

naming one of its affordable housing projects in 1994, "The Evelyn Dixon Houses," which are seven newly rehabilitated buildings in Brooklyn.

In recognition of her many contributions and her participation in the improvement of the Bedford Stuyvesant community, she has received numerous awards, including the Thomas S. Boyland Award for leadership and commitment to the cause of Black Americans from the New York State Association of Black and Puerto Rican Legislators, Inc. She was also honored by Brooklyn Borough President Howard Golden with a Certificate of Achievement for outstanding leadership and service. Other awards include the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs' Sojourner Truth Award, the Salvation Army's Humanitarian and Service Award, and the Key Women of America's Church Woman of the Year award.

Evelyn has also been honored by the Medgar Evers College Women's Center, Lions and Lioness Clubs, Friends of Shaw University, the National Council of Christians and Jews, and the Council of Churches of the City of New York.

A former teacher, she also studied at Bank Street College in New York City and at the New School for Social Research in New York City, specializing in Early Childhood Education. Evelyn was also an executive administrative assistant for the Taxi and Limousine Commission of New York City. One of her most outstanding accomplishments of her professional career was being elected to eight consecutive two-year terms as State Committeewoman (District Leader) of the 56th Assembly District. She was also a delegate to the 1980 National Democratic Convention.

Mr. Speaker, with her numerous awards and professional memberships, Evelyn M. Dixon has shown that she is clearly dedicated to her community. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable woman.

HONORING CABRILLO POWER, LLC OF CARLSBAD, CA, FOR EARNING THE WALTER JONES/NOAA EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS LEADERSHIP

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 18, 2003

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to recognize one of the outstanding businesses in my district, Cabrillo Power, LLC of Carlsbad, CA, for recently earning the Walter Jones/NOAA Excellence Award for Excellence in Business Leadership.

The Walter Jones/NOAA Excellence in Business Leadership Award recognizes a business organization that has made significant contributions, "above and beyond the call of duty," to improve or protect the coastal or ocean environment and that demonstrate the ability to balance business interests with environmental needs.

Cabrillo Power owns and operates the Encina Generating Station located along the coast in Carlsbad, California. The Encina Gen-

erating Station has been in operation since 1952 and produces nearly 25 percent of San Diego County's electricity supply. Cabrillo Power is also an active partner in the development of a sea water desalination facility which, when built, will be the largest sea water desalination facility in the Western Hemisphere. Cabrillo Power has helped federal, state and local resource managers develop a successful and effective approach to eradicating the highly invasive marine algae from Agua Hedionda Lagoon. Cabrillo Power has a clear impact on the lives of many Californians and seeks to conduct business in a responsible manner. It serves as a stellar model for advancing the goals of the Coastal Zone Management Act.

As a resident of one of San Diego County's coastal communities, I understand the importance of preserving our coastal resources and promoting energy efficiency. Cabrillo Power's proven creative ability to harness technology in their business practices that tempers business and environmental interests led to their selection for this prestigious honor. I applaud Cabrillo Power for its dedication to improving and serving San Diego's coastal community.

IN HONOR OF THE TVB BENEFIT VARIETY SHOW 2003

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 18, 2003

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise the extraordinary efforts of NYU Downtown Hospital and its Chinese Community Partnership for Health program, for all of their work in health education, outreach and case management throughout lower Manhattan. I salute them on the occasion of the fourth annual Hong Kong Television Broadcast Limited Benefit Variety Show, which raises funds for this worthy cause.

Lower Manhattan is a diverse community that welcomes thousands of new immigrants every year, especially to the dynamic neighborhood of Chinatown. NYU Downtown Hospital is the only health care facility in the area and works to guarantee that these immigrants have access to quality health care.

The hospital has numerous successful outreach programs including the Chinese Community Partnership for Health (CCPH) program. The CCPH works to promote health care to all the residents of New York's Chinese community, including the tens of thousands of new residents each year. For ten years, the CCPH has served more than 80,000 garment and restaurant workers, elderly Chinese residents and school children in the Hospital's service area.

The centerpiece of the Partnership program is its health screening activities conducted by specially trained outreach teams that include bilingual nurses with both Eastern and Western healthcare concepts and practices. CCPH helps these immigrants overcome language and cultural barriers which prevent them from receiving the medical assistance they need and deserve.

