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Ms. Hiland was the recipient of the 1994 Soroptomist Woman of the Year Award for her advocacy for people with mental illness. In 1999, she received the National Society of Fund Raising Executive Spirit of Philanthropy award for her contributions in building a new United Way. In 2001, she was honored as a Community Champion for Mental Health and received the first Silicon Valley Excellence in Nonprofit Leadership Award.

We wish to thank Mary Hiland for her contributions to the field of mental health in Santa Clara County.

HONORING STEPHEN P. YOKICH,  
PRESIDENT OF THE UAW, ON HIS  
RETIREMENT

**HON. JOHN D. DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2002*

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my good friend, Stephen P. Yokich, on the occasion of his retirement after nearly 35 years of dedication to the UAW, including his impressive two terms as President of the organization.

Steve is a natural born leader and has been a driving force within the UAW. He has played a leading role in re-energizing the labor movement, developing new strategies to address the challenges of the global economy, expanding the UAW's organizing activities, and cementing close ties with other major unions.

Steve's long and impressive career in the labor community began when he was appointed by UAW President Walter Reuther to the Region I staff in 1969. Since then, Mr. Speaker, Steve has worked to make the UAW the strong and diversified organization that it is today.

A former director of the UAW's Organizing Department (from 1983 to 1989), Steve has made organizing a top priority of the Union. An early advocate of diversifying the UAW's membership, he planned and directed the highly successful 1985 organizing drive that brought 22,000 State of Michigan employees into the UAW.

Mr. Yokich also has impeccable collective bargaining skills which were displayed on several occasions, including his 1999 and 1996 negotiations with the major automakers. Under Steve's leadership, the contracts achieved with the Big Three automakers in 1996 bolstered hallmark job and income security programs, and further expanded the widely respected "People Programs," that benefit members and their families.

In the weeks leading up to the traditional opening of contract talks with the Big Three in 1996, Yokich's bargaining innovation and savvy took the floor. He surprised the companies and industry observers by refusing to designate one company a "strike target." As

he told the press, "Our members elected us to bring back agreements, not to go on strike."

Just a few days prior to contract expiration, Yokich announced that the Ford Motor Company would be the lead company for the Union's all-out settlement efforts. The results validated Steve's innovative new approach to auto negotiations. The Union gained wage and benefit increases in each year of the three-year Ford agreement, and greatly strengthened existing job and income security programs. Other key gains included: cost of living protection for retirees, health care improvements and the enhancement of many other programs.

Mr. Yokich made an historic breakthrough with the first company-paid tuition assistance for post secondary education of dependents of UAW members, as well as tuition assistance for retirees. Similar contracts then followed at Chrysler and General Motors.

Mr. Speaker, Steve has also been a forceful leader in bringing women and minorities into top UAW leadership positions. He has always been a strong believer that the UAW leadership must accurately reflect the make-up of the membership.

Mr. Yokich not only believed in diversifying the UAW, but he also fought for improvements in workplace health and safety and for education and training for UAW-represented workers and their families. Steve was widely praised for his pioneering role in developing Employee Assistance Programs to help workers with problems such as drug and alcohol abuse.

Steve has had a hand in virtually all facets of the UAW including the UAW's Agricultural Implement Department and the Skilled Trades Department. He is also a veteran political activist. Steve has coordinated and participated in numerous statewide and national campaigns.

As if all of the above was not an impressive enough list of accomplishments, Mr. Yokich is also involved in a wide range of labor, civic, and charitable organizations. He is a member of the NAACP and the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW), and serves on the boards or steering committees of the Economic Alliance of Michigan, Michigan Blue Cross-Blue Shield, the Michigan Cancer Foundation, and the Father Clement Kern Foundation.

Mr. Yokich and his wife, Tekla, are the parents of two children, Stephen A. and Tracey, and have one grandson, Michael Stephen. Hopefully, his retirement will allow him to enjoy more time with his family, as well as devoting more time to golfing, hunting and fishing.

Mr. Speaker, as Steve leaves after nearly thirty-five years of dedication to the UAW, I would ask that all my colleagues salute him and his efforts on behalf of American workers.

JOHNSON COUNTY "MOVERS AND SHAKERS" RECOGNIZE YOUNG COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

**HON. DENNIS MOORE**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2002*

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to take note of an upcoming event that will be held by the Volunteer Center of Johnson County, Kansas, to recognize local young people who have recently performed meaningful, voluntary community service in our local area.

Young people from Johnson County, ages 5 to 18, have been nominated by teachers, counselors, principals and nonprofit agencies to receive recognition for their community service efforts. The Volunteer Center of Johnson County is proudly hosting the second annual Movers and Shakers Recognition Event to honor these outstanding young residents of the Third Congressional District on May 7th. I am proud to report that volunteering has become a vital part of these children's education and I join with the Volunteer Center to recognize these dedicated, caring young people of Johnson County.

Annalisa Barelli, Shawnee Mission East; Lindsay Barker, Shawnee Mission East; Kim Beverlin, Shawnee Mission North; Ariel Brody, Shawnee Mission NorthWest; Kathleen Carey, Shawnee Mission East; Stephanie Chen, Blue Valley NorthWest; Jared Cole, Shawnee Mission East; Kyle Douglas, Shawnee Mission West; Abbigail Eli, Mill Valley High School; Jeanne Firth, Shawnee Mission East; Maxwell Fisher, Blue Valley NorthWest; Sollie Flora, Blue Valley NorthWest; Chelsea Fogleman, Olathe East; Jennifer Gampher, Shawnee Mission West; Stephen Green, St. Joseph Grade School; Ashley Haddad, Shawnee Mission South; Carolyn Hummel, Trailridge Middle School; Elaine Jardon, Olathe East; Ashley Johnson, Shawnee Mission NorthWest; Brenden Konczal, Shawnee Mission West; Lisa Kornfeld, Shawnee Mission West; Bridget Mayer, Blue Valley NorthWest; Kaley McManamon, Blue Valley High School; Alicia McWhorter, Mill Valley High School; Stephen Meeker, Shawnee Mission South; Kathleen Murray, Blue Valley North; Simin Nomani, Blue Valley North; Katherine Pfeffer, Cure of Ars Catholic School; Liz Pishny, Blue Valley High School; Travis Preston, Shawnee Mission West; Lauren Repine, St. Thomas Aquinas; Julie Richerson, Trailridge Middle School; Alix Santa Maria, Blue Valley Middle School; Adam Schieber, Shawnee Mission NorthWest; Danay Stanislaus, Olathe East; Erika Swenson, Shawnee Mission South; Shannon White, Blue Valley High School; Kim Williams, Shawnee Mission South; Matt Woehrle, Blue Valley High School; Richard Zernickow, Shawnee Mission West.