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TRIBUTE TO THE CIVIC LEAGUE
OF GREATER NEW BRUNSWICK,
INC.

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 1995

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, May 13, 1995, at the Pines Manor in Edison, NJ, the Civic League of Greater New Brunswick, Inc., will hold its annual dinner. I rise today to pay tribute to this great institution, which has made such a significant difference in the lives of generations of people in Middlesex County.

The Civic League of Greater New Brunswick, formerly the Urban League, was established in 1945 as a civil rights organization. A non-profit, tax-exempt organization, the League's mission is "to enable African Americans and other minority group members to cultivate and exercise their full human potential on par with all other Americans. To accomplish this mission, the Civic League intervenes at all points in the social and economic structure where the interests of African Americans, other racial minorities and the poor are at stake." To accomplish this mission, the League provides community advocacy along with the provision of employment and housing referral services. The League also offers a comprehensive youth development program to help young people become academically successful, emotionally sound and productive contributors to their communities.

The Civic League is governed by a 21-member Board of Directors, volunteers with a diversity of backgrounds and experiences. This policy-making body has set a major agenda for the 1990's which includes more program activities in the health and youth development areas. The Project 2000 Program, supported by corporate volunteers, became one of the first initiatives developed as a result of an increased focus of the organization on early youth development activities. A Middle School Development Program was initiated recently, also with corporate support, to offer classroom support to the public school adolescent population. Since 1970, C. Roy Epps has served as the League's Executive Director. The 25th anniversary of Mr. Epps's leadership of the League was marked 2 months ago with a roast in his honor.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor and a privilege as the Representative of the Sixth District of New Jersey to pay tribute to this great institution located in my district. The Civic League of Greater New Brunswick is a wonderful example of everything that is good about America—dedicated people working together, often under difficult circumstances, to build a better community and provide our people with a sense of purpose, direction and hope.

TRIBUTE TO THE TOWNSHIP OF
MONTCALM, MI

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 1995

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize an outstanding township in the State of Michigan. Montcalm Township is like many townships throughout the United States, but it possesses a unique character all its own. On May 20, 1995, the township of Montcalm, MI, will commemorate 150 years of history by celebrating its sesquicentennial anniversary.

Nestled among serene lakes and the surrounding beautiful landscape of mid-Michigan, the township of Montcalm is rich in historical heritage and tradition. Montcalm Township was established on March 19, 1845, and was the pioneer township of what is now Montcalm County. It grew to become an essential township in the region, due primarily to its vast contributions to the rural and logging communities of Michigan.

As the industrial revolution swept the country, the citizens of Montcalm Township succeeded in holding on to much of the area's historical tradition. It maintains its rural connections to this day, while still managing to prosper within the State economy.

The citizens of Montcalm Township are to be commended for providing an impeccable example of a growing community. While excelling in economic excellence, Montcalm Township also provides its residents with the tight knit community feeling of a small town.

Mr. Speaker, Montcalm Township has a colorful history and bright future. Its commitment to the community and its citizens embody the ideals that make this Nation great. I know you will join me in congratulating the citizens of Montcalm Township on their 150th anniversary and wishing them well during their sesquicentennial celebration. We hope Montcalm Township will continue to provide the same example of strong community spirit for the next 150 years.

HONORING DR. MARIO SALVADORI,
DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 1995

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I join today with my constituents in the Fifth Congressional District of New York City recognizing Dr. Mario Salvadori.

For more than two decades, Dr. Salvadori has distinguished himself with effective efforts to help his students discover and understand mathematics and science through the wonders of architecture and engineering.

Mr. Speaker, in April 1975, Dr. Salvadori boldly accepted the challenge issued by the New York Academy of Science to "do something to improve mathematics and science education" in the public schools of New York City by volunteering to teach an innovative course, "Why Buildings Stand Up," to 30 disadvantaged seventh-grade students.

Throughout the years, Dr. Salvadori has continued to teach and write books of children

and instructional manual for teachers. At the same time, he has developed an exciting, innovative, and effective program of hands-on activities base upon the familiar urban built environment. Eight years ago, he founded the Salvadori Education Center on the Built Environment [SECBE] to expand the reach of his innovative pedagogy and instructional materials. SECBE has now grown into a nationally known influence for the improvement of science and mathematics education.

