

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to introduce House Resolution 538 in honor of my friend Johnny Unidas. The indelible impression he left on the City of Baltimore, my home state of Maryland, and the nation is deserving of today's recognition. He will be missed, but not forgotten. I ask my colleagues to join me in support of this important resolution.

IN HONOR OF REPRESENTATIVE
FRANK PALLONE, JR.

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 7, 2002

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, as a colleague and friend, to honor Representative FRANK PALLONE, JR. for his tremendous career and his accomplishments for the People of New Jersey. He has always fought the principled battles for the progress of American society. For his efforts, Mr. PALLONE was awarded the Justice for Cyprus award at the Cyprus Federation of America's annual Awards Gala on Saturday, October 5th.

The Honorable FRANK PALLONE was officially sworn in for his seventh term in the US House of Representatives on January 3rd, 2002, winning his reelection with 68 percent of the vote. He has been a very active and dedicated Member of the House throughout his tenure. He is Vice-Chairman for the Communications of the Democratic Policy Committee, a Member of the Democratic Steering Committee, Co-Chairman of the Democratic Task Force on Health Care Reform and the House Democratic Environmental Task Force.

FRANK PALLONE has been recognized time and again for his commitment to the advancement of many issues, including expanding health care access and affordability, protecting the integrity of Medicare and Medicaid, ensuring food safety, protecting the environment and strengthening environmental laws. For his efforts, he was recognized as Legislator of the Year in 2001 by the New Jersey Association of Broadcasters, and Outstanding Legislator of the Year in 1999 by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

A native of Long Branch, New Jersey, Mr. PALLONE earned an academic scholarship to Middlebury College. After he graduated cum laude, PALLONE received his master's degree in international relations at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

FRANK PALLONE and his wife, Sarah, have three children, daughters, Rose Marie and Celeste Teresa, and son, Frank Andrew.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Congressman FRANK PALLONE, JR. for his remarkable leadership in promoting peace and justice in Cyprus.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to participate in the following votes. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows:

October 3, 2002, rollcall vote 437, on approving the journal, I would have voted "yea".

RECOGNITION FOR CHIEF DENNIS
COMPTON OF MESA, ARIZONA

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Chief Dennis Compton of the Meza, Arizona Fire Department who is retiring after 30 years of dedication and commitment to the fire and emergency services.

Among Congressional Fire Services Caucus leaders, Chief Compton is highly regarded for his character and integrity. He is an individual who has lent an enormous amount of time to the Congressional Fire Services Institute, serving as Chairperson of its National Advisory Committee. Many of the recent successes enjoyed by the fire service bear his imprint.

Chief Compton possesses many outstanding attributes, perhaps none more important than his skills as a coalition builder. We tend to think of the fire service as a unified service. As a former fire chief, myself, I can tell you from personal experiences that it is not. The fire and emergency services must often address internal conflicts that can disrupt progress at both the local and national levels. In either case, I cannot think of anyone more qualified and effective in resolving differences and building coalitions than Chief Compton.

Fortunately, he has reassured the fire service that he will remain an active advocate for public safety causes upon retirement as chief. I will hold him to that promise. At this critical juncture as we discuss proposals for defending our nation against potential acts of terrorism, we need to heed the advice of knowledgeable individuals who can offer sound judgment and guidance on such a critical issue. Chief Compton is such an individual.

However, I have it on good authority, Mr. Speaker, that the reason for Chief Compton's retirement has to do with two passions: his grandson and his Diamondbacks. Apparently he would like to spend more time with both.

In closing, I extend to Chief Compton my congratulations on his retirement and thanks for his immeasurable contributions to our nation's fire and emergency services.

HONORING DONALD BOTT

HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to honor a dedicated and accomplished educator in Northern California, Mr. Donald Bott. Don was recently named the 2002 National High School Journalism Teacher of the Year by the Dow Jones Newspaper Fund.

When the Newspaper Fund began in 1958, it focused on helping high school journalism teachers achieve their potential in teaching the skills to make their students first-rate journalists. The tradition continues to this day with the Fund's recognition program for outstanding teachers. This year, the Newspaper Fund concluded that Don Bott, who teaches at Amos Alonzo Stagg High School in Stockton, California, represents the nation's best in scholastic media advisers.

Don, who was previously named as one of only five Distinguished Advisors by the Newspaper Fund in 2000, will now have the opportunity to travel to conferences throughout the year, speaking about the importance of offering journalism as a core part of school curriculum.

Don's academic background is exceptional. Over the years, he has earned various degrees and certificates, including a Journalism Educator certificate, a Language Development Specialist certificate, a Single-Subject Secondary Teaching Credential, a Master of Arts degree in English from California State University, Sacramento, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Literature, with honors, from my alma mater, the University of California, Santa Cruz.

Furthermore, Don has excelled professionally as an educator. Aside from teaching at both the high school and college levels, he has worked to develop standards and curricula in the field of secondary school journalism studies. His peers have recognized his excellence by naming him as a Special Recognition Adviser, San Joaquin A+ Educator, and 1994-95 San Joaquin County Teacher of the Year.

Despite the accolades he has received personally, Don Bott views his work with a measure of modesty. He is quick to point out that the success of Stagg High School's newspaper, The Stagg Line, is a reflection of the talent and commitment of the students who produce it. Not surprisingly, one of his recent students has also received national acclaim. Together, Don and his students have created an award-winning newspaper. Among the honors it has garnered are: eight consecutive NSPA All-Americans, three National Pacesetters, two CSPA Gold Medalists, a Quill and Scroll International First Place, a first-place state JEANC Best of the West, three first-place NSPA National Best of Show awards, a Journalist Impact Award, and numerous regional awards.

While he is humble about his own role in the newspaper's success, Don is very proud of what his students have achieved in light of their school district's circumstances. Whereas many of the acclaimed student newspapers in the country are produced in affluent schools, The Stagg Line has been a bright spot in a high school that underperforms on standardized tests. This, indeed, is a tribute to a great teacher, inspired students, and hard work.

I congratulate Don Bott for the outstanding work he has done to touch young lives and advance the quality of news journalism. May he and his colleagues continue their great success.

MULEGÉ AND THE FIGHT OF
PINEDA

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, the relationship between Mexico and the United States of America is stronger than ever before. This relationship has been tested and strengthened throughout their shared history, a history typical of two close neighbors. There have been disputes and agreements, conflicts and truces, all of which have led the two countries to where they stand today: united, both in their