

unstinting work in bringing high quality legal services to the poor the elderly, and others in need.

Under Mr. Litvak's vigorous leadership, the goals of Bet Tzedek have been realized even beyond the expectations of the organization's founders and staunchest supporters. He and his colleagues have assembled a well-organized, efficient, humanitarian organization that individuals can turn to for competent legal counsel when all other paths are closed.

Sanford Litvak sets a standard for us all to live up to. He has been able to balance his full family and professional life with energetic and creative contributions to the organization and leadership of Bet Tzedek and other humanitarian and philanthropic efforts.

I ask all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing Sanford Litvak for his important work with Bet Tzedek Legal Services. I wish him every success in all of his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID CHITTICK

HON. DICK ZIMMER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 21, 1995

Mr. ZIMMER. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. David Chittick, whose dedication and leadership helped AT&T become a model corporate citizen and a protector of the environment. Mr. Chittick passed away on November 19, 1995, after a battle with cancer.

David Chittick helped AT&T set goals that eventually led to its elimination of ozone-depleting chemicals and significant reductions in toxic air emissions. His career and work as an environmental leader earned Dave much well-deserved recognition. In 1991, he was awarded the Environmental Protection Agency's stratospheric ozone protection award for outstanding leadership in the industrial field. He was a member of the United States Mission to the People's Republic of China on stratospheric ozone depletion in the electronics industry and also served with the United States State Department and EPA delegations to the former U.S.S.R. and Hungary.

In addition, Dave was involved in a number of environmental organizations including the National Wildlife Federation's Corporate Conservation Council, the board of Resources for the Future, the Environmental Law Institute, the Management Institute for Environment and Business and the environmental advisory committee of the Vermont Law School.

Dave Chittick began his career at AT&T in 1955. He served the company well for 39 years until his retirement in 1994. We will all fondly remember him.

BROAD MEADOWS MIDDLE
SCHOOL: CARRYING ON THE
MESSAGE OF IQBAL MASIH

HON. GERRY E. STUDDS

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 21, 1995

Mr. STUDDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Broad Meadows Middle School of Quincy, MA., which earlier this month received the 1995 Reebok Youth in Action Award for

the work students have done to carry on the message and honor the memory of Iqbal Masih, a 12-year-old human rights activist from Pakistan who was murdered earlier this year.

Since their work is so inspirational to all of us who care about human rights, I would like to place in the RECORD a copy of a letter I wrote to the students and their teacher, Ron Adams. I would also like to include a copy of an article about the students, which appeared December 6, 1995, in the Patriot Ledger of Quincy.

The letter follows:

DECEMBER 21, 1995.

DEAR RON: I am delighted to take this opportunity to extend my congratulations to you and the students at the Broad Meadows Middle School for winning the 1995 Reebok Youth in Action Award. The work you and your students have done to carry on the message and honor the memory of Iqbal Masih is inspirational to all of us who care about human rights.

I am also encouraged by the success of your fund-raising effort to build a school in Iqbal's name in his home village in Pakistan. The perseverance you have shown, as well as the ingenuity in using the World Wide Web, will be a lesson for the students the rest of their lives.

American students are not often directly exposed to the horror of human rights abuses in the Third World, but Iqbal's eloquent message obviously touched your students. I was impressed by the comments of Amanda Loos at the awards ceremony in New York earlier this month: "His visit made us realize how lucky we are to live in a country like America, to be free, to have an education and to have laws to protect us. We have all Iqbal ever dreamed of."

To commemorate your achievement, I will place this letter and the front page story in the Patriot Ledger on December 6 into the Congressional Record.

Again, congratulations for an award well deserved. I applaud the splendid efforts and dedication that you and your students have exhibited.

With kind regards, and best wishes for a happy holiday season.

Sincerely

GERRY E. STUDDS.

[From the Quincy (MA) Patriot Ledger, Dec. 6, 1995]

WORLD STAGE: QUINCY PUPILS INSPIRE MANY
AT CEREMONY

(By Carol Gerwin)

The crowd at Harlem's Apollo Theatre in New York heard from rock stars, actors and world-renowned activists by the time Amy Papile and Amanda Loos took the stage at yesterday's Reebok Human Rights Awards.

But it was the eighth-graders from Quincy's Broad Meadows Middle School who stirred them to tears and spurred them to action.

Invoking the memory of their hero, a slain 12-year-old human rights leader from Pakistan, the girls asked the audience to help them continue Iqbal Masih's crusade to end child slavery and build a school in his name. Hundreds of them later asked for information about the campaign and many gave money.

"We realize building one school will not end child bonded labor . . . but building this school builds hope," Amy told the 1,000 people at the ceremony. "Please pass on our word."

Ending with a special message to Iqbal, she added: "Dear friend, rest in peace. We haven't forgotten you."

