

the Year" by the Ohio Department of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and operates such programs as the Regional Food Center that serves over 5000 meals daily; and

Whereas, the Hocking-Athens-Perry Community Action Agency has an established reputation as an organization that is dedicated to the betterment of the community by assisting individuals with programs, services, and resources;

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District in celebrating Hocking-Athens-Perry Community Action Agency's 40 years of outstanding service.

IN HONOR OF MONO SEN

**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 3, 2004*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mono Sen for his years of public service and promotion of social unity. Mr. Sen was honored by the Ram Mohan Mission at the Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Raja Rammohan Ceremony on Saturday, May 22, 2004, in Kolkata, India.

Mr. Sen was awarded the Rammohan Puraskar 2004 for his outstanding work in public affairs, his promotion of social unity, and his efforts on behalf of the community as a whole in the United States of America. Mr. Sen's involvement in the community is unparalleled, dedicating his life to helping those in need, and working tirelessly without discrimination. Mr. Sen has contributed greatly to helping immigrants with the many challenges they face when settling in America, thereby enriching their American experience.

Mr. Sen has been involved in many programs that help Asian-Americans and seniors. Before moving to New Jersey, he served as management consultant at the William Hudson Center in the South Bronx and as director of the Caring Community Center in New York City. In 1980, Mono Sen founded the United Ethnic Congress in America to promote the election and appointments of Asians to the U.S. government.

For his numerous contributions to the people of New Jersey and his many years of extraordinary leadership, Mr. Sen has received countless awards and citations. Most notably, on May 10, 2000, Jersey City, New Jersey honored Mr. Sen by renaming Liberty Avenue as Mono Sen Plaza.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mono Sen for his distinguished public service, his dedication to promoting social unity, and his outstanding leadership and devotion to his community.

HONORING THE HUMBOLDT CRABS  
BASEBALL TEAM

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 3, 2004*

Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. Speaker; I rise today in recognition of the Humboldt Crabs, the oldest continuously operating collegiate summer baseball team in our nation.

Founded in June of 1945 in Humboldt County, California by Lou Bonomini, the team is celebrating its 60th season. Made up of local players, the team played its first game on June 17, 1945. 2004 has been designated as the Year of the Alumni and several celebrations have been planned for over 900 past players.

Playing teams from all over California and Southern Oregon, the Humboldt Crabs originally played at Albee Stadium in Eureka and moved permanently to the Arcata Ballpark in the early 1960's. In 1995 the Humboldt Crabs became a registered non-profit organization managed by an all-volunteer community-based board of directors. The Crabs organization provides the community with outstanding summer baseball while also supporting local youth baseball summer camps and providing training and education for youth baseball coaches and umpires.

The Crabs recruit college baseball players from all over the western United States. Players are provided with summer jobs as well as housing and the opportunity to play in 45 to 50 baseball games during the months of June and July. Forty former Crabs players have played or are presently playing on major league teams. The Crabs have won 17 California State Championships and the team has an overall winning record of 1,924 wins and 578 losses for a winning percentage well over .700.

Founder Lou Bonomini, who managed the popular Crabs from 1945 to 1986, joined by Ned Barsuglia and Don Terbush in the early 1960's, played a major role in guiding the successful team. Jerry Nutter, who served as president of the board from 1995 to 2000, and Ken Ames who has managed the team for 13 years, have carried on the tradition of selfless commitment to the organization.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize the Humboldt Crabs baseball team on the occasion of its 60th season as a cherished summer tradition on the North Coast of California.

TRIBUTE TO GIRLS INCORPORATED OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA AND SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY

**HON. ROBERT A. BRADY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 3, 2004*

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the efforts and the success of Girls Incorporated of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey. This non-profit agency has provided services to girls and families in high risk situations for over 40 years.

The agency was established in 1961 with the admirable cause of delinquency prevention in adolescent girls. It continued on to become a full member of the National Organization, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America Inc. in 1979, and an associate member of the national organization, Girls Inc., in 1998. With its extensive collection of programs in mentoring, community building and in-house counseling, the agency provides services to more than 1,400 girls and families each year. The presentation of the Williams Award for Excellence from the Philadelphia Foundation and the Bet-

ter Business Bureau Award for Most Dramatic Growth for a Non-profit agency exemplifies the agency's excellence in aiding adolescent girls and their families.

Girls Incorporated of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey continues to advance their cause and to strengthen their community by aspiring to open a Girl's Center for Philadelphia. Undoubtedly, an extension of this organization's current services will help to improve the overall well-being of youth in our community. I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues rise to congratulate the organization in recognition of all its accomplishments.

INTRODUCTION OF THE COASTAL RESTORATION ACT

**HON. FRANK A. LOBIONDO**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 3, 2004*

Mr. LOBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the Coastal Restoration Act of 2004 for myself and Representative LAMPSON. Since 1995, we have seen several attempts to change Federal policies in an effort to cripple the Federal beach nourishment program.

The Coastal Restoration Act (CRA) restates the congressional intent regarding the importance of the Federal beach nourishment program. The CRA makes it clear that changes in administration policy will not prevent feasibility and other types of studies from being processed through the Corps of Engineers and sent to Congress. The legislation emphasizes the role of Congress in determining which beach nourishment projects should be authorized for construction. It also restates and strengthens existing law that periodic re-nourishment is an integral part of the ongoing construction of a beach nourishment project.

This legislation states that in deciding which projects should receive Federal assistance, Congress intends that preference shall also be given to areas: (1) where regional sediment management plans have been adopted to integrate coastal beach nourishment, navigation, and environmental projects; or (2) where the project promotes human health and safety, as well as the quality of life for individuals and families. These additions will encourage states to adopt regional sediment management plans to identify areas for the disposal of dredged spoils and the projects to that promote their beneficial reuse, as well as ensure that public safety and other quality of life issues are taken into account when recommending a project for implementation.

The Coastal Restoration Act also raises the low priority now accorded by the U.S. Army Corps to the recreational benefits of beach nourishment, giving equal consideration to all national projects. It provides a mechanism to begin the project reauthorization process and it allows the Corps to better manage their funding and schedules to work around the times when endangered species are present at the project site.

In the United States, nearly 17 million people are employed in the tourism industry. Beaches are the leading tourist destination in the Nation. Beach tourists contribute about \$260 billion to the U.S. economy overall. Each year about 180 million Americans make 2 billion visits to the ocean, the gulf, and our inland beaches. That is almost twice as many