

and collected memorabilia which he has displayed at various functions. He prepared a small display here for our employees one President's Day as well as another on the July 4 Independence Day.

He is an unusual man who has done a service to others by reminding us of our government, our freedom and our history in this special way.

I hope you will be able to give him an opportunity to again show his collection.

Sincerely,

DORIS A. HORTON,  
Director, Human Resources.

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,  
Cloquet, MN.

I have known Joe Peterson for over ten years and during that time he has worked on a history of Washington Elementary School, talked in our Grade 4 classrooms on state symbols for Minnesota Day, and visited various classrooms discussing our presidents. His drive and enthusiasm are self evident in his thorough presentations.

Respectfully,

T.M. WALSH,  
Principal, Washington Elementary School.

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH,  
Cloquet, MN.

Joe has done extensive work in researching the lives and accomplishments of our presidents. He deserves recognition.

Joe Peterson has also done much valuable work with the history of our congregation. He has articulate knowledge about each of the pastors, significant congregational members, and specific dates. He has also helped considerably in this work in the history of other congregations. He has put much time and effort into all of the above.

Sincerely,

DENNIS C. MORREIM,  
Senior Pastor.

CLOQUET CO-OP CREDIT UNION,  
Cloquet MN.

In our community, Joe has become quite a historian and was recognized just one week ago in our local newspaper for the historical work that he has done. Joe does outstanding work and is highly committed to the endeavor of becoming an expert on our past presidents. I write this letter to you on behalf of Joe Peterson and should you have any questions as to his reputation or work ethic, please by all means feel free to be in touch with me.

Sincerely,

DEL D. PREVOST,  
President.

CARLTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY,  
Cloquet, MN.

Joe has been a member of our Society for a long time. He has done research on the presidents and other sources.

We have all gotten along very well with Joe and he is always willing to pass on help when he can.

Sincerely,

FERN M. OLSON,  
KATHLEEN MONSON.

I have known Joe Peterson for about five years. He is a very nice young fellow, ambitious and always willing to give a helping hand.

He gave several programs at the senior center about the presidents. It was very moving to hear him talk about them. He knows where and when they were born, about their history and backgrounds. Then, a couple of months later, he put on one about their wives, which was very interesting also.

He's put on programs at several other places, too.

He is a very smart young fellow and well liked by everyone.

VIOLET I. LOMPNEY,  
Duluth, Minnesota.

## FAMILY DAY IN TENNESSEE

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 1995

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, recently the Tennessee General Assembly sent me a resolution declaring the last Sunday in August as Family Day in Tennessee. They asked for my support to make this a National day.

The parent/child relationship is one of the most important in our society. Children learn lessons at home which shape and guide their future. No one would dispute that a loving, supportive homelife would benefit any child.

As the family deteriorates, so does American society. We can readily see that many of the problems our Country now faces have coincided with the breakdown of the family. As a father of four, I appreciate the importance this legislation places on the worth of the family.

Unfortunately, Congress no longer considers legislation for commemorative days. While this rule will save hundreds of thousands of dollars in operating and staff time, it does not allow for the recognition of National days of importance, such as Tennessee's proposed National Family Day.

Therefore, I ask that the Tennessee General Assembly's resolution be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD so that my colleagues may benefit from such an eloquent and worthwhile memorial.

### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 97

A Resolution Memorializing the United States Congress to establish a day of national observance in honor of the American family.

Whereas, One of the most trustworthy indicators of the health, strength and progress of a nation is the esteem in which the family is held; and

Whereas, Family strength, unity and respect cannot be purchased or fabricated, but comes to us instead when families are together and realize that through interaction they know love, trust and hope; and

Whereas, Life is special when we realize the worth of the family and its importance in all relationships; and

Whereas, The family is the center of our affections and the foundation of our American society; and

Whereas, No institution can take the family's place in giving meaning to human life and stability in our society; and

Whereas, It is fitting that official recognition be given to the importance of strengthening family life; now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the ninety-ninth general assembly of the State of Tennessee, the House of Representatives concurring, That this General Assembly hereby memorializes the U.S. Congress to enact legislation establishing the last Sunday of August of each year as a day of national observance to be known as "Family Day" in order to focus attention and to confer honor upon the importance of the American family as the cornerstone of our society.

Be it further resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit enrolled copies of this resolution to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the United States, the Honorable Al Gore, Vice President of the

United States, and to each member of the Tennessee delegation to the U.S. Congress.

