

schools, allowing certain vocational courses in high school to count toward postsecondary technical degrees, more cooperation at the college level to let students transfer credits among institutions, and more teacher training on how to use computers and the Internet as learning tools.

I am impressed by the programs and activities being developed in southern Indiana to improve the quality of our workforce. In today's highly competitive world economy, the best investment we can make is in the quality and skills of our workers and I believe we are making significant progress in southern Indiana.

TRIBUTE TO PAT TROUTNER

HON. RICK WHITE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 1996

Mr. WHITE. Mr. Speaker, my home is in the First District of Washington State. In my district, we are blessed to have thousands and thousands of people who volunteer—day after day—to make our communities stronger, safer and better.

That is why I want to take a minute today to recognize Pat Troutner of Silverdale. Pat's tireless commitment to her community has earned her the Kitsap County Bremerton Health Department's Volunteer of the Year award.

Giving is not a new concept to Pat Troutner. For years she has been caring for and giving support to terminally ill AIDS patients. While she has lost many friends she refuses to become discouraged. Instead, she focuses her energies on listening, educating, sharing, and helping. She is more than just a volunteer—she is a friend.

Today, I want to say thank you to Pat Troutner for all she has done, and will continue to do, for our community.

OUTSTANDING STUDENTS, TEACHER EXCEL IN NATIONAL HISTORY DAY

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 1996

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention the fine work of a number of students and the outstanding skills of an exemplary teacher from Bishop, CA who participated in the History Day in California competition earlier this year. A number of students competed at the local level and then represented Inyo County at the California State competition.

Jenna Beck, who wrote an essay entitled, "President Anwar Sadat of Egypt: A Martyr's Stand for Peace," was named as one of two California State champions in the category of Junior Historical Research Papers. As a result of her selection as a champion, Jenna will be joining other students from across the country competing in National History Day, sponsored by the Constitutional Rights Foundation, at the University of Maryland later this month.

In addition to Jenna, Elly Hartshorn was the California State alternate with her entry entitled, "California's Little Civil War: The Owen

Valley Pioneer's Stand for Water." Other students representing Inyo County were Shannon Linden, Abby Sada, and Nicole Perry.

Irene Sorensen, who has inspired and guided students in this competition for 9 years, was also honored at the California State History Day as the first California Constitutional Rights Foundation Teacher of Merit for her outstanding commitments to students in California.

Mrs. Sorensen and the fine students who participated in this year's competition are a tribute to the excellence of our public school system. While these students live in a community of less than 5,000 people, located 200 miles from a major library or university, they completed extensive research in their chosen subject areas and were highly competitive with students from large metropolitan areas such as Los Angeles County, San Bernardino County, and Riverside County.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me and our colleagues in congratulating Irene Sorensen and her students for their outstanding efforts relating to National History Day. It is only fitting that the House recognize them for their commitment to excellence and learning.

INVOCATION BY FATHER ROBERT F. DRINAN, S.J., NATIONAL DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE COMMEMORATION

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 1996

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, on April 16, Members of Congress, members of the Diplomatic Corps, and hundreds of survivors of the Holocaust and their friends gathered here in the Capitol Rotunda for the National Days of Remembrance commemoration. The United States Holocaust Memorial Council was established by Congress to preserve the memory of the victims of the Holocaust. I commend the Council and the members of the Days of Remembrance Committee, chaired by my good friend Benjamin Meed, for their vigilant and genuine adherence to their extraordinarily important task.

One of the first acts of the Council was to establish the annual Days of Remembrance commemoration to mirror similar observances held in Israel and throughout our Nation and elsewhere in the world. This year, the commemoration centered on the 50th anniversary of the Nuremberg trials. The observance was a reminder of the difficult process of first coping and then healing that all survivors and their families and loved ones had to endure.

Father Robert J. Drinan, our former colleague and a great friend, delivered a characteristically moving and meaningful invocation to this commemoration. In his current capacity as a professor of law at Georgetown University, Father Drinan continues his outspoken support for human rights throughout the world that he was so well known for in his 10 distinguished years in Congress.

His prayer at the National Day of Remembrance commemoration set a tone for a commemoration with a dual purpose. First, to be thankful for the end of the Holocaust that came with the Nuremberg trials, and second, to give a stern warning to citizens of the world

that the Holocaust must never be forgotten and that crimes against humanity cannot be ignored or go unpunished. I commend my colleagues' attention to the remarks of our distinguished former colleague:

INVOCATION BY ROBERT F. DRINAN, S.J.

Let us pray. Oh God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, we thank you for humanity's first denunciation 50 years ago of crimes against humanity.

We express our gratitude oh Lord to all those who have publicized and prosecuted crimes against peace like those punished at Nuremberg.

We beseech you, oh God of justice, to keep alive in our souls that horror of genocide which has permeated the world in the last five decades.

Inspire us, Oh God of love, to remember at all times that silence is the one unforgivable sin.

Impart your benediction, Oh Lord of the universe, on the leaders of the Holocaust Memorial, on members of the Congress and on all here present. We stand here oh Lord as your children and ask your forgiveness for our past inaction and indeed our complicity with evil.

We pray, Oh God, that the grace of this unforgettable occasion will deepen our determination to protect the precious rights of every child of God in the entire universe.

This we ask in your name and with your help. Amen.

CORINTH, NY EMERGENCY SQUAD CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 1996

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I have always been partial to the charm and character of small towns and small town people. That's why I travel home to my congressional district every weekend, to see the picturesque towns and scenery that marks the 22d district of New York. The town of Corinth, NY is certainly no exception.

The traits which make me most fond of such communities is the undeniable camaraderie which exists among neighbors. Looking out for one another and the needs of the community make places like Corinth great places to live and raise a family. This concept of community service is exemplified by the devoted service of the Corinth Emergency Squad. For 50 years now, this organization has provided critical services for the citizens on a volunteer basis. As a former volunteer fireman, I understand, and appreciate, the commitment required to perform such vital public duties.

It has become all too seldom that you see fellow citizens put themselves in harms way for the sake of another. While almost all things have changed over the years, thankfully for the residents of Corinth, the members of their emergency squad continue to selflessly perform their duty without remiss. I can't say enough about the countless lives they have saved by doing so over the course of their 50 year history.

That's why I am so glad to have this opportunity to pay tribute to this emergency squad. And for that matter, the residents of Corinth will have the opportunity to show their appreciation at a picnic marking this momentous occasion this Sunday, June 9, 1996.

Mr. Speaker, I have always been one to judge people by how much they give back to their community. On that scale, the members of the Corinth Emergency Squad, both past and present, are truly great Americans. I am proud of this organization because it typifies the spirit of volunteerism which has been such a central part of American life. We would all do well to emulate the service of the men and women who comprise the Emergency Squad in Corinth. To that end, it is with a sense of pride, Mr. Speaker, that I ask all Members to join me in paying tribute to the Corinth Emergency Squad on the occasion of their 50th anniversary.