

Chief Administrator of Alma High School, in Alma, Michigan, Richard has promoted and maintained a solid system of education for eight-hundred students and eighty faculty over the past six years. Prior to his position at Alma High School, Mr. Chambers fulfilled several roles as principal, educator, and business associate for many great institutions throughout Michigan. Certainly, his participation with groups such as the local rotary club, the Michigan Department of Education Review Committee, the North Central Association evaluation team, and the National Association of Secondary School Principals, demonstrate the strong and influential leader Mr. Chambers is within his community. With a successful career beginning in 1964—when he started as a high school teacher and interim principal—Richard has enriched the lives of thousands of students.

Based in a small town of roughly ten-thousand citizens, Alma High School has been selected a Class B, Michigan Exemplary School. Of the eight-hundred students who attend classes at Alma High School, 75 percent are expected to continue their education at some level of a post-secondary institution. This multitude of success is a direct result of Dick's interaction with his students and faculty. Today's society invests incredible merit in school to work programming and the broad curriculum offered at Alma High produces great incentive for post-secondary education.

Much of the success of today's public school system depends on strong leadership from both teachers and the administration. The honor of "Principal of the Year" establishes a sense of security for the community to know such a special person is leading their school. This is the type of leader every school district needs. Alma High School is blessed to have the strength of Richard Chambers as their Principal. I know the parents, students and faculty associated with Alma High School, join me in recognizing Mr. Richard Chambers for his outstanding accomplishment.

THE BAHAI'S IN IRAN

HON. JOSEPH R. PITTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply concerned about recent reports that the government of Iran has executed a member of the Baha'i faith, and imprisoned and condemned others to death solely because of their religious beliefs. In addition, reports suggest that Iranian officials arrested 32 Baha'i teachers in a crackdown against those of the Baha'i faith.

The recent execution of Mr. Ruhollah Rowhani for proselytism is the first execution of a Baha'i in six years and, unfortunately, it was accompanied by the death sentence of other Baha'is. Just last week, two of these sentenced men had their death sentence confirmed. Mr. Sirus Zabih-Moghaddam and Mr. Hedayat Kashefi Najafabadu were arrested in the fall of 1997 for holding meetings for religious "family life." Reports reveal that after no legal representation at secret trials at the beginning of 1998, the two men were sentenced to death. Unfortunately, there are other Baha'is in similar situations.

Mr. Speaker, the government of Iran must be held accountable for violating the fun-

damental human right of religious liberty for the Baha'i and other religious minority believers in Iran. If the leadership of Iran desires to play a role in the international community, they must uphold religious liberty and all fundamental human rights for all people.

I, and other Members of Congress, Senators and the American people will be watching closely to see whether or not the Iranian government protects the rights of its people, or continues to blatantly violate international human rights norms.

IN MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE FRANK PIOMBO

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today before the House to celebrate the life of a most distinguished citizen and incomparable friend, retired Superior Court Judge Frank Piombo, who passed away peacefully at his home in Redwood City, California, on September 21, 1998. A Memorial Mass was held at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church in Judge Piombo's parish on September 25th.

Born and reared in San Francisco, Frank Piombo was a resident of Redwood City for 51 years, making the Bay Area his lifelong home. For this decision we, the residents of San Mateo County, are very grateful because we shall forever remember the contributions he made both to our community and our country.

To his country, Frank gave years of dedicated and courageous service. During World War II, he served in the 100th U.S. Infantry, earning a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart. After the War, he continued to serve in the Army Reserves, achieving the rank of Colonel.

A distinguished graduate of the California educational system, Judge Piombo did undergraduate work at Stanford and the University of California at Berkeley, graduating from U.C.'s Hastings College of the Law in 1949.

To his community, Frank Piombo devoted himself to a career in public service. He was a Deputy District Attorney for San Mateo County, as well as City Attorney for the City of Millbrae. In 1971, he was appointed a Municipal Court Judge, and later that year Governor Ronald Reagan elevated Frank Piombo to the Superior Court.

His devotion to the community extended beyond his judicial duties. He was active in the Elks, the Eagles, and the Sons of Italy. He was known for contriving some of the best practical jokes on scores of people and these stories are now legendary. His love of card games was a well established fact, and he was known to show up at a moment's notice for a game.

Nothing in the world meant more to Frank Piombo than his family. He was married for 47 years to the love of his life, Lydia, and they were blessed with five children: Lee, Robert, Nancy, Susan and Jan, as well as ten magnificent grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, Frank Piombo's life was a beautiful combination—his deep pride in his Italian-American heritage, his patriotism rooted in the Constitution and the law, his great faith which gave him guidance and unswerving belief in the beatitudes, and love of the family

which was unparalleled. His gift to me was our friendship and I shall treasure this all my life. I ask that the entire House honor this good and faithful citizen because of how he lived and who he was. Frank Piombo was the best of America.

A 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY TRIBUTE TO IRENE AND AL DALPIAZ

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, my colleague Mr. NEY and I would like to bring to your attention today the 50th wedding anniversary of our dear friends, Irene and Al Dalpiaz of Dover, Ohio. Al and Irene will mark the occasion during a special celebration with their children and grand-children next weekend in Medeira Beach, Florida.

Irene Sikora and Albert Dalpiaz were married on October 2, 1948 at St. Mary's Church in Dennison, Ohio. From their first meeting at a dance, Al and Irene knew they shared a special bond. Irene was the oldest of eight daughters and, in the early days of their courtship, usually had a difficult time getting rid of her sisters when Al would come calling. From the beginning, they were a handsome couple. Unfortunately, the wedding photographer forgot about their wedding and only showed up at the end of their ceremony. Ironically, Al and Irene spent their honeymoon in Washington D.C.

Al and Irene's first son, Larry, was born in 1954. Seven years later, the family moved to Dover, Ohio and their favorite (and only) daughter, Elaine, was born. Kevin was born four years later. Al was the co-owner of Tusco Service where he was a genius installing and repairing air conditioning and refrigeration units. In those days, especially, that was a bonus; their home was the first on the street to have central air conditioning. Al left Tusco in the 1970's and worked at Cummins Diesel until his retirement in the late 1980's. After a stint of being a full-time mom, Irene returned to work as a secretary at Dover Public Schools in the late 1970's.

The Dalpiaz family was, and remains, a very tight-knit family. Family summer vacations to the Smokey Mountains, Daytona Beach and Myrtle Beach were very common. Like most Italian families, "la familia Dalpiaz" was tremendously dedicated to those things in their life that meant the most to them—spending time with grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins as well as their commitment to work, school, the needy, and the Catholic Church. That commitment is extraordinarily special today as it relates to their grandchildren, Anthony and Gabriel. For many years, Al and Irene have also looked out for those less fortunate and to this day provide the most needy in Tuscarawas County with food and clothing. In short, they have made a special commitment to showering their family and those around them with love.

While Al and Irene are officially retired, one would not know it from watching them. Like