In the 20 years since Dr. Salvadori began this noble cause, more than 600 teachers have incorporated the Salvadori methodology into their classroom practice. More than 100,000 students in New York City alone have benefited from their involvement in SECBE programs, demonstrating significant improvement in their mathematics and science studies, and increased motivation to remain in school.

In addition to the effective impact Dr. Salvadori has made upon our educational system, he has emerged as a major force in the field of architecture and engineer. As a partner and chairman of the board of Weidinger Associates, Consulting Engineers, he has had a role in developing and constructing buildings all over the world. He was served on the staffs of Columbia, Princeton and the University of Rome. His publications in the fields of applied mathematics and architecture have been distributed world wide in over a dozen languages. Dr. Salvadori's colleagues have long recognized his brilliance, and he has received numerous medals and awards in architecture and engineering.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join with me this day in recognizing Dr. Mario Salvadori, a dedicated educator, a leading architect, and a person who unselfishly gives of his many talents.

CELEBRATING FIFTY YEARS OF
COMMUNITY SERVICE BY THE
AVON CLUB

HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 1995

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have this opportunity to join with my constituents in saluting the members of the Avon Club who are celebrating over 50 years of community service.

The Avon Club was formed in 1944 as a social and community organization with membership open to women age 18 or over who live and work in the municipalities comprising the Avonworth School District. This area includes Ben Avon, Ben Avon Heights, Emsworth, Kilbuck and Ohio Township. It is an honor to represent these communities in the U.S. House as the Representative for the Fourteenth Congressional District and I want to speak to the Members of the House about the outstanding nature of the community service provided by the Avon Club.

The Avon Club was originally started in 1944 by women whose husbands were serving in World War II. Avon Club members aided the war effort by rolling bandages, knitting sweaters and corresponding with servicemen. When the war ended, Avon Club members refocused their activities on a broader array of

social interests and community projects. the Avon Club also established itself as a service organization willing to raise money to support civic improvements and other charitable community organizations.

Each year the Avon Club hosts two major fundraisers to support its many community service activities. An annual fall festival is sponsored in early October and this event features a celebration of the creative, musical, and culinary talents of local district residents. The annual fashion show and luncheon provides an opportunity to enjoy food and good conversation while viewing the latest from the fashion world. In addition to these fundraisers, the Avon Club has published a community telephone directory since 1952. Members canvass their local neighborhoods and all residents, local businesses, and merchants are invited to be listed in this valuable community resource.

Avon Club member dedicated the proceeds from these fundraising activities to the support of several charitable activities. Since 1990, these charitable activities have been managed by the Avon Club Foundation, a nonprofit organization which manages both fundraising activities and the distribution of funds. In 1994, the Avon Club Foundation gave away \$7,671 and brought the total level of philanthropic contributions throughout their 50 years to over \$100,000.

The Avon Club Foundation is guided by long-range goals emphasizing service to education, recreation, the environment and social responsibility. The foundation has donated funds to local parks, schools, sports organizations and also provides assistance to charitable organizations serving women and children. Members of the Avon Club have also volunteered with local recycling efforts and community cleanup days.

Mr. Speaker, it is fitting for the Members of the U.S. House of Representatives to join in saluting an organization like the Avon Club. The Members of the Avon Club are to be commended for their energy and neighborhoods together to the benefit of all local residents.

TRIBUTE TO CAPT. MIKE TRACY
AND SGT. TOM VANDERPOOL

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 1995

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, May 15, the Grand Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police will honor over 100 police officers from across the Nation who were slain in the line of duty. Among those officers are two courageous men from the 36th Congressional District of California who gave their lives to protect others. It is with deep sadness that I join in paying tribute to these individuals, Capt. Mike Tracy and Sgt. Tom Vanderpool.

Mike Tracy and Tom Vanderpool were both gunned down by a robber on February 14, 1994, while they attended a management seminar for employees of the city of Palos Verdes Estates, CA. Both men were model police officers who leave behind family, friends, colleagues, and a community made all the better by their service.

Mike, who was raised in Torrance, CA, first joined the PVE Police Department as a reserve officer in 1966. His colleagues described him as a "cop's cop": instinctive, professional, and supportive of his fellow officers. Those close to him say he liked to "live life to the fullest," and many were touched by his humor and humanity. In his spare time, Mike counseled teenagers in trouble. He was also a husband, and father of two.

