

the Volunteer Dedication Award given by The San Diego-Imperial Counties, AFL-CIO.

NALC Branch 70 was chartered in 1970, and has had a tradition of volunteering for charities, food drives, and legislative actions.

Unfortunately, due to the Hatch Act of 1939, the working letter carrier was prevented from taking any significant volunteer role in partisan political campaigns until 1993 when the Hatch Act was reformed.

NALC Branch 70, the United States Postal Service (USPS), along with the help of many other unions work together every year (on the 2nd Saturday of May) to collect food from our customers for those in our communities who are in need. This year will mark the 15th anniversary of the NALC Food Drive.

In 1982 the NALC Branch 70 and the USPS established a national program called Carrier Alert, of which Branch 70 is a member. This program, in simple terms, allows elderly and disabled customers to sign up for special attention from their letter carriers. When letter carriers suspect there is trouble they report it. One phone call could save a life; and in fact, lives have been saved through this program. The neighborhood letter carrier is always eager to help monitor the well-being of their customers. It is what letter carriers across the Nation do every day, with or without a formal program.

NALC Branch 70 and the USPS once a year also work with the Lions Club International by collecting eye glasses which are used to distribute to the poor throughout the world and was awarded the International Order of The Lion in 2005 by the Lions Club.

NALC Branch 70 understands it is not just about working together to help their own union, but working together with others so that everyone can have a better life. This is why the NALC Branch 70 is such a proud and distinguished member of the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council.

IN HONOR OF THE STUDENT GRADUATES OF PARAMUS' D.A.R.E. PROGRAM AT WEST BROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, today, the Paramus Police Department will hold its D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony with the students of West Brook Middle School. More than 150 students are participating in this important program that gives young people the support they need to say no to drugs, underage drinking, and gang violence.

Drug Abuse Resistance Education, or D.A.R.E., began as a small program in Los Angeles in 1983. Today, it is implemented in more than 75 percent of our Nation's school districts and in more than 43 other nations. It uses positive peer pressure to help children defeat the negative cultural influences that bombard them daily.

I am proud of the young boys and girls who participated in this program at West Brook Middle School, and I would like to recognize them all for taking this step toward positive citizenship:

