

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

a sense of accomplishment and self-worth for having used their knowledge and skills.

In our youth marksmanship programs and youth hunting programs they learn values other than how to shoot safely and accurately. They learn concentration, commitment, sportsmanship, self-reliance, teamwork, citizenship, and conservation of our natural resources—values that are just as important as skills.

I am a mother and a grandmother and I know that when NRA reaches out and takes the hand of a child we are touching America's future.

I know that when you love a child and give your time and patience to teaching values, patriotism, and skills, you are investing in the future.

I know that when you win the heart of a child and enrich his or her life with knowledge, you are building a solid foundation for the next generation.

I know that within the body of this nation, the hearts of many children long for someone to reach out to them with kindness, knowledge and guidance.

The NRA is committed to expanding our programs, to reaching out to more children and to investing in the future by helping to instill values and to build character in the youngsters we touch throughout America.

Today, you have honored the National Rifle Association of America for its Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Program and I am privileged to be here to accept your award.

And I am proud to tell you that this program has now been taught to over 7 million youngsters—7 million youngsters whom we hope will be the safest generation our nation has ever seen.

On behalf of the NRA, I thank you sincerely for this honor, and I promise you that I am committed to doing everything that I can to help the NRA continue its mission of teaching America's youth the fundamentals of what made our nation great.

If we all work together to fulfill our duty to our country and to the dedicated men and women who have given so much to keep us free, our children and our grandchildren and generations to follow them will learn to love their freedom, their country, their flag, their Constitution and themselves.

Thank you—each and every one of you—for the sacrifices you have made for our country. God bless you all, and God bless America.

CONGRATULATIONS MICHAEL REGULSKI

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 28, 1995

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, the most important public servants are those who are closest to the people they serve, and I am proud to say that one of the finest, Michael Regulski, is a constituent. He has served as the finance officer for Bay County for nearly 16 years, and has consistently been responsible for Bay County winning the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association, for each year since 1989. This award is issued to only about the top 2 percent of units of government in the United States and Canada.

His excellent work on behalf of Bay County has now earned him well-deserved personal recognition from the Michigan Association of Counties at its 97th annual summer con-

ference last month. The award, according to the association, is given to one county employee each year from outstanding service and innovative contributions to county government.

Michael Regulski was nominated for this award by his colleagues in Bay County government. Having worked as the finance officer since 1989 and as a senior accountant in the finance department since 1979, his colleagues learned to recognize and appreciate his attention to detail and accuracy. Revisions in payroll systems, budget development, and asset accounting are among his accomplishments. The improvement in the county's credit rating in 1992 speaks volumes about the true magnitude of accomplishment that his care has helped define.

I am sure that his wife Diane, and his children, Andrew and Brad, are tremendously proud of him. I know that the people of Bay County appreciate his hard work, as well as his commitment to his community, evidenced by his involvement in St. James Catholic Church, his participation in school activities, and the Pony League and Little League associations. He has set an excellent example for all of us with his efforts both on the job and off the job.

Mr. Speaker, jobs well done deserve to be commended. For his years of dedication and excellence, I urge you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Michael Regulski on his award, and thank him for his outstanding work.

SALUTING THE CLEVELAND COUNCIL OF BLACK NURSES—25TH AN- NIVERSARY

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 28, 1995

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute an organization in my congressional district which is celebrating an important anniversary. On September 30, 1995, members of the Cleveland Council of Black Nurses, Inc., will gather at the Sheraton-Cleveland City Center Hotel in Cleveland, to host its 25th anniversary ball. Since its founding, the Council of Black Nurses has been a catalyst in promoting health delivery in the black community. As a health advocate, I enjoy a close working relationship with the Council of Black Nurses. It is for this reason that I rise to salute the organization on the occasion of its anniversary. I want to share with my colleagues and the Nation some important information regarding the Cleveland Council of Black Nurses.

The Cleveland Council of Black Nurses was organized in January, 1972. Its birth followed the formation the National Black Nurses Association, also in Cleveland, and other black nursing organizations throughout the country. The Council adopted several important missions. This included providing a vehicle for the unification of black nurses; and investigating, defining, determining, and implementing change in the health delivery system for minorities in Cleveland. To achieve its objectives, the organization formed standing committees, including the Committee on Health Education and Community Service; Research; and Recruitment and Retention, just to name a few.

Mr. Speaker, over the years, the Cleveland Council of Black Nurses has been a driving force in the health care arena. The organization has provided educational programs for nurses and the general public, and coordinated health-related community service activities. The organization has sponsored town hall meetings, health workshops, and screenings. These events have focused on diabetes education, cancer awareness, glaucoma and cardiovascular screenings, and other health issues which impact the black community. From a historical perspective, it is interesting to note that the blood pressure screening tests which are now conducted on citizens around the country, were first utilized in Cleveland by the Council of Nurses.

The Cleveland Council of Black Nurses has also played a leading role in the education field, providing scholarships, tutoring, and mentoring for students enrolled in nursing programs. The organization was the recipient of the 1994 Community Service Award for its extensive service to the Cleveland community.

Mr. Speaker, as I rise to salute the Cleveland Council of Black Nurses, I recall that, 25 years ago, when black nurses gathered in Cleveland to form an advocacy organization to promote health delivery in the black community, I was chosen to address the gathering. Today, I want to recognize the founder of the Cleveland Council of Black Nurses, Mattiedna Johnson, a dynamic and national known individual who has devoted her life to greater health awareness and research. I also salute the organization's current president, Rachel Freeman, and the many members of the Council of Black Nurses. I am proud of my close association with this distinguished organization, and I extend my best wishes as the Council of Black Nurses marks this important anniversary.

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF SOUTH PARK

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 28, 1995

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, I call to the attention of this Congress and the Nation a celebration which will mark the 150th anniversary of a community in the 18th Congressional District of Pennsylvania. On October 15, the township of South Park commemorates a milestone for its citizens, for fellow Pennsylvanians, and the entire Nation.

The township, once a bustling center of coal production in the United States, was not known as South Park prior to 1845. It now includes areas of Library, Broughton, and Snowden, PA. The community itself dates back to 1773. It began as many other communities in America began, as a family settlement which grew as neighbors built their homes nearby. It was the initial site of the historic Whiskey Rebellion of 1794, when citizens protested taxation of locally produced whiskey by the Federal Government.

It is important to remember the times which shaped the economy, the political philosophy, the society, and landscape of this region in western Pennsylvania. The American Revolution, the formation of the U.S. Government, the industrial revolution, particularly the boom