

This awards banquet will pay tribute to women that have excelled in the fields of art, business, education, government/law, law enforcement, health, industrial/union labor, not-for-profit leadership, religion, and volunteerism. This year's honorees include: Morning Aaronda Bishop, Sarah Givens, Captain Gloria Mitchell, Dorine Godinez, Sister Anita Holzmer, Nancy Nethery, Nancy Moore-Tiller, Dr. Danita Johnson-Hughes, Denise Dillard, and Dee Kegebein.

Morning Aaronda Bishop of Gary will be honored as Outstanding Woman in Art for her 20 years of dedicated service to the community. Additionally, she is the founder of Morning Bishop Theatre Playhouse, the oldest community theatre in Gary. Sarah Givens of Gary will be honored as Outstanding Woman in Education for her dedication to Banneker School and its students. Under her tutelage, she propelled Banneker School to 4-Star status, a distinction Banneker has received for 12 consecutive years. Being honored as Outstanding Woman in Law Enforcement is Captain Gloria Mitchell of Hammond. She was the first African-American woman hired by the Hammond Police Department. With Gloria's loyalty and perseverance she has climbed to the rank of Captain where she serves as Commander of the Special Deployment Division (Drug and Gang Enforcement). Dorine Godinez of East Chicago will be honored as Outstanding Woman in Industrial/Union Labor. As a member of the Labor movement, she has many firsts: First woman elected Griever at USWA, Local 1010; First woman Electrical Leader Union Counselor; and First woman to serve on USWA, Local 1010 Contract Negotiations Committee. Additionally, she started the Woman's Committee with Women of Steel Organization. Being honored as Outstanding Woman in Religion is Sister Anita Holzmer. She has 32 years of spiritual service, serves as Principal of St. Mary's School, initiated the Peace Builders Program, and served as a member of the Music Leader Group of the 2000 Youth World Leadership Conference in Rome, Italy. Assistant Vice President of Centier Bank, Nancy Nethery of Lowell, is being honored as Outstanding Woman in Business. Most notably, Nancy is looked to as a hero for her actions during a hostage and robbery situation that took place at her bank last spring. Nancy Moore-Tiller of Merrillville is being honored as Outstanding Woman in Government/Law. With Nancy's fortitude and determination she started her own law firm. Additionally, she successfully won a case setting precedence in Education Law. Being named Outstanding Woman in Health is Dr. Danita Johnson-Hughes of Gary. Dr. Johnson-Hughes serves as President and CEO of Edgewater Systems for Balanced Living, has written and published a number of books, and was the only African-American to head an Indiana Division of Mental Health certified community mental health center in the state. Denise Dillard of Gary will be honored for her service as Executive Director of the Lake County Workforce Development Services. She will receive the Outstanding Woman in Not-for-Profit Leadership award. Finally, Dee Kegebein of Hammond will be recognized as Outstanding Woman in Volunteerism for her 50 years of service. Under her leadership, she has organized various programs for the VFW and the American Legion. She serves as President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW

and the American Legion. Additionally, she is Chairperson of the Voice of Democracy Program for the VFW.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Mrs. Barbara Holder and her company for hosting this salute to the outstanding women of Lake County. Additionally, the effort of all those involved in planning this worthwhile event is indicative of their devotion to the very gifted women in Indiana's First Congressional District. Women throughout the entire country ought to be proud of their contributions to society. This country would not be what it is today without the role of such dedicated women. I am proud to represent them in Congress.

SUPPORTING THE VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENTS OF LONG
ISLAND

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of all of the Volunteer Fire Departments of Long Island, New York, and in particular, the Westbury Fire Department. It is important to recognize the crucial role they played in aiding New York City during the disasters of September 11.

The courage and quick reaction of these volunteer fire departments helped to save countless lives as well as support the New York City Fire Department in its greatest time of need. The Westbury Fire Department was one of the first detachments to mobilize and was in Manhattan soon after the first airplane struck the World Trade Center.

Years from now when our children and grandchildren inquire about September 11 and that horrible day, we need to be able to point out the gallant participation of the Long Island Volunteer Fire Departments, including the Westbury Fire Department. Their willingness to sacrifice themselves in order to save others deserves our praise.

I would like to commend these brave men and women who put their lives at risk daily to keep their communities safe. Their heroic contributions helped New York City through one of its darkest times.

