

black owned supermarket in St. Louis, and developing 162 units of low income housing in St. Louis County. Bishop Anderson's extraordinary leadership is exemplified through his participation as chairman of several boards of directors, membership with many committees and by the numerous honors that have been bestowed upon him.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great privilege that I recognize Bishop Anderson today before Congress. He is well-deserved of our respect, and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Bishop Vinton Randolph Anderson.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2004

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, March 2, 2004, I was unavoidably detained due to a prior obligation. I request that the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD reflect that had I been present and voting, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall No. 32, "yes" (on H.R. 3796).

Rollcall No. 33, "yes" (on H. Res. 526).

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BELLE AIRE BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2004

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 50th year of existence of the Belle Aire Baptist Church of Murfreesboro, Tennessee. The congregation will celebrate the church's 50th anniversary on Sunday, March 7, 2004, with a special homecoming and luncheon.

Belle Aire Baptist Church has grown from its original 27 members to more than 2,000 members today. The church has served the community and its congregation well for half a century, a time of tremendous growth and prosperity in the Murfreesboro area.

The church has worked hard to foster relationships with Middle Tennessee State University students. Currently, Belle Aire Baptist Church is helping to start a church near Rutgers University to continue its ministry to students on that campus. Belle Aire Baptist Church also supports missions around the world.

Murfreesboro is a better place because of the work of Belle Aire Baptist Church and its congregation. I am sure the church will continue to make a positive difference in the community for the next 50 years and congratulate the congregation and Pastor Dean Sisk for all the good they have done.

HONORING THE STUDENTS OF ST. FRANCOIS COUNTY, MISSOURI

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2004

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the students of St. Francois County

in the Eighth Congressional District of Missouri for their outstanding efforts in gathering items to donate to U.S. troops serving overseas.

As a school project in cooperation with the Leadington VFW Post No. 5741, students in the West County and Central school districts have collected personal hygiene products, writing supplies, games, food, and magazines for the men and women of National Guard Unit 1140 Company A, serving right now in Iraq. Many students have also added personal cards to their contributions.

The patriotism of these young students is very moving. I am extremely proud of their selfless efforts. They are providing an example to our communities and our Nation that we must unite behind our men and women in uniform to give our support to their mission and to show our appreciation for their hard work. It is especially heartening to find that spirit in our youngest fellow Americans.

At an early age, these students have learned the value of standing with their fellow Americans for a noble and just cause. They are taking the first steps in good citizenship and community service. Their goodwill is circling the globe and brightening the day of our brave soldiers of the 1140th who have taken on a great task in Iraq.

The 1140th is a combat engineering battalion, but its mission is symbolic for our Nation as well. These men and women from southern Missouri are not going to Iraq with the sword in hand. They are going with the plowshare and the builder's square. Others before them have liberated the Iraqi people from Saddam Hussein, from terror, and from oppression. Their work in Iraq serves a new mission: to liberate the same people from poverty, from fear, and from hopelessness.

Back home, the children in the West County and Central school districts are learning the value of their sacrifices. They are an important link in the supply chain for the 1140th in Iraq. The efforts of these students is connecting our loved ones with their homes in Missouri, and that is a very important mission all of us should undertake.

I would also like to express my appreciation for the sponsors and coordinators from the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the community for their help in this project.

TRIBUTE TO RETIRING CHIEF
JIMMY LUSTER

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2004

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that my good friend, Jimmy Luster, will retire as chief of police of El Dorado Springs, Missouri, after a lifetime of service to the various communities in which he has lived.

In 1970, Jimmy accepted the position of chief of police for Fairview Height, Illinois, where he established a completely operational police department for the newly incorporated city. By writing the rules, regulations and operational procedures, he laid a solid foundation for the department.

In 1976, Chief Luster left Illinois for Rogers, Arkansas, taking the position of chief of police in that community. He remained until 1978, when he moved to Missouri to serve the peo-

ple of Cass County in the sheriff's department, supervising night operations.

From 1979 to 1988, Jimmy served as chief of police for the town of Belton, Missouri. During his time there, he proved instrumental in getting a new state-of-the-art police facility built.

Since 1992, the people of El Dorado Springs have had the good fortune to have Jimmy as their chief of police. His retirement brings to a close the career of a graduate of the FBI National Academy, the president of the Southwest Missouri Major Case Squad, a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and a fine and dedicated man.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure the Members of the House will join me in honoring Chief Luster for his years of service and in wishing him all the best in the days ahead.

