

HONORING THE ROTARY CLUB OF
WESTCHESTER**HON. STEVEN T. KUYKENDALL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2000

Mr. KUYKENDALL. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize an important organization within my district, the Rotary Club of Westchester. Tomorrow the Rotary Club of Westchester will celebrate its 50th anniversary as a valuable member of the community.

For the last 50 years, the Rotary Club of Westchester has provided generous support to various programs throughout the community. Its members are community and professional leaders who have been active in education and literacy, scholarship programs, student exchange programs, and book sales to benefit the local region.

As the Rotary Club of Westchester holds its 50th Anniversary Gala this Saturday, Richard Jones will also be celebrating a milestone. Dick Jones is the last remaining charter member who is still active in the organization, and he has achieved a remarkable 100 percent attendance for 49 consecutive years. Dick has helped make the Rotary Club of Westchester the fine organization that it is today. He is a Paul Harris Fellow, a Westchester Patron, served as rotary president, and is a Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. I commend Dick for his commitment to the Rotary Club of Westchester and thank him for his service to the community.

I congratulate the members of the Rotary Club of Westchester on achieving this milestone. It is a valuable member of the Westchester community and its contributions are appreciated. I wish the Club continued success for the future.

TRIBUTE TO NEW BERLIN WEST
HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM**HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the New Berlin West High School Boys' Basketball team, which won the Division II State Championship on March 18, 2000. These impressive young men brought home the first state title in school history, and were only the 27th school in tournament history to win a championship in their first try. With an outstanding 26-0 record, the Vikings swept their way to the Woodland Conference title, State title, and a Number One ranking in state polls. I would like to offer my heartfelt congratulations to the entire team, including Head Coach Jeff Lewiston and All-State Honorable Mentions John and Jason Chappell, for a job well done. The students, faculty and staff of New Berlin West High School, as well as the greater communities of New Berlin, Waukesha County, and the 4th Congressional District, have reason to be proud.

GOLDEN APPLE SCHOLAR AWARDS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2000

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to commend the 2000 Golden Apple Scholar award winners from my district. The Golden Apple Scholars program is to recruit talented high school juniors who want to become teachers.

I would like to take the opportunity to recognize Ms. Rachel Ladage from Taylorville High School in Taylorville, Illinois. Teachers, like parents, have a unique opportunity to touch the life of a child. I can't think of a more rewarding experience.

As you know, Mr. Speaker, I was a former high school teacher. I want to wish Rachel all the same joy and success that I shared in my teaching career.

IN MEMORY OF THE LATE MARY
NEY**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2000

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I honor today the memory of Mary A. Ney, who passed away on March 19, 2000.

Mary was a member of St. John's Catholic Church. She and her husband, Thomas J. Ney, Sr. had one son and Mary had three stepsons and six step-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege for me to pay my last respects to a lady who gave so much of herself to her community, her church and her family. Mary will be missed by all whose lives she touched.

IN HONOR OF GREEK
INDEPENDENCE DAY**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Greek Independence Day, March 25, 2000.

During the rule of the Ottoman Empire from the fifteenth through nineteenth centuries, the Greek people never lost sight of their distinct identity and deep devotion to their Orthodox Church, whose clergy played a critical function in maintaining their language and religion. As the eighteenth century ended, the Greeks began organizing a struggle for their freedom. On March 25, 1821, Bishop Germanos called for all to join the campaign for Greek independence. Despite overwhelming odds, thousands of Greeks throughout the region responded to this inspiring call and fought heroically.

The combination of Greek sacrifice and bravery with the help of foreign volunteers succeeded by the end of the 1820s in establishing an independent Greek state. The Greek-American community offers a cultural bridge between the two countries and takes

pride that Greek ideals contributed to America's revolution before Greeks themselves had the chance to follow a related and successful campaign for freedom.

This year, Greek Independence Day will be celebrated in Cleveland with an annual parade led by his Eminence Metropolitan Maximos of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. The parade will be a celebration of the Greek struggle for independence that took place 179 years ago. Parade Committee Chairperson Toula Spirtos stressed the value of this event when she said, "We owe it to our children to preserve those ideas for which the fighters of 1821 shed blood to win and our fathers shed sweat and tears to preserve for us."