## "CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA BLASTS CLINTON"

HON. BUD SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 1995

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, last week, spokesmen from the Clinton administration took aim at the supposed pork in highway projects. But, as with other matters, they had a hard time with the truth. First, they confused the House rescissions bill with the historic 1991 Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 [ISTEA], a stunning error made by the former Budget Committee Chairman, Leon Panetta.

Then, they criticized 10 projects in my district as wasteful, claiming that the money would be better spent on building schools and training teachers. Wrong again. These projects are extremely worthwhile. Moreover, they are funded with transportation trust fund dollars, which by law cannot be spent on anything but highway construction and improvements.

The largest newspaper from my Ninth District of Pennsylvania, the Altoona Mirror, instantly and eloquently spoke up on this matter, with the following superb editorial:

### ROUTE 220 IS NOT PORK

President Clinton is off-base in attacking highway projects in central Pennsylvania and especially in trying to label the completion of new route 220 as a pork project.

Few projects are as important to the economic health of central Pennsylvania and the safety of motorists than completing the limited-access highway link between Bald Eagle and interstate 80. Our region has already seen some benefits from the new highway between Bedford and Tyrone. Now we need the rest of the link to the State college/I-80 area.

Companies are locating in the Bedford, Blair, and Centre counties region because they know that new route 220 will give them easy access to the Pennsylvania turnpike and points south and to interstate 80 and the northern tier of States, including the metropolitan New York market.

It is unbelievable that our president could perceive such a vital link as a pork project. He accused Republicans in Congress of "caring more about pork than people."

Well, Mr. President, the northern leg of route 220 and the other road projects you attacked are being planned because they are about people, their safety, and their jobs. The other projects criticized by Clinton were the route 22 bypass of Hollidaysburg, the relocation of route 22 north of Lewistown and a new turning lane on route 36 in Roaring Spring.

We believe a legitimate need exists for all of these projects in terms of public safety, and we are glad that Representative Bud Shuster is working to bring these road improvements to fruition.

While we have seen disputes on the exact routing, we believe area residents generally agree that route 22 traffic creates hazards in the Hollidaysburg and Lewistown areas. And anyone who ever has been caught in traffic on route 36 doesn't think that a turning lane in Roaring Spring is pork.

Clinton said Thursday, "Special interest road projects—nine in one congressional district—are not as important as giving our

teachers the training they need to make sure our students reach world-class standards in education."

Wasn't this the president who came into office preaching about the need to repair America's infrastructure?

He apparently has forgotten about his promise. He also missed the boat on accuracy.

Money for the roads that Clinton attacked will come from a trust fund that can only be used for highway construction projects. The trust fund has about \$18 billion from special taxes on fuel, tires, and certain weights of trucks.

The money cannot be used to train teachers or build safe schools, as the administration alleges. If it isn't spent building and repairing highways and bridges, it just sits there doing nothing.

We urge area residents to tell Clinton that he is wrong in attacking the highway projects in central Pennsylvania and especially route 220, which will have a major impact on our economic future.

We need the highway link to I-80, and we should challenge anyone, including the president, who claims the road is just an unneeded and unwarranted "pork" project.

#### ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS

##### HON. ROBERT G. TORRICELLI

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 23, 1995*

Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate a special couple from my district who will celebrate a milestone wedding anniversary on June 19, 1995.

In these turbulent times, it is so wonderful to recognize Kay and Frank Purritano, a couple who have honored their vows to each other for 40 years. Family and friends will gather on June 3 in Albany, NY to wish them well.

Frank worked for over 30 years at Alleghany-Ludlum Steel before he retired. Kay has been a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother. She is extremely creative, is a gourmet cook and enjoys sewing and baby-sitting for her grandchildren.

The couple raised their five children, Debra, Francis, Jr., Joseph, Marie and Michael in New York but, after Frank retired, they moved to my district in New Jersey to be closer to their children and grandchildren. They are devoted parents and are the proud grandparents of seven, Laura, David, Scott, Anthony, Anastasia, Joseph and Nicholas.

It is an honor to commend this couple for their life together and to offer my best wishes for the years to come.

#### HONORING MICHAEL SCHENKLER

##### HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 23, 1995*

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join with my constituents of the Fifth Congressional District and many other citizens of New York as the Queens Council on the Arts celebrates its 29th anniversary by honoring the long-time Publisher of The Queens Tribune, Michael Schenkler.

