

own Holocaust experience, to forge a bright future for himself, his family, and the Jewish people.

Simon Konover has dedicated his life to the cultural renewal of the Jewish people and the State of Israel. A tireless community servant and a good friend, I can think of no better person to receive Israel Bond's New Life Award. Simon, his wife Doris, and their four children reside in Hartford, where they attend Beth El Temple. Simon has volunteered much of his time toward the betterment of the Jewish community. Simon's tremendous motivation stems from his personal Holocaust experience.

A survivor of the labor camps in Poland and Siberia, who also fought in the battle of Stalingrad, Simon has championed numerous Jewish and civic causes. He is the past president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford, the Greater Hartford Israel Bond Campaign, and the Connecticut Society of Yad Vashem, an honorary life member of the Greater Hartford Jewish Community and the Hebrew Home and Hospital. Simon held the national vice-chairmanship of the United Jewish Appeal in 1987-88, is an overseer at the Jewish Theological Seminary, a director of American Organization for Rehabilitation and Training for immigrants from Israel, and a member of the Israel Bond's President's Club. As a founder of the Holocaust museum, Simon raised and contributed a significant amount of money to complete this much needed historical archive for people from all over the world.

I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to Simon Konover for his endurance and his perseverance on behalf of the Jewish community and the people of Israel. This well deserved award could only be presented to a man like Simon Konover who has constantly worked to enhance the lives of the Jewish community and the people of Israel.

THE ARMY PUBLICATION CENTER
IN BALTIMORE, MD

HON. ROBERT L. EHRLICH, JR.

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 8, 1995

Mr. EHRLICH. Mr. Speaker, House Joint Resolution 102, the recommendation to disapprove of the BRAC list, places me—like many of my colleagues—in the difficult position of supporting an important process, which I respect, while disapproving the circumstances and final decision involving the closure of the Army Publications Center in Baltimore, MD. It is easy to understand why the concept of the BRAC Commission was designed to allow an independent body to render decisions that Congress must completely accept or reject. I echo many of my colleagues who have praised the BRAC process, while disapproving of closing specific bases. However, as a legislator that prefers to deal with the facts, let me make the following observations:

The Army Publications Center falls below the BRAC threshold and does not need the Commission's approval or disapproval for closure. Simply stated, the Publications Center did not belong on the BRAC list.

When it came time for voting, the Commission based its decision on the Army's erroneous justifications and inaccurate statements.

The Army supplied the commissioners with misleading data which the Publication Center and I consistently refuted. In the end, the Army, so determined to close the Baltimore Center and consolidate operations to St. Louis, convinced enough commissioners this highly technological, extremely efficient center located in Middle River, MD, was in need of closure.

When my base realized it was slated for closure, the employees did not criticize or complain. Instead, they offered real solutions to achieve true savings for the Department of Defense while increasing military readiness. They Army, however, would not consider this commonsense approach of evaluating and consolidating all DOD publications centers.

Summarily, I reject the argument that the Baltimore Publications Center, winner of Vice President GORE's hammer award and the Army's communities of excellence award, is a base worthy of such closure. This superior center, with its hardworking employees, served our troops with pride during the Persian Gulf war. A center, such as the one located in Baltimore, should be judged on its merits, not Washington politics. So I find myself in the unenviable position of voting against this resolution, but with serious reservations and feelings of disappointment. Disappointments for the employees of the Baltimore Center that worked tirelessly for something they believed in and disappointment in a process where facts and individual merit should have carried the day.

TRIBUTE TO BOBBY MORAVEC

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 8, 1995

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to rise today and call your attention to Bobby Moravec of Calumet Township, IN. Bobby's story serves as an inspiration to residents of Indiana's First Congressional District, as well as all Americans. This year, Bobby, who has Down's Syndrome, competed in the Special Olympic World Games against over 700 athletes from 143 countries around the world. Bobby succeeded in winning a bronze medal for the shot put and a fifth place ribbon for the softball throw. Bobby also placed sixth in the 50-meter race.

Bobby, a student at Merrillville High School, was nominated for the World Games, the largest sporting event in the world, by Laura Smith, treasurer for the Special Olympics group sponsored by the Northwest Indiana Special Education Co-op in Crown Point, IN. Because Bobby had won a gold medal in last year's Indiana State games, he was then chosen to advance to the World Games as an athlete on the 10-member Indiana track and field team.

Bobby has been active in the Regional Special Olympic games for 9 years and the State Special Olympic games for 5 years. He has earned four gold, six silver and one bronze medal for events ranging from the 50-meter race, the softball throw, basketball, the standing long jump, the shot put, and skiing.

