

National Adult Education conferences. Her efforts to improve adult education have undoubtedly benefitted students around the country.

Dr. Burdi was largely responsible for creating a community education program that is a model within our State. And, although she is missed at L'Anse Creuse, her colleagues and students throughout Michigan continue to learn because of her devotion to education. It is truly fitting for the board of education to bestow Dr. Burdi the honor of naming the new center after her.

On Sunday, May 21, 1995, when the L'Anse Creuse Public School's newest building becomes the Anna Mae Burdi Center for Community Development, a permanent legacy of a lifetime commitment to public education will be established.

I have known Dr. Burdi for many years and I know she is grateful for the distinction. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding Dr. Burdi and the L'Anse Creuse board for their role in honoring her. Dr. Burdi richly deserves the recognition.

**PIO PICO ELEMENTARY LIBRARY
TO BE NAMED IN HONOR OF
MARIA TONIA AGUIRRE**

HON. ESTEBAN EDWARD TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 1995

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, this Saturday, May 20, 1995, the El Rancho Unified School District will name the library at Pio Pico Elementary after Maria Tonia Aguirre in acknowledgement and recognition of her exemplary contributions and tireless service to the residents of Pico Rivera.

Following her death last October, board president Raul Salcido suggested the school board name the library in honor of her legacy. A bronze bust of Maria will be permanently placed in front of the school.

Mr. Speaker, on November 13, 1991, I asked my colleagues to join me in recognition of Maria's contributions to the El Rancho Unified School District Board of Education as she retired after 12 years of service. First elected to the board in 1979, and reelected in 1983 and 1987, Maria served with distinction. Maria was a near 50 year resident of the city of Pico Rivera. She served on the district bilingual advisory council, migrant education advisory council, the hall of fame committee, and the Whittier Area Trustee Association executive board, to name a few.

In addition, she worked persistently to implement education reforms which increased graduation requirements and established high levels of student academic performance standards. Throughout her years of service, she was a vocal proponent in initiating, promoting, and implementing bilingual-bicultural education in the El Rancho Unified School District.

Marie Aguirre's leadership abilities and efforts to improve education for the youth of Pico Rivera brought her noteworthy praise from civic leaders, education and business communities, and her colleagues on the board of education.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in saluting Maria Aguirre as we honor and remember her on Saturday, May 20, 1995.

**HOLOCAUST "RESCUERS IN
ITALY" DAY**

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 1995

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend all of those involved in the Holocaust Rescuers in Italy Day to be held at the Villa Walsh Academy in Morris Township on this coming Tuesday, May 23. This ceremony marks the extraordinary courage exhibited by ordinary people during the Second World War.

During the autumn of 1943, Italian Jews were in imminent danger of being captured by Nazi troops. In order to try and save them from the horrible fate of the Nazi death camps, Pope Pius XII sent word that the Roman Catholic religious orders should provide sanctuary to persecuted Jews by welcoming them into their monasteries and convents. Eighty percent of Italy's Jewish population survived the Holocaust because of their efforts. This took countless individual acts of courage by Italian Catholics who risked a similar fate if discovered by Nazi storm troopers.

"A Debt to Honor," a documentary film narrated by New Jersey resident Alan Alda and produced by Documentaries International president Sy Rotter, shows how these acts of heroism occurred when individuals, faced with extraordinary fear and adversity, simply did what was right. This film is a welcome reminder of what we are all capable of as human beings and that heroism and moral courage are not forgotten character traits.

Sister Margherita Marchione, a member of the Religious Teachers Filippini, one of the Catholic orders involved in helping the Jews of Rome, assisted Rotter in collecting the memories of Italy's Jewish survivors such as Carlo Sestieri. According to Sestieri, who was hidden in one of the Vatican buildings while his wife was provided sanctuary in a nearby convent:

Thousands of Roman Jews would have been captured by Nazi troops on October 16, 1943, had it not been for the prudent politics of the Vatican. Without a doubt, it helped avoid worse disasters.

Sister Margherita has opened the doors of Villa Walsh to numerous Jewish and Italian organizations including the United Jewish Federation of Metrowest, the Italian Embassy, the Italian American Foundation, the Anti-Defamation League, Unico National, Order Sons of Italy in America, and the Temple B'nai Or of Morristown, who along with the National Endowment for the Humanities are sponsoring the event.

