

the Armenian Evangelical Union on North America (AEUNA), a Fresno-based ecclesiastical union of 24 Armenian Protestant churches and mission projects in the United States and Canada.

The Minister to the Union "is the Pastor, the Spiritual Leader and the Chief Executive Officer of the AEUNA. He initiates new policies and programs, inspires and guides committees, implements policies and decisions of the General Assembly, the Board of Directors, or the Executive Committee".

Reverend Avakian was born in Alexandria, Egypt. He immigrated to Fresno, as a young man, and worked his way through undergraduate school and seminary. In 1979 Avakian was ordained a Minister of the Word and Sacramento and installed as Senior Pastor of the Armenian Presbyterian Church of Paramus, New Jersey. From 1988 to 1990, Avakian served as Moderator, or chief presiding officer, of the AEUNA.

On July 1, 1990, he was installed as Minister to the Union at the organization's Tenth Biennial General Assembly in Waltham, Massachusetts. He has served as Pastor, Spiritual Leader, and Chief Executive Officer of the California-based hemispheric ministry for almost a decade. His duties have included liaison assignments with the Armenian Missionary Association of America, Armenian Evangelical World Council, and Armenian Theological Students' Aid, Inc.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the Reverend Karl Vartan Avakian for his commitment to the Church and to the community during the last 35 years. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Reverend Avakian many more years of continued success.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE KODAK
BROWNIE

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 29, 2000

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the centennial anniversary of

the Kodak Brownie box camera. It was 100 years ago in my district in Rochester, New York, that George Eastman's visionary leadership first introduced consumers to photography. The price tag was one dollar, and film sold for 15 cents per roll. For the first time, taking pictures was within the reach of almost every American family.

Cameras in the 1870s were as big as breadboxes. The tools of the professional photographer's trade, including a bulky, unreliable camera, a tripod, and various liquid chemicals, were more than a single man could carry—"a pack-horse load" as Eastman described it. He resolved to downsize, simplify, and reduce the cost of the "burden" of taking pictures.

Look how far we have come in 100 short years. Today, photography and Kodak have moved into the Digital Age; cameras so small you can attach them to hand-held computers grab images and send them over the Internet for all to see; digital feature films bring new meaning to the movie experience; health care innovation promises to improve patient care through enhanced quality of care, especially for those in rural areas or homebound; Kodak technology made possible the spectacular images from the Mars Rover and dazzling images from space. From the 1896 development of the first Kodak product to capture x-ray images, to laser imaging and telehealth services that link patients and doctors regardless of time or distance, Kodak has led the way in innovation.

For over one hundred years, Kodak has been a leader in the Rochester community helping to make it the vibrant and nurturing community it is today. Kodak brings its products, culture and values to communities and workers in other countries. The Kodak name is synonymous with top quality products. As it expands its markets around the world, everyone snapping photos at family reunions, weddings, birthdays, vacations, and anywhere else should pause to thank George Eastman, the man who made all of their "Kodak moments" possible 100 years ago with his great invention, the Brownie.

TRIBUTE TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OF HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 29, 2000

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to the law enforcement officers of Hays County, Texas. April 8th is the date of the second annual Hays County Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (LEAD) sponsored by SAC-N-PAC Stores Inc. LEAD 2000 committees have been meeting since last October to make this year's event even more successful than the last, which raised \$7,500 for participating law enforcement departments.

As Event Coordinator Cheryl Warren Norton said, "With the growing rate of violence, especially among our youth, it is our responsibility and the general public's responsibility to assist our law enforcement officers in areas in which they are in need." The money raised through LEAD 2000 will go toward crime prevention programs aimed at fighting crime and violence on the local level. Local law enforcement is the backbone of public safety and protection across America, and I am proud to represent an area that recognizes its law enforcement personnel for the heroes that they are.

Some of the LEAD 2000 exhibits are SWAT, Mounted Patrol, the Dive Team, and possibly a Black Hawk Helicopter or Star Flight. The event will be held at the Hays County Civic Center and begins at 10:00 a.m. with an award presentation of bicycles for youth calendar contest winners, followed by an auction and fish fry.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in saluting our officers in blue across the nation, and I commend the LEAD 2000 organization as a model for other communities. This is an excellent way to show sincere appreciation for those who put their lives on the line for the safety of our communities.