

AWKA, NIGERIA—NEW SISTER  
CITY OF SAGINAW, MICHIGAN

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 31, 1995*

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to the new sister city partnership that is being established between Saginaw, MI, within my congressional district, and Awka, Nigeria. I want to welcome the visiting officials including His Royal Highness Chief Ikwe P. N. Anugwu, traditional ruler of Mbaukwa, and Chief Alex Ekwieme, former vice president of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Sister cities programs are familiar to many of us who appreciate the cultural bounty and value in having one of our communities establish a relationship with another community outside of the United States. The diversity of experiences, the history and richness of each other's traditions, and the feeling of partnership create a new tradition for both communities that enriches both communities equally.

I am particularly happy for the young people of both Saginaw and Awka who now will have the opportunity to learn more about each other, developing understandings of and appreciations for each other that will help mold their abilities to be leaders in the future. Already several young people from Saginaw have experienced the wonders of traveling to another country, coming back feeling as if they have been treated as very special people, a feeling that will be with these young ambassadors for the rest of their lives.

Two visits to Nigeria this year by officials of Saginaw and our young ambassadors have helped to pave the way for the sister city signing ceremony that will soon be held. Efforts to establish partnership programs that will have real impact on the lives of people in both Saginaw and Awka are underway. Affiliations between universities in both areas, including Saginaw Valley State University, will also have lasting value.

Mr. Speaker, at a time when we need to have greater understandings of diverse cultures and ways of life, at a time when we want our young people to be informed and see their intellectual capabilities grow, programs like Sister Cities are more important than ever before. I urge you and all of our colleagues to join me in wishing Saginaw and Awka a successful partnership, and offer the warmest welcome to our new friends from Nigeria.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ST.  
MARY'S SCHOOL

HON. GLENN POSHARD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 31, 1995*

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate St. Mary's School in Mattoon, IL. St. Mary's has been named the 1995 State Champion of Illinois for the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

In this nationally recognized competition, St. Mary's finished as the top school in Illinois with enrollments between 101 and 500 students. In fact, St. Mary's performance during the 1993-94 school year, in which 62.4 per-

cent of students performed at the 85th percentile rank, was the best among all Illinois schools.

St. Mary's commitment to excellence in physical fitness is known throughout the community. Mr. Speaker, Mike Martin, a local conservation officer, volunteers his time to ensure that St. Mary's School has a physical education program on Monday and Friday mornings. Mr. Martin has not only invested his time, but has also built an obstacle course and weights, out of plaster of Paris and tin cans, so that the students can be in their best possible physical condition.

Mr. Speaker, on Friday, Nov. 3, 1995 these award winning students will be officially recognized for their exceptional performance in four areas: A one mile run/walk, which builds heart and lung endurance; curl-ups, which strengthen the abdomen; a sit and reach stretch to flex muscles; pull-ups for upper body strength; and a shuttle run for agility. I am proud to join with the parents, teachers, and friends of these outstanding young people in congratulating them on making physical fitness a priority.

TRIBUTE TO SETON HALL UNIVERSITY AND UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

HON. ROBERT G. TORRICELLI

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 31, 1995*

Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to two educational institutions. On October 24, 1995, Seton Hall University of South Orange, NJ, and the University International Business and Economics of Beijing, China [UIBE], recognized the importance of their 15-year-long collaboration.

Fifteen years ago, Seton Hall and UIBE organized a joint venture which facilitated the opening of China and led to followup investments by several American-based companies. This is the 15th anniversary of the delegation which started this joint venture.

These two schools confirm their commitment to continue and improve this mutually beneficial relationship. Their bond is based on their common desire to foster a better understanding of the cultural and business environment of the United States and of the People's Republic of China.

Through the continuation of their established faculty and student activism, Seton Hall University and the University of International Business and Economics will continue to dedicate themselves to new initiatives that are responsive to the needs of the global community in the 21st century.

I congratulate both entities on their commitment to promoting a program which involves culture and education, and that has contributed to the success of American-based business overseas.

TRIBUTE TO THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGISTS

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 31, 1995*

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay respect to a medical association that most of us know very little about, but rely on every day when we walk into a hospital or medical clinic for diagnosis of an injury or treatment for cancer. This society has existed for 75 years with most of us taking for granted the fine professionals who are committed to the safety of patients receiving x rays, ultrasound, and radiopharmaceuticals. Therefore, it seems befitting in this centennial year of the discovery of the x ray that we pay tribute to these radiologic technologists, therapists, and sonographers.

1995 commemorates the 100th anniversary of the discovery of the x ray by Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen and celebrates the 75th year of the oldest radiologic technologist society in the world. Roentgen's discovery revolutionized medicine allowing doctors to view the inner workings of the human body like never before. The American Society of Radiologic Technologists was the first to establish professional standards for radiologic technologists performing x rays, emphasizing quality techniques and radiation protection for both patient and technologist.

With more than 200,000 radiologic technology professionals nationwide, the American Society of Radiologic Technologists is on the forefront in promoting patient safety and technologist education. Society founder, Ed Jerman, brought together 13 technologists in 1920 to form an association that would advance the profession and the technologists working in radiologic technology. His dedication to professionalism and service remains the foundation of the society.

Technologists, therapists, and sonographers operate the equipment and deal directly with patients to produce the images that physicians use to diagnose and develop treatment plans. Radiologic technologists' skill and professionalism in performing exams influences the quality of patient health care from excellent images, to accurate diagnosis and treatment, to effective follow up.

For 75 years the ASRT has responded to the issues challenging radiologic technologists and the profession. Ed Jerman was the first to standardize radiographic techniques in the 1920's. The ASRT helped establish uniform educational and accreditation standards in the 1950's. The testimony of the ASRT's leaders assisted in the passage of the Consumer-Patient Radiation Health and Safety Act in 1981. Today, the society continues to promote radiation safety by supporting licensure at the State level and continuing education for all radiologic technologists. The ASRT's dedication to high standards in safety and education acknowledges the vital role of radiologic technology professionals as members of today's health care team.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I pay tribute to such a hard-working, dedicated group of professionals represented by the American Society of Radiologic Technologists.