Amy, 13, and Amanda, 14, accepted the 1995 Reebok Youth In Action Award on behalf of

their school to wild cheers and a standing ovation. It's the same award Iqbal received in Boston a year ago, just after he visited Broad Meadows and told about his escape from forced labor in a carpet factory and his efforts to free other children.

Inspired, the students immediately took up his cause and wrote letters to Pakistani officials asking for the enactment of child labor laws. They were shocked and devastated a few months later to learn Iqbal had been shot to death while riding his bicycle.

Ever since, they have been campaigning to build the school in his native village and to raise awareness about the 7.5 million children still in forced labor in his homeland. With a site on the Internet, and support from Amnesty International, the students raised about \$29,000 from across the country.

By April, they hope to have \$50,000—enough for a five-room community school.

Yesterday, Amy and Amanda shared the spotlight with Peter Gabriel, Richard Gere, Ziggy Marley and other celebrities, plus the four adults to win Reebok awards—a Mexican human rights lawyer, an American environmental activist, a Rwandan investigator and a Tibetan Buddhist nun.

Many in the audience wept as the students described how tiny Iqbal, his growth stunted from years of malnourishment, inspired them to take up his cause.

"His visit made us realize how lucky we are to live in a country like America, to be free, to have an education and to have laws to protect us," Amanda said. "We have all Iqbal ever dreamed of."

Film Star Susan Sarandon, who presented the crystal award, hugged the girls and praised the Board Meadows students for channeling their anger into positive activism.

"They're a marvel of energy and commitment," Sarandon said. "It can be truly said of them they walk in Iqbal's footsteps."

Reebok has recognized outstanding activists each year since 1988. To many present yesterday, it was the youngest winners who best symbolize what the awards are all about—individuals, especially children, making a difference.

"Thank God, that's our future," master of ceremonies Angel Martinez of the Rockport Co. said as Amy and Amanda returned to their seats.

He told the crowd that Reebok will give Iqbal's prize money of \$10,000, which was earmarked for his education, plus another \$2,000, to the Broad Meadows campaign. Wiping tears from his eyes, he asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence in Iqbal's memory.

After the ceremony, a crush of people responded to Amy's and Amanda's pleas and picked up fliers from tables 10 other Broad Meadows students set up in the Apollo lobby.

The Quincy crew collected an estimated \$800 and sold several dozen "School for Iqbal" T-shirts, as dozens thanked them for their efforts and encouraged them to keep up the good work.

"Amy and Amanda were only up there for a few minutes and so many people now want to help," seventh-grader Mary Kane said in awe. "It shows you can do a lot in a few minutes."

Later, their language arts teacher, Ron Adams, who coordinates the school's human rights curriculum, learned that singers Peter Gabriel and Michael Stipe of R.E.M. will donate a high-speed modem to make their cyberspace communication faster and easier. Also, superstar Sting and his wife, Trudie Styler, plan to donate \$112 worth of stamps Adams said.

Richard Gere, who posed for pictures with Amy and Amanda, told them that he, too, will send a check.

Although both got as many autographs as they could at yesterday's news conference, they said they weren't fazed by the presence of so many stars or the national media interest in their campaign. It's the work that's most important, they said.

"This is really going to boost us up in our project and make people realize everything's not hunky-dory," Amanda said. "There are problems that need to be fixed right away."

Donations can be sent to A School for Iqbal Masih Fund, c/o The Hibernia Savings Bank, Quincy Hi-School Branch, 731 Hancock St., Quincy 02170.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PAT WILLIAMS

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 21, 1995

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present last night due to a family emergency.

On vote #871, the previous question I would have voted "No."

On vote #872, the motion to table, I would have voted "No."

On vote #873 the motion to recommit I would have voted, "Yes."

On vote #874, House Joint Resolution 134, the targeted C.R., I would have voted "Yes."

A TRIBUTE TO MAJ. GEN. NOLAN SKLUTE, RETIRING JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL, U.S. AIR FORCE

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 21, 1995

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention today the exemplary work and splendid public service of one of our country's outstanding military leaders, Maj. Gen. Nolan Sklute, the Judge Advocate General of the U.S. Air Force. General Sklute will be retiring after an especially distinguished military career on February 1.

General Sklute completed the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Program in 1962 and entered active duty after completing law school in 1966. His assignments include Luke AFB, AZ; Athenai Airport, Greece; chief, general litigation branch, litigation division, headquarters, U.S. Air Force; staff judge advocate March AFB, CA; staff judge advocate, Bitburg AB, West Germany; deputy chief, claims and tort litigation division, headquarters, U.S. Air Force; executive to the Judge Advocate General; director of civil law, headquarters, U.S. Air Force; staff judge advocate, Air Force Logistics Command, and commander, Air Force Contract Law Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, OH; Deputy Judge Advocate General, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force; and finally, the Judge Advocate General of the U.S. Air Force.

