

Since 1988, Val has been a private practitioner with a general law practice. He has also been associated with the law firms of Cichanowicz and Callan; and Simpson and Levitsky.

Val is a member of numerous associations, including the Brooklyn Bar Association, the Bar of the City of New York, the Metropolitan Black Bar Association, and the New York County Bar. He also serves on the boards of directors of Bedford Stuyvesant Legal Services Corp. and the Community Alliance for Youth Action. He is a member of Community Board 9 and serves on the Judicial Screening Committee for Kings and Richmond Counties. Val also serves as chancellor to his church, St. Georges Episcopal Church in Brooklyn, and sits on the Committee for Canons for the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island.

Married for the last 19 years to the former Deborah Ellen Corbett, Van and his wife have a son, Kairi William, a sophomore at Hampton University, and a daughter, Nia Elena, who is enrolled at Montessori Academy in Brooklyn.

The success achieved by Val Henry, he acknowledges, is due to his parents, Earl and Esther Henry of Tampa, FL, his brother Delano C. Henry, and his sister Lydia Manrow. I am pleased to introduce my colleagues to Val Arturo Henry.

HONORING SCHOOL SETTLEMENT
ASSOCIATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 1995

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the accomplishments of the School Settlement Association and recognize two of its most devoted friends.

First, let me say a few words about the School Settlement Association. Serving the Greenpoint and Williamsburg areas of Brooklyn, NY, since 1901, School Settlement has developed a stellar reputation for providing innovative programming and services for thousands of area residents each year.

The organization's long list of community services include drug education, teen pregnancy counseling, vocational workshops, and various sports tournaments. School Settlement also provides remedial tutoring for local schoolchildren, has a very effective drop out prevention program, and distributes surplus Government food to families in need.

But of course, good programs like these don't just happen by magic. They take lots of time and effort by dozens of friends and contributors. On May 5th, the School Settlement Association will take time to honor Capt. Albert W. Girimonte and Paul J. Pullo.

Describing himself as a "Local Brooklyn boy who did well," Captain Girimonte currently serves as a police captain of the 90th precinct in Brooklyn. Before becoming a police officer, Captain Girimonte served with the U.S. Air Force from 1966 to 1969. Becoming one of New York's Finest in 1973, he worked his way steadily up through the ranks, reaching the rank of captain in 1987.

Captain Girimonte, and his wonderful wife Barbara, are the proud parents of three children: Joseph, Albert, and Mary. Like their father, the two boys have chosen to devote their lives to public service, while his beautiful

daughter Mary is getting ready to graduate the fifth grade.

Also to be honored is Paul Pullo, another outstanding member of the Greenpoint community, and devoted familyman. After graduating from St. John's University in 1972, Mr. Pullo worked at Dun & Bradstreet before moving on to start Apollo Petroleum and Metro Oil in 1977 with his brother.

In 1975, he married Frances Cannizzaro with whom he has had two wonderful children Christina and Paul. Despite his busy schedule, Mr. Pullo has always found time to assist and improve his community. Metro Oil has received recognition from the U.S. Coast Guard for its oil storage facility, and Mr. Pullo has played an invaluable role in attracting business to the Greenpoint area.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have this opportunity to honor the good work of the School Settlement Association as well as Captain Girimonte and Mr. Pullo. Their outstanding service others and undaunting dedication to the community truly represent the best of American values, and are an inspiration to us all.

PROCLAMATION CONGRATULATING
DEAN HARRAH

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 1995

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I commend the following article to my colleagues:

Whereas, Dean Harrah, should be recognized for his invaluable contributions to the game of baseball; and

Whereas, Dean Harrah, was a player for Kent State University, the United Mine Workers League, the Harrison County League, and numerous local and semi-pro teams; and

Whereas, Dean Harrah, has dedicated much of his talent to coach both elementary and high school students in which some of his players continued on to play college and professional baseball; and

Whereas, Dean Harrah, led many of his teams to league championships, all-star game championships, and to all appearances at sectional, district, and regional tournaments; and

Whereas, Dean Harrah, has ensured that local programs were established for both girls and boys and help coordinate construction and renovation of many local fields; and

Whereas, the local communities are better places for people of all ages because of the work of Dean Harrah; and

Whereas, the residents of Belmont County and the surrounding areas of Ohio, with a real sense of pleasure, join me in commending Mr. Dean Harrah for his indispensable contribution to the game of baseball.

TRIBUTE TO THE FRIENDS OF THE
ROSEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY ON
THEIR 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 1995

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Friends of the Roseville Public Library. This Saturday, the Friends are celebrating their 20th anniversary.

