

groups. A large part of the village now has neighborhood watch groups. Their goal is to have a group that every resident can be a part of. These watch groups act as the eyes and ears of their neighbors and the police. This allows them to meet regularly with representatives of the neighborhood to maintain open lines of communication.

Truck Enforcement—One full time officer enforces the laws regarding 2nd Division truck violations.

Major Traffic Crash Investigators—Consists of a team of highly trained officers, who received certification training through Northwestern University Traffic Institute. They are available 24 hours a day for call-out to conduct in-depth investigations on all serious personal injury and fatality crashes.

Major Crimes Task Force—They are a participating member of this multi jurisdictional task force that investigates all major crimes committed within the participant's jurisdictions.

Arson Investigation Unit—Created an Arson Investigation Unit within the police department, consisting of a state certified arson investigator. This unit also participates in a county wide arson task force.

Saved by the Belt Awards—The department recognizes citizens, who are involved in serious traffic accidents, who otherwise might have lost their lives if they had not been wearing their seatbelts.

Community Cultural Program—Local students, whose artwork is considered exceptional, can display their art in public surroundings.

Bulletproof Vest Partnership—The \$2,500 competitive federal grant program provided funds to assist in the purchase of bulletproof vests for Law Enforcement Officers.

Tobacco Compliance Check Program—The department was awarded a grant in the amount of \$4,290 from the Illinois Liquor Control Commission's Tobacco Program to assist them in policing the sale of tobacco products to minors.

Willowbrook High School Liaison Officer—The department assigns a full time officer to the high school to work directly, on a daily basis, with school administrators and students.

Automated External Defibrillator—The department purchased automated external defibrillators that are utilized on patrol by all officers. These officers are trained in the AED's use and respond to all potential medical emergencies that have the potential for the need of this device.

School Bus Safety Plan—This program has officers randomly follow school buses along their routes taking enforcement action on vehicles that pass in violation of the bus's warning signs. Also, upon receiving vehicle information from school bus drivers on these violations, warning letters are sent out to the vehicles owners.

The Police Department has been both proactive as well as reactive in their efforts to maintain a safe community through both education and enforcement. They are now better prepared to handle emergencies, both man-made and natural, but their work is not done. They will continue to search out new and innovative ways to provide quality services to the residents of Villa Park. While they are proud of these programs and accomplishments, they remain cognizant of the dedication of the many officers that daily provide traditional patrol and investigative services to the Village of Villa Park, Illinois.

STUDENT AND TEACHER SAFETY ACT OF 2006

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 19, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to the Student and Teacher Safety Act.

Two days after celebrating the anniversary of the signing of the Constitution, this House comes to the floor to debate a bill to limit the protections offered by the Fourth Amendment to students in our Nation's schools. This bill purports to make schools safer for our children and the employees of those schools. Instead it adds an unnecessary layer of bureaucracy that protects no one.

We make a mistake when we rely on randomized searches to prevent the abuse of drugs by children and ensure the peaceful resolution of conflict. Instead of focusing our efforts on educating our children about conflict resolution and engaging them in the decisions about their lives and futures, random searches assume all youth are the same. Searches of students' property may be right and entirely necessary in situations with reasonable evidence of wrongdoing. But randomized searches render all youth suspect and treat them as criminals. High expectations for our children may reap great rewards, but what will we sow with the expectation of deception?

We should rather focus our time and energy on equipping students with the tools and skills necessary to make responsible decisions about their lives. Our guidance must not be based on suspicion and an expectation of poor choices. An environment of distrust will not encourage students to seek out teachers or administrators when they are in trouble or need advice. It will not help students to develop strong character or stand up to negative peer pressure. Instead, it will only further isolate them from the teachers and advisors they see every day.

This bill will not make students and teachers safer. It will only create new divisions between them, I urge my colleagues to reject this bill.

ROFEH RECOGNIZES OUTSTANDING LEADERS

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, for years now I have had the honor of sharing with our colleagues the news of the awards being presented by the organization ROFEH International—New England Chassidic Center. ROFEH International is an extremely important organization helping make the first-rate health facilities that are available in Boston to people who might not otherwise be able to benefit from them. The health profession constitutes one of the great assets of Greater Boston. It is at the same time an extraordinary source of benefit to those who receive the world-class treatment that is available, a major engine for our region's economy, and through the people it employs a significant contributor to the vi-

brant cultural life of our region. ROFEH International, ably led by its founder, Grand Rabbi Levi Horowitz, works closely with these institutions in many ways, and annually honors leaders in the health fields, both health professionals and those who have supported the important work that these health professionals do.

Mr. Speaker, this year the recipients are Dr. Robert M. Goldwyn and Mr. Michael P. Albert. Dr. Goldwyn receives the International Distinguished Service Award. Mr. Albert is the recipient of the ROFEH International-New England Chassidic Center "Man of the Year" award. Both are extremely well deserved, and reflect the commitment to both improving our health facilities and making them widely available that marks the work of ROFEH International.

Mr. Speaker, in the interests of sharing this news and perhaps inspiring others to take similar actions, I ask that the biographies of Dr. Goldwyn and Mr. Albert be printed here as examples of the people who work with project ROFEH and the good that they do.

ROBERT M. GOLDWYN, MD, ROFEH INTERNATIONAL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Dr. Robert M. Goldwyn is Clinical Professor of Surgery at the Harvard Medical School; Division of Plastic Surgery at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, Massachusetts.

Distinguished surgeon and educator, Dr. Robert M. Goldwyn has authored or coauthored more than 350 articles, more than 50 chapters and has edited many books. Dr. Goldwyn was among the first to perform experimental microsurgical transfer flaps and limb transplantation. Early in his career, he investigated the use of cryotherapy in the treatment of vascular tumors, of palliation of unresectable recurrent breast cancers of the chest wall. He developed new techniques for reduction mammoplasty, a major focus of his clinical activity. He was a founding member of Physicians for Social Responsibility and has written numerous articles on world peace, opposition to chemical and biological warfare, medical ethics, and medical history.

Awards include the Dieffenbach Medal, the Honorary Kazanjian Lectureship, the Special Achievement Award, and the Presidential Citation of the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons.

MICHAEL A. ALBERT, ROFEH INTERNATIONAL NEW ENGLAND CHASSIDIC CENTER MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Mr. Albert is Chairman and CEO of Harodite Industries, Inc. He is a prominent leader in the world of business. His involvements in the New England Jewish community has been the roles he played as Past Board Member Combined Jewish Philanthropies, Past President Temple Reyim, Past President of the Board of B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at Boston University, Board Member American Apparel and Footwear Association, Past President Etacol International, LTD, Past Chairman of the Advisory Board for the Ben Gurion/Boston University MSG Program in Israel, Past Board Member Associates Ben Gurion University of the Negev.

The Albert family continues to make landmark contributions in every aspect of the Jewish communal life and is well aware of the valuable work of ROFEH International and its positive impact on the entire Jewish community worldwide.