

best friends and favorite colleagues in the field of education. She represents the best in that indomitable Chamorro spirit.

The passing of Mrs. Gould has left in me a deep sense of personal loss. I have known Mrs. Gould for over 25 years as a fellow professional and advocate for the survival of the Chamorro language and culture. I worked with her in the Chamorro Language and Culture Program, as a fellow commissioner in the Chamorro Language Commission and as a fellow activist in a number of activities pertaining to Guam's indigenous language and culture. She was a warm, caring woman whose impact on the island will not be forgotten. She had a special place in her heart and home for people who needed help. She took in people and helped them if they were in trouble, inspired them if they needed a lift and set them on the right path. It was this part of her life which gave her the greatest joy and where she felt she had the greatest impact.

I take great comfort with the knowledge that her legacy will live on and will forever be cherished by the people of Guam. I join her family, especially her daughter, Sandy; her son-in-law, Brian; her grandchildren, Silas Alexander and Bella Cleotilde; and her reared son, Rick, who, along with the people of Guam, mourn this great loss and, at the same time, celebrate the life and work of a great friend, colleague, loving mother, respected pioneer and staunch advocate of the Chamorro culture. Adios, Ding.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
LIEUTENANT KENNETH R. DOLL
OF THE MILPITAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2002

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, on February 26, 2002, the Milpitas Police Department will celebrate the retirement of one of its finest officers, Lieutenant Kenneth Doll.

Lieutenant Doll began his law enforcement career after his separation from the United States Navy as a highly decorated serviceman. He is the recipient of the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross, Vietnamese Civil Action Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and eight air medals, as well as a Presidential Unit Commendation and a National Defense Medal. He joined the Milpitas Police Department on November 1, 1971, as the first Patrol Officer. He then advanced to Police Officer status in May of 1973, Corporal in August of 1979, Sergeant in May of 1982, and was promoted to Lieutenant in October of 1998. During his 30-year career, he has worked or supervised Patrol, Traffic Investigations, Community Relations, and Youth Services. For 26 years, he has been directly involved in the SWAT and Firearms program, and is responsible for a \$250,000 Range development project, which is nearing completion. Lieutenant Doll has also represented the City and Department in athletic competitions throughout the state in the Police Olympics, the World Police and Fire Games, and the LAPD's Toughest Cop Alive competition, placing second in his age category twice.

I am honored to join the colleagues of Lieutenant Kenneth Doll in commending him for

his many years of dedicated and exemplary service to law enforcement. He has left his indelible mark of excellence on the Milpitas Police Department.

HONORING ST. EDWARD CHURCH
AND SCHOOL OF NASHVILLE,
TENNESSEE ON THE OCCASION
OF ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY AND
FATHER JOSEPH PATRICK
BREEN FOR 40 YEARS OF SERVICE
IN THE PRIESTHOOD

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2002

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I am particularly honored to rise today to add my voice to so many of the people in Nashville and throughout Tennessee who are taking the time this week to honor St. Edward Church and School—which is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2002—and its pastor, Father Joseph Patrick Breen—who recently marked his 40th year in the priesthood. That these two milestones in the spiritual life of Nashville occur together is more than appropriate, because both St. Edward Catholic Church and Father Breen have been such tremendous positive influences in the lives of the people of Nashville.

A native of Nashville, Joe Pat Breen—one of nine children born to the late Paul and Anna Nenon Breen—attended Christ the King School and was graduated from Father Ryan High School. He entered St. Ambrose College in Davenport, Iowa, and began his seminary training there in 1956. He was awarded his bachelors degree in 1958; and in the same year he entered North American College in Rome to pursue his graduate studies in theology. Father Breen was ordained a priest on December 20, 1961, at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. He later returned to Rome to study theology at the Gregorian University; and in 1978, he was granted a license in sacred theology.

Following his ordination, Father Breen served a number of parishes in Tennessee, in Nashville (the Cathedral of the Incarnation), Memphis, Millington, Bartlett, Chattanooga and Cleveland (and its missions in Copperhill and Athens). In addition to being a priest, he was an educator, teaching at Christian Brothers High School in Memphis and Notre Dame High School in Chattanooga. In 1974, Father Breen was named pastor of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Murfreesboro and served there for 10 years. During his service in Murfreesboro—a time of unprecedented growth in that community—the church there more than kept pace, increasing in members and in its impact on the life of the city.

