

IN HONOR OF MICHAEL LEGGIERO:
NORTH HUDSON KIWANIS CLUB
MAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 1999

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael Leggiero for being named North Hudson Kiwanis Club Man of The Year. Mr. Leggiero's leadership has shaped the North Hudson Community Action Corporation (NHCAC) into an agency which provides health care, housing and/or child care for over 41,000 residents of North and West Hudson County.

In 1993, the NHCAC created their state-of-the-art Community Health Center which provides primary health care for thousands of underinsured and uninsured Hudson County residents. The Center provides services such as prenatal, women's, pediatric and adult care for over 400 patients a week.

In 1996, Michael Leggiero led NHCAC in the critical effort to build affordable housing in Hudson County. The joint venture he spearheaded led to the construction of 49 new affordable housing units and NHCAC now has plans to begin a second development project.

In their latest venture the NHCAC has collaborated with the town of West New York to create the Children First Infant and Toddler Childcare Center. This innovative child care center is located in one of West New York's housing developments.

Michael Leggiero has been a recipient of many awards and citations including: the Jersey City State College Business Leadership Award, the VFW Patriotic Service Award, and citations by both the New Jersey State Assembly and State Senate.

Again, I congratulate Michael Leggiero on being named North Hudson Kiwanis Club Man of The Year. Because of his leadership and tremendous service to Hudson County, I cannot think of anyone more deserving of this honor.

IN HONOR OF THE KIWANIS CLUB
OF ASTORIA/LONG ISLAND CITY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Kiwanis Club of Astoria/Long Island City and its honorees for this year: Roseanne and Tom Alafogiannis and Theresa and Jack Brucculeri.

The Kiwanis Club of Astoria/Long Island City was established 11 years ago with a primary emphasis on the community's youth. The Club's motto is "Children Priority I." This organization not only says it cares about children, it proves it.

The Club's projects include: college scholarships for high school seniors; an anti-graffiti program; support for the "Bring up Grades" program in the local elementary schools; sponsorship of the "Safe Haven" program for

children who get lost or need assistance on the street; Thanksgiving turkey donations for the needy; and support of local groups such as Goliard Concerts and the Queens Autistic Children's Society.

On May 7, 1999, at its second annual dinner dance, the Kiwanis Club of Astoria/Long Island City will honor two couples who exemplify the heart and soul of the Kiwanis organization: Roseanne and Thom Alafogiannis and Theresa and Jack Brucculeri.

Thom Alafogiannis was born in Greece and followed his dream by immigrating to the United States. Thirty-five years ago he moved to Astoria, Queens, where he founded Alafogiannis Plumbing and Heating. He is also the president of the Greek American Homeowners Association and a member of the Board of Directors of the AHEPA (America Hellenic Educational Progressive Association) Hermes Chapter.

Roseanne and Tom has been married for 30 years and have four children: Paul, Jennie, Joe and Billy. Roseanne is the corresponding secretary of the Greek American Homeowners Association and a vital community worker.

Both Tom and Roseanne are active in other groups and fraternal organizations in Astoria.

Jack Brucculeri came to Astoria at the age of eight from Italy and has lived there since. Theresa moved to Astoria 24 years ago. They have two daughters. Jack, an entrepreneur and businessman, owns the JICC Industries Construction Company, the Pizza Palace and Portofino Restaurant. Along with Rocco Sacamore, he also owns the Trattoria L'Incontro in Astoria.

Jack has been a member of the Astoria Kiwanis Club since 1982 and has served as president of the Club. He is a member of the Italian American Club, the Forum Club, and Ditmars Restoration. Theresa has been a member of the Kiwanis since 1988 and she also serves as a Board of Directors member of the Ronald McDonald House. Both are also active in other groups and fraternal organizations.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask my colleagues to rise in tribute to this outstanding organization and their honorees. They truly represent the best of community spirit and values.

TRIBUTE TO DR. HERMAN AND
GLADYS STURMAN

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 1999

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Herman and Gladys Sturman for their outstanding commitment to others that has done so much to improve the quality of life in our community.

The Talmud tells us that "He who does charity and justice is as if he had filled the whole world with kindness." The Jewish Community Centers of Greater Los Angeles has recognized both Herman and Gladys for their tireless dedication to the Jewish community and the community at large. Their philanthropy sets an example for us all.

Along with having been members of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Community

Centers, Herman and Gladys have contributed immensely through an array of activities. Gladys was the founder of West Valley Kehillah, a group of 21 Jewish organizations that exemplifies leadership, volunteerism, and service throughout the greater Los Angeles area. In 1974, she was selected as the Most Outstanding Member of the Quarter Century by Temple Beth Ami. While she continues to serve as a member of numerous Jewish organizations, she still finds the time to contribute articles to several Jewish magazines.

Dr. Sturman is a past president of Temple Beth Ami and was a founding member of the Board of Humana Hospital. In addition to his charitable work, Dr. Sturman was the first practicing gynecologist and obstetrician in the West San Fernando Valley.

Aside from their devoted service to the community, Herman and Gladys' unwavering commitment to their family is praiseworthy in and of itself. Throughout their forty-nine years of marriage, they have maintained a Jewish home which is compassionate, accepting, moral, and intellectually alive. They have passed these values on as well to their four children and twelve grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, please join me in honoring Dr. Herman and Gladys Sturman, true role models for the residents of Los Angeles.

TRIBUTE TO CMDR. MARK M.
LEARY, USN

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 14, 1999

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding Naval officer, Commander Mark M. Leary who for the past three years has served with distinction as the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Financial Management and Comptroller as a Principal Assistant and Deputy in the Appropriations Matters Office. It is a privilege for me to recognize his many outstanding achievements and commend him for the superb service he has provided to the Navy, the Congress, and our great nation.

During his tenure in the Appropriations Matters Office, which began in January 1996, Commander Leary has provided members of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense as well as our professional and personal staffs with timely and accurate support regarding Navy plans, programs and budget decisions. His valuable contributions have enabled the members of the Subcommittee, which I had the privilege to Chair the past four years, and the Department of the Navy to strengthen its close working relationship and to ensure the most modern, well trained and well equipped naval forces in the world for our great nation.

Mr. Speaker, Mark Leary and his wife Paula have made many sacrifices during his naval career and as they embark once again on that greatest adventure of a Naval aviator's career, commander of a helicopter squadron, I call upon my colleagues to wish him every success as well as fair winds and following seas.