

a moment of silence before the school day begins in all of the Lawrence public schools. With the help of Mr. John Housianitis, vice chairman of the Lawrence school committee, Lawrence School Superintendent James F. Scully, and Lawrence Mayor Mary Claire Kennedy, Mr. Harb was able to convince the school committee to establish a moment of silence in the schools as a way of fostering a more positive atmosphere in the classrooms.

Since its adoption in March of 1994, many students have expressed their gratitude for the moment of silence before their school day begins. Many have used this period as a time for personal reflection and thought. Others have used it as a time for prayer. Regardless of religious denomination, students in Lawrence public school system now have the opportunity to take a moment to express themselves through reflection, thought, or prayer before each school day begins.

Today in our country, our children face many challenges at school. Not only are there academic rigors, but there are also social pressures that our young people must constantly address, day in and day out. A moment of silence and reflection will not eliminate these pressures, but it can ease them.

Again, I applaud the efforts of Mr. Harb and the other community leaders who have been at the forefront of this movement. I hope other communities will follow the lead of the Lawrence public school system and institute a moment of silence before each school day. It has benefited the students in Lawrence and it will benefit others.

THE C-17 DOES THE JOB

HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 28, 1995

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, real world events continue to demonstrate why the nondevelopmental aircraft alternative [NDAA] as part of our strategic airlift solution is a bad idea. The recent disaster in the Caribbean caused by Hurricane Marilyn underscores our Nation's continuing need for humanitarian airlift and, likewise, demonstrates the Nation's need for the unique capabilities of the C-17. The humanitarian relief activity in the U.S. Virgin Islands performed by the C-17 validates the very reasons we are buying this magnificent airplane. Simply, it does the job we bought it to do, and does it when conditions preclude the use of other, less capable aircraft.

At the airfield in St. Thomas, where ramp space is extremely limited, landing and then unloading a large commercial freighter would essentially close to airfield to other aircraft. We witnessed these same circumstances in Goma, Zaire, where aircraft with desperately needed supplies circled overhead and were forced to turn back because the airfield was out of service for hours awaiting the unloading of a B747. The C-17's unique ground maneuverability—routine backing and the ability to turn around in fewer than 90 feet—allows for a continuous flow—greater throughput—of humanitarian relief through the small St. Thomas airfield.

Also the C-17 can carry more than people, meals, and blankets. In the case of St. Thomas—17's carried an entire 150-vehicle U.S.

Army light infantry truck company, including 2.5- and 5-ton trucks loaded with relief supplies and flatbed semi-trailer trucks. It is relief equipment such as this, which cannot be carried by the so-called nondevelopmental aircraft alternative—a Pentagon word for an airplane which is not a C-17. Such a capability is very critical in the early days following a disaster. The outsize cargo capability of the C-17 allows the Army to stack-load many of its trucks directly atop the flatbed vehicles, increasing the load density and reducing the number of required flights. Such outsize loads can be delivered directly to where they are needed only by the C-17.

As we have seen again in St. Thomas, whether airlifting firepower for the soldier or humanitarian aid for a neighbor, the C-17 is living up to its promise—it delivers. The C-17 is demonstrating it is indeed the most versatile airlift aircraft in aviation history. It is this capability our Nation must have to meet its global military and humanitarian airlift needs.

As we begin to replace our aging C-141, a dollar spent for airlift should be a dollar spent for airlift modernization and increased capability; NDAA—the nondevelopmental aircraft alternative—does neither. If a force mix solution is considered to satisfy our Nation's military and humanitarian airlift needs, the correct number of NDAA must be zero. I urge your continued support of the maximum funding in the fiscal year 1996 budget for the C-17 as our single and most capable airlift solution.

TRIBUTE TO ED WUJEK AND LARRY CALCATERRA

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 28, 1995

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, the March of Dimes is an organization with a noble mission: To fight birth defects and childhood diseases. We all share the March of Dimes dream which is that every child should have the opportunity to live a healthy life.

For the past 12 years, the Southeast Michigan Chapter of the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation has honored several Macomb County residents who are outstanding members of our community and have helped in the campaign for healthier babies. This evening, the chapter will be hosting the 12 annual "Alexander Macomb Citizen of the Year" award dinner. The award, instituted in 1984, is named after my home county's namesake, Gen. Alexander Macomb, a hero of the War of 1812.

This year, the March of Dimes has chosen Ed Wujek and Larry Calcaterra as recipients of the "Family of the Year" award. The Wujek-Calcaterra family has operated a funeral home in Macomb County for more than 10 years. Both families have been in the business since the early 1900's. As everyone knows, their business involves caring for people during what is often the most difficult point in people's lives. When they are not helping meet the needs of the grieving, the Wujek-Calcaterra family can be counted on to devote time and money to numerous charitable and civic groups including the Boy and Girl Scouts, churches, hospitals, and of course, the March of Dimes.