Mr. Speaker, Mike Schenkler epitomizes a success story that stands as a shining example of dedication and achievement for the citizens of Queens County and its many communities. A product of the New York City schools, Mike first became involved in community affairs as a student at Queens College. Upon graduation, he began his professional career in the New York City school system, and quickly rose to the rank of principal.

In 1978, when I needed someone to take over the day-to-day operations of the community newspaper I had published, I was fortunate enough to lure Michael away from a career in education and introduce him to the world of journalism and small business. This was a move that would have a major impact not only on Mike's own career, but on the borough of Queens as well.

Mike departed from the school system and became totally immersed in the operation of The Queens Tribune, which quickly became the county's dominant weekly newspaper. In 1989, the Tribune merged with News Communications, Inc., and Michael rapidly rose to the rank of president and CEO of the newly formed company.

From his start in the private sector in a small storefront operation in Flushing, Mike Schenkler now runs a publishing empire that employs more than 300 people and publishes 23 different newspapers and magazines throughout the New York metropolitan area and in Washington, DC.

As the Queens Tribune grew, so did Michael's love for community, politics, the arts, economics, local sports and the many areas that join together to represent the dynamics of the borough of Queens.

Testimony for this dedication can be found every week on the pages of his newspapers, which cover all aspects of the Queens community. The annual Guide to Queens and the historical anniversary editions have highlighted the paper's ability to cover all the news.

The Queens Tribune is a living tribute to Michael Schenkler, his borough and the dynamic communities that thrive in Queens. The paper has received numerous journalism awards, including the New York Press Association Award for Mike's column, QUIPS. In 1994, Michael was named Businessman of the Year by the Queens Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Speaker, Michael Schenkler is a true American success story: a successful businessman, a warm and caring individual, a person dedicated to his family. I am truly honored to consider him my friend.

I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join with me and the Queens Council on the Arts in extending our best wishes to Mike, his lovely wife, Lillian, and their two children, Lee and Allison, and in saluting Michael Schenkler for his energy, vision and tireless efforts on behalf of the people and the arts of the Borough of Queens.

#### HIGHLANDS TRAIL DEDICATION

##### HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 23, 1995*

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call attention to the dedication of the Highlands Trail, which took place May 20 at Echo Lake in West Milford, NJ.

The Highlands are part of an ancient chain of mountains formed of Pre-Cambrian rock. This area has been widely recognized for its natural resources, especially water, wildlife and recreation, which are of great benefit to the dense populations of New Jersey and the New York metropolitan area.

The Highlands Trail is a result of a project initiated in 1993 by the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, with technical assistance from the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program. Assisting in the development of this exceptional trail were more than three dozen organizations, including the State of New Jersey and the counties of Passaic and Warren. All of these organizations are to be commended by the Congress for creation of this trail and their work to make more accessible to the people of our region a landscape of exceptional beauty and wilderness.

The Highlands area is a landscape of national significance but has been described as a hidden jewel in the emerald necklace of the Appalachian mountain chain.

The Highlands Trail is intended as the first of many trails in the Highlands region that will eventually be interconnected. When finished, the overall trail will stretch 150 miles, from the Hudson River at Storm King Mountain, NY, to the Delaware River at Phillipsburg, NJ. Marked by rugged slopes, narrow valleys and scenic ridge lines, the trail will link more than two dozen county, State and Federal parks, forests, historic sites and public open spaces. While the National Park Service will provide technical assistance, volunteer trail clubs and other community groups will conduct management and maintenance.

The New Jersey section being opened this weekend is 20 miles long. It offers breathtaking views of the Wanaque and Monksville reservoirs toward the Manhattan skyline 30 miles away. The route extends to the 35,000-acre Pequannock watershed wilderness, the source of Newark's water supply and home to numerous black bear.

I congratulate everyone involved in the creation of this magnificent trail. I am certain it will play a major role in helping preserve New Jersey's scenic outdoor culture for generations to come.

#### TRIBUTE TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES

##### HON. BRUCE F. VENTO

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 23, 1995*

Mr. VENTO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the success of a volunteer organization that has served the Twin Cities community since 1869. This year the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis is celebrating its 125th year providing social services to Twin Cities area residents in need.

Catholic Charities began with a commitment and desire to help the most vulnerable residents of the community, the children. In the late 1800's, events such as the Civil War and epidemics added to the already harsh pioneer life leaving many children without parents. Trying to do what they could to help, a group from Assumption parish in St. Paul organized a small orphanage to care for six Germanic