Since July of 1984, nearly 18 years, Father Breen has been pastor at St. Edward Church and the principal at St. Edward School. Under his leadership, the parishioners of St. Edward Parish have been inspired to give even more of their time, talent and financial support to make St. Edward an excellent place to worship and to receive an excellent education. This parish is a strong, highly committed community—and the depth of that commitment is demonstrated every day in the community life of Nashville, Tennessee.

Knowing the value of Christian education, Father Breen turned his attention immediately

to the school with full force—and it showed: new paint, lighting, structural improvements, compliance with fire and city codes, and an upgraded curriculum including a computer center and full-time computer teacher. In 1999, a capital campaign was launched to raise funds for a new addition to the school for a pre-kindergarten program. A new church office, rectory and primary wing of the school were built. Last year, teachers moved into new classrooms. Today, St. Edward Church serves more than 1,100 families, and school enrollment has grown to 441 students from pre-kindergarten through eighth grade.

This kind of progress is no accident. St. Edward is a parish of wonderful people—people who love God, their country, their families and their community. And they love their pastor—Father Joe Pat Breen. They love him because he loves them, and they can tell.

Father Breen was quoted recently in this way: "As a priest, you had better be close to your blood family, you have to be intimate with several good friends, and try to be a very special part of the family of the parish." Father Breen succeeds in that mission. No one who encounters him can help but be touched by his deep compassion for others, can fail to be impressed with his devotion to his calling, can leave him without a feeling that something or someone greater than themselves is at work in the world. Father Breen does not traffic in sentimentalism—he deals with a world that includes both great joys and deep pain, and he does so, as much as any person can, with the decency and genuine concern and desire to help others that his faith—the faith of millions of Christians all over the world—demands.

Mr. Speaker, Father Joe Breen is a respected and beloved priest, a successful educator, a mentor to the young, and an inspiration to all that know him. He is a fine and good man. He leads a successful and forward-looking church. I am proud that he is making a difference for the better in Nashville; and, as I said at the beginning of my remarks, I am honored to pay tribute to him and to every member of the St. Edward parish.

HONORING AARON ARONOW ON
THE OCCASION OF HIS 80TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2002

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to extend my very best wishes to Aaron Aronow as he celebrates his 80th birthday. Aaron has been a fixture in our hometown of New Haven, Connecticut for as long as I can remember and it is my honor to pay tribute to his lifetime of contributions to our community.

Throughout his life, Aaron has demonstrated a unique dedication and commitment to the City of New Haven through community service. Our communities would not be the same without those individuals who volunteer their time to make a difference—especially those who expend their energies shaping public policy. He served on the New Haven Board of Alderman for sixteen years, many of which he served along side my mother. Today, he continues in his service as a Ward Chair and a

dedicated member of New Haven's Democratic Town Committee. Aaron is a former member of the City Plan Commission and is currently a member of the City's Disability Commission. Throughout his many years in New Haven's political arena, he has and continues to be a reflection of all that a public servant should be.

Though enjoying retirement from his fifty-year career as an executive with Robby Len Industries, a women's bathing suit manufacturer, Aaron continues to stay extremely active. He is an avid student, continuing to learn through the variety of senior courses offered at our local colleges and universities. He and his wife, Mitzi, recently celebrated their fifty-ninth wedding anniversary and enjoy spending time with their three children and four grandchildren. I am also told that he spends a great deal of time playing with his favorite family member, Tina—the family dog.

Aaron Aronow has remained committed to serving in his community. He is an active member of B'nai B'rith and is currently involved with Congregation Beth Israel in the restoration of the historic Orchard Street Synagogue. This synagogue, one of the oldest in New Haven, was once part of our vibrant Jewish community. In restoring this cultural landmark, Aaron hopes that it will once again become a central meeting place for New Haven families.

As family and friends gather to wish him well, I am sure Aaron will take a moment to reflect on his lifetime of achievements. I am so proud to have this opportunity to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to Aaron Aronow for his many contributions to our community and to join his many friends and family in wishing him a very happy 80th birthday!

COMMEMORATION OF LITHUANIAN INDEPENDENCE

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2002

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, Lithuanian American communities across this nation will be gathering this week to reflect and celebrate the 84th year commemorating Lithuanian independence. In Southfield, Michigan, this community will be gathering on Sunday, February 10, 2002 at the Lithuanian Cultural Center.

On February 16, 1918 the Lithuanian people proclaimed an independent state ruled by the people, free from German military control. For most of the 20th century, however, authoritarian regimes prevented Lithuanian nationalists from enjoying the fruits of liberty and democracy. In 1990, after five decades of oppression under Soviet control and a relentless passion for freedom and democracy, the Lithuanian people once again proclaimed their independence.

