

continuing that tradition at the helm of the Angels. It is my hope that it will drive more minorities to sports management and to the Anaheim ballpark.

I'm told he bought the Angels not just because he loves sports, but because he loves to win—exactly what we need for a second championship victory.

As a die-hard Angels fan, I would like to welcome Mr. Arturo to the Anaheim family. I hope his first year includes another championship.

RECOGNIZING THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF LINCOLN, ILLINOIS

**HON. RAY LaHOOD**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 10, 2003*

Mr. LaHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the City of Lincoln, in the 18th District of Illinois, for their one hundred and fiftieth anniversary.

Whereas the city of Lincoln, Illinois, is celebrating its sesquicentennial;

Whereas such an occasion commemorates the life and times lived by those citizens who influenced or nurtured the development of the nation, state, county, and individual communities in which they lived;

Whereas the city of Lincoln, Illinois, has planned sesquicentennial activities to commemorate its founding;

Whereas an official celebration will occur August 21 through August 31, 2003 in downtown Lincoln, Postville, and Lincoln College, and will include commemorative displays as well as the Annual Art and Balloon Festival;

Whereas the history of the settlement of the original thirteen colonies along the Atlantic seaboard was one of people seeking a promised land—a land with freedom and opportunity;

Whereas Logan County, Illinois, was established as a result of the American westward movement across the Appalachian Mountains, through the Ohio River Valley, and onto the broad expanse of the Illinois prairies;

Whereas founded in 1853 as a result of that American westward movement, Lincoln, Illinois has had an illustrious history which has strongly influenced the city's citizens' way of life;

Whereas since its founding, the citizens of Lincoln, Illinois, have come from all walks of life and have represented all races, creeds, and nationalities;

Whereas, from the time of the original settlers of Lincoln, Illinois, and through the passage of time, the citizens of Lincoln have shared a common dream that their children would enjoy a better life than they themselves had;

Whereas that dream became the legacy, which remained throughout the economic, political, and social development of Lincoln, Illinois;

Whereas Abraham Lincoln was the embodiment of that dream whereby a person can transcend from a "dirt floor cabin" background and become a symbol of hope to the citizens of Lincoln, Illinois, the United States, and throughout the world;

Whereas Lincoln, Illinois, was the only town or city named for Abraham Lincoln before he ever achieved any prominence or fame;

Whereas Lincoln College was the only educational institution in the world named for

Abraham Lincoln during his Presidency from 1861 to 1865;

Whereas the founders of Lincoln, Illinois—Robert B. Latham, John D. Gillett, Virgil Hickox—were close friends of the 16th President of the United States and named the city after him;

Whereas Abraham Lincoln spent many hours in both Postville, which is now a part of Lincoln, and in Lincoln, Illinois, when handling his legal cases while riding the Eighth Judicial Circuit from 1839 to 1861;

Whereas Abraham Lincoln served as Presiding Judge while hearing several legal cases in Lincoln, Illinois, and was also a landowner in his namesake city;

Whereas, like Abraham Lincoln, there have been many citizens of Lincoln, Illinois, who have endeavored to pursue the causes of humanitarianism, justice, freedom, and true democracy;

Whereas the cornerstone of the heritage of Lincoln, Illinois, might be described by the words said by Abraham Lincoln during a time of great personal tragedy, "faith-love-hope"; and

Whereas such "faith-love-hope", along with determination and hard work have become the qualities which have enabled the citizens of Lincoln, Illinois, to develop the city into an entity in which each person can be proud.

Therefore, I ask that Lincoln, Illinois, and its residents be commended for their contributions and investment in the Nation's future and for the opportunities that the city and residents have to continue to reaffirm those principles which have served them well during the past 150 years.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FAIRVIEW AUXILIARY BOARD TO FAIRVIEW GENERAL HOSPITAL

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 10, 2003*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Fairview Auxiliary Board to Fairview General Hospital, whose selfless efforts exemplify a model of benevolence and altruism.

Over fifty years ago this organization was founded under the auspices of providing essential resources to the hospital for equipment, building funds, and scholarships. Today, this organization has blossomed to staff over 140 volunteers dedicated to this proposition. Their hours of volunteered time have resulted in astounding success. Volunteers have contributed over 30,000 hours and raised more than \$600,000 in the past ten years alone.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in commending the members of the Fairview Auxiliary Board. We must encourage organizations such as theirs to continue to volunteer their time and effort in the interest of the betterment of the world.

HONORING THE GARDEN GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

**HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 10, 2003*

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Garden Grove Unified School District.

For the second year in a row, the Garden Grove Unified School District has been selected as one of five finalists out of 16,000 districts, to receive the Broad Prize for Urban Education. The school district has won \$125,000 for college scholarship funds, but could win \$500,000 if it is selected as the best in the country.

The Broad Prize was set up by Eli Broad, and was given out for the first time last year. A panel of 12 judges made up of business, government and philanthropic leaders determine the winner of the final award.

To qualify, schools must improve test scores in reading and math over a three-year period, exceed gains of similar poverty levels, and narrow the achievement gap.

More than half the students I represent in Garden Grove are learning English and 59 percent are low income. The fact that their test scores continue to rise is a testament to the strong commitment the Garden Grove School District has made to improving the education level of their students.

This award will help many young students follow their dreams of pursuing a higher education, I am very proud of the dedication and hard work by the students and faculty of the Garden Grove Unified School District.

RECOGNIZING MAJOR JAMES "CHOCKS" EWALD

**HON. FRED UPTON**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 10, 2003*

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Major James "Chocks" Ewald of the Michigan Air National Guard for the valiant decisions he made when his aircraft was struck by a surface-to-air missile while flying over Baghdad. On April 8, 2003 Major Ewald was leaving the Baghdad area after collecting vital intelligence about Iraqi ambush positions when he was suddenly struck by a surface-to-air missile that left his aircraft only marginally flyable. Major Ewald flew a wounded-bird for 12 minutes, while also completing several battle damage checklists, identifying critical aircraft system operations, making tentative plans for aircraft recovery, gathering important information about threats affecting future Close Air Support operations, and hastily preparing for an injury-free ejection. The quick-thinking Major then evaded potential capture and was soon rescued by fellow U.S. Army forces.

While serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom he flew over 30 combat sorties. Major James Ewald entered active duty with the Air Force in January 1989 and served active duty until July 1998 when he joined the Michigan Air National Guard. During his active duty career, he flew in support of contingency operations over Bosnia, Operation Deny Flight, in support of United Nations Forces in the Republic of Korea, and over Iraq in support of Operation Southern Watch.

Major Ewald and so many like him have unselfishly pledged to protect the United States. No matter the time, place, or circumstance, the men and women of the United States Armed Forces have always answered the call to duty. "Chocks" represents the best of the