

chiropractor, and his wife Micki (Cohava) are the parents of Danielle, Arielle, Aviv and Shira. Their daughter, Maxine, a psychotherapist, is the wife of Jack Bock and they are the parents of Noah.

Mr. Speaker, Herbert Tanzman has dedicated much of his life to serving others. His dedication to family, community and country, and his abiding love and devotion to serving the Jewish people and the State of Israel, are exemplary, and inspiration to us all. It is an honor for me to pay tribute to this outstanding leader and to wish him continued happiness and success.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JOHN N. HOSTETTLER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 17, 1999*

Mr. HOSTETTLER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall vote No. 51, I was on official Congressional business in Russia, and could not be present. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on this vote to pass H.R. 774.

COMMEMORATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT, H. CON. RES. 56

### HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 17, 1999*

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to introduce today a resolution commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA). It is right and fitting that the House of Representatives makes note of this important piece of legislation which serves as the basis for continued commercial, cultural, security and other relations between the United States and Taiwan.

The Taiwan Relations Act was passed into law on April 10, 1979 and has served as a critical element in preserving and promoting ties between the United States and Taiwan. The TRA has been instrumental in maintaining peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait since its enactment in 1979. It is my hope that the TRA will continue to serve to ensure that the future of Taiwan be determined by peaceful means. Regrettably, the People's Republic of China (PRC) has refused to renounce the use of force against Taiwan.

The United States is pleased with the flourishing on Taiwan of a fully-fledged, multi-party, democracy fully respecting human rights and civil liberties. It is hoped that Taiwan will serve as an example to the PRC and others in the region in this regard and will encourage progress in the furthering of democratic principles and practices, respect for human rights, and the enhancement of the rule of law.

The Congress looks forward to a broadening and deepening of friendship and cooperation with Taiwan in the years ahead for the mutual benefit of the peoples of the United States and Taiwan.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to introduce this legislation and invite my colleagues in the House of Representatives to support this Resolution commemorating this

distinctive piece of legislation and the unique ties between the peoples of the United States and Taiwan.

#### HONORING MARIAH MARTIN

### HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 17, 1999*

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize a young student for her devotion and award-winning community service. On February 4, 1999, Mariah Martin was named one of Colorado's top honorees in the 1999 Prudential Spirit Awards program, an annual honor bestowed upon the most impressive student volunteers.

Mariah is a seventeen-year-old junior attending Poudre High School in Fort Collins, Colorado. Although her own education is foremost, Mariah divides her free time educating area youth. As a member of the Moose International Youth Awareness Program, Mariah has the opportunity to work with many different children's programs. Through these meetings, Mariah realized the importance of teaching positive lifestyles at an early age. As a result, Mariah took the initiative in designing her own curriculum. In January of 1998 her ideas were presented in the form of a nine-week education and self-esteem program for second grade students. The program includes activities on self-esteem, drug and alcohol prevention, smart decision making, healthy habits, problem solving and violence prevention. Success has led Mariah and her program to be invited into five more classes of second grade students.

At a time when many statistics suggest a downward trend in youth community service, the Prudential Spirit of Community Award creates a positive influence in honoring and rewarding outstanding individuals like Mariah. In only four years, the program has become the nation's largest youth recognition effort based solely on community service, with more than 50,000 youngsters participating. Programs such as Prudential's, reinforce community service at an early age.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to congratulate Mariah Martin and all of the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards winners. With confidence, I look forward to their leadership in America.

#### CONGRATULATING FRESNO CRIME STOPPERS

### HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 17, 1999*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a Fresno Bee article on the Fresno Crime Stoppers. Crime Stoppers has been a valuable asset in fighting crime in Fresno.

"A televised Fresno Crime Stoppers recently won first place for best re-enactment of a crime for cities with a population of 250,000 to 1 million in a worldwide competition.

More than 300 cities around the world took part in the contest, judged by Crime Stoppers

International, which rates entries on their creativity and authenticity. The Fresno entry was a re-enactment of robbery and homicide at the Ritz Bar in Fowler last year. Two representatives of Crime Stoppers received a plaque at the Crime Stoppers conferences in Gillette, Wyoming.