The United States' relationship with Lithuania is strong and growing stronger. Today Lithuanian and American leaders, governments and people are able to enjoy a great partnership. A significant goal of this partnership is the commitment to the security of the Baltic region and the promotion of democracy and freedom around the world. To achieve this goal, the Republic of Lithuania is making great economic, social and political progress in an

effort to secure membership to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The role of NATO in preserving peace and stability in the Euro-Atlantic area is essential for all people; Lithuanians must not be the exception.

Mr. Speaker, I join the people of Lithuania, those of Lithuanian ancestry around the world and Lithuanian Americans in celebrating the 84th Anniversary of Lithuanian Independence. I salute all of them for the tremendous contributions to freedom and human dignity which they have made.

IN HONOR OF BLAKE HASELTON

HON. KEN LUCAS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2002

Mr. LUCAS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Blake Haselton. Mr. Haselton is Superintendent of Oldham County Schools, a district which lies in Kentucky's 4th Congressional District, which I represent.

Last month, Mr. Haselton was named Superintendent of the Year by the Kentucky Association of School Superintendents. He is also being considered for National Superintendent of the Year by the American Association of School Administrators.

Since he began in Oldham County in 1973, Mr. Haselton has served as a high school biology teacher, athletic director, director of guidance services, and principal. He also served as the district's director of pupil personnel before being named superintendent in 1991.

His colleagues praise him as an education leader who is "stays on top of both the academic and financial elements of operating a school system," and "makes his decisions on what's best for kids." The Oldham County Teachers Association says Mr. Haselton is everything teachers want in a superintendent: child-centered, focused on teachers' needs, and an aggressive planner. The chair of the Oldham County Board of Education says Mr. Haselton is a "leader amongst leaders . . . a master teacher" who "Inspires the best in others."

Mr. Haselton also serves his community by doing volunteer work for several recreational, civic, and scouting organizations.

I rise today to congratulate Blake Haselton on being named Kentucky Superintendent of the Year, and to wish him well as he vies for the national. I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Mr. Haselton for his nearly three decades of outstanding service to the people of Oldham County, Kentucky.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ROBERT L. BRAY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize an outstanding individual from Grand Junction, Colorado. Over the years, Robert L. Bray has distinguished himself as a business executive, a community leader, and a vital participant in maintaining our civic responsibilities through-

out the region. Robert's achievements are impressive, and it is my honor to recognize several of those accomplishments today. Robert is a generous soul whose good deeds and actions certainly deserve the recognition he has recently received.

Robert is the owner and operator of Bray and Co./GMAC Real Estate in Grand Junction, a successful business he has run for years. He has carried on a long tradition of quality guidance and service to his many clients in the area, resulting in a busy operation dedicated to remaining true to high standards of honesty and integrity. His success in the industry has led to several honors including the revamping of the developmental codes in the city, allowing residents to build in areas beneficial to the community residents and businesses.

Throughout his success, Robert and wife Vicky, have remained active in their community that has provided his business the resources to prosper throughout its history. They have actively volunteered their time and energies to community organizations such as Hilltop Community Resources, the Mesa County Library, as well as devoted their efforts to the continuation of a prosperous education system in their volunteer work with Mesa State College.

Mr. Speaker, Robert Bray's achievements have recently been rewarded by his community through the Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce. The chamber named Robert the Citizen of the Year, an award given to an outstanding and well deserving individual who has selflessly given of themselves to directly benefit their community. It is now my honor to congratulate Robert on his most recent and well-deserved award from this organization by bringing his good deeds to the attention of this body of Congress, and this nation. Robert, you have been a model citizen for Grand Junction and I extend my thanks for your efforts. Keep up the good work and good luck to you and your wife Vicky in your future endeavors.

HONORING CHRISTIAN HIT RADIO WAY-FM'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2002

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor radio station WAYM-FM 88.7 on the occasion of its 10th Anniversary.

"WAY-FM," the name by which it is best known, has truly made a difference in the lives of countless individuals throughout Middle Tennessee, and indeed, across the Nation on its national network of radio stations.

I first became acquainted with WAY-FM through my daughters, Elizabeth and Rachel Clement, who loved to listen to the music of Contemporary Christian artists such as D.C. Talk, Third Day, Sonicflood, and Jennifer Knapp over the airwaves. Upon a personal visit to the station, I was immediately impressed with the work and mission of the staff and its uplifting vision to impact the lives of children, teenagers, college students and adults, under the moniker: "WAY-FM, it is not just a radio station, it is a ministry."

Robert "Bob" and Felice Augsburg founded WAY-FM Media Group, Inc. in 1985. In the