

Chief Rosano's statewide and countywide service is renowned and endless. Chief among his local accomplishments are his implementation of a neighborhood oriented policing program to better address our community policing needs. His leadership also helped set in motion a gang enforcement program, developed a unique environmental crimes unit, and organized one of the few bomb and explosive device units in northern California.

With any good leader comes a road of hard knocks from those opposed to change. It's no surprise that Chief Rosano is no stranger to criticism for his outspoken support of gun controls and for initiating the city of Santa Rosa's gun exchange program. With almost 700 weapons exchanged, this event was the most successful gun exchange program in California. Recently, the Sonoma County Peace and Justice Center announced their plans to host the city's second gun exchange program in honor of the retiring chief. This program is a model for public-private partnerships between local businesses, the community, and law enforcement.

Chief Rosano's longstanding career of achievement earned him the California Peace Officers Association's Law Enforcement Professional of the Year, the most prestigious award in the law enforcement profession. Chief Rosano is also the longest-serving chief in the State of California, and the city of Santa Rosa is extremely grateful for the top service and protection he has provided the community.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Chief Rosano for his exemplary service over the past 38 years. As a nation, we are in debt to the efforts and dedication of individuals, who, like Chief Rosano, place the safety and well-being of others above their own safety. I salute Chief Rosano, and wish he and his family much success with their future plans.

17TH ANNUAL PORTUGAL DAY FESTIVAL

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 1996

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to New Jersey's Luso-Americans, who are in the midst of celebrating 2 weeks of festivities honoring their heritage and history. The 2-week celebration in Newark's "Ironbound" is one of the largest Portuguese celebrations in the world. This extraordinary event will culminate with the Grande Parade to be held on June 9, 1996.

Over 1.5 million Luso-Americans have settled throughout the United States, with an estimated 200,000 Luso-Americans in the Garden State alone. In New Jersey, the largest concentration of Luso-Americans live in the "Ironbound" section of Newark. Through the years, they have turned an old neighborhood into a thriving and prosperous commercial and residential center. Their hard work and perseverance can be seen on the streets of Newark, especially Ferry Street, the heart of "Ironbound." Ferry Street is lined with many restaurants offering the delicate cuisine of Portugal. Luso-Americans have turned Ferry Street into a Portuguese city in miniature.

The annual Portugal Day festival is a time for Americans of different nationalities to savor

and enjoy the rich traditions of Portugal. Visitors from all over the country come to take part in the festivities, some of which are broadcast throughout the globe via satellite through Portugal's national TV, RTP1.

Seventeen years ago, Bernardino Coutinho founded the festival and has strived every year to make it a wonderful event. The Bernardino Coutinho Foundation was established on May 22, 1992, to assume responsibility for organizing this 2-week festival. The festival is a part of the foundation's commitment to enhancing the cultural and social development of the community.

I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Luso-Americans throughout New Jersey as they celebrate their rich heritage. It is an honor to be representing such a remarkable group of people.

KEN HEREDIA HONORED FOR OUT- STANDING SERVICE TO SAN JOSE FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 230

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 1996

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the noteworthy achievements of Ken Heredia of the San Jose Fire Department. Mr. Heredia has been the president of the San Jose Fire Fighters Union, Local 230, for the past 8 years. In addition, he has served 15 years on the fire department's union executive board.

During the years Mr. Heredia has served the San Jose firefighters, he has demonstrated an unselfish and much valued commitment to organized labor and the fire service. On June 8, 1996, a special barbecue will be held by the San Jose Firefighters Local 230 in honor of Mr. Heredia and his years of dedicated service to our community.

Mr. Heredia, a native of his community, was recently promoted to battalion chief of the San Jose Fire Department. Although he will be sorely missed as a leader of local 230, I would like to extend my congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Heredia as he takes on his new role in the department. I invite my colleagues to join me in recognizing this dedicated public servant.

A TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 284

HON. NORMAN SISISKY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 1996

Mr. SISISKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an American Legion auxiliary unit located in Colonial Heights, VA. Unit 284 administers many volunteer programs in my district, with special emphasis on veterans, children, and the community. Members also volunteer time to junior activities, Americanism, and educational programs.

By selflessly giving their time and energy to such worthy causes, the members of unit 284 have set an example from which we can all learn. Recently, in order to help prevent crime in their area, unit 284 joined with local civic or-

ganizations, and fire and police departments, to celebrate National Night Out. With the rise of crime in many areas, it is important for everyone to join together in order to ensure the safety of their communities. Unit 284 recognizes the significance of this effort, and through their work with National Night Out, they helped educate both children and adults on crime.

