

game, they suffered a narrow 79–81 double-overtime loss against the Princeton Tigers.

Returning only two starters from the previous year, the Rochester Zebras enjoyed an incredible season, showing a strong work ethic in their practices and throughout the regular season in order to advance to the IHSAA 3-A State Tournament. The Zebras played brilliantly during the tournament and despite their close loss in the final game, their great effort capped off an impressive 23–4 season.

The Rochester team has 13 members including seniors Bruce Grimm, Jr., Brody Schoen, Austin Lowe and Jason Smith; Juniors Garrett Winegar, Marc Bowers and Colt Meadows; and Sophomores Nate Basham, Evan Hoff, Collin Harris, Cameron Screeton, Cahner Thompson and Chris Messersmith. The Zebras are led by senior Bruce Grimm, Jr., who averaged an impressive 25.2 points per game and had 40 points in the championship game.

During the championship game, the Rochester Zebras completed 15 three-point shots, setting a new IHSAA record.

I also want to acknowledge the wonderful support the team had from Head Coach Rob Malchow and Assistant Coaches Rex Reinholt, Sean Kelly, Dwayne Stiles, Mike Malchow and Mike Barnett. They helped guide the Zebras to victory. I would also like to thank Principal Dan Ronk, Assistant Principal Jana Vance, Athletic Director Mark Miller and above all, the fans in the community, many of whom traveled to Indianapolis for the game and gathered to welcome the team home upon their return.

I offer my hardy congratulations to the members of the boys' basketball team of Rochester High School, the coaching staff, the school administration, and the community for their accomplishments this season on the road to their second place finish in the IHSAA 3-A State Basketball Tournament.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE JUDGE  
CHARLES J. VALLONE SCHOLARSHIP  
DINNER DANCE

### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay honor to the organizers of the Judge Charles J. Vallone Scholarship Dinner, to the dinner's honorees and to the students who receive scholarships as a result of the generosity of dinner attendees. The scholarship, named for the late Charles J. Vallone, has awarded over half a million dollars to graduating high school seniors from Astoria, making it possible for these bright students to enroll in the colleges of their choice.

Judge Charles Vallone, father of former City Council Speaker Peter Vallone and grandfather of City Councilmember Peter Vallone Jr., founded the Astoria Civic Association with a group of concerned neighbors in 1928. The association was incorporated by the state of New York in 1933 and Judge Vallone served as its first executive chairman. After Judge Vallone died in 1967, his widow, Leah Vallone, founded the scholarship fund in his memory. The Vallone Scholarship fund has grown to be one of the largest private scholarship funds in New York state.

This month, the Astoria Civic Association holds its annual Judge Charles J. Vallone Scholarship Dinner Dance at the Riccardo's by the Bridge in Astoria, Queens. George Alexiou and Gloria DeMarco Aloise, two extraordinary people who are truly pillars of the community, will be this year's honorees. They each have demonstrated remarkable leadership and have been instrumental in supporting the Astoria Civic Association's vital mission.

George Alexiou embodies the American immigrant success story. He was born and raised in Greece. Following his service in the Greek Army, he went to the Hotel Manager School in Heidelberg, Germany, where he studied for two years. He then worked for two years at the Hilton Hotel in Dusseldorf, Germany, and also worked in the hotel business in Paris and London. In 1972, Mr. Alexiou moved to Astoria, New York. For ten years, Mr. Alexiou worked in top restaurants and hotels before leaving the hospitality industry to start his own business. He established Century 21 Alexiou Realty, which helps Queens residents find housing and enables many to begin the American dream of home ownership. Mr. Alexiou is honorary President of the Greek American Homeowners Association, and is a member of Queens Community Board 1 and the Astoria/Long Island City Kiwanis Club. He resides in Astoria with his lovely wife, Elpida.

Gloria DeMarco Aloise grew up in a political family and has spent a lifetime involved in Queens politics, particularly through the Taminent Democratic Club. Ms. Aloise is a Democratic District Leader for 36th Assembly District, and has provided organizational skills and guidance to every local elected official in Western Queens. Ms. Aloise has also been an inspiration to countless community leaders through her tireless efforts to improve the quality of life of all the residents of Astoria, New York. Ms. Aloise is active in many community organizations, including the Martin De Porres School, where she has served as a teacher and a caseworker. She is supported by her devoted husband Edward, and by her children and grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to all those who have made the Judge Charles J. Vallone Scholarship Dinner possible and in recognizing the accomplishments of its sponsor, the Astoria Civic Association, and its distinguished 2009 honorees.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS  
OF ALTERNATIVE HOUSE

### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding organization serving at-risk youth in Fairfax County. Alternative House was founded in 1972 as the first emergency shelter for runaway teenagers in Northern Virginia. Through counseling, shelter, crisis intervention and neighborhood outreach, Alternative House provides support to at-risk young children, teens and their families. Recognizing the interdependence of families, Alternative House programs seek to empower young children,

teens, and families to work together and build on their strengths.

Alternative House has grown organically from its origins in a trailer on the grounds of Lewinsville Presbyterian Church to a renovated house located on Gallows Road in Dunn Loring. While Alternative House's programs have grown, the organization continues to focus on those most in need of assistance and those with the greatest possibility for making life-altering changes.

In 1993, Alternative House embarked on an aggressive outreach program for at-risk youth. The effort consisted of a mobile unit with two counselors who walked through our neighborhoods to provide young people with support, resources, and guidance. Since its origins, the Community Outreach Program has expanded to include additional recreation and education services designed to help children and teens stay in school.

In 2002, Alternative House expanded its assistance outreach by opening the Assisting Young Mothers program. This program seeks to provide shelter, education, counseling and support to young women who are homeless, pregnant or already parenting. These programs give young people hope for brighter futures.

In 2008, Alternative House's Emergency Shelter for Teenagers provided safe shelter, food and counseling to an average of more than eighteen young people each month, totaling 220 for the year. In just the past twelve months, Alternative House provided neighborhood-based counseling, outreach, food and after-school programs to more than 1,800 at-risk youth in Fairfax County.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the consistently growing and increasingly significant contributions of Alternative House to at-risk young people in Fairfax County. From both its origins to its current efforts, Alternative House is truly an exemplar for community-based assistance programs.

LEGISLATION TO CODIFY TITLE 53,  
U.S. CODE—SMALL BUSINESS

### HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2009*

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, Ranking Member LAMAR SMITH and I are introducing a bill to codify into positive law as title 53, United States Code, certain general and permanent laws related to small business. This bill was prepared by the Office of the Law Revision Counsel, as part of its ongoing responsibility under 2 U.S.C. §285b to prepare, and submit to the Committee on the Judiciary one title at a time, a complete compilation, restatement, and revision of the general and permanent laws of the United States.

The bill restates the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, along with related provisions in other Acts, as a new positive law title of the United States Code. The new positive law title replaces the existing provisions, which are repealed by the bill.

This bill is not intended to make any substantive changes in the law. As is typical with the codification process, a number of nonsubstantive revisions are made, including the reorganization of sections into a more coherent