Crime Stoppers is published in The Fresno Bee to help Fresno County law enforcement agencies capture crime suspects. The Bee features a Crime Stoppers page, which began in January 1998, and is published every other month. The Full-page Crime Stoppers layout contains names and photographs of the 24 most wanted suspects sought by Fresno County's law enforcement agencies and a 24-hour confidential hot line to report tips.

In July 1998, the Crime Stoppers hot line led to the arrests of 27 fugitives. The suspects were arrested on charges ranging from spousal abuse to drug sales to assault with a deadly weapon. Tipsters collected \$3,600 in rewards. Callers who provide anonymous tips that lead to arrests can collect as much as \$1,000 in reward money. Callers are not required to testify in court.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce The Fresno Bee article, "Fresno Crime Stoppers Wins First-place Award." This Organization is a valuable asset to Fresno. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing the Fresno Crime Stoppers many years of continued success.

#### IN MEMORY OF SISTER LEONA NIEBERDING

### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 17, 1999*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of one of the most influential teachers of my life, Sister Leona Nieberding.

Sister Leona entered the Congregation of St. Joseph from St. Ignatius parish when she was 18 years old. Two years later, she was given her first teaching assignment at St. Joseph school in Canton, Ohio. This began a life of total dedication to the ministry of the education of young people. Over her 77 years as an educator, she taught at five different schools in the Cleveland area: St. Joseph, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Aloysius, St. Ignatius, and St. Angela Merici. She also served as principal at St. Aloysius and St. Vincent de Paul.

Sister Leona worked hard to prepare young people for life, guiding them spiritually as well as intellectually. She demonstrated to her students the practical applications of spiritual guidance and ethical conduct in everyday life. Sister Leona was known for her devotion to young people and her insistence that they understand the importance of education and live up to her high expectations of them. In 1979, the Kiwanis Club of Fairview Park recognized her outstanding efforts by honoring her as the "Teacher of the Year."

Sister Leona, however, never sought credit for her deeds. She often organized the resources of her parish to ensure that the needy families were provided with food and clothes, without taking any credit for the work. These selfless personal efforts did not go unnoticed. Her service is in the finest tradition of nuns of

the Congregation of Saint Joseph, who dedicate their lives to serving God and their fellow parishioners.

Throughout her 96 years, Sister Leona touched the hearts and souls of many. We have suffered a great loss in her passing, but those of us who were lucky enough to have known her are better people for having shared in her special gifts. Sister Leona will never be forgotten.

THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK: HELPING TO EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE HEMISPHERE

**HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 17, 1999*

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, the Inter-American Development Bank was established in 1959 with the purpose of helping to develop economic markets in Latin America and the Caribbean. Its original membership included 19 Latin American and Caribbean countries and the United States. Today, it boasts a membership of 46 countries, 28 within the region and 18 in Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. The Bank has committed itself to financing projects that seek to improve the lives of our neighbors within the region by promoting small business, supporting state modernization projects with the purpose of strengthening democratic systems, and complementing ongoing public sector and economic reforms which focus on energy, transportation, and communications systems.

In an era of increased trade globalization and market diversification, the Inter-American Development Bank has played an essential role in helping expand competitive trade markets for Latin American and Caribbean countries. By 1997 in fact, the Bank had approved 2,456 loans totaling \$84 billion to help these countries work towards economic integration. As part of the Free Trade of the Americas process, the Inter-American Development Bank had been a key force in implementing strategies to support sub-regional integration and provide support for the FTAA Working Groups.

IDB's programs have served to strengthen the Western Hemisphere by helping to expand trade, diversify exports, and increase competitiveness. As the Inter-American Development Bank celebrates its 40th year of service, I commend their dedication to mobilizing resources for the region and for its role as a catalyst for social and economic development within the Hemisphere.

CENTRAL NEW YORK WORLD WAR I VETS HONORED BY FRENCH GOVERNMENT

**HON. JAMES T. WALSH**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 17, 1999*

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, March 24, 1999 at the Syracuse, New York Veterans Administration Medical Center, two Central New York constituents of mine, both

veterans of World War I, will be honored by the French government with a presentation of the National Order of the Legion of Honor, that country's highest honor.

As Chairman of the VA/HUD Subcommittee on Appropriations, I am extremely proud to know that these American warriors will be decorated in this way for their role in winning the war on French soil. They reflect the bravery and courage of thousands of young Americans who dutifully represented our nation and freedom-loving people everywhere.

