

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT
BANK FUNDING FOR JOB PRO-
GRAM OF AMIA JEWISH COMMU-
NITY IN ARGENTINA

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 11, 2001

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, today at noon, the President of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), Mr. Enrique V. Iglesias, and Dr. Hugo Ostrower, President of the Argentine Mutual Aid Association (AMIA), signed an agreement here in Washington under terms of which \$3.5 million will be provided by the IDB to AMIA to assist Jewish organizations in Argentina to provide employment assistance.

The serious economic problems that have struck Argentina have had a particularly heavy impact upon the middle class, creating unemployment and impoverishment. The significant Jewish community in Buenos Aires and other Argentine cities has been particularly affected by the economic problems, and recent reports indicate that as a result of the economic crisis fully a quarter of the Jewish community in the country are impoverished. Hundreds of young Jewish couples are seeking employment assistance, and community dining rooms feed numerous Jews in need of basic nourishment. Many Jewish families face serious housing problems, and many live in shanty towns and even on the street. These deteriorating conditions have occurred rapidly in just the past few years.

Mr. Speaker, AMIA is an organization with a history of service for the past 107 years, and it is the core Jewish service organization in Argentina. This organization has been playing a critical role in helping the Jewish community deal with the severe economic difficulties. AMIA established an Occupational Center for Labor Development, which has helped some five thousand people find jobs over the past five years. According to IDB reports, the Center "has become the largest employment source based on the number of firms served and by its effectiveness in securing jobs."

The new agreement establishing the IDB-AMIA cooperative project with funding of \$3.5 million will strengthen the capabilities of AMIA's Employment Center, by expanding its services and will permit the opening of similar centers in various locations throughout greater Buenos Aires, as well as in the Argentine cities of Cordoba, Rosario, Tuchuman, and La Plata.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the Inter-American Development Bank for providing this generous and significant support to AMIA. I also want to recognize Dr. Hugo Ostrower, the President of AMIA, for his record of leadership and service to the Jewish Community of Argentina and the creative approach to assisting members of that community to find employment. These efforts are obviously beneficial not only to the

Jewish Community, but also for all Argentines. It will be an important contribution to the economic recovery of the country.

Mr. Speaker, for most Americans, AMIA became a household word after the July 18, 1994, bombing of the AMIA Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires, Argentina. In that vicious terrorist attack, some 86 people were killed, hundreds more were injured, and property damage was enormous. That vicious terrorist action was only one of the many such attacks that terrorists have inflicted upon innocent civilians virtually around the world over the past decade. Because of that horror brought upon AMIA seven years ago, it is most appropriate that ADB is providing this assistance to AMIA at this time when we are moving decisively in concert with our allies and all civilized nations against those who perpetrate such atrocities.

HONORING PENNSYLVANIAN
VOLUNTEERS

HON. GEORGE W. GEKAS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 11, 2001

Mr. GEKAS. The tragedies that befell our country on September 11, 2001 claimed many, many lives. The impact of this loss of life rippled out across this great land of ours even to the far reaches of the earth.

These ripples brought back waves of support from our friends and allies across the world. However, the sweat and labor of those who toiled to rescue our fallen, take care of the injured and clean up the destruction left behind in the aftermath belonged primarily to the good people of America.

The citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have always had a giving spirit. The attacks of September 11 brought out volunteers by the hundreds from Pennsylvania. I would like to take this time to thank all the volunteers from my home state who gave so much during this difficult time.

In my district, organizations like the Salvation Army, The Red Cross, county fire departments, the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Administration reacted so quickly and with much kindness to the disaster sites in New York and the Pentagon. As I toured Camp Unity at the Pentagon, I was touched by the tremendous effort put forth by all of the volunteers.

Many companies from my district helped in the recovery efforts with food, supplies and monetary donations. M&M Mars and Hershey Foods sent food to the relief workers at the Trade Towers and the Pentagon. Employees from companies like Armstrong World Industries, Isaac's Deli, Kuntz Leshner LLP, Rettew Associates, and the Dana Corporation have contributed money and/or blood to help in the relief efforts.

I would remiss if I did not mention the brave men and women of the Pennsylvania National Guard who aided in search and rescue efforts in New York.

All the names of volunteers, non-profit organizations and commercial companies are not known to me because of the humility of all those involved in the relief efforts. The names I provide have been acquired by happenstance and research on the part of my staff.

I wish I could name all who have given of themselves, so their names would be forever engraved in history in this record. I can but offer my sincerest thanks to all the nameless persons who came to America in her time of need.

I submit the following names of volunteers from Pennsylvania. A great portion of these individuals resides in the Seventeenth Congressional District. Thank you, my friends, for your kindness, decency, sweat and tears. You are patriots in your own right. God bless.

