

pot or the mixed salad analogy, the underlying truth of the matter remains: We are a nation of immigrants. As the grandson of immigrants, I have seen firsthand how difficult it can be to assimilate into a new society while still remembering your roots. The community of Peruvian-Americans in my district has succeeded in doing just that. For their immeasurable contributions to the richness of our society, I applaud all of the legal immigrants who collectively make up the fabric of these United States. We are all unique individuals, but we truly are also one Nation under God.

#### AN ADDITIONAL TOOL FOR TRYING TO REFORM CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR

HON. WILLIAM M. THOMAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 1996*

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, recent communications between the Department of Labor and California show we have another problem to correct in restoring power to the States. Bluntly, the Department is saying California has to pay unemployment benefits to certain criminals being released from prison.

Current Federal law requires employers to pay Federal employment [FUTA] taxes on work performed by their employees. This includes prison inmates who work for private companies through innovative work programs established in several States, including California. Today, some 200 people in California prisons are employed in jobs provided under agreements between the State and private businesses. However, FUTA taxes do not have to be paid for work by prisoners employed in prison operations such as the laundry or cabinet shop.

Since FUTA taxes are paid on behalf of some prisoners, the U.S. Department of Labor ruled that these prisoners must be paid unemployment benefits upon their release from their job—essentially, when they are released from prison. Failure to comply is serious: California employers, for example, would lose tax credits worth \$1.7 billion for FUTA taxes they pay on other workers if the California program is disqualfied.

Why does Labor take this position? The Federal unemployment insurance program only permits denial of employment benefits in three cases: if the worker's income exceeds certain limits; the claim is fraudulent; or the employee was fired for misconduct. Since prisoners lose their jobs when paroled or released from prison, they do not fit the exceptions.

California voters established the Joint Venture Program in 1990, creating a private work program for prison inmates. Criminals' wages are used to compensate victims, offset incarceration costs, and set-aside funds—20 percent—for the inmate's support upon his or her release from prison. In 1996, California voters overwhelmingly passed an initiative (Proposition 194) that denies unemployment benefits to criminals participating in the Joint Venture Program.

The Department of Labor decision would force California either to pay out unemployment benefits to released prisoners or to eliminate a program that has been successful in helping criminals transition back into the work

force. Allowing employees to lose \$1.7 billion in credits for taxes they pay on the services of ordinary working people is not an option, needless to say.

Legislation I am introducing today would change the law to treat all prison inmates who participate in work programs the same: Their services would be exempt from the FUTA tax. This would effectively deny unemployment benefits to released prisoners and prohibit the Department of Labor from placing such a ridiculous requirement on the States. The bill's enactment would give States an additional tool to use in trying to reform criminal behavior and I hope my colleagues will agree to its adoption in the near future.

#### TRIBUTE TO IRVING GEORGE LIEBERFARB

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 1996*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Irving George Lieberfarb, a distinguished American from Lake Worth, FL, who recently passed away.

Mr. Lieberfarb was a worthy and admirable individual whose absence is a tragic loss to his family and his community. He was very active in the B'nai B'rith movement, and his synagogue Petach Tikva Congregation, on behalf of many worthy causes. It was Mr. Lieberfarb who brought to my attention the matter of Varian Fry, an American who had saved thousands of Jewish lives during World War II, but had never been honored. In 1939 Mr. Fry had requested the State Department allow him to secure the passage of Jewish refugees suffering under the Nazi regime. The Government responded by reluctantly offering merely 200 visas, and eventually put an end to his work by forcing him to return to America. When he criticized the U.S. immigration policy, upon his return, the Government shunned him and refused to recognize his noble deeds.

I had read Mr. Lieberfarb's article about Varian Fry and was disturbed that the actions of this man were ignored for so long. Therefore, I introduced H.R. 3352, legislation to award the congressional gold medal of honor to Varian Fry's family in honor of his great accomplishments. Mr. Lieberfarb's efforts for this cause alone exhibits his concern for righteousness and justice. It was an honor to have known him.

For this reason, I also wish to insert in the RECORD the kind words submitted by his family to the New York Times, on Friday, June 28, 1996.

Irving George Lieberfarb, of Lakewood Florida, died on June 26, 1996, Beloved husband of Irene, father of Jay and Richard. Loving grandfather of Suzanne and Julie. Brother of Mae Zeller, Daniel, and Eddie. Loving uncle of many nephews and nieces. Always thinking how much he could do for his family.