Dr. Jonas Salk's polio vaccine is just one of the more famous breakthroughs that would not have been possible without March of Dimes research funding. And, without people like Ed Wujek and Larry Calcaterra and their families the job of protecting babies would be that much more difficult.

I applaud the Southeast Michigan Chapter of the March of Dimes and Ed Wujek and Larry Calcaterra for their leadership, advocacy, and community service. I am sure that the Wujek and Calcaterra families are honored by the recognition and I urge my colleagues to join me in saluting them as the 1995 recipients of the "Alexander Macomb Family of the Year Award."

HONORING THE CARLOW COLLEGE WOMEN OF SPIRIT

HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 28, 1995

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor some very special women—the Carlow College Women of Spirit for the year 1994–95. Carlow College is a private Catholic college for women in Pittsburgh. The college, founded in 1929, created its Women of Spirit Award to call attention to women in the Pittsburgh area who exemplify the college's ideals of competent and compassionate service in both their personal and professional lives. The college presents a Woman of Spirit Award every month, and it holds a gala event each year to pay tribute to the previous year's recipients.

This year's Women of Spirit Award recipients include prominent members of the area's business community, several leading educators, and women who are active in many local charities. In fact, many Women of Spirit have accomplishments in more than one of these fields, as well as in their personal and spiritual lives. I would like to mention each award recipient personally.

Ellie Wynard, Ph.D., is a respected professor of English and lecturer at Carlow College. She has been influential in developing the women's studies curriculum at Carlow College. She is also the author of two books about the effects of divorce.

Carol Neyland, a vice president at Mellon Bank, has a distinguished professional career in the fields of banking and finance. She has also been active in community service, especially in her involvement with youth organizations. She is a bona fide scholar as well, with a graduate degree in Greek and Latin as well as an M.B.A.

Marie Lowry is a retired businesswoman with a remarkable record of public service. She has been a member of the steering committee for Pittsburgh's Walk for the Cure for the last 2 years and a board member for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation in Pittsburgh. She has been a volunteer for Catholic Charities as well.

Ceci Sommers, now retired from the position of vice president of community relations at WQED-FM, was the executive producer of a number of award-winning broadcasts. She is the winner of 10 Golden Quill Awards, and she is widely credited with developing the industry standard for classical music stations. She has been a leading supporter of the arts in Pittsburgh for more than 20 years.

Linda Dickerson is the publisher of Executive Report, Pittsburgh's respected business magazine. She has also been active in the city's corporate and civic life. She has been responsible for much of the success of the Junior Achievement Program, and she has made significant contributions to efforts to stimulate economic growth in this region. She recently received the Vision Award from the Pittsburgh Guild for the Blind.

Audree Connelly Wirginis is a businesswoman of exceptional skill who was also honored for her ability to incorporate her dedication to her family and her faith into her demanding professional life. She is currently involved in the construction of a hotel in the Vatican to house visiting clergy and, during papal elections, the College of Cardinals.

Cecile Springer is the president of a consulting firm that specializes in corporate and philanthropic programs and institutional development. Ms. Springer serves on the Pittsburgh Diocese Task Force on Unemployment, the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania, Housing Opportunities, Inc., the Women's Center and Shelter Advisory Committee, and the Allegheny County Year 2000 Economic Development Task Force. She is also a board member for City Theater.

Marilyn Donnelly—poet, wife, and mother—has published more than 80 poems. She is a member of the board of directors for Pittsburgh Public Theater, Beginning with Books, and the Chimbote Foundation. She also serves on the advisory council for the International Poetry Forum and the women's committee for the Carnegie Museum of Art.

Dr. Corrine Barnes is an internationally recognized pediatric nurse educator, clinical specialist, author, and researcher whose studies have included childhood cardiac conditions and organ transplants. She has served on a number of boards and commissions concerned with children's health and welfare.

Dolores Wilden was responsible for developing the Nation's first primary health care plan designed exclusively for children. Now retired from a career in banking, finance, and community affairs administration, she is actively involved in local and regional community concerns.

Frieda Shapira, vice chair of the Pittsburgh Foundation, serves on the boards of more than 20 service and arts organizations, including the United Way of Allegheny County, the Forbes Fund, WQED, the Community College of Allegheny County, the YWCA of Greater Pittsburgh, the Pittsburgh Public Theater, the Pittsburgh Opera, the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania, Forbes Hospice Founders Society, the American Jewish Committee, the Pittsburgh Section of the National Council of Jewish Women, the Jewish Healthcare Foundation of Pittsburgh, the Jewish National Fund, the United Jewish Federation, Beginning with Books, the Center for Victims of Violent Crime, the Pittsburgh Cancer Institute, Project 90, and the board of visitors for the School of Social Work at the University of Pittsburgh. Her life is an outstanding example of philanthropy and civic leadership.