Paul A. Andrulonis; David Baer, Jr.; Ken Baer, Jr.; Douglas M. Bair; Jeremiah Bayer; Richard M. Benditt; Herbert M. Berger, Jr.; Duane Black; Kevin Brady; Kurt Braeunle; Louis J. Brasten; Jeffrey W. Brouse; Steve Cassel; Donald W. Chesbro; John R. Conklin; Robert Crossfield; Ray Culbreth; Major Ron Dake; John "Butch" Dietrich; James R. Dickson, M.D.; George C. Drees; Captain Gregory Durand; John Earwood; Fred Endrikat; David Eiceman; Sylvester Evans; Hazel Feliz; Christopher Fisher; Michael Foley; Albert J. Gilgallon; John Gilkey; Michael Gittle; John D. Glenn; Shawn J. Glynn; Sue Grassman; Daniel Gruber; William A. Hamilton; Major Joyce Hardy; Daniel N. Hartman; Rich Harvey; Alta Hendricks; Andrew J. Henry; Patti Homan; Thomas A. Homer; Michael R. Horst; Alfred E. Howard; Warren C. Humphrey; David S. Jaslow, M.D.; Robert F. Keehfus; Roseann Keller; Dawn Khamvongsa; James R. Kramer; Michael P. Kurtz; George J. Lazorchick; Richard E. Lenker, Jr.; Joseph J. Lockett; Major Timothy Lyle; Joseph G. Mack; Lee Manifold; Robert T. McCaa; James McHenry; Gerard McKeown; Robert Meyer, Sr.; Bess Minnich; Timothy M. Moffa; Craig Murphy; Thomas G. Murray; Martyn R. Nevil; Gregory G. Noll; John O'Neill; Jeffrey D. Orledge, M.D.; Cynthia M. Otto; David R. Padfield; Donald Pelton; Margaret Pepe; Murray Peterson; Nelson Powden; Chief Earl Reidell; Shirley Remis; Joseph W. Reynolds Jr.; Betty Robertson; Ed Robertson; Terry Rodenhauer; Stephen M. Rosito; John D. Ross; Danny R. Sacco; Joseph M. Santoro; Walter Sawruk, Jr.; Kelvin L. Seigle; Chris Selfridge; Timothy Sevison; Anne Shanahan; Hurshel Shank; Gerald T. Smink; Captain Chris Smith; John M. Smith; Jeff Snyder; Gregg W. Staub; Robert T. Strasbaugh; Cherianita Thomas; Jeffrey L. Tracey; David Tretter; Francis A. Werner; Michael A. Whalen; Christopher M. Wilhelm; Joseph K. Williams; Gerry Winters.

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IN HONOR OF MR. MIKE REINERI

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 11, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the countless achievements and honors of Mr. Mike Reineri, who will be sworn into the Radio & Television Broadcasting Hall of Fame on November 11, 2001.

Mr. Reineri has a long and distinguished career within the broadcasting industry. He has served in countless capacities in many different cities throughout his tenure and has broadcast in many different localities. At age 14 he was invited to a radio station and was told he had absolutely no future in the radio business—he soon proved them wrong.

Mr. Reineri's first major appearance on radio was in 1959 with WFVG in North Carolina. He stayed there for about a year and soon moved to WKIK, where he did a rock-n-roll show from 7–11 p.m. at a remote studio at the Piggy-Park Drive-In in Raleigh. His outstanding style of broadcasting drew crowds from all across the state.

Throughout the next few years, his travels and career led him through Chicago, Atlanta, Jacksonville, Cleveland, Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, and many other places. While broadcasting for Cleveland, he started and promoted the very successful "Shoes for Kids" program that provides underprivileged and homeless children with footwear. He covered a variety of events including the Washington Peace Rally, Kent State shootings, and the George Wallace shootings. Professionally, Mr. Reineri has done promotions for many organizations including Walt Disney World. He has also participated in great activities such as flying the Goodyear Blimp and riding in the Miami Grand Prix.

Mr. Reineri has also been extremely active in his local community. For 18 years, Mike has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Club of Miami and has been awarded the Service to Youth Award and Service Bar. In 1991 he was awarded the Easter Seals Man of the Year Award in Miami and the Miami Power Squadron Award for Outstanding Contribution to Safe Boating.

This small list only includes but a few of Mr. Reineri's many achievements and awards in broadcasting which has qualified him to be accepted into the Radio & Television Broadcasting Hall of Fame.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing and honoring a man who has touched the national community with not only his radio shows, but his heart, Mr. Mike Reineri, on his acceptance into the Radio & Television Broadcasting Hall of Fame.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. ROGERS
K. COLEMAN'S SERVICE TO THE
HEALTH CARE INDUSTRY

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 11, 2001

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, from small-town doctor to chairman of one of America's premier health insurance companies, Dr. Rog-

ers Coleman has made countless contributions to the nation's health care system for nearly half a century. A staunch supporter of the managed care system, which has introduced disease management and helped control escalating health care costs, Dr. Coleman also has been a leader in forging partnerships between the public and private sectors to provide basic medical care benefits for all Americans.

For 10 years, Dr. Coleman led Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas—the state's first and largest not-for-profit health insurer—through the most progressive change and largest expansion in its 62-year history. For seven of those years, he oversaw significant expansion of the company's Medicare business. From 1991 to 1996, he led Blue Cross' transformation from a fee-for-service to a managed care organization to better meet the health coverage needs of Texans. During that time, the company expanded its HMO statewide and introduced PPO and point-of-service coverage. Then from 1996 to 1998, he led the Texas Plan through significant regulatory hurdles to complete its merger with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois—quadrupling Texas' financial reserves and ensuring that for many years to come, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas would continue to help meet the health care needs of Texas communities.

