

HONORING IRVING B. HARRIS FOR HIS INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS IN PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today to join the Center for Human Potential and Public Policy and the many who have gathered at the University of Chicago to honor and celebrate the contributions of an outstanding American—a man who is my dear friend, Irving B. Harris. Today's Festschrift is a fitting tribute to a man who has spent a lifetime in the service of others.

As I look over the course of Irving's life, I am struck by his countless acts of generosity and compassion. As an advocate, a philanthropist, and a leading voice for children, his achievements have left an indelible mark on our society. Irving Harris recognized early on that the key to our children's success lay in their most formative years, birth to three. He inspired, developed and supported scores of programs and organizations dedicated to improving the lives of disadvantaged youngsters across the nation. He founded the Erikson Institute, a child development graduate school, and the Ounce of Prevention Fund, a public/private partnership that created and promoted community-based initiatives to improve early childhood development. He was a leader in development of Zero to Three: The National Center for Infants, Toddlers, and Families whose work to support families and promote the healthy development of babies and toddlers had a tremendous impact in communities across the nation. His work brought him national recognition as a leading voice for the betterment of children across the country.

Irving Harris is one of those rare individuals with roots in the world of business and finance who has used his hard-won wealth and influence to help others less fortunate. And his work and diligence and dedication is not only remarkable but unceasing. It is a reflection of all that we strive to be. His sincerity is marked by the principles he instilled in his own family—in his children and grandchildren, who today carry on his work on behalf of the other children of America.

Through education, public policy development, grant-making and advocacy, Irving Harris' vision and leadership has earned him recognition and many honors and awards over the years. He has served many organizations including the National Commission on Children and the Carnegie Corporation's New York Task Force on Meeting the Needs of Young Children.

It has been an enormous privilege for me to work with Irving over the years, and I look forward to continuing our collaboration. Irving knows that our young people represent the future and we as a community and nation must give them the tools to succeed. He recognized this simple fact many years ago, and dedicated his life to fulfilling that important goal.

Irving Harris continues his work today, as I hope he will for many more years to come. Thank you, Irving for the difference you have made in this country, and the millions of lives you have made better through your vision, your passion, and your generous spirit of mind. You are an inspiration to all of us.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SAINT JOHNSBURY ACADEMY FROM ST. JOHNSBURY, VERMONT

HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

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Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the outstanding performance of Saint Johnsbury Academy from St. Johnsbury, VT in the We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution national finals held in Washington, DC, April 26–28, 2003. These outstanding young people competed against 48 other classes from throughout the Nation and demonstrated a remarkable understanding of the fundamental ideals and values of American constitutional government.

Administered by the Center for Civic Education, the program is the most extensive of its kind, reaching more than 26 million students at elementary, middle, and high schools. The national finals competition simulates a congressional hearing whereby high school students testify as constitutional experts before a panel of judges, and the students from Saint Johnsbury Academy performed brilliantly.

I would like to recognize Mr. Henry Eaton, the moderator for this outstanding group from St. Johnsbury Academy, and the students themselves: Ingrid Bengtson, Merril Bent, Alex Camelio, Brent Clayton, Simon Darling, Dave Goreau, John Limberakis, Ross Marklein, Caroline Milne, Monica Montany, Eric Rowe, Susannah Roy, Kelsey Stavseth, Alex Tausanovitch, and Ashley Ward.

STUDENTS FROM CATHERINE McAULEY HIGH SCHOOL IN PORTLAND, MAINE WIN CIVIC EDUCATION AWARD

HON. THOMAS H. ALLEN

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, last month, students from around the country competed in the national finals of the U.S. Department of Education program, "We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution." Administered by the Center for Civic Education, the program reaches more than 26 million elementary, middle and high school students. The national finals simulate a congressional hearing in which students testify as constitutional experts before a panel of judges.

I am pleased that the following students from Catherine McAuley High School in Portland, Maine, under the supervision of their teacher, Joseph Wagner, and State Coordinator, Julia Underwood, won a award in the finals for their expertise on "Foundations of Democracy": Michelle Baldwin, Amanda Clements, Jessica Croteau, Katie D'Alessandro, Adrienne D'Ascanio, Kara Ebrahim, Katie Foster, Sara Marion, Brigid McGovern, Gulia Muca, Erika Poulin, Jackie Roy, Kate Sawyer, Laura Shortill, Becca Wagner, and Beth Witting.

Competing against 48 classes, these students demonstrated a remarkable understanding of the fundamental ideals and values

of American constitutional government. I commend these students and hope that they will continue their interest in and commitment to these principles, which have never been more important.

HONORING SOUTH SUBURBAN MAYORS AND MANAGERS ASSOCIATION

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

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Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association. The South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association (SSMMA) was incorporated in 1978 and is celebrating its 25th Anniversary during the year 2003.

SSMMA currently represents 43 municipalities and 650,000 residents in southern Cook and Will counties. Mayors, Village Presidents, and Village Managers take an active role within SSMMA and work in a cooperative effort to serve the southland communities and its residents. The leadership exhibited by SSMMA through its member municipalities has greatly benefited the Chicago Southland.

SSMMA has been critical in its support to the region in areas such as transportation, economic development, open space preservation, and stormwater issues. They have also offered finance and municipal administrative support and training. SSMMA helped start the recycling efforts throughout the Chicago Southland. They also support the region with housing and diversity issues, public safety, education funding and property tax reform.

On May 16, 2003 the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association will formally recognize its past and current leaders and the achievements of the organization at a dinner to be held at the Villa de Bruno in Lynwood, Illinois. I offer my congratulations to the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association for its 25 years of service to the Southland region. I commend the mayors, village presidents, city and village managers who have served the region so well.

Mr. Speaker, I urge this body to identify and recognize other associations in their own districts whose actions have so greatly benefited and strengthened America's families and communities.

HONORING THE JO ANN DAVIDSON OHIO LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of their trip to Washington, we rise to recognize the new members of the Jo Ann Davidson Ohio Leadership Institute.

The Jo Ann Davidson Ohio Leadership Institute is a nine-month program dedicated to providing Ohio women business and civic leaders with the training and encouragement necessary to assume appointed or electorate roles in government and the Republican Party. Under the leadership of Betty D. Montgomery