CONGRATULATING WJR-AM 760 ON
ITS 80TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a remarkable milestone for one of Michigan's great institutions. This Saturday, May 4, 2002, will mark the 80th anniversary of the start of WJR-AM 760 in Detroit.

Few companies stay in business for 10 years, much less 80 years, especially in an industry as competitive as broadcast radio. But WJR has not only survived, it has thrived serving Southeast Michigan and beyond.

WJR is Michigan's eighth oldest continuously licensed AM broadcast station and since

its earliest days has been the largest and most powerful station in Michigan. From its beginnings in 1922 as a 500 watt station, WJR grew rapidly and today its 50,000 watts reach parts of Indiana, and Ohio where I'm sure many of my colleagues have enjoyed the programming.

WJR is a mainstay in the Midwest. We have come to rely on this station to provide current and useful programming and news.

Almost as important, particularly to the many University of Michigan alums and fans throughout the country, we have come to rely on WJR for Wolverine football and basketball.

WJR connects their listeners with newsmakers and leaders and constantly updates them on important events locally and around the globe. I think it is safe to say that WJR has earned the designation "The Great Voice of the Great Lakes."

WJR has provided hours of listening pleasure to Southeast Michigan over the years as its residents drive to work, pick up the kids from school, run errands or tune into the big game.

I want to salute and congratulate WJR for its 80th anniversary. We all look forward to another 80 years and more.

WE THE PEOPLE . . . THE CITIZEN
AND THE CONSTITUTION

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the more than 1,200 students who will converge on Washington, D.C., this weekend to participate in the We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution national finals. We the People . . . is a national program, administered by the Center for Civic Education, that requires students to develop a working knowledge of our Constitution, Bill of Rights, and the principles of democratic government. Since the program began, more than 26.5 million students at the upper elementary, middle and high school levels have benefited from this program.

I am extremely honored to recognize the students from East Grand Rapids High School in my home district who have gone above and beyond the call of student duty to reach the national finals. Led by teacher Janice Rocque, this year's team includes: Emily Brennan, Evan Koch, Claire Lerchen, Kate Mann, Aubrey Merpi, Stephanie Nagengast, Jay Rapaport, Komal Saxena, Ian Seasley, Karen Smith, Megan Smith, Caitlin Townsend, Molly Tupper, Jacob Turner, and Dan Wohns.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot stress enough the amount of preparation that these students put into this competition. In addition to the academic challenges they face in the classroom, these young leaders have juggled extracurricular activities and family responsibilities while preparing for this competition. Mr. Speaker, so that you and my colleagues can understand the rigorous questioning these students face, I am providing you with some of the questions they will face during the national finals.

Congratulations to all the participants in this year's We, the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution competition.

Sample of the We the People . . . 2002
National Hearing Questions

How did the Renaissance and Reformation change people's views about the relationship between the individual and society?

What are the political principles and values set forth in the Declaration of Independence?

"A deliberative democracy, operating under a good constitution, responds to political disagreement not simply by majority rule, but also by attempting to create institutions that will ensure reflection and reason-giving." Do you agree or disagree that such institutions are essential components of a deliberative democracy and of a "good constitution"? Why or why not? Be prepared to defend your position.

Should members of Congress consider themselves delegates obligated to vote the way the majority of the people in their districts want or should they consider themselves trustees who, while taking the views of their constituents into account, use their own best judgment or their conscience in deciding how to vote? Explain your position.

In the ratification debates, the Federalists insisted that the Constitution had been carefully drafted to limit the powers of the national government. These limitations were sufficient, they contended, to allow for healthy, energetic government while at the same time preventing abuses of power. Evaluate those claims made by the Federalists.

"The First Federal Congress was the most important Congress in American history," according to two prominent historians. "Its awesome agenda breathed life into the Constitution, and established precedent and constitutional interpretation which still guides us 200 years later." What was on the agenda of the First Congress? Should those agenda items be considered "awesome"? Why or why not?

Evaluate the major arguments advanced by the Federalists and the Anti-Federalists during the debate about the need to have a Bill of Rights added to the Constitution.

James Q. Wilson, a noted political scientist, claims, "Were the American Constitution the only guarantee of the independence of the American states, they would long since have become mere administrative subunits of government in Washington. Their independence results in large measure from the commitment of Americans to the idea of local self-government and from the fact that Congress consists of people who are selected by and responsive to local constituencies." Do you agree or disagree with Wilson? Why? What evidence can you offer in support of your position?

