

mean that when you read of hooded men shouting "Death to Jews" attacking a Jewish soccer team in suburban Paris, as happened recently, it should prompt some profound soul-searching about whether the past has come calling.

**IN RECOGNITION OF HAROLD SNYDER**

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 29, 2002

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Harold Snyder who will be celebrating his 80th birthday on April 25, 2002. Mr. Snyder has been a successful business man, a philanthropist, and a visionary.

Harold Snyder was born and raised in New York City. The son of immigrants, he grew up in desperate poverty, often going without adequate food or shelter. With determination and hard work, he helped raise his younger sister and in 1939 graduated from Erasmus Hall High School in Brooklyn, New York. After graduating, he served his country bravely and proudly in the Air Force from 1941 to 1945. He was able to use the benefits he received from his service to attend New York University, where he graduated in 1948. He then received his Master's degree from Columbia University in 1950.

With his wife Beatrice, Mr. Snyder began a personal and professional partnership that would last 50 years. In 1964, Harold and Beatrice co-founded Biocraft Laboratories, Inc. Under Mr. Snyder's leadership, Biocraft became one of the largest manufacturers of generic drugs in the United States. During the three decades of his tenure as President and Chief Executive Officer, Biocraft also became the first generic drug company listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

In 1996 Biocraft was acquired by Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., the largest pharmaceutical company in Israel. Mr. Snyder now serves on the Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, Ltd. Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

Along with his many professional accomplishments, Mr. Snyder was at the forefront of the effort to pass legislation to encourage the use of generic drugs, giving millions of people access to safe and effective low cost drugs. Mr. Snyder is one of the founders of the Pharmaceutical Industry Association and has lectured extensively on pharmaceutical manufacturing at various colleges and universities.

Mr. Snyder enjoyed 50 years with his beloved wife Beatrice, before she passed away in 1998. With their three children, Beryl, Jay and Brian, he formed the Beatrice Snyder Foundation which has championed a number of philanthropic causes, including the Lincoln Center of Performing Arts, the Memorial Sloan Cancer Center and the New York Hospital Medical Center of Queens. The generosity of the Snyder family has also touched the lives of those most greatly affected by the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, with their generous support of the September 11 Fund. Most recently, Mr. Snyder sponsored a scholarship to send an inner city high school student to Antarctica to work with scientists. By providing this exceptional opportunity, he

hopes to inspire a talented young person to achieve.

Mr. Speaker, for his many contributions, I ask that my colleagues join me in saluting Mr. Harold Snyder.

**TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM M. VACCA**

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 29, 2002

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the work of an outstanding individual, Mr. William M. Vacca, of Totowa, New Jersey, who was recognized on Wednesday, April 17, 2002 for his lifelong dedication to Don Bosco Technical High School in Paterson, New Jersey.

Bill Vacca joined the Athletic Department at Don Bosco as a volunteer in 1970, and has been there ever since. A full time employee in Passaic County's historic textile industry, Bill has dedicated an immeasurable amount to those who make up the Don Bosco Tech family.

It is thus only fitting that he be honored, in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on earth. This is a man who has lived the phrase "give something back."

Born in Paterson on September 29, 1953, to William and Catherine Vacca, Bill attended local public grammar school before moving on to Don Bosco Tech. Upon his graduation in 1970, he immediately began to invest his energies back into the institution he loved. After eleven years as Assistant Athletic Director, Bill Vacca was named Athletic Director in 1981.

Sadly, Don Bosco Tech will be permanently closing its doors later this year. This does not obscure the fact that Bill Vacca, along with so many other caring colleagues, made Don Bosco Tech a special place.

Mr. Speaker, I sent all three of my sons to Don Bosco. I can say without reservation that the work of individuals like Bill Vacca will live on in the faces of those who attended that wonderful school.

While the closing of Don Bosco Technical High School will cause great sadness in the greater Paterson area, it also be a time for celebration. All those touched by Bill Vacca and the Don Bosco community will treasure the memories and honor the successes they achieved.

The job of a United States Congressman involves so much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing the efforts of individuals like Bill Vacca.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, the City of Paterson, Bill's family and friends, the Don Bosco Technical High School family, and me in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable service of William M. Vacca.

**HONORING CALHOUN HIGH SCHOOL**

**HON. RON PAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 29, 2002

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay honor to the Calhoun High School "We the

People . . . the Citizen and the Constitution" team from Port Lavaca, Calhoun County, Texas. Under the exemplary leadership of Gennie Burleson Westbrook, the 2001-2002 Calhoun High School team placed third in the statewide competition held on January 5, 2002, at the University of Texas Law School in Austin, Texas, which was hosted by the State Bar of Texas. The team included the following students: Karin Chen, Candice Cook, Chelsea Ghiselin, Tiffany Harvey, Kimberlee Hobizal, Major Hoffman, Stephen Jedlicka, Scott Kelly, Josh McClellan, Thomas Nguyen, Matt Thomas, Vanessa Thorne, and Andrew Wu.

The "We the People" program was begun in 1987, with the goal of enhancing students' understanding of the institutions of American constitutional democracy, while guiding them to discover modern day applications of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. It is a time consuming study requiring many hours of preparation, both in and out of the classroom. Each participant takes a multiple-choice test, and prepares for a simulated Congressional hearing in which students "testify" before a panel of judges.

Following a prepared five-minute presentation covering specific topics demonstrating their knowledge and understanding of constitutional principals, the judges quizzed the students with thought-provoking questions pertaining to their subject. The students took and defended their positions, using both historic and contemporary examples.

Preparation for the state contest also required assistance from members of the community who came forward to volunteer to work with the team members. I salute the following volunteers: Connie Hunt, Mark Daigle, Shannon Salyer, Britney Salyer, Edris Montalvo, Darren Hartl, Joane McDonough, Phillip Swope, and Larry Nichols.

I am proud to have these students in the 14th Congressional District of Texas. I am proud of the commitment to excellence and perseverance shown by each student. I am proud of the support shown by the parents and volunteers which helped them reach for their goal.

I trust all my colleagues join me in congratulating the 2001-2002 "We the People . . . the Citizen and the Constitution" team on their third place win in state competition.

**MEDIA MERGERS ATE OUR NEWS**

**HON. BERNARD SANDERS**

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 29, 2002

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention an excellent article that recently ran in Seven Days, a weekly newspaper in Burlington, Vermont. The article discusses the increasingly superficial reporting and a growing conservative agenda dominating the nation's televisions, radios and newspapers. The article also highlights a Congressional Town Meeting that I held to discuss the topic of corporate control of the media.

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**MEDIA MERGERS ATE OUR NEWS!**

(By Susan Green)

The families flocking to Palmer? Here are some of the things that took place last