations in "barter" trade, fresh produce marketing, and general agriculture. Jack has received many awards for his work in the farming and shipping industries, and has served in many distinguished positions. Among these are Director of California Pacific Corporation, Advisory Board Member for the U.S. Department of Agriculture for Fruit and Vegetables, Member of the California Export Finance Board, Advisory Board Member for the U.S. Maritime Commission, President of Delano Grape Products, Vice President of the Rag Gulch Water District, and President of the California Grape and Tree Fruit League.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I congratulate Jack V. Pandol for being honored with the Boy Scouts of America Southern Sierra Council's Great American Award. Jack Pandol is an exceptional patriot whose contributions to agriculture have made a prominent impact in his community and beyond. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Jack V. Pandol many more years of success.

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NENSCHNEIN, PRESIDENT OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 1998

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, as a proud alumnus of the University of Chicago, I rise today