It is an honor to have such a giving organization as the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 284 in my district. Their work, as well as other American Legion auxiliary units throughout the country, have touched many lives. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of the national organization's 75th anniversary, it is with great pride that I recognize American Legion Auxiliary Unit 284 for their outstanding service to the constituents in my district.

INTRODUCTION OF BREAST IMPLANT RESOLUTION

HON. BARBARA F. VUCANOVICH

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 1996

Mrs. VUCANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, what are the facts on silicone breast implants? Are they safe? Do they lead to immune disorders in women? There are no clear answers to these questions, but conflicting information has been provided to American women—making it difficult for women to make important health decisions.

In 1992, the FDA Commissioner imposed significant restrictions on access to silicone breast implants, based on concerns that there may be a connection between immune disorders and women who have silicone breast implants. Recent scientific studies conducted by the Mayo Clinic and Harvard Medical School suggest that there is no evidence of a connection between silicone implants and autoimmune disease or classic autoimmune symptoms. Many women, however, have questioned the validity of these studies. The FDA has not issued a definitive statement on the relationship between silicone gel breast implants.

This indecisive action has caused many problems for women in the United States. Some women neglect to obtain proper breast care due to the fear and uncertainty surrounding the issue. For women with breast implants, adequate information on breast care is not readily available since the National Cancer Institute and other health agencies are waiting to develop information, pending FDA's action. This also means that very few postmastectomy breast cancer patients have access to silicone breast implants, since they must participate in clinical trials to obtain these devices. As a breast cancer survivor, I recognize the importance of breast health and the fear and confusion in determining the best treatment for the patient. Information about breast implants could help alleviate that fear.

Unfortunately, this also has a broader impact on the public by adversely affecting the supply of raw materials used in other lifesaving products such as pacemakers, heart valves, hip and knee joints, and artificial blood vessels.

Today, I am introducing a resolution which expresses the sense of the House that the

FDA should take immediate steps to resolve the fears and concerns of women with breast cancer by issuing a definitive relationship, or lack thereof, between silicone gel breast implants and connective tissue disease, classic autoimmune symptoms and other serious diseases. This resolution also calls on the FDA and the National Cancer Institute to develop recommendations for breast care practices for women with breast implants. This resolution has the support of the National Breast Cancer Coalition. It is time for the FDA to give women the information they need to make wise decisions about their health and their lives. I urge my colleagues to join me in this effort.

A GOOD NEIGHBOR ON CAPITOL HILL FOR 175 YEARS; ST. PETER'S PARISH

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 1996

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor St. Peter's Parish, founded on Capitol Hill in 1821.

On June 29, 1996, St. Peter's will officially celebrate its 175th anniversary with a homecoming celebration, giving testament to the spirit and faith of the Hill community.

As the local parish, St. Peter's has weathered the changes in Congress and seen this neighborhood grow from a cozy residential area to the bustling cluster of Federal buildings we have today. Its existence is one of the few marks of continuity left to our past.

As a longtime resident of the Capitol Hill area, I salute St. Peter's as a historical symbol and an excellent neighbor. I hope that the next 175 years will be equally good to the parish.

TRIBUTE TO BRIGHTON, MI, ROTARY CLUB

HON. DICK CHRYSLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 1996

Mr. CHRYSLER. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today and pay tribute to an outstanding organization in the city of Brighton, MI. On June 18, 1996, the Brighton Rotary Club will celebrate its 60th anniversary of becoming a chartered member of Rotary International, the largest service group in the world. The club currently counts numerous business and professional leaders of Livingston County among its numbers. I am truly proud to be counted among these dedicated servicemen and women.

The Brighton Rotary Club has been living out its motto of "Service Above Self" since its creation in 1936. Brighton Rotarians participate in numerous hands-on activities—including Christmas in April, Shots for Tots, Ringing the Bell for the Salvation Army, and additional one-on-one activities. The club also supports numerous groups and agencies with financial support. These groups include Lacasa, Women's Resource Center, Brighton Boy Scout Troop 350, Catholic Social Services, the Brighton Senior Center, the Hartland Senior Center, and several students attending Michi-

gan colleges and universities. Major fundraisers include the Brighton Rotary Auction, The Great Duck Race, and the Holiday Concert.