In 1975, Rosalie Perry and Carol Windorf, along with a handful of supporters, founded the group. Today, over 1,300 members provide services and support to the people of Roseville and surrounding communities through their public library.

In the past 20 years, the group has taken tremendous pride in their library. Without the Friends, many of the services provided would simply be nonexistent. Computerized data bases, videos, Books on Tape, projectors, and compact discs are all available because of the work of the Friends of the Roseville Library. Currently, the group is in the process of raising funds to establish a computer center for children. In 1995, the Roseville library continues to house a large selection of books, magazines, and other reading materials, and because of the Friends' efforts, it is also preparing for the 21st century.

The people of Roseville are fortunate to have the Friends working to improve their library and I am looking forward to celebrating their 20th anniversary when I return to Michigan this weekend. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing the Friends of the Roseville Public Library many more years of success.

IN HONOR OF FRANK PERRUCCI
AND THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE CONCERNED CITIZENS OF
BAYONNE

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 1995

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Concerned Citizens Organization of Bayonne on the recent celebration of their 25th anniversary. The organization was founded by Frank P. Perrucci, a concerned citizen who has dedicated most of his life to serving his community.

The Concerned Citizens Organization was founded in 1970 and the purpose of this organization is to improve the quality of life for city residents. Their motto, "We Care, Do You," symbolizes their commitment to community activism and civic involvement. The organization recognizes exceptional citizens by granting awards to those who have performed heroically.

Frank Perrucci, as the standard bearer of the Concerned Citizens Organization, has been the driving force of this community group. He has contributed his time and effort to many worthy causes including a voter registration drive, the "I Love Bayonne" project and efforts to protect the rights of the elderly. Regarding voter registration, Mr. Perrucci has participated in various forums aimed at encouraging participation in our democratic system.

While contributing to the community, he has also been a devoted husband, married to the former Jean Baccarella for the past 44 years, and an exceptional father to his four children. Mr. Perrucci is the proud grandfather of seven.

His contributions to the community have garnered him numerous awards, including the Boy Scouts of America Distinguished Citizen Award. He has also received awards from the national, State and Hudson County Catholic

War Veterans, as well as from the city of Bayonne, the New Jersey Assembly, and the New Jersey Senate.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Frank P. Perrucci on behalf of the city of Bayonne for all his hard work in the community. I am truly proud to have such an outstanding citizen living in the 13th Congressional District. Please also join me in praising Mr. Perrucci and the Concerned Citizens of Bayonne Organization for 25 years of dedication and commitment.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
CELEBRATES DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 1995

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I have often stood before you commending the virtues and contributions of America's veterans. However, today I would like to bring to your attention another, equally important group which performs many vital services for America's veterans, our communities, and our Nation at large.

This year, the American Legion Auxiliary celebrates its Diamond Jubilee. Since 1920, the Auxiliary has grown from a membership of 11,000 women to its current count of approximately 973,000 dedicated volunteers. With a motto of Service, not Self, the American Legion Auxiliary members have for 75 years exemplified the American ideals of philanthropy and patriotism through their many worthwhile endeavors. From lobbying Congress in grass roots campaigns for such issues as proper compensation for America's veterans and the G.I. Bill of Rights, to fund-raising projects which have generated millions of dollars for organizations including the American Cancer Society and the Muscular Dystrophy Association, the American Legion Auxiliary serves not only veterans, but its entire national community.

The American Legion Auxiliary looks to the past, the present, and the future as well. Auxiliary members were participants in the untiring efforts on behalf of disabled veterans, which eventually resulted in the establishment of Veterans Administration, as well as a system of modern Veterans Administration Medical Centers. As a result of these actions, the contributions and needs of disabled veterans are assured of their proper recognition and attention. In addition, the Auxiliary helps to prepare young women for lives of civil service through the Girls' State programs. In these programs, high school junior are selected, on the basis of their interest in government and their leadership potential, to attend a session during which they create and operate a government of their own. Each year, two citizens for each State session are chosen to participate in the Girls' Nation program in Washington, DC, functioning as our Federal Government would. Though these programs, the young women are encouraged to pursue their governmental interests, as well as to further develop confidence and speaking skills which will be valuable them in all their future endeavors.