Bobby trains 3 days a week at Merrillville High School. His vigorous training schedule includes a day of weight lifting, walking and run-

ning around the track, and practicing the shot put and softball throw. According to Bobby's parents, Ed and Marge Moravec, his coach, Maxine Urbanczyk of Merrillville, IN, was there at each training session to prepare him for the World Games. Ed and Marge add that she gave him encouragement when he needed it and praise when he deserved it. They say that the Special Olympics needs more coaches like Maxine.

When Bobby cannot be found in the training room, he may be participating in the other activities that he loves so much. Bobby may be fishing, playing on the Challenger softball and basketball team, or bowling. During football season, Bobby can be found at Andrean High School football games, where he has been the ball boy for the last 3 years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other colleagues congratulate and commend Bobby for his hard work and dedication to succeed, not only in the Special Olympic World Games, but in his everyday life. In a world where success doesn't come easy, Bobby has proven to be an exception to the rule.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. FRANK RIGGS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 8, 1995

Mr. RIGGS. Mr. Speaker, because I was unavoidably delayed in my return to Washington from California on Wednesday, September 6, 1995, I sought and was granted a leave of absence. During my absence, I missed three votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall No. 636, ordering the previous question on House Resolution 206;

I would have voted "no" on rollcall No. 637, motion to recommit the legislative branch appropriations conference report; and

I would have voted "aye" on rollcall No. 638, approval of the legislative branch appropriations conference report.

I ask that this statement be printed at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

VIVIEN NORMAN RETIRES; AIDE
TO FOUR CONGRESSMEN

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 8, 1995

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, Vivien Norman, the mainstay of my district office in Auburn, NY, and my ear to ground in all of Cayuga County in upstate New York, is as much a part of the fabric of Cayuga County as any officeholder, past or present, any businessman or woman, any farmer or merchant, any industrialist, prison guard, or health care professional. In many of our minds, she is the person to call to confirm news, flesh out a rumor, recall details or to set up a meeting. In our hearts, she is intelligent, friendly, uniquely humorous, and eminently dependable.

She is retiring now, at a young but wise age. Her history in service to four Congressmen, including my father, William F. Walsh, is a story of helping people. I am as proud to

have been associated with her as I am sad to see her go.

Because of her experience, I have been able to run an efficient office on the western border of my district from the very first day. Because of her local knowledge, I have had an intense education—of the area, its people, and its unique strengths and needs. I was able to hit the ground running in Auburn after reapportionment included about half the city of Auburn in my new district in 1992. Even in a confusing situation wherein three congressional districts were designated parts of the city, Vivien provided leadership for all of us, and never forgot that the needs of constituents come first.

My wife DeDe and I have found Vivien and her husband Paul Norman, also an active public servant over the years, to be genuinely caring people who are in their private lives every bit as civic-minded as they appear in public.

We will miss them. We wish them well in this new and exciting phase of their lives. And we hope that all the good Vivien has done for others comes back to her 100-fold.

MEAN-SPIRITED CAMPAIGNS

HON. ANDREW JACOBS, JR.

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 8, 1995

Mr. JACOBS. Mr. Speaker, our colleague, the Honorable Richard Lugar, has, in the following Indianapolis Star article of late August 1995, stated a truth that badly needs stating in this late 20th Century political atmosphere of incivility.

Those candidates who denounce and demean bring about a deadly contest of hate. In so doing, they serve their country not well.

REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGNS MISGUIDED, LUGAR SAYS

HOOSIER DECLARES THAT COMPETITORS' EXPLOITATION OF VOTERS' EMOTIONS IS THE WRONG WAY TO GET TO THE WHITE HOUSE

(By Mary Beth Schneider)

Maybe it was the local crowd of die-hard supporters.

Maybe it was the natural result of six months on the campaign trail, honing his message and his delivery.

Maybe it was just that Sen. Richard G. Lugar, R-Ind., has heard one acid-tongued speech too many from some of his competitors for the Republican nomination for president.

Whatever the reason, Lugar came home to Indianapolis on Monday and delivered the kind of speech that his critics say he can't—sometimes funny, often fervent, and with a point aimed right at the hearts of voters who tell pollsters repeatedly that they are sick of attack-dog politics.

In no uncertain terms, Lugar rejected the exploitation of "wedge issues" that candidates like Sen. Phil Gramm, Pat Buchanan and Gov. Pete Wilson have found can boost their poll numbers.

"We do have a dogfight out there," Lugar said of the presidential campaign. But the battle, as he described it, seemed not just a fight for higher poll numbers for himself, but a fight for the soul of the Republican Party.