The club is particularly supportive of programs for youth which stress development of leadership skills and community service. The club has initiated the Interact Club in Brighton High School, currently 75 members, sends students to Girls State and Boys State, and is sending 10 students to the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards [RYLA] conference in Ontario, Canada. International efforts include eye glasses projects in Mexico and the Caribbean, a sanitary facilities project in India, and ongoing support of the Polio Plus project to internationally eradicate polio and other childhood diseases by the year 2000.

The Brighton Rotary Club has repeatedly gone above and beyond the call of duty in helping people and organizations within Livingston County. I ask the other members of the U.S. Congress to join me in recognizing its 60 years of outstanding service and wishing it many more years of continued success.

A TRIBUTE TO STUDENTS OF HALF HOLLOW HILLS HIGH SCHOOL EAST

HON. RICK LAZIO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 1996

Mr. LAZIO of New York. Mr. Speaker, today, I wish to recognize the award-winning students of Ms. Gloria Sesso's class at Half Hollow Hills High School East in Dix Hills, NY. From April 27 to April 29, 1996, these outstanding Long Island students competed against teams from every State in the Nation in the "We the People * * * The Citizen and the Constitution" Program. The team earned the distinction of representing New York at the national finals in our Nation's Capital after winning competitions at local and State levels.

The dedicated team of students was awarded an honorable mention as one of the competition's top 10 finalists. The members of the Half Hollow Hills team are: Taryn Brill, Sidney Change, Pei-Sze Cheng, Lauren Chernick, Jodi Citrin, Adiya Dixon, Judy Fong, Nicole Hamburger, Hamilton Hayashi, Lora Hock, Jenny Jaung, Michael Kesden, Brian Kinney, Jaime Kleinman, Duane Koh, Juna Kollmeier, Jessica Lepler, Ayodeji Marquis, Douglas McVey, Howard Newman, Benjamin Oren, Mark Palmeri, Craig Rosenbaum, Amy Rosenberg, Sherry Sandler, Melissa Scharoun, David Scheine, Kristine Schmidt, Brett Sherman, Marcie Silver, Matthew Teicher, Lauren Wagner, Jaret Weber, Matthew Wurst, Carin Zerkowitz. The students were coached and greatly assisted by their teacher, Ms. Sesso, as well as Stephen Schechter, the State coordinator, and Steve Waldman, the district coordinator. The great success of this team is a tribute to all of the time and effort they put into learning about the Constitution.

The "We the People * * * The Citizen and the Constitution" Program is designed to provide students with a greater understanding of the Constitution and the rights and responsibilities of American citizens. For the past 9 years, the program has helped educate 22 million students at all levels.

During this year's competition, students participated in simulated congressional hearings where they were asked questions to demonstrate their knowledge of the history, values, and application of the Constitution. Their oral presentations were evaluated by a panel of judges that included Government leaders, lawyers, and constitutional experts.

I am very proud of the success this Dix Hills team has achieved, and wish them great success and personal satisfaction in the future.

RETIREMENT OF COL. JOHN C. MEYER, JR.

HON. CHET EDWARDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 1996

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Col. John C. Meyer, Jr., on his retirement from the U.S. Air Force after 24 years of service to our country.

Colonel Meyer is currently the chief of the Weapons and Nuclear Deterrence Requirements Division, Directorate of Operational Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, DC. As chief, he has overseen the requirements development for all of the Air Force's air-delivered munitions and for the maintenance and modernization of the Nation's ICBM force.

Colonel Meyer has served our country with distinction. His decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with five devices, the Air Medal, the Aerial Achievement Medal with one device, the Air Force Commendation Medal with one device, and the Combat Readiness Medal with four devices.

Mr. Speaker, on June 7, 1996, Colonel Meyer will retire from the U.S. Air Force. On behalf of this body of legislators, I would like to congratulate Col. John C. Meyer, Jr., on his retirement and thank him for his selfless service to his country.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. ARTHUR MAYER ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. CALVIN M. DOOLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 1996

Mr. DOOLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise before my colleagues today to recognize a dedicated educator form my district, Dr. Arthur Mayer, on the occasion of his retirement.

During my lifelong residence in Hanford, I have known few people more dedicated to the improvement of our schools than Dr. Mayer. Arriving in Hanford in 1979, he served as superintendent of Hanford Elementary School District until 1986. These were years of growth, and Dr. Mayer's leadership played an important role in improving the quality of Hanford Elementary schools.

But it was at Hanford Joint Union High School District that Dr. Mayer has made perhaps his greatest impact. Starting as superintendent in 1986, he embarked on initiatives to improve school facilities, establish new