Sister Jane Scully is the president emerita of Carlow College. As a director of the Gulf Oil Corporation, she was the first woman to serve on the board of a top-ten multinational corporation. She has also served on the boards of Carlow College, Holy Cross Hospital Foundation, and the Sisters of Mercy Ministry Cor-

poration. In the 1960's, she was active in the national women's movement. She spoke eloquently in favor of women's rights to increased educational and economic opportunity, as well as expanded roles for women in politics and business. In honoring Sister Jane, Carlow College celebrates her remarkable success in translating her religious convictions into worldly accomplishments.

Dr. Rosemarie E. Cibik, now retired, was the Secretary of Education and superintendent of Catholic schools for the Diocese of Pittsburgh for a number of years. Prior to that, she served as the superintendent of the Baldwin-Whitehall School District for 8 years. She has received numerous other awards for her professional achievements, including the Distinguished Service Award from the National Council of Administrative Women in Education, Pittsburgh Woman of the Year in Education, the Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania Award, and designation as Outstanding Woman in Education by the Pittsburgh chapter of the American Association of University Women.

Mr. Speaker, all of these women have a number of shared characteristics—energy, enthusiasm, intelligence, compassion, competence, and commitment to their community. Carlow College has chosen well in selecting them as its Women of Spirit for this year.

EDDIE EAGLE GUN SAFETY PROGRAM

HON. MARK FOLEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 28, 1995

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to insert into the RECORD a speech by Ms. Marion P. Hammer. Ms. Hammer addressed the American Legion at their National Education Award Program. This speech discusses the Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Program for Children. The program was recognized by the American Legion for educating our Nation's youth about right and wrong when it comes to firearms. I applaud Ms. Hammer for this program and for her excellent presentation.

SPEECH BY MS. MARION P. HAMMER TO THE EDDIE EAGLE GUN SAFETY PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

The American Legion and the National Rifle Association of America are perhaps the two most dedicated, patriotic, country-flag-Constitution-and-freedom loving organizations in America.

And I am deeply honored to have an opportunity to stand before one of those organizations to represent the other.

Both organizations, founded in the bedrock of Liberty by military officers and enlisted men, dedicated themselves to principles of FREEDOM, PATRIOTISM and JUSTICE. Both organizations have become a part of the fiber and fabric of our nation's history.

The National Rifle Association of America, founded in November, 1871, has a distinguished history of education and training. Established to teach the skills of marksmanship and training to defend and protect our great nation and the Freedom provided by our Constitution, the NRA in the nation's leader in firearms safety and training.

And, the NRA is the sentry that stands watch over the Second Amendment—the amendment that guarantees our right to keep and bear arms and assures our ability to defend our nation and ourselves.

The American Legion, was conceived in March, 1919, at the Caucus in Paris, France by battle weary patriots waiting to return home from the physical battle to preserve Freedom in World War I. These brave men and women who had given so much of themselves to our nation, were destined to continue their sacrifice as they organized to preserve our nation's future in peace time as well as in battle.

The spirit and love of America beats strong in the hearts of our two great organizations that are committed to the future through the programs we provide for the youth of America.

In 1918, the words of William Tyler Page were adopted by the United States House of Representatives as the "AMERICAN CREED." And within that creed are some very moving words. William Tyler Page wrote that this Nation was:

"[E]stablished upon the principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies."

Defend it against all enemies. Strong words with deep meaning.

Since our forefathers carved America out of the wilderness, our nation has faced many enemies. American patriots for generations, have made many sacrifices for freedom.

In 1945, in enemy action at Okinawa, my father added his name to the long role call of American patriots who have paid the ultimate price—who have given their lives to the cause of freedom. The role call is long, the sacrifices are many, and those of us who breathe freedom's air today, owe them. And we owe the men and women who came home bearing the scars of battle. We have a duty to continue in their footsteps. We owe it to them to carry America's flag against our enemies until we can hand it over to the next generation.

Today, America has new enemies. Enemies that are tearing at the fabric of our heritage and our society. Those enemies are moral decay, disrespect, parental neglect, dependence on government, and phony quick fix government solutions to complex social problems.

America's children are the victims of those enemies.

Because we love our country, our flag, our Constitution and our Freedom, we have a duty to America's youngsters. They are the future of America. We must love and nurture them. We must teach them values and strengths. Teach them discipline, self-reliance, respect and honor. Teach them to love America and what it stand for.

Through your youth programs and our youth programs, we are making a difference. And working together with other community groups we can make an even bigger difference.

The NRA's Eddie Eagle Gun Safety program for young children is about much more than just teaching safety.

Youngsters learn safety but they also learn respect for guns and at the same time they learn respect for themselves when they gain knowledge.

They learn to resist temptation and not to touch a gun left carelessly unattended—that's discipline.

They learn to leave the area and make their friends and playmates leave the area—that's leadership.

They learn to quickly find and inform an adult of an unsafe situation—that's responsibility.

And when an adult has removed the gun and the area safe again, they learn pride and