As chairman of Health Care Service Corporation (HCSC) following the merger between the Texas and Illinois Plans, Dr. Coleman has overseen HCSC's acquisitions of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Mexico and NYLCare's commercial HMO operations in Texas—increasing HCSC membership to approximately 7.4 million.

Over the past decade, Dr. Coleman has made quality health coverage a top priority at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas. Under his leadership, the company has received five consecutive two-year accreditations from the Utilization Review Accreditation Commission for demonstrating a commitment to providing excellent service and quality PPO and point-of-service products. Over the past two years, Southwest Texas HMO and Texas Gulf Coast HMO have received NCQA accreditation for service and clinical quality that meet the NCQA's rigorous requirements for consumer protection and quality improvement.

And much of Dr. Coleman's vision for a health improvement organization has been realized with the strides Blue Cross has made in health and wellness programs. Since 1995, he has overseen the company's development of a new maternity program, a nurse counseling service, and disease management programs for asthma, diabetes, hypertension, congestive heart failure and HIV.

While Dr. Coleman has done much for HCSC during the last three years and for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas over the past quarter century, he will be most remembered for his efforts on behalf of the uninsured. As one of only a handful of doctors in America to head a health insurance company, he has been uniquely qualified to address one of the country's most difficult issues. He says that what he remembers most about his 18-year private practice in general medicine and surgery were the people who needed medical attention but had no health insurance.

To help solve this problem, in 1991, Dr. Coleman spearheaded the effort at Blue Cross to establish the Caring for Children Foundation

of Texas, which provided free outpatient health coverage to nearly 7,000 Texas children whose parents could not afford such coverage. In 1997, he supported the company's effort to create the Texas Care Van Program, which has provided more than 70,000 free immunizations to medically underserved children and seniors in the state since it began. In 1998, he saw that Blue Cross became the first administrator of the Texas Health Insurance Risk Pool, a program that today is providing health insurance to 14,000 Texans who, otherwise, might not be able to obtain coverage.

Dr. Coleman led the organization's 1999 media campaign in Texas' largest cities to address the unprecedented level of legislative involvement in the health care industry. Instead of more mandates that he said would worsen the uninsured problem and push the private, employer-based health insurance system closer to the breaking point, Dr. Coleman advocated innovative solutions like health insurance tax credits for the uninsured—an idea that is today clearly on the table in Washington.

And last year, Dr. Coleman helped develop a proposal for the Texas Governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on the Uninsured that would allow Texas workers to take their health insurance with them as they move from job to job.

Although Dr. Coleman's accomplishments have been many and impressive, including the "Award of Exceptional Service" from Medicare, one wouldn't know it given his unassuming and gracious demeanor. He always has recognized others for their accomplishments, never failing to say thank you for even the most ordinary contributions. Ironic in a way, since for the last half century, his contributions to the health care field have been anything but ordinary.

HONORING RICHARD F. CERESKO

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 11, 2001

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a man who has served his country, his state, and his fellow veterans for over thirty years. Richard F. "Dick" Ceresko is retiring on Friday, October 12th, after fourteen years as the Director of the State of Colorado's Division of Veterans' Affairs. In that time, he has played an integral role in expanding and improving both state and federal services for veterans. Although he will be leaving his official post, his legacy will live on in the new partnerships he crafted with private groups and federal agencies, new facilities to care for our veterans, and new national cemeteries to honor them eternally.

You might say that Dick Ceresko was born to serve his country. His father fought in World War II, and his grandfather served in the Navy at the turn of the 20th Century. In October of 1965, Mr. Ceresko entered the U.S. Marine Corps where he earned his Naval wings and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. He was ordered to Vietnam in July, 1967, and flew more than 360 missions as co-pilot, first pilot, and flight leader in a helicopter gunship during combat operations. He served throughout the northern "I-Corps," including Khe Sanh, Hue, Dong Ha and Con Thien, before

he returned stateside in 1968. In other words, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Ceresko flew more than one mission per day while in Vietnam. For his service, he was honored with numerous awards and decorations including 19 Air Medals, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with Four Stars, the Presidential Unit Citation and the National Defense Service Medal. He was honorably discharged in 1970 in the rank of Captain.

Mr. Ceresko joined the State of Colorado Division of Veterans' Affairs in 1980, and became the director of the Division in 1987. In this capacity, he served no fewer than 410,000 veterans every year. I became acquainted with Mr. Ceresko as the State of Colorado began planning a new, 180-bed extended care facility for veterans to be located at the former Fitzsimons Army Medical Center. This is an incredibly important project, since Fitzsimons promises to become one of the world's preeminent medical campuses in the years to come. He was the first veteran to make me aware that then-President Clinton's Budget proposals were not sufficient to pay the federal share of constructing this new veterans' nursing home. I asked him to crunch the numbers, and we determined that in order to save the facility, I needed to fight for extra funding on the floor of the House of Representatives in the form of an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2000 VA-HUD Appropriations bill. The amendment was successful, two years in a row, diverting more than \$37 million towards state veterans' nursing homes nationwide. Since that time, I've considered Mr. Ceresko one of my best resources as I weigh the many proposals that affect veterans in Congress.

I know that Dick Ceresko will be missed by his peers and his fellow veterans, but I'm sure his retirement will be welcomed by his wife, Martha, and their four children. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the veterans of my district, I want to thank Dick for his service and wish him much happiness, fishing and fulfillment in his retirement.