We will never forget your positive influence and always concern for the special interest of the many friends and relations. With love and gratitude, your niece and nephews, Warren, Bonnie, Monte and Jim.

#### THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF DEEP RIVER, CT FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. SAM GEJDENSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 1996*

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Deep River, CT fire department which serves the community of Deep River with selflessness, energy, and commitment each and every day.

The first organizational meeting of the Deep River fire department was held in March 1896. Since that time, the department has grown to its present size of nearly 40 persons, receives over 200 calls each year, and has at its disposal a fleet of four pumper trucks, one emergency truck, one brush truck, and one fire boat. The Deep River fire department has also expanded to two stations which serve the local community: The fire department headquarters at the center of Deep River and a smaller station in the Winthrop section of town.

The Deep River fire department has served the community faithfully, often demonstrating real ingenuity in its work to keep the community safe. In Deep River, CT, Mr. Speaker, the only fire hydrants are located in town. The department, though, serves not only the town, but many rural areas as well. In those rural areas, using vast amounts of fire hose, the department employs a combination of skill and improvisation to obtain water from nearby streams and ponds, offering rural residents the same level of emergency service as is enjoyed by those who reside in town.

On September 29 of this year, the Deep River fire department will continue the celebration of its 100th anniversary with a community parade. At this parade, the national flag fire truck will make its way to Deep River, a further honor to this most deserving department.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that Members of the House of Representatives join me today in recognizing the accomplishments and achievements of the Deep River fire department on its 100th anniversary, and offering our best wishes for another 100 years of distinguished service and generous sacrifice.

#### TRIBUTE TO JOYCE EISENBERG-KEEFER AND MEL KEEFER

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 1996*

Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Joyce Eisenberg-Keefer and Mel Keefer for their extraordinary charitable activities.

Joyce Eisenberg-Keefer, president and administrator of the Ben B. and Joyce E. Eisenberg Foundation, is a leader in efforts to improve the quality of life of the elderly, youth, and cancer victims.

In 1993, she established the Joyce Eisenberg-Keefer Breast Center at St. John's Hospital and Health Center, a comprehensive center for the study and treatment of breast cancer that sees 10,000 patients each year.

Joyce Eisenberg-Keefer is also a leading contributor to the John Wayne Cancer Institute, Wellness Community, the Weizmann Institute of Science, and the Jewish Homes for the Aging.

Joyce Eisenberg-Keefer's philanthropy does not stop at our national border. She has contributed millions of dollars to Israel Tennis Centers, which allows children develop friendships and learn to work together through play. She built the Eisenberg Kindergarten in Tel Aviv, has donated mammography equipment to the Shaare Zedek Hospital, and funds a medical fellowship program in cardiothoracic surgery at UCLA for doctors from Hadassah Hospital.

In addition to all of these enormous contributions, Joyce Eisenberg-Keefer actively supports numerous other organizations, including the Anti-Defamation League, United Jewish Fund, Israel Bonds, the Los Angeles Music Center, and the National Diabetes Foundation.

We owe a great debt of gratitude to Joyce Eisenberg-Keefer and Mel Keefer. I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting them for their great achievements and in wishing them happiness and success in all future endeavors.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE CENTENNIAL OF ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH, ELMENDORF, TX

HON. FRANK TEJEDA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 1996*

Mr. TEJEDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a special anniversary for a south Texas parish in the district I represent. St. Anthony's Church, situated in the small town of Elmendorf, TX, this month is celebrating the centennial of their first church building. I ask that you join me in expressing pride and joy in this accomplishment.

The parish of St. Anthony's in Elmendorf dates back at least to 1872. At that time, under the pastoral guidance of Father C. Jaillets, Masses and services were celebrated in area homes. The pastor of a neighboring community, Father Emilio Chapolard, led the effort to build the church in Elmendorf in 1896. Responsible for a large area south of San Antonio, Father Chapolard served 40 years in Graytown.

During the past 100 years, St. Anthony's has been home to three churches. The second building was constructed under the direction of Father Matthias J. Justen from 1917 to 1922. Some 50 years later, the third church was built during 1973 and 1974 under the guidance of Father Severiano Fernandez and was blessed by Bishop Patrick Flores, who now serves the entire region as archbishop. Today, the church hosts a new rectory, parish hall, a CCD center, and a religious education center.