HONORING HATFIELD VOLUNTEER
FIRE COMPANY

HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2004

Mr. HOFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the Hatfield Volunteer Fire Company and two of its outstanding volunteer fire fighters, who have each contributed in excess of 50 years of dedicated service to the community.

The Hatfield Volunteer Fire Company was founded on March 10, 1910 after a fire destroyed a local business. The Hatfield Volunteer Fire Company had modest beginnings with 24 charter members and equipment that included a single horse drawn chemical truck. Presently the company has 68 active members and a ladies auxiliary. The current fleet consists of two fully equipped 1,500 gallon per minute engines, a Rescue/Cascade truck, and a 2,000 GPM pump with a special service six wheel pickup truck. The company serves the Hatfield Borough and Hatfield Township and provides mutual assistance across Montgomery and Bucks Counties in Pennsylvania.

Robert Nolen is a lifetime member of the Hatfield Volunteer Fire Company, who at age 70 still drives trucks to active fire calls. Isaac Feusner, another lifetime member now 93, has devoted countless hours to his duties as a fire fighter. The dedicated volunteers of the Hatfield Volunteer Fire Company have provided critical services to citizens in need, oftentimes endangering their own lives in the process.

I congratulate the Hatfield Volunteer Fire Company, specifically Robert Nolen and Isaac Feusner, for embodying the spirit of volunteerism in America through proactive service in the community.

HONORING CHARLES L. HORN

HON. MARK R. KENNEDY

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2004

Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, rise today to call attention to the accomplishments of a great man and a great Minnesotan, Charles L. Horn.

As a businessman, he set standards. As a philanthropist, he transformed a community. Indeed, it is safe to say rarely has one man made himself so singularly important and particularly indispensable as Charles L. Horn made himself to the city of Anoka, and the state of Minnesota as a whole.

In 1922, despite the fact that he "knew nothing of ammunition," Charles Horn had built up such an impressive record as the young President of the American Ball Company that he was asked to come to Anoka to run the defunct Federal Cartridge Corporation. He accepted this opportunity with characteristic eagerness.

Through his innovative marketing and distribution techniques, ambitious agenda for growth, and his revolutionary "dealership network," Horn guided F.C. Corp from a startup straining for market-share among such goliaths as Remington and Winchester, to a leadership role in the industry. In doing so, he helped bring hundreds of jobs and stimulate the economic growth of an entire community.

Perhaps more impressive than his storied successes in business are his wonderfully generous philanthropic efforts through which he established himself as a pillar of the community in the city of Anoka and beyond. As the chairman of the Olin Foundation, Horn directed donations in excess of \$425,000 for college scholarships and educational buildings, a feat impressive enough to lead 12 different colleges and universities to award him with honorary doctorates. In 1951, Horn began a long relationship establishing himself as one of the most important benefactors in community history by donating funds on the behalf of F.C. Corp to help pay for lighting a recreational field. Thereafter he established the George Green Scholarship award for deserving seniors from Anoka High, created two Charles L. Horn Math Scholarships at St Cloud University, donated \$50,000 to the Mercy Hospital fund drive, and sponsored a yearly Christmas party for the children of the community. Finally, further cementing his invaluable role in community life, Horn authorized \$635,000 to complete a new City Hall for Anoka.

Mr. Speaker, Charles L. Horn was a true American icon. A successful businessman who gave generously to his community, Horn will long be remembered in Anoka and throughout our state as an innovator and a dedicated philanthropist who truly embodied the values Minnesota holds so dear.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE
PANCYPRIAN ASSOCIATION WOMEN'S
ISSUES NETWORK AND
THELMA PIERI WOMAN OF THE
YEAR HONOREE

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, March 3, 2004

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Pancyprian Association Women's Issues Network (WIN) on the evening of its annual Dinner Dance, and to recognize WIN's 2004 Woman of the Year Award honoree, Ms. Thelma Pieri.

WIN was founded in 1997 to serve the Cyprian-American community, promote the Hel-

lenic Cypriot culture and provide opportunities for future generations of Cyprian women. The organization sponsors health lectures, health fairs, cultural events and breast and cervical cancer screening for women with no health insurance. Additionally, WIN has worked against the Turkish occupation of Cyprus since 1974.

Thelma Pieri was born in Galata, Cyprus on September 28, 1936; she is the daughter of Emilio and Theophanis Michalides. Thelma was educated in Cyprus and graduated from high school in 1954. As a young adult, she fell in love with and married Andreas Pieri. Mr. and Ms. Pieri have three children and nine grandchildren.

