years, this wonderful organization has provided a safe haven for those women who have taken the critical first step and escaped from their homes. Battered Women's Alternative serves more than 15,500 women annually through its 24-hour crisis line, emergency shelter, safe homes, traditional housing, legal advocacy, counseling, employment assistance and placement programs. Battered Women's Alternative also conducts educational programs in the hopes of preventing future instances of domestic violence, many of which are targeted toward abusive men as well as younger children.

In recognition of the important work done by Battered Women's Alternatives every month of the year, I urge you all to actively participate in the many scheduled activities and programs planned all over the country that work toward the elimination of personal and institutional violence against women. Only a coordinated community effort can put a stop to this heinous crime and I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing this important month.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JULIA CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 1999

Ms. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent Friday, October 1, 1999, and as a result, missed rollcall votes 468 and 469. Had I been present, I would have voted ''yes'' on rollcall vote 468 and ''no'' on rollcall vote 469.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL BRUCE KENYON SCOTT, UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. FLOYD SPENCE

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 1999

Mr. SPENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Major General Bruce Kenyon Scott, for his outstanding service to our Nation. This month, General Scott will depart The Pentagon to assume the position of Commanding General of the United States Army Security Assistance Command, in Alexandria, Virginia.

Since August 1997, General Scott has served as the Chief of Legislative Liaison for the United States Army. In this role, he has proven himself to be a valued advisor to the Secretary of the Army, the Chief of Staff of the Army, as well as many Members of Congress and staff. Drawing upon his in-depth knowledge of policy and program issues that relate to the Army, General Scott has been able to ensure that the Army message has been delivered in a very effective manner. General Scott has also been instrumental in resolving countless personnel, operational, and support matters involving the Army, during deployments to more than 81 countries around the world.

Throughout his 27 years of dedicated service, General Scott has set a high standard. He clearly symbolizes the Army ethos, ''Duty, Honor, Country.'' General Scott has served with distinction in the position of Chief of Army Legislative Liaison, and he is to be commended on his outstanding work.

I am certain that General Scott will continue to excel in the position of Commanding General of the United States Army Security Assistance Command. He and his lovely wife, Mary, are wished much success in this new assignment.

MEDAL OF HONOR MEMORIAL

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 1999

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today and take great personal pride in having the Medal of Honor Memorial in Indianapolis recognized as a National Memorial. My colleagues, by passing H.R. 1663 today, we have designated as National memorials the memorial being built at the Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, California; the memorial aboard the former USS *Yorktown* (CV–6) at Mount Pleasant, South Carolina; and the memorial at White River State Park in Indianapolis, Indiana, to honor the 3,410 recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

On May 28, 1999, the last Memorial Day weekend of the 20th Century, I joined my Hoosier colleagues Representatives BUYER, MCINTOSH, and HILL, Senator BAYH, Lt. Governor Kernan, Mayor Goldsmith of Indianapolis, IPALCO Chairman John Hodowal, and 98 of the 157 living Medal of Honor recipients to dedicate the Medal of Honor Memorial. Medal of Honor recipients Sammy L. Davis and Melvin Biddle joined us at the dais, representing their comrades-in-arms.

The new memorial is located along the north bank of the Central Canal in White River State Park in downtown Indianapolis. It sits adjacent to Military Park, the site of the city's first recorded 4th of July celebration in 1822, which was used as a recruiting and training camp for soldiers from Indiana during the Civil War.

It is at this fitting site that the local power utility, IPALCO Enterprises under the leadership of its Chairman, John Hodowal, who along with his wife, Caroline, and countless employees and volunteers, has erected this breathtaking memorial. Caroline Hodowal first read a newspaper article about the Medal recipients and then conceived the idea for the new memorial when she and her husband realized that none existed.

Visitors to the site will see citations for each of the 3,410 medal recipients etched into glass walls. The twenty-seven curved glass walls, each between 7 and 10 feet tall, represent the 15 conflicts, dating back to the Civil War, in which uncommon acts of bravery resulted in the awarding of the Medal of Honor. Steps, benches, and a grassy area provide seating for visitors to rest, reflect, and view this magnificent memorial. Additionally, each evening at dusk, a sound system plays a thirty minute recorded account about a medal recipient, his story, and the act for which he received this Nation's highest military honor. As each story is told, lights illuminate the appropriate portion of the memorial to highlight the war or conflict being discussed.

