universal appeal. His pastors, such as “World Peace” and “A Call for One Another” demonstrate this. Bishop Pilla has been outstanding as a unifying force in the Cleveland community.

I feel blessed to consider Bishop Pilla as one of my personal friends. I have had the opportunity to learn from him on a variety of issues for the benefit of the people of Cleveland. Both as a community leader and as a friend, Bishop Pilla has always shown the utmost integrity and honesty. In his work and his life he has shown the highest order of caring for others.

My fellow colleagues, today I speak in recognition of the twentieth anniversary of The Most Reverend Anthony M. Pilla as Bishop of Cleveland.

RECOGNIZING THE PASSING OF JAMES L. HAIR

HON. MARTIN FROST
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, December 6, 2000

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize the passing of Mr. James L. Hair. Jim Hair was a Navy veteran of the Korean War and faithfully served his country as a civil servant for over 30 years with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He was recognized throughout the Corps for his depth of knowledge of the organization, his caring disposition, and his wise counsel.

During his career he accomplished a number of firsts for the Corps. On the Sam Rayburn/Town Bluff hydropower project, he developed the agreements with the local sponsors whereby the sponsors paid 100 percent of the project costs up front, the first of its kind in the Corps. After the passage of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, he worked on one of the first cost sharing agreements with the city of Austin, Texas. He was the first executive assistant in the Southwestern Division of the Corps of Engineers, a very demanding position that provides a valuable liaison between the Corps and this august body. This is a position he retired from in 1989.

There are several members here today who have benefited from his assistance in developing authorization and appropriation legislation for much needed civil works projects and programs throughout our great nation. For his outstanding service, he was recognized with the Superior Civilian Service Award from the Secretary of the Army, and most recently, he was selected to the Gallery of Distinguished Civilian Employees of the Southwestern Division Corps of Engineers. He was the epitome of the invaluable civil servant.

Additionally, he was a pillar of his community; the first mayor of the city of Briaroaks, Texas; Chairman of the Board of Directors for a multimillion-dollar credit union; and an active participant on the board of many other civic and private organizations. He was devoted to his wife, Wanda, his family, the Corps, and his country. He passed away on November 26, 2000, in Fort Worth, Texas, at the age of 68.

Jim Hair, a truly great American, will be sorely missed by his family, friends, and the nation.

CONGRATULATING NICK ROWE OF MORAVIA, NEW YORK

HON. AMO HOUGHTON
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, December 6, 2000

Mr. HOUGHTON. Mr. Speaker, today I congratulate Nick Rowe, a star soccer player from the 31st.

On September 12 of this year, Nick, the varsity goalkeeper for the Moravia High School Soccer team, broke a 21-year-old national record for accumulating 1,130 saves. The previous record of 936 saves was set by Brian Siebrasse of Malta, Illinois in 1979—three years before Nick was even born. Nick was featured in the September 25th edition of Sports Illustrated, and on ESPN in celebration of his record-breaking performance.

So, Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to join Nick’s family, friends, and teammates in congratulating him on this outstanding achievement. We all wish him well on his future endeavors.

We will all miss the contributions and camaraderie Charles has shared with us. This will be an exciting time in the lives of the Canady family, as they await the birth of their second child. As a friend and fellow Floridian, I wish Charles, his wife Jennifer, his daughter Julie Grace, and the newest addition to the Canady family, the best as they embark upon a new chapter in their lives. I look forward to working with Charles in other capacities in the future as he continues his service to the people of Florida.

IN HONOR OF SENATOR GRACE L. DRAKE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH
OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, December 6, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Ohio State Senator Grace L. Drake. As senator she held a most distinguished political career, marked by numerous accomplishments and awards. Today, as her 17 years of service to the Ohio State Legislature is coming to a close, I offer my recognition and admiration for her exalted work.

Appointed to the office of State senator in May 1984, Senator Drake was re-elected handily in November of the same year. She has served on numerous committees throughout her tenure. Most recently, she served as chair of the Senate Health Committee since 1989, and as a member of the committees on Rules, Reference, and Ways and Means.

Recognized as a highly respected legislator, she has introduced over 146 pieces of legislation, passing over 60 of them. This remains a record unmatched by any current member of the Ohio General Assembly. Recognizing Senator Drake’s hard work and dedication to the people of Ohio, Ohio Governors, and Senate Presidents have rewarded her with key State appointments to the powerful State Controlling Board, chairman of the Retirement Study Committee, and the first chairman of the Women’s Policy and Research Commission, among numerous others. Senator Drake has also served as chair of the Senate Economic Development and Small Business Committee, and has used her knowledge of Ohio’s economy to hold economic development seminars in Cuyahoga and Medina Counties. Credited with stimulating economic growth in Northeast Ohio, she was recently appointed to serve on the Ohio Development Financing Advisory Council.

Senator Drake has played key roles in forming and building three major statewide organizations, namely, the Ohio Strategic Planning Task Force, to address the needs of the Ohio Dairy industry; the Ohio Higher Education Business Council, in cooperation with the Ohio Board of Regents and all of Ohio’s public and private universities; and the Ohio Farmland Preservation Task Force, which addresses the issues of farmland loss and the need for preservation.

Due to all of Senator Drake’s commitment, she has been the recipient of many awards and honors. The United Conservatives of Ohio chose her to receive the Watchdog of the Treasury Award four times, for her commitment to keeping the costs of government down. She has also been awarded three Outstanding Legislator of the Year Awards from...