Tom spent his early years in law enforcement with the Los Angeles Police Department before beginning 13 years of service with the PVE Police Department. He was respected by his colleagues and occupied a special place in the hearts of needy children in the community. Every Christmas, he would use his patrol car to deliver toys, blankets, and clothing to these children and their families. A husband and father of three, Tom was preparing to celebrate his 36th wedding anniversary shortly before he was killed.

My heart fills with sadness when I think of the tragic circumstances surrounding the deaths of these two officers. The job of our law enforcement officers has changed dramatically from earlier times in our Nation's history. Not only must these officers protect our citizens against dangers unimaginable, but they must increasingly protect themselves from mindless expressions of rage and frustration. We owe an enormous debt of gratitude to those men and women who do the job of law enforcement every day.

A luncheon to award the South Bay Medal of Valor was recently held in my district to honor those who have performed heroic acts in the line of duty. Capt. Mike Tracy and Sgt. Tom Vanderpool were both awarded the medal posthumously. I only wish the legislative schedule had permitted me to be there, as I was when hundreds of Californians including my Governor attended their funeral.

To their families and friends, and to the families and friends of all officers slain in the line of duty, your loved ones were patriots. They gave their lives for ours.

IN HONOR OF GILBERT HERRERA,
OUTSTANDING YOUNG TEXAS-EX

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 1995

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to rise today to pay tribute to Gilbert A. Herrera, a recipient of the 1995 Outstanding Young Texas-Ex Award. Gilbert was a page in the Texas Senate during the time that I was a Texas State Senator, and we have been great friends ever since. Gilbert's intelligence, enthusiasm, and commitment to excellence have served him well, culminating with this prestigious honor.

The Outstanding Young Texas-Ex Award has been presented annually since 1980 by the Ex-Students' Association to four alumni under the age of 41 who have excelled in their chosen fields of endeavor and have shown loyalty to the University of Texas. The 1995 award will be presented during UT's spring commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 20.

Gilbert graduated from UT in 1978 with a B.B.A. degree in finance. He is a principal of

G.A. Herrera & Co., a private investment banking firm with offices in Houston and Austin, and he is also a consultant on corporate governance. Gilbert previously served in a variety of corporate finance and banking positions. In 1993 he was appointed by the Supreme Court of Texas to the Commission for Lawyer Discipline, where he serves as chair of its budget committee.

Gilbert also has been active in community service. He is a member of the Board of Advisors for the Texas Product Development Commission. In Houston he served on the Houston Parks Board and as trustee of the Harris County Mental Health and Mental Retardation Authority, where he chaired the Legislative and Employee Benefits Committees. Gilbert is a life member of the Ex-Students' Association, a lifetime member of the Century Club, a member of the Littlefield Society, the UT Chancellor's Council, the MBA Investment Fund, L.L.C., and the Longhorn Associates for Women's Athletics.

Gilbert and his wife, Kari, have been personal friends of mine for many years. Today I join their family and many friends in offering my sincere congratulations to this outstanding young Texas Ex on his selection for this prestigious award. His achievements are a source of pride for his family, his friends, and the University of Texas, and I know that he will continue to distinguish himself in his profession as well as in his service to his community, his State, and his country.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE MEXI-
CAN-AMERICAN OPPORTUNITY
FOUNDATION

HON. ESTEBAN EDWARD TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 1995

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize the Mexican-American Opportunity Foundation [MAOF] as they inaugurate their new facilities on Thursday, May 11, 1995.

MAOF was founded in 1962 by Mr. Dionicio Morales in Los Angeles, CA, and for over 33 years it has provided educational and charitable assistance to the general public and the Latino community. MAOF has developed and administered projects, programs, research and related activities on behalf of the socially and economically disadvantaged youth and adults of our community.

One of the special projects began when Mr. Morales and MAOF recognized the plight of Latina women. Eighteen years ago, MAOF created "Visiones Hispanas", a Hispanic women's conference that focuses on Hispanic women's needs and provides direction on career and education opportunities.

In furthering their mission to assist economically disadvantaged individuals, MAOF has established child care development programs. MAOF founded these centers to provide a bilingual/bicultural learning environment for children. It is a developmental program where children, whether they speak only English or only Spanish, become an integral component of this educational interaction with the teachers. Additionally, MAOF sponsors child nutrition programs, in conjunction with their child