In the words of Mr. Hodowal, this memorial serves two purposes: ''It's an opportunity to say thanks for the sacrifices [these men] made, and it's a chance to show the next generation what real heroes look like . . . to show that ordinary people sometimes do extraordinary things.''

Mr. Speaker, Indiana has a proud tradition of honoring those who have sacrificed so much to secure and preserve our freedom. We must never forget that freedom is not free. Because of the selfless sacrifices of so many, we enjoy so much in America. I encourage all of my colleagues to visit Indianapolis, Indiana and see this newest addition to our city and State. It is something, I can assure you, that you will not soon forget.

HONORING ANNA MAE LYNCH ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 1999

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Anna Mae Francis Lynch on her 100th birthday. Anna Mae was born on October 5, 1899 in northern Arkansas.

As a child, Anna taught herself to read and write before she started school. Anna went to the fields and worked side by side with her family, chopping cotton, pulling weeds from the cornfields, milking cows and picking cotton by hand.

On February 25, 1916 at the age of 16, Anna married James Elmer Lynch secretly by the Justice of the Peace, in the woods, after attending a church singing. From this union, seven sons were born; six of the seven served with honor in World War II.

In 1921, Anna and her family came to Coalinga to work and prosper in the oil fields. Then came the great depression and the oil fields closed down. The family headed back to Arkansas and then Texas, but returned to Coalinga to labor in the cotton fields of Rancher Johnny Conn of Coalinga.

Anna was a mother, homemaker, a Bible school and singing teacher, and highly interested in Republican politics. Anna now resides in Coalinga.

Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize Anna Mae Lynch for her hard work and dedication to her family. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Anna many more years of continued success.

A TRIBUTE TO JOHN J. BELLIZZI

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 1999

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to share with our colleagues the remarkable life of an outstanding individual and good friend who has devoted his work to law enforcement and particularly to eradicating the impact of drugs in our society.

John J. Bellizzi is being recognized this weekend for his 50 years of dedicated service to these causes, and especially to his 40 years of devotion to the International Narcotics Enforcement Officers Association (INEOA) which he founded in 1959 and for which he became its first President. Today, John continues to serve as Executive Director of

INEOA and is even more dedicated to this cause than he was in the past.

John previously retired from the position of Director of the New York State Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement, having worked under six Governors. In that position, John earned the respect of all of us who had worked with him. I vividly recall during my tenure in the State Assembly the dedication John brought to his fledgling crusade against drugs.

John Bellizzi is a product of the New York City school system, having graduated from Stuyvesant High School. He obtained his degree in pharmacy from St. John's University, and received an LL.B. from Albany Law School and his Doctor of Jurisprudence from Union University. John has also studied on the graduate level at New York University and at Fordham University.

John was also a police officer with the New York City Police Department. In that capacity, he was assigned to some of the most critical neighborhoods in the city, including Harlem, Bedford-Stuyvesant, and the south Bronx. During World War II, John was an undercover agent, investigating and reporting on some of the subversive organizations which were working against our nation.

John utilized his unique background in both pharmacy and law enforcement to help spearhead the fight against illegal narcotics. He is the author of many articles on pharmacy, narcotics, and the law. He also served on the faculty of several schools, including Albany Medical School, the University of Southern California, and St. John's University.

John Bellizzi served as a consultant on drug abuse to the White House and served on the Narcotics Commission of two successive Mayors of New York City—Robert F. Wagner, Jr., and John V. Lindsey. He also advised Mayor Sam Yorty of Los Angeles and Governor Jerry Brown of California as a member of their narcotics commissions.

Mr. Speaker, the awards and recognitions John Bellizzi has received over the years are too numerous to fully enumerate here. Suffice to say that he was presented the Honor Legion Medal from the New York City Police Department, the Papal medal from Pope Paul VI in 1965; the very first Anslinger Award for combating international narcotics trafficking presented in 1979; and was honored by the Columbia Association of New York State Employees and the Italian Pharmaceutical Society of New York for distinguished service to the community by an American of Italian ancestry. John also was awarded a gold medal by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

With all these honors, there is no doubt that John's pride and joy is his wife of 57 years, Celeste Morga, who has been his co-partner and confidant in all of his endeavors. They are the proud parents of two sons, John J., Jr., and Robert F.