DANISH SUPPORT FOR UNITED STATES IN WAKE OF TERRORISTS ATTACKS

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 11, 2001

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, the tragedy one month ago today on September 11 has not only created a new unity within our nation, but throughout the rest of the world and the strong political support and spontaneous public displays of compassion have touched all of us. The American people's spirits have been lifted as they've witnessed the outpouring of support and testaments of solidarity with the American people expressed by the world community. They understand that these horrific attacks were not merely aimed at the American people and our symbols of freedom and prosperity, but they were attacks against all free and democratic nations around the globe.

Mr. Speaker, while we have seen such expressions of support for our country from Nations everywhere, as Chairman of the Congressional Friends of Denmark, I would like to call the attention of my colleagues to what our

Danish friends have done. The well-known Danish humanitarian spirit was in no better evidence than after the terrible attacks on New York City and Washington. As word of the tragedy arrived in the Danish capital of Copenhagen, a slow, steady stream of Danish citizens began congregating in front of our Embassy. As hundreds grasped candles, they laid on the sidewalk tokens of their sorrow and solidarity: flowers, ribbons, hastily scribbled notes, banners, drawings, and flags. People came and left throughout the night and soon thousands of candles flickered in the darkness. United States Embassy staff were greeted with handshakes, hugs and many tears as they left the building. Some Danes joined hands and sang Amazing Grace as well as traditional Danish songs of mourning.

The next morning, there was still no let up in the number of people and flowers. For the next three days, much of it in rain and cold, thousands of Danes took their turn holding vigil in front of our Embassy in as much a deep felt display of caring for the victims, as their own silent protest against the new threat to the liberty and freedom of all of us.

Mr. Speaker, by Friday, well over a thousand people, far more than could be accommodated in the small courtyard on the Embassy compound, assembled in front of our Embassy for a ceremony to honor those who lost their lives in the attacks. The event was watched on live television by much of the nation. At noon, traffic in Copenhagen literally stopped for two minutes, as average citizens stepped out of their cars, from Kongens Nytorv to Radhuspladsen, and on streets from Amager to Charlottelund, they stopped everything for two minutes of silence. No honking of horns, no rumble of buses, no sounds of airplanes, no sirens, just the ringing of thousands of church bells.

Earlier, Queen Margrethe II, the Prime Minister and all members of government, leading opposition politicians, the diplomatic corps, joined our Embassy staff at one of hundreds of memorial services. At the same time, throughout the whole country people were pouring into places of worship to express their grief.

Even today, Danish fire fighters, police officers and public servants along with numerous private organizations, amateur sports clubs and schools have started collections intended for the Red Cross and/or the victims' families. An Internet web-site was opened September 13 for sympathizers to light a candle for the victims of the terrorist attacks, and within a few hours, more than 5,000 had done so. Other web-sites offered similar services—thousands of electronic roses have thus been sent across the Atlantic.

Mr. Speaker, the Danish population stands shoulder to shoulder with their American friends against this scourge of terrorism. A recent Gallup poll shows that eighty percent of the Danes—under normal circumstances pacifists by heart—are willing to let their national troops participate in military actions against the perpetrators of the terrorist attacks. That percentage is the highest registered in all public polls in Europe.

Mr. Speaker, the Danish members of the Royal family, along with Danish politicians and government officials and the country's citizens have reacted forcefully and with great empathy to the horrible attacks on September 11. Their actions, and similar expressions of sup-

port and compassion from around the globe, have not gone unnoticed here in America. We are deeply grateful to the Danes for standing with us in our time of trouble, just as we stood with them during their own painful experience under Nazism. On behalf of all Americans, we thank you.

TRIBUTE TO REV. PORTER S. BROWN, SR.

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 11, 2001

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call the attention of my colleagues a friend and constituent of the Sixth District of New Jersey celebrating twenty years of pastoral service to the Baptist church.

Born the youngest son of the late Johnnie and Flora Brown, Porter Brown entered this world on December 6, 1947. He grew up in Atlantic City and became heavily active in the church early on.

As a child he was involved in the Junior Ushers, Church School, Youth Choir, and Baptist Training. He graduated from Atlantic City High School in 1965 and enrolled in Lincoln University in September 1966 to study literature. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Literature in English in May 1970.

He took on a variety of educational teaching offers after college from teaching at River Middle School in Red Bank to becoming the program director of the Red Bank Community Center. In 1978, Mr. Brown transferred and began teaching at Asbury Park High School, where he taught for twenty years before retiring in June of 2000.

In 1973, Mr. Brown joined the Faith Baptist Tabernacle. During this time, he served as the chairman of the Shore Community Day Care Center Building Committee and also as a church school teacher. He was ordained as an assistant to the pastor in January 1980 and preached at churches throughout New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania, and continued to teach bible studies through the Monmouth Bible Institute.

In September 1981, Mr. Brown received the great honor of becoming the 4th Pastor of the Faith Baptist Tabernacle church. Pastor Brown has served the people of his community and has continued to see his church grow larger and larger with each passing year during his tenure. He is being honored on this day for his loyalty to his church, community, the educational system and the family.

He has been blessed with a wife, Elder, two sons, two daughters, and seven grandchildren. On this day we celebrate the life and journey of a man that has given so much back to what his community, church, and life has given him.