Speaking at a luncheon honoring an organization he helped form to boost the political careers and involvement of women, the Richard G. Lugar Excellence in Public Service Luncheon, Lugar described the typical GOP

candidate forum for the several hundred Hoosiers.

One candidate, he said, boasts of being the most conservative, with a happy record of killing bills offered by "commies, socialists, radicals."

That diatribe, Lugar said, is topped by the next candidate, who says he is really the most conservative and brags, "You can't find anyone meaner or nastier."

These candidates—he didn't name them; he didn't have to—talk about immigration and affirmative action. Those are legitimate issues for debate, Lugar said, "but that's not their purpose in raising them."

EMOTIONS EXPLOITED

Candidates and anyone else who can read a poll know Americans are deeply worried that this country is on the wrong track; and some are making political hay by exploiting that fear and exacerbating division, he indicated.

He cited meatpacking workers in Iowa, who worry about their stagnant wages and are ripe for the pitch by some candidates that illegal immigrants are siphoning away the jobs and income.

Instead of discussing real problems and real solutions, discussions that inevitably involve boring and tedious complexities, those candidates call for walls on U.S. borders or a freeze on immigration, Lugar said.

"Raw meat," he said. "Raw emotion for people who sense the political system is not working well for them."

FIGHTING FOR WHAT'S RIGHT

He spoke with passion in favor of affirmative action—the type of affirmative action where someone works to open opportunities because that is right and not because it is the law.

Looking at the crowd there to honor this women's political network he had helped form, Lugar said some would suggest women shouldn't need or get a helping hand up in politics.

But it was right, Lugar indicated, to "jump-start" the opening of political opportunities for women.

He noted the minority scholarship program he began. "Isn't that affirmative action?"

Yet, some Republican candidates boast of racing to the White House to dismantle affirmative action.

"What kind of a party, what kind of an idea is that?" Lugar said. "I tell you—that's the nature of this campaign."

STANDS UP FOR INCLUSION

It's a campaign that is "extremely misguided, mean-spirited and nasty," he said, but "some Republicans think that's the road to the White House."

Instead, Lugar said, it is the road to defeat.

Republicans should stand for an opportunity for all Americans to reach "the starting line of life" with better education, health care and inclusion in society.

"To solve problems, we must deal with them constructively," he said. "That is my campaign. . . . It has to be a constructive process that reaches out to all Americans."

COMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1995

SPEECH OF

HON. BILL PAXON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 4, 1995

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1555) to promote competition and reduce regulation in order

to secure lower prices and higher quality services for American telecommunications consumers and encourage the rapid deployment of new telecommunications technologies:

Mr. PAXON. Mr. Chairman, I'm pleased to see the provision in this legislation that will allow for greater competition in the directory publishing business. Section 222(a) requires carriers providing local phone service to provide subscriber list information "on a timely and unbundled basis, under nondiscriminatory and reasonable rates, terms and conditions, to any person upon request."

Independent directory publishers currently operate in an environment where local telephone companies have control over subscriber list information. In many States, independent publishers have been forced to wait until the local carrier's directors are published before they can get the subscriber list information needed to publish their own directories. Section 222(a) would ensure access to these listings on a timely basis.

It's equally important to protect independent publishers from excessive charges for these listings. The committee report indicates that phone companies are to be fairly compensated for supplying listing information to independent publishers. I am of the opinion that this incorporates the concept that prices will be based on the incremental cost of providing the information.

THE EXCELLENT WORK OF ROFEH INTERNATIONAL

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 8, 1995

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, for several years now I've had the very distinct honor of sharing with my colleagues a description of the excellent work done by ROFEH International, sponsored by the New England Chassidic Center, at Beacon Street in Brookline, MA. Both of these important institutions are led by Grand Rabbi Levi Horowitz, known reverently by many as the Bostoner Rebbe. In addition to maintaining a vibrant and important institution for Jewish worship, Rebbe Horowitz and his colleagues do excellent work in the field of health. The Rebbe himself is recognized as an authority in the field of medical ethics, and he and those who work with him do a great deal to help support first rate medical care and to make it widely available to people who would otherwise not be able to benefit from it. This year, on November 12, Rebbe Horowitz and many others will join in a dinner in which they celebrate the important work that they do, and honor those who have played a major role in that work.

Two men in particular will be honored for the work they have done through ROFEH to benefit others. The 1955 Man of the Year is Milton B. Gray, who has a long family relationship, and is a staunch supporter of the New England Chassidic Center.

Mr. Milton B. Gray was born in Fort Kent, ME, and moved to Dorchester, MA, at an early age, where he attended the Boston public schools, graduating from Boston English High. He attended Northeastern University for 1 year after which he enrolled at the Bentley School