I am proud to have "A Debt to Honor," filmed in Italy with the help of the Italian State Broadcasting Network, debt in my congressional district. Holocaust Rescuers in Italy Day helps to remind each of us that there are things in life larger than ourselves, things worth sacrificing for—things worth being a hero for.

HONORING MIAMI CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT, INC., AUDREY NELSON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT FOR 1995

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 1995

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to pay tribute to a truly outstanding community-based organization, Miami Capital Development of Miami, FL.

Miami Capital Development, Inc., was recently selected in a national competition as one of only six recipients of the National Community Development Association's prestigious Audrey Nelson Community Development Achievement Award for exemplary uses of community development block grant-funded projects.

Miami Capital Development, Inc., serves as the lending arm of the city of Miami. Created in 1980, it provides financial assistance at below-market interest rates to new and existing, small and minority-owned businesses located within underserved areas of the city of Miami and Dade County. It is a public-purpose lending agency that provides financial assistance that stimulates economic development and helps create and retain jobs for low- and moderate-income people.

I know that my colleagues join me in congratulating Executive Director Pablo Perez-Cisneros and his staff for a job well done.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS SHOULD BE OFF BUDGET

HON. ANDREW JACOBS, JR.

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 1995

Mr. JACOBS. Mr. Speaker, today Mr. CARDIN and I are introducing legislation to assure that Social Security administrative costs are off-budget, just as Social Security benefit costs are segregated from the rest of the budget.

In the 101st Congress, we made the Social Security trust funds independent. In other words, the financial accounting of the Social Security Old-Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance [OASDI] Program would not in any way be intermingled with the financial accounting of the rest of the Government.

The trouble is that, despite this law, the administrative costs of the Social Security Program remain subject to the general caps on Federal spending that we passed in the Budget Enforcement Act of 1990.

The backlog of disability cases pending at the Disability Determination Services is just over 700,000 cases. Thanks to the hard work of the stalwart employees of the Social Security Administration, that backlog has not grown since last year. However, the number of cases piling up at the Office of Hearings and Appeals for review by administrative law judges is increasing.

I am introducing this legislation again this year to clarify that Social Security administrative funds are independent of the general

funds of the Government. Under this bill, administrative funds would continue to be subject to annual appropriations. In addition, the appropriations would be further limited by a budgetary point of order against any bill that provides Social Security administrative funding of more than 1.5 percent of estimated benefit payments for that year.

The people who pay the Social Security tax are entitled to get what they pay for—and that includes adequate administration of the Social Security Program. Inadequate administration means long delays in benefit checks, inaccurate payments, high telephone busy rates, and poor services to both workers and beneficiaries. Furthermore, in the Social Security Disability Program, inadequate administration can mean that justice delayed is justice denied.

USA KARATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN
LONG BRANCH, NJ

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 1995

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, on Sunday, May 21, 1995, the New Jersey State Championship of USA Karate will be held at the Long Branch, NJ, Middle School. It will be an honor and a privilege for me to be in attendance at what promises to be a most exciting and impressive display of the martial arts.

Mr. Speaker, at Sunday's event, over 300 competitors of all ages, all rankings, and all styles will be competing at their respective levels. The winners will qualify for the national championship which will be held in Akron, OH, in August. This year marks the 7th consecutive year that the New Jersey championship has been held in Long Branch.

Recently, I joined with Senator BRADLEY of New Jersey in working to have USA Karate included in the Pan-American games held in Ar-

gentina in March. These fine American athletes competed and won seven medals, finishing third over all. It was an honor to get behind this initiative, which has brought honor and distinction not only to the competitors, but to our country as a whole.

Mr. Speaker, the credit for these successes is due largely to the work of Mr. Walter J. O'Neill, Jr., of Long Branch, NJ, and his wife, Patricia Booth-O'Neill. In 1979, Mr. O'Neill started the Atlantic Karate Academy in Long Branch. Walter and Patricia now serve as chief instructors. Mr. O'Neill, a black belt in several martial art disciplines, is a member of the World Karate Federation Organizing Committee, one of only three Americans on this board. He serves as a member of committees intended to get karate into both the Pan-American games and the Olympic games. The Atlantic Academy holds a number of distinctions, having produced hundreds of State and national champions.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor and a privilege for me to pay tribute to Walter and Patricia O'Neill, the Atlantic Karate Academy, and all the fine athletes who will compete on Sunday.