To help raise funds for this worthy cause, CCPH and NYU Downtown Hospital will host a three-day extravaganza featuring a celebrity gala dinner and culminating in the Benefit Variety Show. Produced by the Hong Kong Tele-

vision Broadcasts Limited (TVB), the Benefit Variety Show is an annual event in its fourth year that will be held in New York on March 22nd. The festivities are broadcast worldwide, which helps to display New York's tremendous diversity.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the many individuals who work tirelessly to make this event an annual success, including Sir Run Run Shaw, Executive Chairman of TVB, George C.K. Liu, Chairman of the Physician Committee, and Hong Kong Superstars Jerry Lamb, Sonija Kwok, Edwin Siu, Joey Yung, Steven Ma, Moses Chan, Ming-Fai Koi, and Christopher Wong. I would also like to recognize the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association, who are the grand benefactors of this event and do so much throughout Chinatown to serve and protect the interests of the Chinese community in New York City.

I appreciate all the good work that CCPH does to promote quality health care and I wish them great success with this year's variety show.

OPPOSING THE FCC DECISION ON DEREGULATION

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 18, 2003

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, in the final analysis, America's national security depends heavily on America's economic security—and, especially critical to our economic growth and prosperity in the future is our telecommunications industry.

Telecommunications is very important to my own state of Florida. More than 80,000 Floridians work in telecommunications. Thousands more depend on the industry to maintain their pensions, their retirement savings—to generate the additional income they need to continue as active, contributing members of society.

What hurts the American telecommunications sector, in other words, often generates problems which can only ripple throughout our economy, affecting our national goals and values.

And, that's why I was so disappointed by the decision announced by Federal Communications Commission (FCC) members on February 20—that they had no intention to remove existing restrictions placed on local phone companies nearly seven years ago, restrictions which the chairman of the Energy & Commerce Committee, Mr. TAUZIN, and the Ranking Democrat, Mr. DINGELL, both agree are discouraging new communications investment and new jobs creation.

The best prescription for economic growth and for producing good jobs with a future—for every American who wants to work—is a strong and growing economy. One does not foster investment and jobs creating by perpetuating unneeded regulations and deliberately discouraging new investment, especially new investment.

Congress needs to send the FCC majority a message that when it comes to jobs creation, when it comes to spurring new investment, when it comes to stimulating the broader availability of advanced communications, Congress expects the FCC to vote "yes."

This country can't afford—and, the American people don't deserve—the kind of anti-investment, anti-jobs policies that the FCC has displayed through their ruling against local phone company deregulation.

HONORING KALMAN AND
DEVORAH STROBEL

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 18, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kalman and Devorah Strobel upon their selection to be the honorees at the 24th Annual Dinner of the Young Israel of Avenue J, in Brooklyn, New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Strobel have truly defined community service. Having given generously of their time, finances, and business acumen, our local Brooklyn neighborhoods have truly been blessed to be the beneficiaries of such selflessness.

Mr. and Mrs. Strobel have played an integral role in the success of the Young Israel for over twenty years as well as many other crucial local Jewish institutions. The Strobel's dedication to Tifereth High School for Special Children is only one example of the breadth and depth of their efforts to better our neighborhoods. Their efforts have provided a guiding light into the true meaning of the Hebrew word "chesed" translated into English as kindness.

Being of a soft spoken nature, Mr. & Mrs. Strobel have proven that actions speak louder than words. Although never ones to seek accolades for their work, the community and the Young Israel will forever be indebted to them. Additionally, I wish to congratulate the Strobel's children, Suri, Miraty, Rivky, and Meir Eli, and granddaughter Chaya Leah so fortunate to have Kalman and Devorah as their role models.

May you continue to grace our community with your inspiring presence for many years to come.

HONORING THE SOUTH LAKE MEMORIAL AMERICAN LEGION AUX NO. 55

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 18, 2003

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Ms. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the South Lake Memorial American Auxiliary #55 on their Anniversary. Sixty-six years ago this Auxiliary was founded by the brave veterans of World War I and has been serving their community ever since.

Most recently, they were recognized as one of the strongest promoters of the "Spinoza Bear Program". This is a compassionate crusade that brings a smile to thousands of grieving children.