IN HONOR OF FATHER THOMAS MARTIN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 11, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Reverend Thomas Martin, who

passed away on September 22, 2001 at the age of 72. Father Martin spent 25 years as the pastor of St. Francis Catholic Church on Superior Avenue in Cleveland, where he dedicated his life to helping those in his parish and the community find meaning in their lives and to increase the opportunities available to those who are less fortunate.

Rev. Martin was born in Cleveland, Ohio and graduated from Benedictine High School in 1947. He then attended St. Procopius College in Illinois, St. Gregory Seminary in Cincinnati, and St. Mary Seminary in Cleveland, before being ordained in 1956. While he spent the latter years of his life at St. Francis, Fr. Martin also served at a number of other parishes located in Cleveland, Bay Village, and Painesville, as well as on several diocesan commissions.

Rev. Martin was a strong advocate of helping those in need with every means possible and spent countless hours working on projects to improve the lives of low-income families. One such project Rev. Martin helped organize was the Famicos Foundation, which is a neighborhood development organization that provides housing and social services for low income families. He and Sister Henrietta founded Famicos in the Hough neighborhood, which is in close vicinity to St. Francis. In addition, Rev. Martin was a strong advocate of the use of vouchers to allow students to attend Catholic schools who otherwise could not afford to do so.

Rev. Thomas Martin is survived by a sister, Delores M. Lucas, and by three brothers: Jerry J., George G., and Richard J. Thomas. Reverend Thomas will be sorely missed by those in his parish and community, and he will forever be remembered for his generous heart and for all the hard work he put into improving the lives of those around him.

IN RECOGNITION OF NUCOR
STEEL'S EXEMPLARY COR-
PORATE CITIZENSHIP

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 11, 2001

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, those of us who support business and the contributions that companies make to our districts often speak of the value of "good corporate citizenship." This is a term that can be defined in many ways. To some, it can mean creating jobs and making substantial economic investment. To others, it can mean taking a leadership position on issues of local concern. To still others it can mean a willingness to do whatever it takes to improve the lives and lifestyles of the people in the community.

In Leon County, Texas, we are indeed fortunate to have a company that satisfies all of those criteria. By virtually any measure, Nucor Steel's facility in Jewett is one of our state's top corporate citizens, and the relationship it has built with local leaders, schools and civic groups is a model for companies everywhere.

The Jewett facility is a part of Nucor Steel Corporation, the nation's largest recycler of steel—with 12 million tons annually—and a worldwide leader in technical innovation, safety, and employee commitment. During the Jewett site's 26 years of operation, it has built

a record of accomplishment and civic involvement that has been vital to shaping a better quality of life for the people of Leon County.

Those achievements begin with the facility's commitment to the environment. The Jewett Division recycles 800,000 tons of scrap metal every year. This is material that would otherwise be clogging our landfills, or haphazardly discarded on the sides of the road or in empty fields. Beyond that, every byproduct of the manufacturing process is recycled, further reducing the need for treatment and disposal.

Underscoring this commitment to environmental stewardship is a technology that reduces energy and the need for virgin resources. By using the electric arc furnace, or EAF, Nucor saves 2,500 pounds of iron ore, 1,400 pounds of coal and 120 pounds of limestone for every ton of steel recycled. What's more, the process requires less energy. Annually, the EAF process saves enough energy to electrically power the entire city of Los Angeles for eight years.

Even with these successes, the Jewett facility is not resting on its laurels. The company is now planning a \$150 million investment over the next five years at the site that will allow older equipment to be phased out and replaced with new, state-of-the-art systems. These systems will employ the best developed available technology, and ensure that Nucor can meet the most stringent environmental regulations—now and in the future.

The Jewett facility continues to be a major contributor to the local economy as well. It has created more than 500 jobs, and Nucor has invested \$150 million at the site over the past ten years—an investment that translates to tax revenues that further support the critical services that Leon County delivers its citizens. Additionally, Nucor spent about \$75 million with local and surrounding vendors last year alone, extending its economic impact far beyond the plant's physical location.

Finally, the Jewett Division has repeatedly demonstrated its commitment to serving important, essential community needs. Consider its education programs, for example. Every child of every Nucor employee is eligible for a \$2,500-per-year scholarship for college or vocational training. To date, the facility has awarded more than \$1.6 million in assistance to 270 students. By helping these young people realize their full potential—as professionals, business people, teachers and members of the community—Nucor is doing more than contributing to the betterment of the students and their families. It is contributing to the betterment of society.

But the civic commitment does not stop there. This is a company that has supported alcohol-free student programs like Project Graduation. It is a longstanding contributor to 4-H, and the Future Farmers of America. For Earth Day, the Jewett facility teamed with Nucor's Vulcraft Group in Grapeland, Texas, for a scrap metal recycling drive that collected 30 tons of obsolete materials, and also donated live oak trees to the Leon County Independent School District. And when Jewett needed a public park, Nucor bought the land and donated all the steel needed for construction. That effort earned it the local Chamber of Commerce's "Business of the Year" award.