Mr. Speaker, as a veteran myself, I understand what it means to know that organizations such as the American Legion Auxiliary exist to acknowledge and support the efforts

of those who fight for our country. I know that the millions of veterans who have already benefited from the labors of the Auxiliary members, as well as those who will do so in the years to come would agree with me when I say that the American Legion Auxiliary has become an example of selflessness and patriotism which all Americans may emulate.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that all Members join me in expressing our sincerest gratitude and congratulations to the American Legion Auxiliary as it celebrates 75 years of valuable service to our veterans, our communities, and our Nation.

HONORING THE BEST OF RESTON
AWARD WINNERS

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 1995

Mr. DAVIS. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to pay tribute to the individuals and businesses who are this year's winners of the Best of Reston awards. The Best of Reston Community Service Award was created to recognize companies, organizations, and individuals who have made outstanding contributions to community service, and/or who have improved the lives of people in need, in Reston, VA.

Priscilla Ames has delivered 30 years of continuous civic work and community service. She has served the greater Reston community in many capacities: on the Fairfax County Human Services Council, as Reston's director of Community Affairs and Public Information, on Community Advisory Committee of the Embry Rucker Shelter, and as a member of the Community Advisory Committee of the Cameron Glen Care Center. She has been honored by the Reston Rotary Club as their 1990 Citizen of the Year and named Lady Fairfax by Fairfax County in 1990.

Margaret Boyd has been one of Reston's most visible, consistent, and effective advocates for youth, particularly adolescents. Ms. Boyd has served as the Reston coordinator for the Teen Summit. She has also joined initiative in the conception and realization of the Pit Teen Center in Reston. She organized a teen/adult dialog in April 1994 and is planning a Teen Leadership Conference to be held in March 1995. Ms. Boyd is also teacher at Forest Edge Elementary School, an at-large board member for Reston Citizens Association [RCA] and chair of RCA's Youth Committee.

Juanita Cooper has been dedicated to the community, particularly the families and staff of Lake Anne Elementary School. Since 1976, she has nurtured the Lake Anne children. Her belief that every child deserves the chance to reach their potential is reflected in the faces and successes of the children whose lives she has touched.

Carlo and Ana Mejia are professional artisans of considerable experience and accomplishment who fled the war in El Salvador in 1980, bringing with them only their family and one suitcase. They established after-hours ceramic classes for area youth at Forest Edge Elementary School.

Datatel furthers higher education through the Datatel Scholars Foundation and a corporate matching gift program. Datatel also assists a number of local charities. Seven years

ago, Datatel adopted the Embry Rucker Community Shelter giving it some \$1,400 a year for the past 7 years in gifts.

The 1995 recipients of the Business Excellence Award:

Molson Breweries U.S.A. Inc., under the direction of president and chief executive officer John Barnett, have been major support of Wolf Trap Farm Park and the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Mr. Barnett has been active in his pursuits to enhance the outstanding quality of life in Northern Virginia including: Taste of the Town at Reston Town Center and the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund.

BTG, now in its 13th year, BTG headed by Dr. Ed Bersoff is a leader in the information industry, with 634 employees and revenues of over \$140 million. BTG is the business partner of Marshall High School, contributes funding and technology support to Hospice of Northern Virginia, and provides both funds and board members to a broad spectrum of community organizations including: Leadership Fairfax, the Women's Center, Court Appointed Special Advocates for abused children, Fairfax Hospital, and Women in Technology.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in honoring the Best of Reston award winners for all of their hard work in making their community a better place to live.

TRIBUTE TO QUEENIE MARY
WOOTEN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 1995

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Ms. Queenie Mary Wooten. Queenie hails from South Carolina. She was born to James and Estella Hunt Corley, and was part of a large, close family. Queenie attributes her success in life to her family, her late husband James Wooten, and her fiancé, Dr. Raymond B. Croskey.

Queenie was educated initially in South Carolina, but graduated from Girls High School in Brooklyn. She received her AAS degree from New York Community College, and her bachelor of science degree from Medgar Evers College.

Ms. Wooten has served in a variety of professional capacities working with children in and outside of the public school system. She currently serves as an associate educational officer in Community School District 19, and is a coordinator of facilities maintenance and temporary housing. Additionally, Queenie is assisting with developing short- and long-range plans for the zoning of School District 19.

Queenie is involved in a number of educational, civic, religious, legislative, professional, and social activities. She is the founder of the Priscilla Wooten Educational Society. Additionally, she is a member of Community Planning Board 5, and is an active member of Grace Baptist Church, which is pastored by Rev. Jacob N. Underwood, Sr.

A recipient of numerous awards for community involvement, I am pleased to recognize Ms. Queenie Mary Wooten.