Their commitment to public service is renewed every year as they sponsor two young women to attend Girl's State, a wonderful program that has been developed to foster political activism in our nation's youth. They are in-

involved in countless other activities that promote community involvement by their members.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to call the men and women of the South Lake Memorial American Legion constituents, and I ask that you join with me today to congratulate them on their service to our nation.

IN REGONITION OF VERONICA
NIGH

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 18, 2003

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Veronica Nigh, a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership. She has been honored with the Award of Distinction as winner of the Cotillion for Achievement Scholarship Program.

The Cotillion for Achievement Award was established in 1986 and is presented annually. Two winners, one male, one female are selected from public and private school seniors attending school in Andrew and Buchanan County, Missouri. Students are evaluated on four criteria, scholastic achievement, extra-curricular activities, community involvement and an essay written by the student. This prestigious award has been extended to Veronica.

Veronica has established herself as a well-rounded student. She is involved in numerous activities, including Student Council, FFA, FCCLA, Social Studies Club, National Honors Society, class officer, volleyball, county fair play, the county museum, the County Fair Board, Student Tutors and the District Health Board as a student ambassador. Additionally, she has been honored for her achievements with such awards and distinctions as The National Honor Society Award, Missouri Girls State Minority House Leader, who's who among American high school students, student of the quarter, 1st place on the State Agriculture Literacy Team, 3rd place on the state FFA Agriculture Sales Team, the Washington Leadership Conference, FFA Chapter Star Greenhand, State FFA Creed Speaker, High Honor Roll, Honor Letter and The Missouri FFA Public Speaking Academy First Place Novice Division.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Veronica Nigh for her many achievements and in wishing her the best of luck in her future.

TRIBUTE TO SOMERSET, KENTUCKY SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 18, 2003

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker I rise today to commend the staff of the Somerset Social Security Office for their strong, effective, and compassionate service to the people of Kentucky.

Social Security plays an important role in the lives of more Americans than any other

federal program. Whether providing a Social Security number for a newborn baby, mailing a check to a retired worker, or helping a disabled individual receive benefits, the Social Security Administration touches the lives of just about everyone.

The field office in my hometown of Somerset, Kentucky, is a shining example for this massive agency. Under the leadership of W.D. Dalton, the staff in Somerset consistently goes beyond the call of duty to provide valuable benefits to the people of Kentucky. Because of their unwavering commitment to helping others, the Social Security Administration recognized the Somerset Office as the Best Level II Field Office in the Atlanta Region for fiscal year 2002.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my colleagues and myself, I want to thank the staff at the Somerset Social Security Office for their hard work and dedication to serving the people of Kentucky. These fine Americans are an inspiration to us all, and I salute them for their commitment to helping others.

IN MEMORY OF THOSE KILLED
AND INJURED AT FORT DRUM
BLACK HAWK CRASH

HON. JOHN M. McHUGH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 18, 2003

Mr. McHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, as I have countless times before on the floor of this House, to talk about something very near and dear to my heart—Fort Drum and the brave men and women of the Army's 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), the most frequently deployed division in the U.S. Army today.

When I raise this topic, I take a particular amount of pride in reminding my colleagues that Fort Drum, which is the most modern military facility anywhere in the world, is situated within my upstate New York Congressional District. Since the early 1990s, soldiers from the 10th Mountain Division (LI) have participated in significant operations both at home and abroad, including Hurricane Andrew, the Northeast's Ice Storm of 1998, Somalia, Haiti, Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan and beyond.

I have seen the men and women of the 10th Mountain Division (LI) in action. I have met many of the soldiers one-on-one and have been fortunate to speak with them during visits here at home and while the Division has been deployed around the globe. I am always impressed by their professionalism and the way they do their job without hesitation. The dedication, commitment, and heroism these men and women have is, perhaps, what is most remarkable about Fort Drum.

Last week, people from across the country became familiar with Fort Drum as well. But sadly, our nation learned the importance of this Army post through news reports of a tragic helicopter crash that occurred during a training mission. We were all devastated on last Tuesday afternoon when we learned that a Black Hawk went down killing 11 soldiers and injuring two.

Mr. Speaker, the soldiers who lost their lives on March 11, 2003 in the service of our nation are:

Cpt. Christopher E. Britton, 27, from Ohio, assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters