

Service. Throughout his career, he has been an innovator, a reformer, a new idea creator. His pathbreaking research and testimony before Congress helped lead to passage of significant national legislation including: The Home Mortgage Disclosure Act, The Community Revitalization Act, and the National Neighborhood Commission. His writings are prolific and span a wide range of subject areas: Rethinking Poverty Through a Community-Building Approach Initiative; Neighborhood Networks for Humane Mental Health Care; and Community Building: New Strategies for Community Development.

Arthur's unmatched commitment to community service is an example of a true American patriot as he remains extremely active in both the public and private sector. He has directed the Cleveland Foundation Commission on Poverty, worked with the National Center for Urban Ethnic Affairs, the Rockefeller Foundation, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the White House Conference on Neighborhoods and many other civic organizations. Dr. Naparstek is also the author of numerous reports, articles, and books that address the importance of community building and development.

Dr. Arthur Naparstek earned his doctorate from Brandeis University and his Master's Degree from New York University. He received his undergraduate degree from Illinois Wesleyan University. Dr. Naparstek is married to Belleruth, and they are the proud parents of Aaron, Keila, and Abram.

Americans all across this country should tip their hats to Dr. Naparstek, a lifelong prophet empowering people in our urban corridors to overcome poverty and hopelessness.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to wish Dr. Arthur Naparstek—a rare and gifted talent—a very happy birthday. Mazel tov.

HONORING JAMES LINCOLN OF
TECUMSEH

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 22, 1998

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay special tribute to one of my constituents who was recently honored by the Tecumseh Area Chamber of Commerce in Tecumseh, Michigan.

James Lincoln is a local newspaper owner who for 40 years has published the Tecumseh Herald, one of our leading area papers. In addition to that, Mr. Lincoln has forged an impressive record of public service and civic involvement. For his longstanding contributions to the Tecumseh area, his peers have rightly honored him as the winner of the annual Musgrove Evans Award, named after Tecumseh's founding father.

It is gratifying that the Tecumseh Chamber of Commerce has dedicated time and commitment to recognizing those people who make such valuable contributions to our community. And even more inspiring are the many good works performed by area leaders such as James Lincoln.

As the Chamber knows, a healthy economic climate is not the sole characteristic that makes a community worthwhile. While we can

do much to create a climate that brings jobs, builds roads, lowers taxes, and eliminates deficits, the most important deficit we as a nation and a community must continually confront is a deficit of values and character.

For this reason, Mr. Speaker, I enjoy taking the opportunity to tell my colleagues about those people who demonstrate the true meaning of community service in my district in Michigan. So many people talk about the need to get involved and pitch in when they see a problem, but James Lincoln is one person who takes action.

Mr. Lincoln is not only a fine publisher, but he has used his paper to reach out and make a difference in the community. He has turned his paper into a community watchdog, a civic leader, and a valuable, respected voice for Tecumseh area residents. He has contributed greatly to organizations such as the Rotary Club, the Tecumseh Chamber and his local church.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my constituents, I extend my congratulations and appreciation to James C. Lincoln.

IN HONOR OF ST. IRENE
CHRYSOVALANTOU

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 22, 1998

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a historic event that started to heal a schism that began 27 years ago and divided the Greek Orthodox Church in America from the Orthodox Church elsewhere in the world.

The dispute related to a 13-day discrepancy between the Gregorian calendar and the old Julian calendar to which Orthodox traditionalists adhere. The reconciliation, approved by the Synod in Constantinople on April 7, was simple. Neither group would have to give up its calendar but the Old Calendrists of churches such as St. Irene Chrysovalantou would be accepted under the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople.

St. Irene Chrysovalantou was named a patriarchal monastery as a result of this agreement. Its Old Calendrist clergy were re-ordained last month. The sacraments that they had celebrated, as well as the countless weddings and baptisms, were deemed retroactively proper.

Archbishop Spyridon, who endorsed the plan, led a moving ceremony celebrating the event on May 3, 1998. He was joined by the founders of St. Irene, His Excellency Metropolitan Pasisios of Tyana, Abbot of the Monastery and Bishop Vikentios of Apameia. Amid the airs of a brass band, the ringing of church bells, sonorous Byzantine incantations, and the jubilant salutes of a thousand faithful, the community turned out in strength to rejoice over this historic reconciliation.

To further commemorate the reconciliation, on May 23, 1998, His All Holiness Bartholomew I, Archbishop of Constantinople, New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch, will visit the Sacred and Patriarchal Monastery of St. Irene Chrysovalantou.

Since this is the first time that His All Holiness will visit Astoria, his visit is eagerly anticipated. This historic event will be celebrated by

thousands of faithful who will come to welcome him and to attend the Patriarchal Great Vespers.

Mr. Speaker, these events in Astoria mark the beginning of a healing process that I hope will reunite a people long divided. This reconciliation should give hope to others living amid conflict.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION
TO REPEAL THE FAMILY INFLATION
TAX

HON. BARBARA B. KENNELLY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 22, 1998

Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I will introduce legislation today to repeal the family inflation tax. The \$500 per child credit enacted in last year's Taxpayer Relief Act will provide vital tax relief to millions of American families. Its execution, however, has been flawed from the beginning.

We were able to defeat the initial proposals to require families with incomes of less than \$50,000 to reduce their \$500 per child credits by 50 percent of their day care credit, to cap the dependent care credit, and to deny the credit to families who receive the Earned Income Tax Credit. We tried but were unable to allow the credit against the individual Alternative Minimum Tax. As a result millions of families will be thrown into the individual Alternative Minimum Tax simply for claiming the child credit. I subsequently introduced H.R. 2524 to remedy this. However, this flaw beats them all.

Did you know that some families, after receiving the initial benefit, will actually have their taxes increase in the future because of complicated efforts to reduce the benefits of the \$500 child credit. Yes, that is correct. Over time, a number of families will see future tax increases even if their income does not change!

This happens because of the interaction of three provisions, the partially refundable family credit, the reduction of the partially refundable family credit by minimum tax liability, and the inflation adjustments to the regular tax. For some families paying the minimum tax, the inflation adjustments cause tax increases by increasing minimum tax liability and thereby reducing partially refundable credits.

So each year, the inflation adjustment of the standard deduction and personal exemptions—a provision that results in tax savings for the majority of taxpayers, actually results in a tax increase for these families. We must not allow this to happen. That is why today I am introducing legislation to correct this.

On a related note, there is a tremendous amount of bipartisan support for fixing the marriage penalty. One of the most popular proposals would increase the standard deduction for married couples, a proposal that would actually make this problem worse. I have been talking about the need to fix the marriage penalty for years. We should fix it but we should also include this fix so we don't increase taxes on families in the name of eliminating a penalty.

Please join me in repealing the Family Inflation Tax.