The church has been under the spiritual guidance of priests of many backgrounds. During the early years of this century, the Claretian Fathers from San Antonio were charged with the responsibility of the parish. Thereafter, the Mexican Josephite Brothers took over for a number of years until the 1921 arrival of Father Justen, the first Redemptorist to be in charge of the parish. The

Redemptorists served at St. Anthony's for more than 40 years, until 1962. At that time, the archbishop invited the Augustinian Fathers to take charge of the parish. The church enjoyed their guidance until 1993, when the present priest, Father William McNamara arrived.

An archdiocesan priest from Ireland, Father McNamara has given greatly to the church and the community. Under his guidance, St. Anthony's is celebrating a Mass of thanksgiving and a parish Mass to mark the centennial of the first church. We appreciate his efforts, and those of the entire parish, to build not only church buildings, but a church community. The foundation stones set in place 100 years ago have endured the test of time, and in that place we now find a vibrant and committed parish looking forward to the next century for St. Anthony's.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE NEW BALTIMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 1996*

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the New Baltimore Historical Society which will celebrate its 20th anniversary on Saturday, July 20, 1996. How fortunate we are to have people in our home towns who are willing to give their talents to preserve our community treasures.

First established as a sesquicentennial project, the Historical Society is dedicated to preserving the heritage of the Anchor Bay area. It is indeed a wonderful anniversary for this organization as the culmination of their hard work is achieved. Under the guidance of the New Baltimore Historical Society, the Grand Pacific House, a former hotel built in 1881, was renovated. This last vestige of New Baltimore's hotel era is now a community museum.

The New Baltimore Historical Society purchased the Grand Pacific House in 1985 and began restoration of the building. Through countless hours of volunteer work, fundraisers, and generous donations from civic groups, businesses and individuals the dream has come true. The Museum is home to a variety of local historic artifacts and special theme rooms that have captured a glimpse of the past for future generations.

I commend the New Baltimore Historical Society for its efforts and encourage the members to continue with their good work. The formal dedication of the Grand Pacific House Historical Site plaque is a celebration of their labor of love. Please join me in saluting the New Baltimore Historical Society on the event of their 20th anniversary.

#### TOWER ONE/TOWER EAST'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 1996*

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I offer my heartfelt congratulations to Tower One/Tower

East on the 25th anniversary of this outstanding multicultural senior housing facility. For a quarter of a century, the New Haven Jewish Federation Housing Corp. has given New Haven area seniors a place to call home in Tower One.

As part of its 25th birthday celebration, Tower One will honor its past presidents at a champagne breakfast. They are: Irving Enson, Jay I. Vlock, Linda Kantor, Alan Schiff, Stanley H. Arffa, Andrew Eder, Joel A. Wasserman, Samuel I. Trotz, Diane Alderman, Tracy Selmon, Henry Stein, Ted Schaffer, and Joseph R. Blumberg. I commend each of them for the work the presidents have done to make Tower One a success.

When we celebrate Tower One's 25th anniversary, we celebrate the values that make families and communities strong—the values that enable Tower One to create a true home for Connecticut's seniors. Not only are residents provided with on-site health services, Kosher meals in the dining room and a wide variety of activities keep those at Tower One community engaged with another and the community. Residents gather for everything from informal sing-alongs and games to live entertainment and organized parties and celebrations. Tower One also provides day trips and outings.

I treasure the yearly opportunity I have to host the holiday party at Tower One because it gives me the chance to share in the holiday celebrations so dear to Tower One's residents. Most important, the seniors at Tower One are able to honor the religious and cultural traditions that keep them close to family and friends. It is truly a place where residents feel at home.

I have been involved with Tower One for many, many years and have watched as the building has been improved and updated to provide residents with the very best services and facilities. I sincerely congratulate all those at Tower One on this proud occasion. I know that Bob Bachman's leadership will enable Tower One to continue its development and growth. I congratulate Tower One on 25 great years and wish it the same success in the future.

#### GREAT DOMINICAN PARADE AND CARNIVAL OF THE BRONX

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 18, 1996*

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Great Dominican Parade and Carnival of the Bronx on its sixth year of celebration of the Dominican culture in my south Bronx congressional district.

It gives me great pleasure to once again join the members and friends of the Dominican community who will be marching along the Grand Concourse this Sunday in celebration of Dominican culture and its historic legacy.

This year's parade will honor Juan Pablo Duarte, father of the independence of the Dominican Republic, which was achieved in 1844.

The parade was born in 1990, following the vision of its president and founder Felipe Febles. Mr. Febles saw the need to provide