In 1967, Andreas and Thelma immigrated to the United States and made their home in Queens, New York. For the Pieri family, the United States has truly been a land of opportunity: with her husband, Thelma owned and operated two successful beauty salons.

Thelma's dedication to community service and the liberation of Cyprus is amply demonstrated by her tireless work for the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) and the Pancyprian Organization. She served as the chairperson of the Pancyprian Organization's Cultural Division and president of its athletic committee. Furthermore, she has received awards for her community service efforts from, among others, AHEPA, the Queens Borough President, the Pancyprian Organization and the Panhellenic Federation. She has truly given selflessly of her time and talent so as to improve the quality of life in her community. She is one of those rare individuals who can always find the time and energy to do more and give more.

In 1986, Mr. and Ms. Pieri moved to Newport Ritchie, Florida, where Thelma founded the Pancyprian Association of Florida and the Greek School at the St. George Church of Newport Ritchie.

Thelma continues to be a passionate spokesperson for the liberation of Cyprus. "I wish to return to Greece, where my children live, and participate in their lives and that of my grandchildren," Thelma recently remarked. "I work for the freedom of Cyprus and my heart is bleeding when I see my beautiful island under Turkish occupation. I will continue to work and fight until I see the sun set on a free, united Cyprus."

Thelma Pieri truly exemplifies the tradition of community involvement that makes America the greatest nation in the world. On behalf of the residents of the Fourteenth Congressional District of New York, I would like to extend to Ms. Pieri and the Women's Issues Network my continuing respect, admiration and support.

Mr. Speaker, I request that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to this wonderful organization and its honoree, Thelma Pieri.

COMMEMORATING PEACE CORPS
43RD ANNIVERSARY AND THE
CONTRIBUTION OF SAN MATEO
VOLUNTEERS

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, March 3, 2004

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the Peace Corps' 43rd anniver-

sary. Since 1961, over 170,000 Peace Corps volunteers in 137 countries have taught English as a second language in dimly lit classrooms, planted rice seedlings in water-covered fields, shared accounting practices with women cooperatives of local markets, conducted workshops under palm trees on the benefits of long-term nursing, and successfully accomplished many other worthy development projects.

Among this legion of volunteers are seventeen residents of my district in San Mateo County, California. They are Corrine Basanez, Qamrul Bhuiyan, Martha Cheng, Sonya Chi, James Choy, Emily Doan, Joann Gaasland, Michael Henley, Jonathan Kahn, Angela Lee, Celina Lee, Andrew Lind, Eileen McCarthy, Michelle Pena, Doreen Peterson, Peter Rabover, and Shona Simpson. I applaud all of them for the dedication and commitment.

Mr. Speaker, Peace Corps volunteers promote American values and world understanding, and, thus, are our country's best ambassadors in the villages and towns in which they live and work. Upon their return to the United States, Peace Corps volunteers share their experiences with family, friends, and the community at large, thereby exposing Main Streets across America to foreign cultures and customs. As a result, the Peace Corps experience enriches not only foreign countries, but also the volunteers and our nation. In fact, the State Department, USAID, and Congress have benefitted from the experiences of Returned Peace Corps volunteers within their ranks.

Mr. Speaker, in the last session, Chairman HYDE and I, in collaboration with other Members, crafted the Peace Corps Expansion Act of 2003 to better equip the Peace Corps to recruit, train, and support current and future volunteers during the next four years. The Act also facilitates the work of Returned Peace Corps volunteers as they carry out the mission of the Peace Corps—helping people in developing countries meet basic needs, promoting understanding abroad of U.S. values and ideals, and promoting a better understanding by our citizens of other cultures and societies. Significantly, the Act also encourages greater diversity within the Peace Corps and among volunteers to ensure better that all the faces of America are reflected in the faces of Peace Corps volunteers and staff, as the agency seeks to double the number of volunteers by 2007. I am pleased to say that this House passed the Peace Corps Expansion Act of 2003 with overwhelming bipartisan support.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I want again to salute the many thousands of Peace Corps volunteers across the globe who are currently serving their country and the many more who have returned home to continue contributing to their communities. They are the reason for National Peace Corps Week.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION
REGARDING TRADE LAW EN-
FORCEMENT

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, March 3, 2004

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I am introducing legislation today to change the process for enforcing U.S. trade laws. This bill will shift the