Mr. Speaker, the first requirement of corporate citizenship is also the most basic: To pull your own weight on behalf of your community. Nucor's Jewett facility has done ex-

actly that—and more. With a record of environmental stewardship, economic contributions and civil leadership, Nucor Steel's Jewett Division has earned the thanks and respect of people throughout my district. I appreciate this opportunity to share its achievements with you, and to join in the recognition of a truly great "corporate citizen."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DEDICATION OF THE W. RUEL JOHNSON ECOLOGICAL RESERVE

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 11, 2001

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of a respected humanitarian, a man whose contributions to his community continue long after his passing. Monday, October 15th marks the dedication of the W. Ruel Johnson Ecological Reserve, a 1,350 acre reserve that ensures coming generations will continue to enjoy the natural beauty and environmental diversity that Southern California offers.

The Reserve's origins date back to 1966, when Ruel Johnson purchased the property that became Johnson Ranch. The Johnson family farmed the land for 18 years before opening it up to recreational uses like hunting and hiking. Recently, Riverside County purchased the land from the Johnson family with an agreement that the land would remain open space.

State and county officials will dedicate the land and memorialize the namesake. The Reserve will serve as a central component of the Riverside County Integrated Plan, a long-range effort to address the region's transportation, conservation, and land-use requirements for the coming decades. During the dedication, the state's Wildlife Conservation Board will present Riverside County with a check for \$10.9 million, acknowledging their shared responsibility to ensure this planning effort continues to meet success.

None of this would have been possible were it not for the generosity of the Johnson family. As Founder of the Riverside Community Health Foundation and in numerous other contributions to youth and education organizations, Ruel Johnson served as an example for his family and for all of our community's philanthropists. I am honored to stand to recognize his achievements. The W. Ruel Johnson Ecological Reserve is aptly named and its namesake well-deserving of this distinguished honor.

IN HONOR OF THE 2ND ANNUAL CELEBRATE EMPOWERMENT GALA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 11, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Renee Jones Empowerment Center on their 2nd Annual Celebrate Empowerment Gala.

The Renee Jones Empowerment Center is a new non-profit organization that was founded to foster positive opportunities for at-risk individuals. The overarching goal of this organization is to increase self-esteem through intensive motivation clinics and workshops that confront real life issues, and provide for life-like experiences. These workshops are designed on the philosophy of determination, self-reliance, and the desire to achieve all your dreams. The workshops aim to prepare individuals for the job market and teach them of personal budgeting.

The Center has worked in the past with Head Start, M.A.D.D., The Center for Prevention of Domestic Violence, and Cuyahoga Community College. They have provided great strides in building a network that is dedicated to helping people in crisis and the community as a whole.

In 1999, the 1st Celebrate Empowerment Black Tie Gala honored 78 individuals who became self-reliant. This year, the Center hopes to honor even more individuals that have worked themselves out of the constraints of poverty.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing and honoring a wonderful organization that is dedicated to helping fellow individuals in the community, the Renee Jones Empowerment Center, on their 2nd Annual Celebrate Empowerment Gala.

CHILD CARE WORKERS WERE
HEROES, TOO

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 11, 2001

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, since the terrible events of September 11th, we have all read account of the bravery and heroism displayed by Americans in the face of horrific terror in New York, Washington, and on board hijacked airliners. These men and women—fire fighters, police, rescue workers and airline passengers—thought not about their personal safety and security, but about their responsibilities to others. They did their jobs, but they often did much more. By their bravery, they displayed the very best qualities and earned our gratitude forever.

A recent column by Sue Shellenbarger in the Wall Street Journal draws our attention to another group of people who confronted the dangers of September 11 with great courage: child care workers. We have heard little about their determination to protect the children in their charge despite serious dangers. Ms. Shellenbarger recounts harrowing examples of children trapped and in danger whose lives were likely saved by dedicated child care workers.

It is worth noting that child care workers are among the very lowest paid workers. Yet millions of Americans daily entrust their children to the care of these women and men in order to earn a living for their families. The poor pays of child care workers contributes to massive turnover that undercuts the quality of services for our children. We must make a greater commitment to improving the quality of child care for the sake of our children, and to properly honor those whose dedication and

courage for their young charges is undiminished by dangers of themselves.

The article follows:

TEACHERS SAFELY EVACUATED CHILDREN
CAUGHT IN ATTACKS

(By Sue Shellenbarger)

Is worksite child care safe? Amid few fears for children, many parents wonder whether bringing kids to high-profile, visible workplaces is unwise.

Among all the tales of Sept. 11 heroism are two stories that should reassure parents: How teachers at the World Trade Center and Pentagon child-care centers safely evacuated the children in their charge.

The 14 teachers at Children's Discovery Center in 5 World Trade Center, a building that later party collapsed had taken in only 42 early arrivals by the time the first plane hit that morning.

As the ground shook, teachers grabbed each child's emergency records, took babies in their arms and, following a drill they practiced every month, led the children outside, leaving behind their own purses and, in some cases, their own shoes, says Kristin Thomas, head of northeast operations for Knowledge Learning, the San Rafael, Calif., operator of the center. Some parents raced in to pick up children, too, leaving staffers with just 28 kids.

Once outside, the ragtag band was barred by police from the preset evacuation destination, 7 World Trade. Then, the second plane hit. Split into two groups by flying debris and hordes of fleeing people, teachers began walking north. One group picked up several shopping carts from a grocery store and helped toddlers inside, telling them, "We're going for a little ride," Ms. Thomas says. Some passing businessmen tore off their white shirts to cover the children.

