

Mr. Sevan first began at the United Nations in 1965 where he worked in the department of Public Information until 1996. In 1973 he joined the Secretariat of the Economic and Social Council and served as secretary of the council from 1982 until 1988.

In May of 1989 Mr. Sevan was appointed to the position of the Secretary-General's Personal Representative in Afghanistan and Pakistan. A year later he was asked to serve, concurrently, as the Secretary-General's Representative on the implementation of the Geneva Accords on Afghanistan. In 1991, Mr. Sevan took on yet another duty when he assumed responsibility for the overall direction and administration of the Office for the Coordination of the United Nations Humanitarian and Economic Assistance Programs in Afghanistan.

From August of 1992 until March of 1994 he served as Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Head of the Department of Political Affairs. In 1997 Mr. Sevan was appointed as the Executive Director of the Iraq Program. Prior to this position he served as Assistant Secretary-General for Conference and Support Services and United Nations Security Coordinator, which he carried out until 2002. Since 1992 Mr. Sevan served as the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for issues related to missing persons in the Middle East, where he engaged in preventive diplomacy and mediation in the world's trouble spots.

Once again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Mr. Sevan on his Lifetime Achievement award. I would like to thank Mr. Sevan for nearly 40 years of service to the international community and I ask my colleagues to rise with me in honoring the distinguished Benon V. Sevan.

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HONORING THE OWENS BOTTLE  
MACHINE COMPANY

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 30, 2003*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, one hundred years ago in Toledo, Ohio a revolution took place. In September 1903, a machine allowing the mass production of glass bottles changed the industry, and it changed the world as "the most significant advance in glass production in over 2,000 years" as noted by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. The company that grew out of this invention, Owens-Illinois, is celebrating its centennial anniversary.

At the dawn of the last century, Michael J. Owens was a young glass blower working in Toledo's Libbey Glass factory. Another inventive visionary and civic leader, Edward Drummond Libbey became Mr. Owens' primary backer as Mr. Owens developed his idea for the complete mechanization of glass bottle making. Though machines were patented in the latter half of the nineteenth century, all relied heavily on human toil. In 1903, Michael J. Owens patented a fully automated "bicycle pump" which operated in a similar fashion to this machine. The Owens Bottle Machine Company was incorporated on September 3, 1903.

In two years, the company was able to begin commercial sales with a machine that could make ten bottles per minute. It was the

first of many patented machines which developed products including glass building blocks, tumblers, plywood, paper cups, metal cans, television tubes, flat electronic display panels, corrugated boxes, lab glassware, plastic soft drink bottles, medicine vials, glass cookware, plastic and glass containers for food and beverages, and materials for range tops and telescope mirror blanks.

The company's sharp minds developed many innovations we know today and use in our everyday lives including the method for fusing graphics onto bottles, squeezable dispensers for foodstuffs, disposable and recyclable bottles, child-proof medicine bottles, tamper-resistant containers, plastic toothpaste pumps, microwavable food containers, barrier shields to prevent the release of carbonation for plastic soft drink bottles, the design of 2 liter bottles and many other types of bottles, and even the "clamshell" packages for McDonald's hamburgers.

Within twenty years of the founding of Owens Bottle Machine Company, machines manufactured 94 percent of the bottles. This innovation pleased the National Child Labor Committee, which in 1913 praised the Toledo technological advance in reducing child labor. The labor saving machines were also beneficial to the glassblowers, whose profession when practiced manually was devastating to their health.

By 1920, the Owens Bottle Company was the nation's largest bottle manufacturer, and Toledo earned its nickname as the "glass capitol of the world," a moniker still proudly borne today.

In 1930, several years after the deaths of its founders, an acquisition of the Illinois Glass Company brought William Levis on board. Mr. Levis' contributions to the success of the newly christened Owens-Illinois Company are widely held to be as significant as its founders'. During the depths of the Great Depression in 1930, Owens-Illinois made \$2.7 million. He foresaw the end to Prohibition, and was ready to capture the market on glass bottles when alcohol production resumed in 1933. William Levis invested heavily in glass fiberization technology, leading to the development of another well-known Toledo company, Owens-Corning. He also brought Toledo's Libbey Glass Company into the fold.

By 1950, Owens-Illinois was the largest glass bottle manufacturer in the world. With factories all over the world, employment worldwide reached 80,000 people including scientists, researchers, skilled labor, and management. Today its signature building, a glass skyscraper in downtown Toledo, stands as a monument to its zenith years.

Even though the company declined somewhat during the 1980s years of hostile corporate takeovers, Owens-Illinois remains a viable leader on the world market stage and one of Toledo's principal companies. One of every two bottles produced worldwide is made by Owens-Illinois or one of its subsidiaries. It is Toledo's second largest company as it begins its second century of operation. I am proud to salute its workforce past and present. America looks forward to the creative technology of its future.

A TRIBUTE TO ALAN AND KRISTINE YEADON OF JEROME, MI, FOR THEIR WORK WITH FOSTER CHILDREN

**HON. NICK SMITH**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 30, 2003*

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Alan and Kristine Yeadon of Jerome, MI. The Yeadons have been selected to receive the National "Angels in Adoption" Award for their tireless effort to care for the children of Michigan. On this date, September 30, 2003, the Congressional Adoption Institute will present this award at ceremonies in the Ronald Reagan Building in Washington, DC.

Alan and Kristine have their home in Somerset Township, MI and are active participants at Somerset Congregational Church. Alan is a successful engineer. More importantly, however, Alan and Kristine have fostered children for the last 3 years. In that time they fostered 13 children and raised five of their own.

When Alan and Kristine Yeadon first applied for foster parenthood they asked for children younger than their own. Their oldest child at the time was 12. Their first placement turned out to be three teenage children and an infant! The Yeadons quickly found that older children were a good fit for their family. Currently, children ranging from 1-15 years old live in their home.

They began their foster parenthood after seeing firsthand the great need for parents. Kristine's parents took in foster children. Alan participated in the Kinship program. They had the time, concern, and love to share with children and their families. Today, the Yeadons are adopting a daughter to add to their ever-changing family.

They have had many successes. Some children returned to a better life with their biological parents, some were placed with relatives, and others are ready for adoption. In addition to helping these foster children, Alan and Kristine believe that this experience benefited their own children. "All of our children have made many adjustments along the way. It has not always been easy for them but the lessons they have learned and the great amount of compassion, understanding, acceptance, and flexibility they now possess will stay with them always."

On behalf of Congress, I offer our thanks and congratulations for their tireless efforts to help others. It is their kind of dedication that makes America great.

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IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JOHN C.  
RAKKOU

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 30, 2003*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to laud the accomplishments of Mr. John C. Rakkou as a businessman and a dedicated member of his community. Mr. Rakkou is the President and CEO of the Interbank of New York and the recipient of this year's Humanitarian and Philanthropic award presented by the Cyprus Federation of America.