

the best methods of early intervention and treatment, and promote understanding of the special needs of autistic persons. It urges swift implementation of the Children's Health Act of 2000, particularly the establishment of at least three "centers of excellence" at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and at least five centers at the National Institutes of Health, in order to monitor the prevalence of autism at the national level.

As a proud member of the Coalition for Autism Research and Education (C.A.R.E.), I will fight for increases in support this year, to correct years of under-funding of organizations and programs that deal with autism issues.

In addition, the federal government must honor its promise to contribute up to 40 percent of the average per pupil expenditure for special needs funding. To date, the maximum the government has ever contributed is 15 percent. As an original co-sponsor of H.R. 1330, the Helping Children Succeed by Fully Funding the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, I am fighting to ensure that the federal government honors its commitment to local districts.

It is of utmost importance to me that the federal government keep its promise to special needs students so they receive the first class education they deserve. I commend my colleagues for honoring this special day and implore them to work together to guarantee that the national crisis called autism receives the critical attention and financial support its merits.

THE PASSING OF REVEREND LEON SULLIVAN, AUTHOR OF THE SULLIVAN PRINCIPLES

**HON. TOM LANTOS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay a special tribute to the passing of one of America's greatest crusaders for civil rights and human rights both here at home and around the world, the Reverend Leon Sullivan. He left a rich legacy of activity and awareness, each new endeavor serving his vision of racial harmony and understanding, and he will be remembered for his crucial role in the right against Apartheid in South Africa.

As a Philadelphia minister with the Zion Baptist Church in the early 1960's, Rev. Sullivan organized a nonviolent boycott of local companies that would not hire blacks. The boycotts proved to be highly effective, but in order to bring about a genuine turn-around in the employment situation for black residents of Philadelphia he knew that many people would need professional training opportunities. In 1965, Rev. Sullivan attempted to address this training need through the creation of Opportunities International, a job-training program that has trained to date 1.5 million people in 142 centers worldwide.

Rev. Sullivan not only tackled tough problems, he also broke new ground in generating presence and visibility for the civil rights movement. He became the first black board member of General Motors Corp. in 1971—"the conscience of the board" according to then-secretary to the GM board Rod Gilleum. Rev. Sullivan used his influence in this elite cor-

porate environment to promote what would become his most famous civil rights manifesto: the Sullivan Principles.

The Sullivan Principles were designed to guide U.S. corporate behavior in apartheid South Africa. He described these principles as "a code that companies of America and the world came to follow to end apartheid peacefully, starting with the workplace." In explaining how one must go about reforming a system as entrenched as apartheid was in South Africa, he once noted that "if you take a hammer and chisel and pound a rock 100 times, it's going to crack. I pounded and pounded, and it cracked."

After retiring from Zion Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Rev. Sullivan then created the International Foundation for Education and Self-Help. This foundation aided hundreds of thousands of people in Africa and the United States.

Rev. Sullivan's lifetime of service and achievement fortunately did not pass unrecognized. In 1992, then-President Bush recognized Rev. Sullivan's contribution to the promotion of civil rights with the Presidential Medal of Freedom. In 1999, following the release of an updated version of the Sullivan Principles, United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan said of Rev. Sullivan, "He showed us all how much one individual can do." Rev. Sullivan's principles will live on to encourage corporations around the world to engage in fair employment practices.

Together with his wife Grace, his three children Hope, Julie, and Howard, and to the countless lives he touched and minds he opened, this Congress stands today in admiration and in gratitude of this extraordinary man and his very good works. Thank you, Rev. Sullivan, and may each of us learn from your example.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CHRISTOPHER SCHMUS, SBA YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR

**HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, today I'd like to salute a man from my district who, at a relatively young age, has become quite the success story. Christopher Schmus, President and Chief Executive Officer of ProDriver Leasing (PDL) Systems, Inc., has been honored by the Small Business Administration as its Young Entrepreneur of the Year.

Four years ago, after rising through the ranks of the trucking industry, Chris recognized the un-met need for highly qualified, professional truck drivers and set about to establish a business to fill that void. In 1997, at the age of 23, with only \$3,000 in cash, Chris started PDL out of his basement with only three drivers, including himself. The business recruits and trains its drivers, who are then placed with trucking companies who don't have enough drivers of their own, for a day, a week, or longer.

The company took off, doing a half-million dollars in business its first year. Since that time, ProDriver's commitment to its customers and its employees has earned it a stellar reputation in the business. Its workforce is now

approximately 100 employees, and the company earned almost \$4 million in sales in 1999.

Locally, PDL has been honored by the Milwaukee Metropolitan Association of Commerce as one of the "Future 50" companies the group has identified as major contributors to the economic health of the area. ProDriver was also named by the group as one of the five fastest growing companies in Milwaukee.

Now the company is being recognized nationally, by the Small Business Administration (SBA), and they couldn't be more deserving. The hard work and dedication that Christopher Schmus has poured into his business for the last five years has paid off. I'm proud to recognize him today for his remarkable accomplishments and the honor he will receive from the SBA here in Washington. Congratulations to all of ProDriver's staff, and continued success in the future.

HONORING THE LATE MARION JENKINS

**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask that Congress pause for a moment of silence in memory of a life long resident of Durango, Colorado. Marion E. Jenkins, owner and operator of the former Jenkins Ranch, died from a stroke on April 30 at the age of 82. Marion became a friend of everyone he met and will truly be missed.

"He was one of those guys you loved being with, and he loved being with you," said Kenny Jenkins, Marion's son. "He never was a stranger. Everybody was his friend." Marion was a cattle rancher who loved to tell stories and travel across the United States with friends and family.

Marion moved to the family ranch in 1920. Over the years the ranch grew to 520 acres, which was used primarily for cattle and crops. Marion served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps during World War II, where he was present at the Normandy Landing. "He's one of those people that will sorely be missed," said friend Ray Stolworthy. "Marion Jenkins would like to be remembered as a person who would not condemn anybody for something they wanted."

Mr. Speaker, Marion Jenkins spent a lifetime being everyone's friend, for that I would like Congress to take a moment and pay respects to a great friend. An entire community will miss Marion.

IN HONOR OF MRS. FILOMENA "MINNIE" ZAHARSKY, RECIPIENT OF THE UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY OF HUDSON COUNTY "LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT" AWARD

**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Filomena "Minnie"