

service. Located along the shores of Lake Erie, it has been a favorite with tourists for decades. The department was created when the mayor appointed a committee to purchase three fire extinguishers to be placed at various locations throughout the village. It is still a volunteer department, but the equipment has grown from three extinguishers to three pumps, a rescue truck, and three ambulances.

The present fire chief is Harold Zura, a 25-year fire department veteran, with two assistant chiefs, Jim Lucas and Russel Zura. Marblehead was the first fire department in Ottawa County to begin ambulance service and now has a full-time paramedic/firefighter and several emergency medical technicians, in addition to well-trained firefighters. Throughout its history there has never been a lack of enthusiasm or labor for its many services.

Anniversaries are a time to reflect upon a steadfast tradition of service. They are also a time to look toward new horizons. The fire department has made it its responsibility to serve those in need by keeping pace with the ever increasing challenges facing residents.

Mr. Speaker, it is obvious that the community and the members of the department have greatly benefited from the effort that was started in 1885. I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the achievements of the Marblehead Fire Department and encourage its volunteers to continue to uphold what has become the standard for excellence in Ohio.

TRIBUTE TO FELICIANO "NINO"
GIORDANO

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 5, 1995

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, April 13, 1995, a retirement dinner will be held for Mr. Feliciano "Nino" Giordano, the Deputy Director of the Research, Development and Engineering Center for the Army's Communications-Electronics Command [CECOM] at Fort Monmouth, NJ.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to pay tribute to Nino Giordano, a man who truly epitomizes the American dream. A native of Italy, Mr. Giordano immigrated to the United States in 1956. He holds degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Fairleigh Dickinson University and Northeastern University. Mr. Giordano has had a distinguished career with the Army, lending his technological expertise and leadership skills to the ongoing effort to keep our armed forces the best equipped and most technologically advanced in the world.

In his current capacity, Mr. Giordano is involved in managing the organization and has responsibility for directing strategic and operational planning for all technical programs to achieve the digitization of the battlefield. Prior to his current position, he was the Center's associate director, with responsibilities for electronic and signals warfare, night vision and reconnaissance, surveillance and target acquisition systems. Previously, he served as the Program Executive Officer, Strategic Information Systems, and directed the management of the Army's worldwide upgrade of strategic command and control capabilities. He also directed the acquisition, development, testing

and fielding of Army and Defense Communications Agency communications and information systems on a worldwide basis.

Now, I know that some of this terminology sounds like a real mouthful, but what it boils down to is leadership on the cutting edge technology that makes U.S. forces the best in the world. The American people, and the world, had a chance to see that technology in action during Operation Desert Storm, when United States forces routed the Iraqi forces with stunning speed and effectiveness. While we rightly pay tribute to the heroic fighting men and women who made that victory over tyranny possible, we should remember the highly talented and dedicated civilian professionals whose technological breakthroughs give our soldiers, sailors and Air Force personnel the edge they need. People like Nino Giordano, working at top-notch facilities like CECOM at Fort Monmouth.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to pay tribute to Nino Giordano, whose distinguished career has been dedicated to preserving and enhancing the national security of our country. Although most Americans are probably unaware of the breakthroughs that Mr. Giordano has worked for, we can all rest easier knowing that he has served his adopted country, and the cause of world peace and stability, so well.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MAX
SCHENKLER ON HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 5, 1995

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask my colleagues in the 104th Congress to join me in congratulating Max Schenkler on the occasion of his 90th birthday, on April 16, 1995. A decade after I extended my best wishes to Max on his 80th birthday, I am proud to again extend my regards in this same Chamber.

Mr. Speaker, Max Schenkler spent nearly 25 years as a pillar of the community in my home of Queens County. As a result, the entire neighborhood felt a sense of loss, when he and his wife Pearl relocated to Boca Raton, Florida, years ago. Max and Pearl had made everyone feel like a part of their family.

Max and Pearl Schenkler are special people, who are appreciated by everyone who has come to know them. Fortunately, in Queens, a great deal of people came to know them, through their generous contributions to their neighborhood and synagogue, through Max's many years as a teacher and educator, and through their loving service in community organizations. Every time then return to New York for a visit, the warm welcome they receive is a testament to how much they are missed.

Through his endeavors, Max gives himself to people in many ways. He spent 40 years sharing his talent, humor and insight with New York City school children. His enthusiasm for life and gift for sharing himself with others enabled him to form special bonds with his young charges. Max Schenkler was the type of teacher that students remembered for a lifetime. He has a way of showing students how to grow, and how to stretch their minds and imaginations to meet new challenges.