Some teachers, with babies propped on their hips, were soon barefoot; the paper booties they'd donned in the center's infant room had shredded from all the walking. Armed with the emergency records, staffers borrowed phones to get messages to parents. Both groups trekked more than a mile before coming to rest, one in a hospital and the second in a preschool. All the kids were returned safe to parents; in the preschool, many were napping on cots as parents arrived.

At the Pentagon, Shirley Allen, director of the Children's World Learning Center, had plenty to worry about after Flight 77 plowed into the building. Her husband, a naval officer, worked in an office directly in the path. But Ms. Allen, a 12-year child-care veteran, thought only of evacuating the 148 children in her center, located about 30 yards from the Pentagon. In a process also honed by monthly drills, she and her 36 staffers rounded up youngsters, put babies in mobile cribs and set out across a park.

Hundreds of panicky workers ran past the children. Rescue workers relocated Ms. Allen's group five times. Again and again, she had to demand loudly that security officers accompany the kids as they moved. Heart pounding, she fought fears that a child would be lost.

But with the children, she and the teachers, many of them equally experienced, kept calm. "The children were relaxed, because they looked into their teachers' faces and saw they were relaxed," Ms. Allen says. To distract them, teachers played pat-a-cake and sang "Eensy Weensy Spider."

Not until three hours later, with the children safe and most of them back in parents' care, did Ms. Allen allow herself to think of her husband. She burst into tears. Two hours later, she finally learned he was safe. Three children at the center, Ms. Allen says, her

voice breaking, lost a parent. The center reopened Monday.

Child-care teachers generally aren't paid enough to reflect the awesome responsibilities they bear. Both the Pentagon and the World Trade child-care centers were high-quality facilities subsidized by employers. That support helped produce the policies, training and employee-retention programs that prepared these staffers so well. Bright Horizons Family Solutions, a high-quality child-care concern, won't even open a worksite facility without employer support, in subsidies or facilities.

Operations chiefs at several big child-care chains say they'll study government or military locations more carefully before opening new centers, but none said they plan to pull back. Joseph Silverman, president of Day Care Insurance Services, an Encino, Calif., brokerage, says exits should be safe and accessible, and centers probably shouldn't be above the second floor.

That said, worksite child care is still one of the safest places to leave a child. "Do I keep a day-care facility out of the Pentagon? Probably not," Mr. Silverman says. "You start thinking that way: Do I keep a day-care facility off an earthquake fault line? Do I keep a day-care facility off a flight path? And where do you stop?" Roughly three million children attend child-care centers safely every day.

In dangerous times, parents want their kids near them. Child-care center enrollments haven't fallen in Oklahoma City since the 1995 attack on the federal building there, a blast that killed 19 kids in a center. Centers in U.S. government buildings have since grown about 10%.

Perhaps parents' biggest job is banishing fear—putting on a calm face, as these teachers did, so children can stay calm. "Children, of course, always have giants and monsters in their minds, but now the adults do, too," says Bright Horizons' Jim Greenman. "At some level, we have to remember: We know how to cope with this."

TRIBUTE TO MR. ROBERT G.
DAVID

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

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Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to Mr. Robert G. David, a notable citizen of Northville and a constituent in Michigan's Eleventh Congressional district. Mr. David has served his community with distinction and honor and has recently been bestowed with two special awards.

In 1997, while still an undergraduate at Michigan State University, Mr. David initiated the Campus Walking Tour program that would eventually foster the creation of the present Student Alumni Foundation. Since this graduation in 1978, Mr. David founded his own business, the David Group, and he is an executive producer to the nationally syndicated Glenn Haegge radio show. In addition, Mr. David has co-chaired Celebrate Northville, which organizes the Fourth of July Parade and fireworks for the city, served as president of the Broad School Alumni Association Board of Directors, and been an elected precinct delegate.

Mr. David has been honored by his Alma Mater with two prestigious awards. In 1999, the president of Michigan State presented Mr. David with the Alumni Service Award. This

award is presented to alumni who have demonstrated continuing outstanding volunteer service to MSU and public service on a local, state, national, and international level. A year later, Mr. David was honored by the Eli Broad College of Business at Michigan State University with the Outstanding Alumnus Award for distinguished service to business, education, and the public.

Mr. David continues to serve the community and through his dedication and hard work to the people of Michigan, he is a prime example of the kind of people that we need in our community. I congratulate David on his fine achievements and awards and wish nothing but the best in his future endeavors.

INTRODUCTION OF THE HIGHER
EDUCATION RELIEF OPPORTUNITIES
FOR STUDENTS ACT OF 2001

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to introduce the Higher Education Relief Opportunities for Students Act of 2001. This legislation is simple in its purpose. It grants the Secretary of Education specific waiver authority within Title IV of the Higher Education Act to provide necessary relief to those affected by the recent attacks on America and any subsequent attacks. This waiver authority addresses the need to assist students who are being called up to active duty, those active duty military being relocated, and those students directly affected by the attacks.

Mr. Speaker, our citizens have been dramatically affected by the attacks of September 11th. The Higher Education Relief Opportunities for Students Act of 2001 provides the Secretary of Education the ability to provide relief to affected individuals and institutions where it is deemed necessary while ensuring the integrity of student assistance programs. The Secretary may relax repayment obligations for our active duty armed forces, provide a period of time victims and their families may reduce or delay monthly student loan payments, and assist institutions and lenders with reporting requirements.