This weekend, the International Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association is conducting its 40th Annual Conference. A special awards ceremony will honor drug enforcement officers from throughout the world. A special program will spotlight the remarkable career of John J. Bellizzi and his achievements throughout the past half century.

Mr. Speaker, I invite all of our colleagues to join with me in saluting John Belizzi, a champion of our war against drugs.

IN HONOR OF THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LAKEWOOD

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 1999

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 75th anniversary of the Faith Lutheran Church of Lakewood.

Faith Lutheran Church was established in 1924 by the Home Mission Board of the Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio. Services were first held in a storeroom at 15635 Madison Avenue next to Scherzer's Bakery. Reverend Edward W. Schramm served as the first pastor. The Madison School Building, now known as Harding Middle School became a second place of worship until the current church was dedicated on Easter Sunday, March 27, 1932. An additional educational building and chapel were dedicated October 6, 1957.

Faith Lutheran Church was designed in the Gothic style by Cleveland Architect William E. Foster. Especially noteworthy is the Reuter pipe organ designed specially for the church by the Reuter Organ Company. With 1,439 speaking pipes ranging from eighteen feet to one-fourth of an inch, the organ is recognized for its tonal richness.

Today, Faith Lutheran Church has a 582-member congregation. Reverend Richard G. Schluep serves as pastor. Upholding a long-standing tradition of goodwill, the people of Faith Lutheran Church work together to serve local community charities and agencies. Congratulations to Faith Lutheran Church for 75 years of service and religious celebration.

My fellow colleagues, join me in honoring Faith Lutheran Church, a community that has dedicated their lives to God, freedom and the well being of all people.

BIRTHDAY TRIBUTE TO FRAN BANMILLER

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 1999

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the birthday of a dear friend of mine. On Saturday, October 2, 1999, Mrs. Fran Banmiller, celebrated her 50th birthday. Fran was born in South West Philadelphia and moved to Gloucester City, N.J. She attended Rutgers-Camden School of Finance where she earned her CPA and later went on to earn her masters in tax accounting.

Fran, and her husband Jerry, are the proud parents of three beautiful children, Liz, Sarah and Rachel.

I would like to wish her a happy and healthy 50th birthday.

H.R. 3013: TO AMEND THE ALASKA NATIVE CLAIMS SETTLEMENT ACT

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 1999

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to introduce H.R. 3013, a bill to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to allow shareholders common stock to be transferred to adopted Alaska native children and their descendants and for other purposes.

This bill is very similar to H.R. 2803, however, the Alaska Federation of Natives and the Department of the Interior have agreed to delete Section 7, the Partial Section Selections from the original bill. Other provisions in the bill contains revised language recommended by the Department of the Interior to address some of their concerns.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I am introducing H.R. 3013 with language revision changes to three provisions of H.R. 2803. This is to allow our Committee to hold a hearing next Wednesday on a new and expanded version of H.R. 2803 which reflects changes recommended by the Alaska Federation of Natives and the Department of the Interior.

THE TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL: RECOGNIZING 75 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. JIM TURNER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 1999

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 75th anniversary of Toastmasters International, which since its conception on October 22, 1924, has grown to over 8,000 clubs and 200,000 members in 60 countries worldwide.

During the past 75 years, Toastmasters International has performed a valuable service for its members and those who hear its message of opportunity, initiative and good fellowship by assisting in the development of essential communications skills. One of the Toastmasters' most remarkable, yet challenging, efforts has been the formation of clubs within prisons to teach inmates how to effectively communicate to others and accept criticism. I am especially proud of the Sabine River Toastmasters in Orange, Texas.

One year ago, the Sabine River Toastmsters formed a club in the LeBlanc Prison, which is located in Jefferson County in East Texas. This club has been responsible for numerous success stories during the past year, and I am confident that the inmates of East Texas will continue to benefit from this encouragement and assistance in the development of improved communication skills for many more years to come.

The ability to speak in a clear and effective manner is a powerful and important skill that can help all Americans overcome barriers to effective performance in virtually every endeavor and line of work. With the guidance of Toastmaster members, inmates are becoming better communicators with a greater sense of confidence, self-esteem and self-respect, and they are therefore better prepared and qualified for employment after being released from