

Minnesota is recognized each year, and I am glad to know that Mike Minnema's dedication to science and his students is being rewarded with such an honor.

In a time when people routinely refer to our Nation's public schools as uninventive, poor quality institutions, Mike demonstrates the error in these descriptions and makes science something for students not just to study, but to explore. His classes go beyond chemistry textbooks and laboratory exercises to include real world subjects such as humanity's affect on the environment. As a policymaker who has had the privilege of crafting numerous laws protecting our Nation's environmental heritage, I am glad to know that Mike is teaching young Minnesotans the importance of protecting our Nation's natural resource legacy for future generations. His classes also reach beyond the science of chemistry, interweaving mathematics and technology into lesson plans, which allow students to connect what they learn in his classroom to their other educational disciplines and the outside world.

Mike's experience outside of his teaching career enhance his lesson plans as well. He brings his students a view of the practical uses for chemical science, and this insight, hopefully, encourages other students to explore careers in scientific fields. Mike has worked in both the private and public sectors, utilizing his own science education background to benefit organizations from 3M and Honeywell to the Los Alamos National Laboratories. Mike has focused a teaching lesson for his students on measurement of pollution in Minnesota lakes, specifically the fluctuation of salt levels and how the environmental degradation is affecting the species and ecosystems of those special wetland areas.

As the world increasingly relies on science and technology, ensuring future generations understand science and training some for scientific careers will become an even more important endeavor. Educators such as Mike Minnema play an essential role in our Nation's ability to not only graduate adequately prepared scientists from our schools, but to attract students to scientific fields and generally enhance science literacy. I want to express my sincere congratulations and thanks to Mike for his efforts to inspire young minds to explore science and respect the environment and for his dedication to protecting the natural resource legacy that those young minds will one day inherit. Minnesota is truly fortunate to have such an exceptional educator working for its students.

HONORING THE MACON COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 1996

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I am taking this opportunity to applaud the invaluable services provided by the Macon County Rescue Squad. These brave, civic minded people give freely of their time so that should disaster strike, we know that our friends and neighbors are there to help.

Few realize the depth of training and hard work that goes into being a member of the rescue squad. Rescue squad members under-

go a training series over a four to six month period which includes instruction in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation [CPR], vehicle extrication, emergency driving, and rescue orientation. In addition to this training, rescue squad members also meet monthly to address business concerns as well as hear guest speakers.

Rescue squad members are volunteers. They receive no pay for what they do. What also makes their services especially outstanding is that the organizations themselves receive no funding. They receive no funding from the city, the county, or the Federal Government.

Rescue squads are funded in the same spirit of community volunteerism which moves them to serve. Family, friends, and neighbors pitch in at bake sales, road blocks, and fish fries to help those who sacrifice their time for the benefit of the whole community.

Committing such an amount of spare time and energy to a job so emotionally and physically taxing requires a sense of devotion and duty for which we are all grateful.

TRIBUTE TO NARSAI M. DAVID

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 1996

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Narsai M. David who is being honored by the Anti-Defamation League with its Restaurant Industry Achievement Award for his outstanding accomplishments and service to the bay area community.

Narsai David brings people together and creates an understanding of cultural diversity through his exquisite culinary practices. Born to Assyrian immigrants, Narsai David ventured into a culinary career early in life, eventually working his way to the bay area in California where he became known as one of the bay area's leading restaurateurs. Narsai David has catered several large scale outdoor dining events including concerts for Bill Graham and the Napa Valley Wine Auction. Currently, his time is divided between travel and food segments for KTVU television, the management of Narsai's Specialty Food Business, and as wine and food editor of KCBS Radio. Furthermore, he is a columnist for the food section of the San Francisco Chronicle and makes celebrity chef appearances at gatherings throughout the world.

Narsai David has devoted much of his time to charitable causes in the bay area. He is currently president of the board of the Assyrian Aid Society, a member of the board of directors of the Berkeley Community Fund of the San Francisco Foundation and International House of Berkeley. He serves as host for many fundraisers in the bay area including the annual Meals on Wheels event in Alameda County, the American Heart Association gala, the Warren Eukel Teachers Trust event, the Taylor Family Foundation Day in the Park fundraiser for Pediatric AIDS, and the Narsai Toast to the Arts for the Berkeley Repertory Theater. In addition, he is also the president of the Pacific Coast Farmer's Market Association.

Mr. Speaker, Narsai David is an outstanding citizen of California and our country. As the only Assyrian-American Member of Congress,

I salute him for the commitment he brings to, and the contributions he has made to our community. Narsai David is a great source of pride to the Assyrian-American community. I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Mr. David as he is honored with the Anti-Defamation League's Restaurant Industry Achievement Award. He has promoted not only our foods but our culture as well.

HONORING THE OVERTON COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 1996

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I am taking this opportunity to applaud the invaluable services provided by the Overton County Rescue Squad. These brave, civic-minded people give freely of their time so that should disaster strike, we know that our friends and neighbors are there to help.

Few realize the depth of training and hard work that goes into being a member of the rescue squad. Rescue squad members undergo a training series over a 4 to 6 month period which includes instruction in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation [CPR], vehicle extrication, emergency driving, and rescue orientation. In addition to this training, rescue squad members also meet monthly to address business concerns as well as hear guest speakers.

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TRIBUTE TO ST. VINCENT SCHOOL OF NURSING

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 1996

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the St. Vincent School of Nursing, and to offer my congratulations as the school celebrates its centennial anniversary. Since 1896, the School of Nursing has remained a healthcare education landmark in Toledo, OH.

Opened by the Sisters of Charity of Montreal, more commonly known as the "Grey Nuns," the School of Nursing became the first school of its kind in Ohio. Sr. Elodie Mailoux served as the first director, from 1896 to 1898. Currently, Ms. Elizabeth Cain holds the post. She has been director since 1989 and is the 18th director of the school.

Throughout its history, the School of Nursing has kept pace with the evolution of healthcare and nursing to graduate nearly 4,000 highly skilled, dedicated nursing professionals. In addition, the school has prided itself on its ability to successfully blend common spiritual beliefs with the latest healthcare technology and nursing education.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize the 100th anniversary of the St. Vincent School of Nursing. As it enters its second century, the school's dedication to care, education, and service continues to provide the northwest Ohio area with outstanding nursing education.

HONORING THE SUMNER COUNTY
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 1996

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I am taking this opportunity to applaud the invaluable services provided by the Sumner County Volunteer Fire Department. These brave, civic-minded people give freely of their time so that we may all feel safer at night.

Few realize the depth of training and hard work that goes into being a volunteer fire fighter. To quote one of my local volunteers, "These firemen must have an overwhelming

desire to do for others while expecting nothing in return."

Preparation includes twice-monthly training programs in which they have live drills, study the latest videos featuring the latest in fire-fighting tactics, as well as attend seminars where they can obtain the knowledge they need to save lives. Within a year of becoming a volunteer firefighter, most attend the Tennessee Fire Training School in Murfreesboro where they undergo further, intensified training.

When the residents of my district go to bed at night, they know that should disaster strike and their home catch fire, well-trained and qualified volunteer fire departments are ready and willing to give so graciously and generously of themselves. This peace of mind should not be taken for granted.

By selflessly giving of themselves, they ensure a safer future for us all. We owe these volunteer fire departments a debt of gratitude for their service and sacrifice.

HONORING THE FAIRVIEW
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 1996

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I am taking this opportunity to applaud the invaluable services

provided by the Fairview Volunteer Fire Department. These brave, civic-minded people give freely of their time so that we may feel safer at night.

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