

St. Anthony Foundation is best known for its Free Dining Room that serves an average of 2,000 meals each day. It also has a dozen other programs that serve homeless and low-income people. Her leadership guided St. Anthony Foundation through important times in its history and development. She distinguished herself by her ability to bring together very talented people—staff, volunteers and donors—to provide quality service to St. Anthony's guests. She was steadfast in her efforts and once remarked, "You can't give up hope. I see poverty but I see more hope. At St. Anthony's we have hundreds of young people coming to work. The young people are a sign of hope for the future."

Her work in the Bay Area and around the nation was recognized in 2000 when Archbishop William Levada presented her with the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Cross, an award bestowed by the Pope on lay persons and clergy who have given exceptional service to the Church. In 2001, she received an honorary degree from the University of San Francisco School of Nursing for her years of service to the sick and aging.

It is with great personal sadness and recognition of their loss that I extend my deepest sympathy to her mother Bridget Curran, her entire family, and to her religious community, the Sisters of Mercy of Burlingame. To all who loved Sister Patrick, thank you for sharing her with us and for giving her so much happiness. I am proud to join my constituents in thanking and praising Sister Patrick for her dedication to the elderly and poor of California and of this Nation.

TRIBUTE TO MITCH KEHETIAN,
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT
AWARD, METRO DETROIT SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2002

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, each year the Metro Detroit Society of Professional Journalists holds its annual banquet, a celebration honoring local journalists and the recent work they have accomplished. This banquet is traditionally the largest Society of Professional Journalists event of the year, honoring distinguished journalists with the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award. Recipients of this award have shown outstanding dedication to journalism and their contributions continue to leave a lasting impression on all those in the field. This year, on June 26, 2002, as the Metro Detroit Society of Professional Journalists honored three local journalists with Lifetime Achievement Awards, they honored Mitch Kehetian, for his leadership and outstanding dedication to field of journalism.

A long-time Macomb Daily editor, Mitch Kehetian is a landmark journalist for the Metro Detroit area. Working hard as a reporter for the Detroit Times, Mitch wrote and reported for the paper until its close on November 6, 1960. Working a variety of reporting jobs in Ohio and Michigan, he then established himself permanently at the Macomb Daily, where he has held a number of excellent positions, including managing editor and editor-in-chief.

Known to his community and colleagues for his unparalleled commitment to the field and unwavering focus, he has truly led the Macomb Daily to excellence. Also a former Society of Professional Journalists chapter president, his outstanding efforts with the Society of Professional Journalists continue today as he leads the way in pursuit of the highest standards of journalistic excellence.

I applaud Mitch Kehetian and the Metro Detroit Society of Professional Journalists for their leadership, commitment, and service, and I urge my colleagues to join me in saluting them for their exemplary years of leadership and service.

A TRIBUTE TO CHAPTER 571 OF
THE VIETNAM VETERANS OF
AMERICA ON THE OCCASION OF
THE DEDICATION OF THEIR MEMORIAL AND MUSEUM

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Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I had an opportunity on Memorial Day 2002 to attend an extremely moving and inspirational event in my congressional district.

On that day, in the small town of Hermansville in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, members of Chapter 571 of the Vietnam Veterans of America dedicated the Thomas St. Onge Vietnam Veterans Museum and Memorial.

Creating this museum and memorial has been a project based on love, dedication and pride. You might even say, Mr. Speaker, that this museum is a structure built literally on donations, because the land for the museum itself was donated by local residents Richard and Anne Lungerhausen, and planning was done in the clubhouse, a structure donated by Wells Fargo.

I said this was a project based on love. Tommy St. Onge was killed in 1969 in the bitter fighting in the A Shau valley, a battle for control of the northern highlands of South Vietnam. Tommy's death was one of many tragedies recounted in the book *Hamburger Hill* by Samuel Zaffiri. Although he died more than three decades ago, Tommy is remembered with love by his peers. Love and fellowship permeate this project, Mr. Speaker. The dedication ceremony booklet quotes Major Michael O'Donnell, himself a Vietnam casualty, who wrote lines that are so well known to Vietnam veterans, "Be not ashamed to say you loved them, though you may or may not have always. Take what they have left and what they have taught you with their dying and keep it with your own."

This museum does just that, Mr. Speaker. It takes those things "they have left," as Major O'Donnell said—including artifacts as large as a Bell U-H1 "Huey" helicopter and an M-60 Main Battle Tank—and it uses them to teach new generations.

And what does this museum teach about the Vietnam War, and the men and women who served and died there? The 34 members of Chapter 571 have this to say about the mission and goal of their museum and memorial: "Our wish is for all people to remember them as they were, forever young, husbands, sons,

daughters, brothers, sisters, and friends. We hope to educate the public, especially those who were too young to understand what this war was all about."

History has yet to truly judge this war, Mr. Speaker, but we know there are lessons to be learned right now. The single greatest lesson we can teach our children is that it was not for lack of dedication, faith, patriotism, comradeship or discipline on the part of the American soldier, sailor or airman that South Vietnam ultimately fell to the North Vietnamese army. Our fighting men and women, who were sometimes savagely and terribly treated by opponents of the war at home, went to Vietnam in answer to the call to duty. There they suffered grievous wounds, the loss of comrades, and sometimes the loss of faith and idealism, but they answered the call to duty! In the history of America's wars, here has been no higher honor gained, nor greater sacrifice made, than that of the veterans of our war in Vietnam!

In the small town of Hermansville in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, the members of Chapter 571 of the Vietnam Veterans of America and their families and other club members have worked since 1996, donating thousands of hours and thousands of their own dollars in pursuit of the dream of celebrating this honor and sacrifice. Their dream is not complete, Mr. Speaker. Jerry Ayotte, the chapter's president, described for me the concept of a museum that will one day have a rotunda with four wings to include personal mementos and military memorabilia from World War I, World War II, and the Korean War.

I encourage you and all our colleagues to visit this museum, Mr. Speaker. It's located at N 16462 Linden Street, and, until a regular staff can be hired, it's open only on Sunday afternoons, when two volunteers are available. Hermansville is a small town, but it was small towns like this across America that supplied our heroes in Vietnam, and that continue to support our military with their taxes and—the greatest sacrifice—with their own sons and daughters.

When you are there, you can meet and thank—as I have had a chance to meet and thank—the members of Chapter 571 for their efforts to keep alive both the memories of fallen comrades and the conviction that these comrades did not fall in vain, because they offered their lives in the belief that they fought for America's greatest ideals of freedom.

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 571 and their spouses are: Richard Adams and his wife Ann, Peter and Karen Anderla, Ronald and Debbie Augustine, Gerald and Patti Ayotte, Calvin and Cindy Baird, Roger Clark, Edward J. Donahue, Darryl D. and Gretchen Fossen, William N. Isetts, Robert and Cathy Laroche, Bernard E. and Brenda Loukkala, Russell Peters, Dale I. and Sharon Peterson, Dennis C. and Beth Peterson, Edwin L. Plettner, Gary F. Poupore, Terrance L. Richer, Wayne J. and Linda Rochon, Lyle R. and Jo Schoen, Norman J. Schreiner, Louis R. Schuette, Roger L. and Priscilla Schuette, Peter Tanguay, Ronald D. and Susie Tomasi, Roger J. and Randy Treves, Terrence W. and Rosemary Trudell, Donald J. Trulock, Thomas R. and Sally Unger, Paul C. Vinzant, James R. and Rebecca Wash, James E. Watson, Edwin R. Whytsell, Edward A. and Marianne Zahn, and Ronald E. Zahn.