

that this method will accelerate scientific advancements. This leukemia project, developed by United Devices Incorporated, is endorsed by the American Cancer Society, the National Foundation for Cancer Research, and Oxford University.

April is Cancer Control Month, a time when we recognize our nation's long commitment to fighting cancer. Peer-to-peer technology can be a new frontier in how medical research is performed. I commend the efforts of this joint research partnership and hope this can be a substantial step that will lead to the cure for leukemia.

TRIBUTE TO THE OUTSTANDING
NEIGHBORHOOD VOLUNTEERS OF
THE YEAR AWARD NOMINEES

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 4, 2001

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the nominees for the South Carolina Outstanding Neighborhood Volunteers of the Year. Many of these volunteers nominated for the award are from my district and well deserving of the honor.

The Burton Heights-Standish Acres Neighborhood Association in Columbia, South Carolina is an organization devoted to the safety and cleanliness of their neighborhood; this association has four members who were nominated for the award. Mr. and Mrs. John Watson are dedicated volunteers who have been catalysts for a united, safe, and friendly community. Sylvester Jenkins, a charter member of the Burton Heights-Standish Acres Neighborhood Association, is a model citizen who also serves as President of the Retired Mail Handlers Organization. Venis J. Livingston is noted throughout the neighborhood for her rapport with the youth, a characteristic she utilizes in her role as a Parent educator.

"The Drama Team," a subunit of the Eau Claire Community Council Youth Organization, uses theatrical plays and artistic endeavors to educate community youth about issues ranging from HIV/AIDS to violence and drugs. "The Drama Team" has three fine women who have been nominated for the Outstanding Neighborhood Volunteers of the Year Award. Angela Cooper is a schoolteacher who provides mentoring to the students on the team, teaching self-esteem and reading skills. Community Advocate Angeline Morris ensures support from the business community to the ECCC so the operations of the team are properly financed. Rubye Finch is a team mentor who excels in the teaching of conflict resolution.

Neighborhood promotion, preservation, and improvement are the goals of the Bradley Community Council; the Council has three outstanding volunteers nominated for the award. Block Captain Sue Finch devotes her time on a regular basis to ensure the success of events such as the annual Hot Dog Night and Crime Out Night. Susan Hamm served as President of the Bradley Community Council from 1995 to 2000 and currently leads a neighborhood bible study. Stacey Shugart leads the Council in the production of a Community Directory and assists in the printing of newsletters and meeting minutes.

The Booker T. Washington High School Foundation nominated one of their founding members, Susan Brown Freeman, as the Outstanding Neighborhood Volunteer of the Year. Mrs. Freeman was the first African American consultant for Special Education teachers in Richland County, SC School District 1. Mary C. Short of the Bethel Bishop Tenant Association is another nominee for the award. Her dedication to the AmeriCorp organization along with her work as an Education Coordinator for Eau Claire Community Council has earned her a nomination. The HOPE volunteer organization nominated Samuel Gadegbeku for his work with the organization and in his community of the Colony Apartments. Mr. Gadegbeku selflessly gives his time to inspire self-esteem and hard work in the youth of his neighborhood.

The members of the Brandon Acres/Cedar Terrace Neighborhood Association are committed to preserving and improving the community in which they reside; they have nominated Dr. Ramona Lagos, professor at the University of South Carolina. Dr. Lagos organized the Association's first meeting with important city officials; she also serves as Secretary. The Seminar Ridge Neighborhood Organization organizes activities to provide the best living environment to its residents. Dr. Lois Fries served as President of this Organization for seven years, during which time she greatly increased its impact in the community. The Read Street/Edgewood Community Improvement Cooperative Council nominated Georgia Davenport for the Outstanding Neighborhood Volunteer of the Year Award. Mrs. Davenport worked extensively in the Read Street clean up, which led to a reduction in drug traffic and violence in the area.

The Booker Washington Heights Neighborhood Organization is dedicated to the improvement of the community of Columbia, South Carolina and has nominated three individuals. Johnnie Edmonds serves as Treasurer and is very active in this organization despite the fact that he moved out of the neighborhood years ago. The late Beverly Hampton left a legacy of community involvement and dedication to her neighbors when she departed this life on May 21, 2000. Kevin Speaks has worked to improve a poor section of the Booker Washington Heights neighborhood by giving his time and showing pride in his community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring each and every one of these wonderful volunteers. They show all of us what can be done if we give back to the neighborhoods and towns we call home. Every one of the nominees for the Outstanding Neighborhood Volunteers of the Year Award deserves the honor along with our appreciation.

HONORING GARY LEE TIMMER

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 4, 2001

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the loyal men and women of the Lapeer County, Michigan, Sheriff's Department. On May 11, the Department will honor one of its own, as friends, family, and colleagues will gather to celebrate the retirement

of Officer Gary Lee Timmer, after nearly 30 years of outstanding service.

Born in Almont, MI, in 1946, Gary Timmer's family moved to Imlay City, where he graduated from Imlay City High School in 1965. He entered the Police Academy in 1969 and joined the Imlay City Police Department soon after. He remained there until 1972, where he then became a member of the Lapeer County Sheriff's Department.

During his time with the Department, Gary has excelled in the proper use of firearms. In 1980, he was certified by the Detroit Firearms School as a gun range expert. The Washtenaw Firearms School bestowed the same certification upon him in 1991, along with an expert certification in semiautomatic weapon use. He has taken the responsibility to use these skills to instruct others. As a long time instructor at local gun clubs, as well as a member of the National Rifle Association, Gary teaches and promotes weapon safety and teaches a hunter's safety course.

Mr. Speaker, many people in the Lapeer area have greatly benefitted from Gary Lee Timmer's insight, experience, and commitment to preserving peace and order. He has helped make the streets safe for all its citizens, especially its children. I would also like to recognize his wife Amy, his children Curt and Shelley, and his six grandchildren. He has obviously been as strong a role model for them as he has for the people he protected for three decades. I ask my colleagues in the 107th Congress to join me in congratulating him for his dedication to justice.

HONORING THE HOPKINTON HIGH
SCHOOL GIRL'S INDOOR TRACK
TEAM

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 4, 2001

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the community of Hopkinton, Massachusetts in celebrating the achievements and accomplishments of the Hopkinton High School Girl's Indoor Track Team. On Saturday, February 24, 2001 at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston, the Hillers won their second consecutive state championship.

This accomplishment is impressive in and of itself, but when one considers the obstacles that these outstanding young female athletes had to overcome in their season-long pursuit of the title, their victory is all the more remarkable. Despite construction delays at their practice venue that kept meets from starting until halfway through the season, they remained focused. Despite season-ending injuries to essential runners Vicky Henderson and Melissa Sprachman, they were able to remain positive. And despite illnesses that affected some team members at important meets, they were able to pull together and earn victories.

At the championship, senior co-captain Christine Moschella led the Hillers' charge. She not only won the 300-meter, but set a new state record in the event as well. Freshman Tiana Riel also earned critical points for placing third in the 55-meter high hurdles. Moschella and Riel then joined with senior co-captain Jen McCowan and sophomore Emily Campbell to win the 4x200 meter relay. These