Breanne Babin, Nicole Becker, Tamar Beylerian, Isabella Blanco-Rivas, Nicholas Bushman, Julia Castronovo, Deborah Daoud, Arnold De Masi, Anthony Gallo, Tiffany Hsiung, Alisha Jadhav, Stephen McGuire, Lauren Mihalik, Christina Muller, Hayley Niland, Aisling O'Connor, Justin Ordenez, Jacqueline Paizis, Kevin Perusse, Kimberly Portes, Nicholas Ruso, Zacky Sungkar, Daniel Toppo, Maxwell Wagner, Matthew Warren, Nadia Admani, Christopher Akdemir, Emily Aranda, Varun Bhatt, Miranda Campbell, Gabriel Cepeda, Divya Dasani, Nadine Haddad, Connor Hagen, Noel Hodgins, Brittany Hovan, Kwon-Sung Jung, Kathleen McGee, Leah Paterno-Olivari, Michael Piquero, Brian Polsky, Diego Ramirez, Michael Rullis, Akari Saito, Amitoj Sawhney, Nicole Sicari, Victoria Stable, Nicole Tomic, Mimi Tsang, Alok Vaidya, Shefalee Vohra, Brandon Birdsall, Diana Blanco, Nicholas Bucci, Ryan Bucci, Steven Carrescia, Justin Cochran, Mark Cristaldi, Rebekah Daniel, Joseph Dobrowski, Aleah Dotson, David Elhananov, Zinath Froogh, Michelle Kim, Emil Lopez, Carla Nilo, Yusuke Oshimizu, Daniel Paolazzi, Rachel Rigolosi, Eric Rosenzweig, Erika Soto, Athanasios Stepas, Michael Thompson, Gregory Vaks, Zachary Yabroudy, Priyanka Abraham, Jafar Ali, Alexandra Arrighi, Matthew Askling, Nicole Cagar, Alex Castro, Jesse Christie, Tyler Deas, Nicholas Delgiorno, Ariana Delloso, Nina Fiorilla, Dean Fujita, Oscar Gonzales, James Hallihan, Nikolaos Haralambakis, Max Hopkins, Zalaikha Javed, Sofia Koutsoumbis, Matthew Lahanas, Lindsey Lucas, Kayla Mees, Janki Patel, Zachary Reuveni, Ryan Rivera, Liridona Shala, Pratyusha Valiveti, Matthew Alpher, Jason Back, Parita Bhandari, Thomas Bores, Brooke Bukowski, Randy Casallas, Harold Choo, Matthew DeMatteo, Julia Deutmoser, Jana Devaney, Margaret Doyle, Joseph Faris, Laura Heckelmann, Daniel Heidt, Yurina Iijima, Farah Kiki, Michelle Kim, Elyse Krupinski, Maya Peterson, Victoria Petruzzella, Victoria Poplaski, Justine Rizzitello, Adam Ron, Daniel Schauer, Emad Tirmizi, Kevin Tirpanciani, Lakhini Vyas, George Ayob, Jr., Shannon Barile, Tiffany Buchen, Francis Ciabrone, Alexandra Cooney, Julia Cuomo, Alyssa De Clemente, Julia Delloso, Erika Dipasquale, Jessica Goldman, Jessica Hazuda, Nicole Huaman, Sundesh Kodali, Kimberly La Vecchia, Matthew Lemash, Brian Monticello, Timothy Moran, Deanna Napoli, Shivam Raikundalia, Raquel Riggitano, Jacob Roth, Nicholas Salemme, Karan Shah, Zainab Shahsamand, Donovan Spivey, Carly Turton, Shawn Abraham, Joseph Akdemir, Asha Babu, Rachel Buchbinder, Allison Chang, Daniel Chen, John Chinchar, Inderpreet Dhaliwal, Lindsay Diamond, John Diaz, Sky Digirolamo, Stephanie Edelstein, Julia Gerogiannis, Michael Kim, Gina Kisley, Joseph Lee, Daisy Lee, Grace Lim, Annika Nungra, Alyssa Nungra, John Piccinich, Abraar Quraishi, Alexa Salinardi, Alexander Shater, Courtney Smallze, Rebecca Song, Ashlin Twardzik, Parth Vaidya.

TRIBUTE TO FAYE COWART

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Faye Cowart. Mrs. Cowart has served the community for 38 years as a leader in the area of public education. As an outstanding educator in the Los Angeles Unified School District since 1969, Mrs. Cowart has been dedicated to the promotion of student success and educational achievement.

Mrs. Cowart has been a long time resident of Altadena, CA, and began her career in education as a teacher in the Los Angeles School District. After teaching for several years, she served as a Title I Coordinator, Assistant Principal, and Compliance Coordinator in the Specially Funded Programs Branch. In each of these endeavors, she distinguished herself as a tireless advocate for improving the quality of education for all of our students.

I ask all Members to join with me in congratulating Mrs. Faye Cowart for her dedicated service and commitment to the promotion of quality education. I am sure that each person positively affected by Mrs. Cowart's service will also join me in wishing her much joy in the years to come and great thanks for her time, her energy, and her efforts.

DANIEL VINCENT WILLIAMS FOR THE AWARD OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Daniel Vincent Williams, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 167, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Ross has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. For his Eagle Scout project, Ross's leadership helped to replace the wire fencing around the backstop and painting the poles of the Winston R-VI School baseball field. This completes the fifth Eagle Scout project that improves the baseball field.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Daniel Vincent Williams for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING COUNCILLOR LEONARD F. O'LEARY OF SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS

HON. JOHN F. TIERNEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

Mr. TIERNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Councillor Leonard F. O'Leary of Salem, MA. Councillor O'Leary recently announced that he would not be seeking reelection. It will be the first time since 1984 when