This bill is specific in its intent—to ensure that as a result of the attacks on the United States on September 11th, and the resulting national emergency declared by the President on September 14th: Affected borrowers of Federal student loans are not in a worse financial position, administrative requirements on affected individuals are minimized without affecting the integrity of the programs, current year income of affected individuals is used to determine need for purposes of financial assistance, and institutions and organizations participating in the Federal student aid programs that are affected by the attacks may receive temporary relief from certain administrative requirements.

This legislation will provide relief for the men and women of our military who are defending the freedoms of this great nation. As families send loved ones into harms way, the Higher Education Relief Opportunities for Students Act will allow the Secretary of Education to reduce some of the effects of that upheaval here at home.

The Secretary of Education will report to Congress on the impact of the waivers implemented as a result of this bill and he will also provide recommendations for changes to statutory or regulatory provisions that were the subject of the waivers invoked.

I am proud and delighted that 71 of my colleagues have signed on as original cosponsors of the Higher Education Relief Opportunities for Students Act. It is an indication of the Congress's commitment to our military and to our students and families, as well as to those on the front lines of making higher education available. I look forward to swift passage of this legislation.

IN HONOR OF SENIOR CITIZEN
RESOURCES

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Senior Citizen Resources on its 30th anniversary of service to seniors residing in Cleveland's Old Brooklyn community.

Organized in 1971 as an activity center for the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority Crestview Estates in the community of Old Brooklyn, Ohio, Senior Citizen Resources (SCR) quickly began expansion to better serve the entire community. Outreach began when the agency was awarded a nutrition grant to serve 150 people. Before this time there were virtually no services for the elderly in Old Brooklyn, and now SCR is the sole provider of services to over 6,200 seniors.

Senior Citizen Resources has long strived to, as their mission reads, extend independent living for elderly people residing in the Old Brooklyn area as long as they are physically and mentally able to live independently. To fulfill this goal, SCR has implemented programs and services in countless areas, including: nutrition, transportation, social services, and more. A staff of only 25 dedicated individuals administer these worthwhile programs while over 3,000 people utilize the activities.

One of the most utilized services is the Volunteer program of Senior Citizen Resources. Over 350 seniors provide volunteer work for over 30 Social Service Agencies in Cuyahoga County. These seniors contribute an average of 41,000 hours of service per year. Their dedication to the well-being of the community is staggering, and their commitment to serve their town is inspiring.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring such a worthwhile agency, Senior Citizen Resources, that has served so selflessly the Old Brooklyn community in northeast Ohio. The staff has shown incredible dedication and heart to the entire community.

STATEMENT IN HONOR OF COLUMBUS
DAY AND ITALIAN AMERICAN
HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

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Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, this year marks the 30th anniversary of Columbus Day as a

public holiday and the 25th anniversary of our nation celebrating October as Italian American Heritage Month.

In completing his first voyage across the Atlantic Ocean over 500 years ago, Christopher Columbus changed the course of history for the American continent.

Today, the nation's estimated 25 million Italian Americans from all walks of life have left a permanent and undeniable mark on the history of America. From Alphonse Tonty, the co-founder of Detroit, Michigan to Joe Dimaggio, the famous Yankee slugger—and everyone in between—Italian Americans have contributed in countless ways to the greatness of this country.

As someone who has the privilege of working in our Nation's capital, I note with admiration the contributions of Italian Americans found throughout Washington D.C. The statue of Abraham Lincoln found in the Lincoln Memorial, was carved from 28 blocks of marble by a Neapolitan immigrant named Attilio Piccirilli and his five brothers. The interior dome of the Capitol Building was painted by Constantino Brumidi, an Italian artist. Union Station and the National Cathedral were built with the help of Italian immigrants.

Today, the strength of the relationship between the United States and Italy is a testament to the countless immigrants from Italy who made America their home generations ago. Whether it is U.S. military personnel stationed in Italy to assist in our efforts in the Balkans or Italian Foreign Minister Renato Ruggiero offering "no limitations" on Italian support of our anti-terrorism campaign in the aftermath of the horrific attacks against America on September 11, 2001, Italy is a key ally of the United States.

The history of cooperation between our nations date back to the some 1,500 men who fought in three different Italian regiments to help America gain its independence from Great Britain during the Revolutionary War. It is believed Thomas Jefferson's Tuscan neighbor, Filippo Mazzei, suggested the historic words found in the Declaration of Independence—"All men are created equal." Indeed, two of the original signers of the Declaration of Independence were of Italian origin: William Paca and Caesar Rodney.

Even in some of the darkest periods of our history, Italian Americans have helped us learn important lessons. During World War II, we shamefully restricted the freedoms of more than 600,000 Italian-born immigrants and Italian Americans. From arrest to internment to confiscation of property, proud Americans were subjected to deplorable treatment because of their national origin. As we formulate our response to the recent terrorist attacks, policy makers are mindful of the lessons learned from our treatment of Italian Americans during the 1940s.

Italian Americans are an integral part of this nation's success. As America celebrates the holiday commemorating the great Italian explorer, I join in honoring the contributions Americans of Italian descent have made to our great country.