

IN HONOR OF GREG BUCKLEY,
STEVE BUCKLEY, AND MICHELE
CRANER

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Greg Buckley, Steve Buckley and Michele Craner of Buckley's Auto Care, this year's recipients of the Delaware Small Business Development Center Network Diamond Award.

As you know, small businesses such as Buckley's Auto Care, have always been extremely important to the economic vitality of each State and to our national economy. Small businesses account for the majority of all new jobs being created daily, and provide opportunities for millions of people to earn a living and provide financial stability for their families. Through Greg, Steve and Michele's teamwork and guidance, Buckley's Auto Care has distinguished itself as a leader amongst small businesses in Delaware by offering a valuable service and maintaining a high level of customer satisfaction.

Through out my years in public service I have consistently counted Delaware's small businesses to be amongst the very best in the Country, and recognition of Buckley's Auto Care by the Delaware SBDC Network, in my mind, confirms this belief.

Greg, Steve and Michele's accomplishments and innovative leadership in the small business community have placed Buckley's Auto Care in a position to rise above and meet the challenges of the future; I commend them on their receipt of this award and wish them continued success.

TRIBUTE TO ST. THOMAS THE
APOSTLE CHURCH

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an organization whose dedication and contributions to Riverside County are exceptional. Riverside County has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community organizations who willingly and unselfishly give time and talent to making their communities a better place to live and work. St. Thomas the apostle church is one of those organization. This January, St. Thomas the Apostle Church celebrates its 100th year anniversary.

The history of St. Thomas the Apostle Church includes service by the Jesuits, Franciscans and Diocesan priests as well as several communities of religious women. The Church has had the honor to have one of the newly named American saints work within the church community. St. Katharine Drexel and her order, the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, served the religious needs of the children at the Indian schools in the Southwest.

In 1903, St. Thomas the Apostle Church's path began as Father O'Brien celebrated his first Mass to a church paced with Indian students using a kitchen table as an altar. In the

1940's, the church experienced many changes as the pews began to fill with Army personnel during World War II. Father Edmund Krolicki of the Conventual Franciscans, with the help of parishioner volunteers, worked to build the first school buildings at St. Thomas the Apostle. In the late 1950's the parish faced more challenges when the church was lost to an arson fire. The commitment of service and faith would see the church through these difficult times and the community quickly united in the effort of re-building the church.

The new millennium has brought the parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle great spiritual and structural growth under the care and guidance of Fr. Joseph Felker. Since his arrival in 2000, the parish has enjoyed a renewed sense of community as the parish joins in the collaborative effort of renovating the parish site as well as building a new ministry center. The Katharine Drexel Ministry Center is a dream being actualized as a legacy for the next generation.

St. Thomas the Apostle continues to illustrate what a church community should strive for; a community of prayer, a place for families to be blessed; a place to celebrate the sacraments; and where God's live is at work. St. Thomas the Apostle's tireless work in their community and among their members has contributed immeasurably to the betterment of Riverside county. I congratulate St. Thomas the Apostle on 100 years of service and worship.

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HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a Resolution that mirrors the sentiments expressed by the Honorable Senator BYRD, and key members of the United Nations Security Council.

The United Nations weapons inspectors must be given more time to continue their work in Iraq.

Further, if the weapons inspectors are able to present evidence that the Government of Iraq has revived its nuclear weapons program, and is in material breach of U.N. Security Council Resolution 1441, we must seek another Security Council Resolution authorizing the use of force against the Government of Iraq.

Although progress is slow in Iraq, it is progress. I believe that with continued pressure from international emissaries, Saddam Hussein will soon have no choice but to relinquish power voluntarily. We must continue to work together to exhaust peaceful and diplomatic means for disarming Saddam Hussein, because we have little to gain and much to lose in a unilateral preemptive strike against Iraq.

First and foremost, the men and women of our Armed Forces are already fully engaged in a war on terrorism. This must remain our highest priority.

Second, it stands to reason that the more aggressive and belligerent our posture as a nation becomes, the more we invite another terrorist attack. Make no mistake, passing a bill to create a Department of Homeland Security did little to make our homeland more secure, and we are woefully unprepared for another terrorist attack on our soil.

Third, even though the administration has tried to play down the looming crisis in North Korea, last week, the top military commander in the Pacific requested an additional 2,000 more troops to join the 37,000 already in South Korea.

And fourth, when I rose to speak against the Iraq Resolution five months ago, I voiced concerns that the Administration did not have any post-invasion plans in place yet. There is no doubt in my mind that the United States, alone, or as part of a coalition, can prosecute a war to a successful conclusion, but the question is—and then what? We still haven't been provided with any estimates on how long our troops would be engaged in peacekeeping or peace enforcement operations in the Middle East, or what the estimated costs will be for humanitarian assistance and reconstruction.

On January 24th, I joined 129 Members of the House in signing a letter to the President urging him to make every attempt to achieve Iraq's disarmament through diplomatic means and with the full support of our allies. Toady, I urge your support in sending the same message to the President with this Resolution.

TRIBUTE TO THE BEREAN
INSTITUTE

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the contributions of Philadelphia's own Berean Institute. Celebrating their 104th year, their unwavering commitment has served countless aspiring youth by preparing students for the world of work or continued education.

Berean Institute is a nonprofit, state-aided and nonsectarian post-secondary institution providing affordable, high-quality educational, vocational and technological training. It is "a place to be somebody, where you learn to earn."

Founded in 1899 by Reverend Dr. Matthew Anderson and his wife Dr. Caroline Still Anderson, Berean continues to provide a solid foundation that assures its students the opportunity to choose a great career and acquire the marketable skills to meet and compete in the ever-changing demands to today's workforce.

Mr. Speaker, the Berean Institute remains a beacon of hope to the lives of many brilliant, young minds whose opportunities may not have been paralleled to their potential. I hope that all of my distinguished colleagues will join me in recognizing their contributions to the citizens of Philadelphia, to Pennsylvania and to our great nation.