My fellow colleagues, please join me in celebrating Greek Independence Day.

HONORING PAT HALBERSTADT

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2000

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I proudly honor a wonderful citizen and community member from my Congressional District in California. My friend Pat Halberstadt will be recognized this weekend by the Sister City Association of Garden Grove.

This is a local grassroots, citizen-directed effort to promote international understanding and build bridges between communities. The association carries on a relationship with Garden Grove's sister city, Anyang, South Korea. In a city that is home to so many Korean Americans, the association is to be commended for its work.

Pat Halberstadt is known for her work with the Boys & Girls Club of Garden Grove. In fact, I think it's fair to say that without Pat, there wouldn't be a Boys & Girls club there.

Pat has lived in Garden Grove all her life—perhaps that's why she cares about our community so much. Her dedication knows no bounds and goes above and beyond the call of duty.

Because of her work, we can provide a safe, high-quality source of activities and resources for our children and young people after school and for their families. Pat is also recognized for her expertise in her field, and has been asked to serve on numerous state, county and local boards.

Mr. Speaker, we are so grateful to Pat for all she's given our community's kids, and I am proud to honor her in Congress today.

HONORING KATHRYN ELIZABETH
GRANAHAN DURING WOMEN'S
HISTORY MONTH**HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFEL**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2000

Mr. HOFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Women's History Month by recognizing the contributions of an important figure from my home area. Kathryn Elizabeth Granahan had an extensive career in public service as a former Congresswoman and Treasurer of the United States.

Kathryn Granahan first served as supervisor of public assistance in the Pennsylvania State Auditor General's Department and the liaison officer between that department and the Department of Public Assistance. She also was a member of the national board of the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania. She forayed into national politics as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1960. Kathryn Granahan was first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1956 by a special election held after her husband, representative William Thomas Granahan, passed away. She filled the vacancy for that Congress and then was elected three more times, serving a total of eight years.

Kathryn Granahan, the first woman elected to Congress from the Philadelphia area, demonstrated leadership and resolve during her time in this body. She eventually became Chairman of the House Post Office and Civil Service Subcommittee on Postal Operations and took the lead in sponsoring important and controversial legislation. Kathryn Granahan was at the forefront of the fight against pornography in the mail. She introduced legislation to increase criminal penalties for perpetrators who sought to send pornographic material in the mail and she strengthened the power of the Post Office to impound such mail. She also contributed to the Supreme Court guidelines on obesity.

Kathryn Granahan served on the Committee on the District of Columbia, the Committee on Government Operations, and the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service. Among other important votes for housing for veterans, an increase in wages for federal employees and increased funding for federal agencies, she voted for the monumental Civil Rights Act of 1957.

After the 1960 Census it was determined that Philadelphia would lose one of its seats in the House of Representatives. Her seat was chosen for elimination. However, as compensation, President Kennedy appointed Kathryn Granahan as Treasurer of the United States. She served as Treasurer for three years before resigning in October of 1966 due to health reasons. She passed away in Morristown, Pennsylvania in July, 1979.

I am proud to acknowledge Kathryn Granahan and her accomplishments, both for Pennsylvania and for Women's History Month.

WORLD TB DAY

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2000

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, this Friday is World TB Day, and it reminds us that we are still not safe from this devastating disease. Although we have long known a treatment for TB, the sad truth is that this year, it will kill more people than any other year in history.

TB is the biggest infectious killer of young women in the world. In fact, TB kills more women than any single cause of maternal mortality—more than childbirth or AIDS.

In the developing world, tuberculosis also destroys girls' and women's futures. TB tends to attack its victims in their most productive years, often killing or sickening the primary breadwinner of a family. In order to pay for

medical costs and generate income, families frequently take their young girls out of school and put them to work. TB often means the loss of educational opportunity for girls of poor families.

In some parts of the world there is a great stigma attached to contracting TB. This leads to increased isolation, abandonment and divorce of women. According to WHO, recent studies on India found that 100,000 women are rejected by their families because of TB every year. In Nepal, there are numerous stories of young widows with no income and no prospects for another marriage turning to prostitution in order to support their families.