**GELB TO BE INSTALLED AS
STATE OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION
PRESIDENT**

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the attention of the House of Representatives to the May 3 installation of Dr. Ernest R. Gelb, D.O., of West Pittston as the 91st president of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association.

Dr. Gelb specializes in family practice. He attended Wilkes College and is a graduate of King's College and the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He has been vice president of the state association and a member of

its board of trustees, a delegate to the American Osteopathic Association, and a community leader in the field of family medicine.

His awards and distinctions include the receipt of the Raymond J. Saloom, D.O., FACGP, Memorial Award, 2000; and his selection as Fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians, 2001;

His service to the community includes serving as health officer of the Borough of West Pittston from 1991 to the present and as troop committee chairman of Boy Scout Troop 352 of West Pittston. He has also served as a member of the board of trustees of the West Pittston Community Ambulance Association, as its vice president from 1986 to 1993 and as its president from 1993 to 1994.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Ernest Gelb has distinguished himself as a dedicated physician who continues the osteopathic tradition of assuring exemplary family medicine. I am pleased to call to the attention of the House of Representatives the service to the community of Dr. Gelb and this well-deserved honor he is about to receive, and I wish him all the best.

**HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE HISTORIC WASHINGTON
SCHOOL, EUREKA, CALIFORNIA**

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the Historic Washington School in Eureka, California, which was placed on the National Register of Historic Places on April 12, 2002. This designation acknowledges the significance of the school in Humboldt County education and history.

Washington School, first opened in 1903, was one of six square two-story grammar schools built in the county at the beginning of the 20th century. Of those six, Washington School alone remains as the last representative of that era. In the 1940s Washington School served as an Army barracks and later became a school district warehouse.

In 1983, Washington School was remodeled into a community senior center. The school has been restored to its original beauty by the Humboldt Senior Resource Center. The façade and basic structure reflect the original architectural design. The building is a very important element in the historic Victorian Seaport of Eureka. Many seniors who are involved at the Center today are former students of the grammar school.

A celebration of the listing on the National Register will take place on May 17, 2002 with the unveiling of a bronze plaque made by art students at Humboldt State University.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we honor this historic building that links us to our past and preserves it for a new century.

**HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED
PUBLIC SERVICE OF PAT FER-
GUSON**

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Pat Ferguson on his retirement as the Trousdale County executive. Pat has served as the Tennessee county's chief officer for 14 years and is the first to preside over the new Metropolitan Hartsville/Trousdale County government.

During his capable tenure, Pat helped create an emergency 911 system, reduce property taxes and enhance the county's ambulance service. His leadership was also instrumental in getting a new health department and middle school built.

Pat fought tirelessly for Hartsville to have good access to the state's interstate highway system so more industry and better jobs would be lured to the city. In fact, he helped convince the Tennessee Valley Authority to allow the site of an old abandoned nuclear plant to be used as an industrial development park, which will certainly lead to more jobs in the future.

Pat's dedication and tireless service to his community has benefitted all, including the numerous civic boards and organizations to which he belongs. The people of Trousdale County could not have asked for a better public servant. I cordially congratulate Pat on his distinguished career as a public servant and wish him well in future endeavors.

**TRIBUTE TO MR. WILLIAM
BURRUS, PRESIDENT, AMERICAN
POSTAL WORKERS UNION, AFL-
CIO**

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask for unanimous consent to insert my statement into the record and revise and extend my remarks. William Burrus is the President of the American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO. The APWU represents 330,000 clerk, maintenance and motor vehicle employees working in the 38,000 facilities of the U.S. Postal Service, as well as workers in several private transportation and mail companies.

Mr. Burrus was elected in October 2001 with more than 53 percent of the vote in a three-way contest. He is the first African-American in 220 years of American labor history to be directly elected president by the membership of a national union. He also serves on the Executive Council of the national AFL-CIO.

Mr. Burrus has held numerous elected and appointed positions within the APWU. Beginning in November 1980, he served as APWU Executive Vice President until his election as president. From 1974 to 1980, he served as President until his election as president. From 1974 to 1980, he served as President of the Cleveland, Ohio APWU Local. While President of the Cleveland Local, he was a delegate to