They are David Ginsburg and Eugene Lee, two men who left as teens and returned to their community in Syracuse to continue on with their lives, raise families, and cherish freedom even more—knowing that they had done their duty to country, and that they had seen the darker side of mankind, but also the rewards of valor.

In 1917, David Ginsburg, who will celebrate his 101st birthday on April 18 this year, enlisted in the National Guard 4th Ambulance Company, a unit that was part of the American Expeditionary Forces sent to Mexico to capture Pancho Villa. After returning to the U.S., the unit was sent to France while World War I raged. After the war, Mr. Ginsburg joined the Marine Corps and served for 16 years. Today he is believed to be the oldest living Marine Corps Drill Instructor. He has been an active member of the Jewish War Veterans Post 131. He returned to civilian life in Syracuse to work for more than 35 years for the Eastwood, Netherland and Seneca Dairies.

Also in 1917, Eugene Lee, who will celebrate his 100th birthday on the very day of this ceremony, enlisted in the Marine Corps. Among the first Marines sent to France, he was wounded while fighting the Germans at Belleau Wood on June 6 and 7, 1918. Following recovery, he served in Germany with the Army of Occupation. He was one of the last American troops to return home after the war. He was awarded the Purple Heart and Silver Star for Heroism. Mr. Lee returned home and worked 42 years for New York Lighting Company, which today is Niagara Mohawk.

We applaud these two individuals on the occasion of this great commemorative honor. I also want to thank the French government for making this award.

RETIREMENT TRIBUTE TO ROGER J. DOLAN

**HON. GEORGE MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 17, 1999*

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating Roger J. Dolan on the occasion of his retirement from the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District and recognizing him for his many years of dedicated public service.

Roger has enjoyed a career marked with many personal and professional achievements. During his time with the East Bay Municipal Utility District, Roger was responsible for the pilot investigation of physical, chemical, and biological processes which established the design criteria for a 120 million gallon per day high purity oxygen activated sludge proc-

ess. He supervised the design of this \$85 million plant, and managed its construction.

Since becoming the general manager-chief engineer of the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District in 1977, Roger Dolan has developed a nationally recognized household hazardous waste facility, and a 45 million gallon per day secondary treatment plant with sludge incineration, ultra-violet disinfection and water reclamation.

While Roger's achievements have won him the praise and respect of his colleagues and peers, these deserving benchmarks cannot overshadow his consistent commitment to environmental protection and his exemplary stewardship of our natural resources. His pursuit of technological innovation in the field of wastewater treatment and water recycling, and his promotion of scientific research into the methods of protecting the waters, fish and wildlife in the San Francisco Bay, are the hallmarks of his career for which I am most thankful.

I know I speak for all the Members of this Chamber when I wish Roger J. Dolan a very happy and healthy retirement, and when I thank him for the many contributions he has made to our community.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES MANDEL

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 17, 1999*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, March 25, the Highland Park Conservative Temple and Center will present the coveted Chaver Award for exemplary community service to Mr. Charles J. Mandel. This is a richly deserved honor, and I am proud to join in paying tribute to Mr. Mandel for his tireless service to the temple and to our community.

Mr. Mandel, known as Charlie to his many friends, has certainly left his mark on the temple, both in terms of the physical facility, as well as in his service to temple community. He can frequently be seen with a screwdriver or a hammer or a tape measure in his "golden hands." But Charlie Mandel's fingerprints go far deeper. He has been affiliated with the Highland Park Conservative Temple and Center since 1953. After officially joining the temple in 1955, he was appointed Gabbai, and continues in that position to this day as Senior Gabbai. He was elected to the Temple Board of Trustees in 1955, and continues to serve on the board where he has also held the posts of recording secretary and financial secretary. In recognition of his loyalty and commitment, he was granted honorary life membership to the Board of Trustees, a position held by only four other people.

Mr. Mandel has been active on the Religious Committee, House Committee, Bazaar Committee, and has had the unique experiences of serving on the Rabbinical Search Committees for both Rabbi Yakov Hilsenrath and Rabbi Eliot Malomet. In addition, he was Chairman of the "Special Fundraising Committee" for 40 years.

Charles Mandel was born in Jersey City, where he graduated from William L. Dickson High School in 1936. He then went on to Rutgers University and received a bachelor of science degree in ceramic engineering in 1938. He served as plant manager and ceramic engineer with the Willett Company for