Currently an estimated one third of the world's population including some 10–15 million people in the United States are infected with the TB bacteria. Because TB is an infectious disease which can be transmitted simply by breathing in TB bacteria, there is no way to stop TB at national borders. The only way to eliminate TB here in the U.S. is to control it abroad.

It is crucial that we act immediately to control the spread of TB worldwide. There is only a small window of opportunity available to us to do so. If we fail to act now, resistant strains of TB will continue to develop which will be incredibly costly and possibly even impossible to treat. The Foreign Operations SC has led in the effort to make TB control a global priority for the U.S. Now is the time to ratchet up that effort.

Yesterday, my colleague, SHERROD BROWN and I introduced H.R. 4057, the Stop TB Now Act which calls for a U.S. investment of \$100 million in international TB control in fiscal year 2001. An investment of \$100 million would jump start effective TB control programs in those countries with the highest TB rates. If we do not invest in international TB control now when we have the means to cost-effectively control this disease around the globe, we may lose that opportunity altogether, and see a surge of MDR—TB that becomes a nearly uncontrollable plague. I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this important legislation.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF CHARLIE REAGAN

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2000

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I honor a fine gentleman, Mr. Charlie Reagan of my home town of Bay City, Michigan, on the occasion of his retirement from the Social Security Administration. As our area Congressional Liaison for Social Security matters, Charlie has been an invaluable resource for the constituents of the Fifth Congressional District, which I am proud to represent in Congress today.

Charlie was born in Gladwin, Michigan and has a long history of contributing to our community, both in his capacity as a representative of the Social Security Administration and as a citizen and community leader.

Charlie graduated from the former Bay City Handy High School and later, from my alma mater, Saginaw Valley State University. In 1968, he became one of our nation's most honored citizens, when he joined the United States Army. He served two years in Anchor-

age, Alaska, and was honorably discharged in 1970.

Charlie began his career with the Social Security Administration [SSA] prior to his service in our nation's armed forces, and upon his discharge, rejoined the agency in Bay City. In 1973, he was transferred to the Quality Assurance Group in Chicago, and in 1975, was promoted to Supervisor in the Muskegon SSA office. In 1982, we were fortunate to welcome Charlie to the Saginaw SSA office, where he has helped countless men, women and children with their Social Security rights and benefits.

Not only has Charlie's career effectively served the greater public interest, he has been involved in our community as a private citizen as well. Charlie and his wife of twenty-eight years, Beverly, are both members of St. John's Episcopal, where Charlie has served as Senior Warden, Junior Warden and Usher Coordinator. Both he and Beverly are members of the Education For Ministry at the Church. Charlie has, for many years, lent his services to helping the United Way in our community, where he has chaired the Combined Federal Campaign program. Charlie has also been involved in the Social Security Find Program, which helps sons and daughters find their parents and grandparents. And in 1999, Charlie received an award from the Office of the Inspector General, Office of Investigations for his service in bringing to justice individuals who commit Social Security fraud.

In his retirement, it is my understanding that Charlie intends to spend some quality time with his wife, Beverly, and their son, Christopher. Charlie is an avid racquetball player and dedicated crossword puzzle fan, so I fully expect him to continue with his favorite hobbies. It is also my understanding that Charlie has plans to build a state-of-the-art hot rod, much to the dismay of his wife. I wish Beverly much luck in this endeavor.

Mr. Speaker, I invite you and our colleagues to join with me in congratulating Mr. Charlie Reagan on the occasion of his retirement, and thanking him for his selfless service to our community. I wish him, and his family, continued success in all his future endeavors.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS, NJ

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2000

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to my constituents in the Borough of Highlands, NJ, as this community celebrates its 100th anniversary. To commemorate this great occasion, a centennial dinner was held yesterday evening at Bahr's restaurant, since 1917 an institution in this community located on beautiful Sandy Hook Bay.

Mr. Speaker, we stand at the threshold of a new century. At the last turn of the century, Highlands became a borough, having separated from Middleton Township. But, the history of the area goes back a great deal further. The first Europeans to see Highlands were Giovanni Verrazano and his crew aboard the *Dauphine*. The first map of the Highlands area was made by the Spaniard Diego Ribero, who called the area now known to us as