He received a bachelor of arts degree from Union College, Schenectady, NY, in 1962, and a juris doctor in 1965 from Cornell University School of Law, New York. He is a graduate of the National War College, the Armed Forces Staff College, Squadron Officer School, and earned his master of laws degree in government contracts from the National Law Center,

George Washington University, Washington, DC. General Sklute is admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States; the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces; U.S. District Court, Northern District of New York; and the New York State courts. General Sklute's military decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, and the Air Force Commendation Medal.

Since 1993, General Sklute has served as the Judge Advocate General of the Air Force. In that capacity, he has provided dynamic leadership and professional supervision for over 2,900 military and civilian lawyers, paralegals, and support personnel. During this time of unprecedented legal challenges, General Sklute's dynamic leadership, sound judgment, personal and professional integrity and unwavering dedication to duty were instrumental in the successful resolution of numerous difficult issues facing the U.S. Air Force. As a key and trusted advisor to two Chiefs of Staff, his sound, timely and cogent advice was a critical component in a host of complex issues with a multitude of dimensions.

General Sklute's early recognition of the legal implications of information warfare has placed the Air Force in the forefront of this new arena. As a prime mover in the coordination of international education and training efforts, he established a joint service committee to foster democratic principles in fledgling democracies. Under his leadership, the Air Force continues to access extremely talented lawyers and paralegals. He has been instrumental in expanding the role of Air Force paralegals, empowering them by shifting responsibility and authority to the lowest possible level. General Sklute has also spearheaded the enhanced integration of active duty and Air Reserve component judge advocates.

Perhaps General Sklute's greatest legacy will be his unrelenting focus on the need for greater emphasis on leadership and accountability. These efforts are already paying significant dividends to the Air Force worldwide. This continuing effort underscored and reinforced the vital importance of Air Force's core values at all levels of command.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues and General Sklute's many friends in saluting this distinguished officer's many years of selfless service to the United States of America. I know our Nation, his wife Linda, daughter Stephanie and son Larry, are extremely proud of his accomplishments. It is fitting that the House of Representatives honors him today.

50TH ANNIVERSARY TRIBUTE TO
JOHN AND MARY GAIL

HON. JON D. FOX

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 21, 1995

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to John and Mary Gail on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. John and Mary were married on December 29, 1945, at St. Rose of Lima in West Philadelphia. They have been residents of Montgomery County, PA for 40 years, first in

Merion Park and then in Bala Cynwyd, where they still live today.

Both John and Mary were born and raised in West Philadelphia, but they have made a mark in their Montgomery County community. They participate in local charities like the local Meals on Wheels Program. John and Mary are lifelong members of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and remain active in St. Margaret's Parish in Narbeth.

John and Mary are two people with diverse talents—she the studious valedictorian at West Catholic Girls High, he the accomplished community theater performer—who together make a perfect pair. And now after a half-century together, they can take pride and comfort in their greatest achievement; together they raised a wonderful family. The Gails have four children; Brian, Barry, Kevin, and Eileen. John and Mary are proud grandparents to nine granddaughters and eight grandsons.

On December 30, the entire Gail family will gather at Philadelphia County Club to celebrate John and Mary's "Golden Jubilee." Let me add my best wishes for a wonderful golden anniversary. As John and Mary look back on their wonderful years together, on the life they built and the family they raised, all of us should raise our glasses to them and say simply "well done." Congratulations to this terrific couple!

TRIBUTE TO SYLVIA AND JULIE
WETTER

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 21, 1995

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my aunt and uncle, Sylvia and Julie Wetter, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on November 11, 1995.

Mr. Speaker, Sylvia and Julie Wetter were married on November 11, 1945 and were long-time residents of Bronx, NY. For the past seven years, they have lived in Atlanta, GA.

Their marriage has been blessed by the birth of two children, Alice Wetter Paul of Marietta, GA and David Wetter of Bronx, NY. Alice is married to Danny Paul, and they have two lovely daughters, Michelle and Jillian.

Throughout their lives, Sylvia and Julie Wetter have committed themselves to serving the Nation and community.

Julie worked for years with the U.S. Postal Service before moving on to Empire Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

Sylvia, my father's sister, has been an animal rights activist and has been very involved as a volunteer assisting those who have been afflicted with multiple sclerosis. During World War II, Sylvia worked for the coordinator for international affairs at the Department of Commerce.

Julie Wetter served with great distinction with the 83d Division of the 9th Army during World War II. In fact, Julie was drafted when former Secretary of War Simpson selected the ball with his birthdate as the first group of young men to serve our Nation during the war. Julie served 5 years in the infantry, rising to the rank of staff sergeant.

Julie was the first in his division to reach the Rhine River, served in the Battle of The Bulge, and was awarded the Bronze Star, Silver Star,