Mr. Speaker, Max had a distinguished career as both an educator, and as a principal of Public School 143, an elementary school in Queens. As a principal he inspired and trained scores of dedicated teachers leaving a legacy that will be felt for many generations. He is a man of varied interests and talents, one who throws himself into whatever he is doing—whether he is helping someone in need or in trouble, spending time with family or friends, or pursuing his most beloved pastime—doting on his children and grandchildren.

Max's professional and family life have been rich with success. His 90th birthday is a joyous occasion for his many friends and his beautiful family—his lovely wife Pearl, his loving daughter Carol Jacobson and her husband, Gil, and daughter, Debbie, and Max's son and my dear friend Michael, his wife Lillian and their children Lee and Allison. Max always gave his children the love and encouragement they need when the time came to make tough decisions or face new challenges.

Mr. Speaker, Max Schenkler is a beautiful man who has touched many lives. I would like to ask all of my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join with me now in wishing him a joyous 90th birthday. I wish him continued health and happiness, and look forward to again returning to this Chamber in 10 years, to congratulate Max Schenkler when he turns 100.

PROPOSED STUDENT LOAN CUTS
HARMFUL TO AMERICA'S STUDENTS

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 5, 1995

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, today I joined hundreds of college and university students from around the Washington metropolitan area in a rally against proposed cuts in student aid and loan programs. The average American family today simply cannot afford to send a child—much less two or three—to college without some form of student aid. That is why I believe that cutting student aid is penny-wise and pound foolish. The Republican tax cut bill wants to provide families with a \$500 per child tax cut, while at the same time proposing that each student who receives student loans will pay, on the average, about \$4,000 more in additional interest costs over the 10-year life of a loan.

At today's rally was a young graduate student from the University of Maryland. Mr. Dominic Perri spoke on behalf of the National Association of Graduate and Professional Students and spoke of the additional costs that he and thousands of graduate students across this country would be forced to pay under this Republican plan. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to share with my colleagues the remarks of Mr. Perri and urge my colleagues to read his remarks and understand the severity of these potential student aid cuts.

REMARKS OF DOMINIC J. PERRI, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS

Good Afternoon, my name is Dominic Perri. I am a graduate student at the University of Maryland at College Park, and I want

to speak to you on behalf of the National Association of Graduate and Professional Students.

I want to talk to you about the effect the loss of the interest exemption and other proposed cuts would have on graduate and professional students. Lately opponents to student aid have made statements that trivialize the effect of these cuts.

One opponent of student aid here at the Capital claims that the loss of the interest exemption would cost students just \$21 a month. "So they won't be able to buy 2 CD's" he told USA Today.

Now, in addition to knowing where he buys his CD's, I'd like to know where he got his numbers. You see, for the graduate student who takes out loans to get an M.A., the loss of the interest exemption means that the loan payments could increase as much as \$110 a month. Or to put in terms our friend can understand, that's 11 CD's.

And just yesterday, another opponent of student aid claimed that the loss of the interest exemption would cost just . . . pennies a month.

Tell that to the graduate student who completes a Ph.D. and winds up with over \$68,000 in loans. The loss of the interest exemption could cost this student an additional \$33,000. That's an increase of over \$400 in the monthly payments, . . . or 40,000 pennies.

So you see, while eliminating the interest exemption is a disaster for undergrads, its even worse for graduate students. Of course, the opponents of student aid have simply chosen to ignore the effects these cuts would have on more than a million graduate and professional students.

These cuts could drive many of these students right out of school. That's a loss that this country cannot afford.

This is because graduate programs prepare the nation's most highly skilled workforce, including faculty, business and industry leaders, social workers, physicians, ministers, researchers, and professionals.

Research conducted by graduate students contributes directly to economic growth. The University of California says that graduate student research drove the development of the biotechnology industry that today employs 80,000 Californians!!

In fact, studies show that U.S. economic production is directly related to government spending in higher education.

In the last week Governor Carlson of MN and Governor George Bush of Texas have both issued statements that "quality graduate education is crucial to the global competitiveness of the United States."

Graduate students are a valuable resource that the opponents of student aid seemed to have ignored. They have not taken calculated the devastating effect of their cuts on this nation's graduate and professional students. (Pause) But we have.

The National Association of Graduate and Professional Students warns you not to be deceived by those who would trivialize the effect of these cuts. These cuts are real, unwise, and undermine the very foundation of higher education.

TRIBUTE TO THE 1995 ITALIAN-AMERICANS OF THE YEAR

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 5, 1995

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I wish to extend my congratulations to the 1995 Italian-Americans of the Year, as honored by the Italian Study Group of Troy, MI. Ed and Marlene

Baker and Frank and Angela Penna are truly deserving of this prestigious honor.

Ed and Marlene Baker publish the oldest Italian-American newspaper in Michigan, the Italian Tribune, spanning 86 years and four generations of Italian-Americans. Together, they also publish the County Line, a community newspaper which covers Madison Heights, Troy, Warren, and Sterling Heights, and have a long list of accomplishments and many years of community involvement.

Frank and Angela Penna own Penna's of Sterling Banquet Hall, in Sterling Heights, and Penna's Restaurant in Warren. In addition to their business involvement, the Pennas are involved with many charity organizations, including the Muscular Dystrophy Association, the March of Dimes Foundation, and the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center.

This honor is just one of many testimonies to Frank and Angela's, and Ed and Marlene's, success and dedication to their community. Again, my congratulations to them and to the Italian Study Group of Troy on this joyous occasion.

TRIBUTE TO THE GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

HON. JACK REED

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 1995

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to pay tribute to the Government Printing Office [GPO] for its outstanding work on the GPO Access Network. For its efforts, the GPO has received the James Madison Award for 1995.

The Madison Awards are presented by the Coalition on Government Information to those individuals or organizations who enhance citizens' knowledge while championing the public's right to know. Previous winners of these awards include Vice President ALBERT GORE, Secretary of Energy Hazel O'Leary, and Representative HENRY WAXMAN. The GPO is certainly worthy of joining this list of well-known and respected officials.

The GPO has developed an access system which allows American citizens to obtain information including congressional bills, the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Federal Register, the U.S. Code, and more than 6,000 other files from 25 Federal agencies. Additionally, the network can be accessed at no charge from libraries that act as Federal depositories 24 hours a day.

As James Madison stated, "a popular government without popular information, or the means of acquiring it, is but a prologue to a farce or a tragedy, or, perhaps both." Madison realized that a well-informed citizenry is the crucial ingredient for healthy debate. As all of my colleagues are aware, informed and spirited debate is the root of a healthy democracy. The GPO access network is a perfect example of how the new information "super highway" will heighten the level of public discourse.

In Rhode Island, the GPO has done an outstanding job of fulfilling Madison's vision of a politically aware and active citizenry. Because of the team effort of the GPO, Ocean State Free Net, and the Federal Depository libraries in the State, Rhode Islanders are now able to access all of the aforementioned information

with their own home computers. Having such information available will enhance our citizens understanding of Government and their desire to participate in the democratic process. I am confident that continued cooperation between the Federal Government, State Agencies, and American citizens will yield rapid advancement into this new era of shared information.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to commend the outstanding achievement and continuing efforts of the Government Printing Office, and I would ask my colleagues to join me in saluting them.

TOBACCO HEALTH TAX AND AGRICULTURAL CONVERSION ACT OF 1995

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 1995

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, today my colleague from Utah, Mr. HANSEN, and I are introducing the Tobacco Health Tax and Agricultural Conversion Act of 1995, a bill to increase the cigarette tax to \$2 per pack and to increase taxes on other tobacco products.

We are joined in this by Mr. DURBIN, Mr. COYNE, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. Moran, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois, and Mr. EVANS, as original co-sponsors.

The revenues raised by this bill would finance health education and medical research efforts, help fund the health care costs of our Nation's elderly, and assist tobacco workers and agricultural regions that may be adversely affected by an increase in the tobacco tax. But most importantly, this bill creates a powerful disincentive for Americans—particularly youngsters—from taking up smoking.

We all know of the scourge that tobacco brings to America's families. The American Cancer Society, the American Lung Association, and the American Heart Association have reported that "tobacco is the single greatest cause of preventable death and disease."

There are 419,000 deaths each and every year due to smoking. This equates to more than 1,100 Americans dying every day. Smoking-caused deaths exceed the number of deaths caused from alcohol, drug abuse, homicide, suicide, automobile and airplane accidents, and AIDS combined. Twenty-seven percent of all Americans who die between the ages of 35 and 64 die from tobacco-related disease.

The scores of lives lost to tobacco provide sufficient reason to take the action I call for in this legislation. But lives lost is not the only cost for smoking. Tobacco-caused illnesses tax our health care system, requiring more than \$50 billion per year in direct health care expenditures, including \$22 billion borne by the Federal Government. Losses in productivity suck tens of billions more out of our economy.

But if there is an area where federal action can make a positive impact, it is with smoking. Tobacco is the single greatest cause of preventable death and disease—preventable! As proven by experiences in several States and in other countries, tobacco consumption—and the related costs—can be reduced. In my home State of California, through a modest