

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## TRIBUTE TO RECIPIENTS OF GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

HON. THOMAS W. EWING

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 12, 1996

Mr. EWING. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to salute several outstanding young women who have been honored with the Girl Scout Gold Award by Green Meadows Girl Scout Council in Urbana, IL. They are Kathy Wakeley, Valerie Karr, Amy Watson, Erin Winter of Girl Scout Troop 220, Heather Jacobson, Teri Heater, Rebecca Rich, Rachel Rich of Girl Scout Troop 203, Christine Owens, Alison Smith of Troop 74, and Rose Johnson, an individually registered Girl Scout. These young women were honored at the Green Meadows Girl Scout Council's 29th Annual Older Girl Recognition Banquet, held on May 13, 1996, for earning the highest achievement award in U.S. Girl Scouting. The Girl Scout Gold Award symbolizes outstanding accomplishments in leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development. The award can be earned by girls aged 14 to 17, or in grades 9 to 12.

Girl Scouts of the USA, an organization serving over 2.5 million girls, has awarded more than 20,000 Girl Scout Gold Awards to Senior Girl Scouts since the inception of the program in 1980. To receive the award, a Girl Scout must earn four interest project patches, the Career Exploration Pin, the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, and the Senior Girl Scout Challenge. She must also design and implement a Girl Scout Gold Award project. A plan for fulfilling these requirements is created by the Senior Girl Scout and carried out through close cooperation between the girl and an adult Girl Scout volunteer.

Kathy Wakeley's project was titled "Welcome Bags for a Woman's Place." She collected travel-size personal items from dentists, hotels, and stores to place in bags for women and children who were forced to leave their home in a hurry. They receive the bags to help them gain a sense of ownership.

Valerie Karr's project was titled "Bear Hugs for Kids." She purchased 60 teddy bears with donations she received from local business and civic groups. The bears were given to the Mahomet and Seymour Fire Department to give to children for comfort during crisis situations, fires, and accidents.

Amy Watson's project was titled "Audio Books for a Grade School." She consulted the principal and librarian for ideas on books to record on cassette tapes. The tapes will provide additional resources for teachers to use in the classroom.

Erin Winter's project was titled "Books on Tape." She organized 24 volunteers from the drama club to read 17 books on tape for the special education department including 2 full-length text-books.

Heather Jacobson's project was titled "Quilts for the Homeless." She sewed 10

fullsize quilts for the homeless. They also received bags containing personal toiletries.

Teri Heater's project was titled "Lap Quilts for Low-Income Nursing Home." She made 25 lap quilts for the elderly nursing home residents.

Rebecca Rich's project was titled "Understanding Differences; Matters of Faith Forum." She brought together a group of people of different faiths for achieving tolerance in a nonjudgmental forum. They had the opportunity to ask questions and learn about each others religion.

Rachel Rich's project was titled "Wildlife-4 Kids." She introduced wildlife through books and live animals. Children of all ages learned about a variety of animals and received an educational experience.

Christine Owens' project was titled "Daisy and Brownie Girl Scout Water Safety and Survival Class." She used her life guarding skills to organize and conduct this workshop for younger Girl Scouts in the Danville area. Originally planned for 25 girls, the workshop was attended by 35 girls and 8 adults. Christine taught girls how to keep themselves and others safe in an aquatic environment.

Alison Smith's project was titled "Book Drive for the YMCA Women's Shelter." She collected over 350 books from middle and high schools to donate to the shelter for use by children who have been forced out of their homes due to unfortunate circumstances.

Rose Johnson's project was titled "Upgrade of Park Equipment in Sheldon." She organized an aluminum can recycling project with proceeds donated to the Sheldon Park and Sign fund. This is a continuing project and members of the community were asked to save cans to help raise money for additional park playground equipment.

I believe that all of these young women should receive public recognition for the significant service to their community.

## TRIBUTE TO THE LYONS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM AND COACH TERRY SULLIVAN

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 12, 1996

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to an outstanding group of young men and their coach on their tremendous recent triumphs.

The varsity baseball team at Lyons Township High School in my district recently placed third in the State tournament and their coach, Terry Sullivan, was a consensus choice as Coach of the Year.

However, perhaps what was most impressive about the 1996 Lyons Township High School Baseball Team was that it was one of those rare squads who transcended what the experts and critics perceived as their potential.

As most LTHS baseball teams in previous years, the 1996 squad was expected to do well this season. But this group of 16-, 17-, and 18-year-old young men, some of whom had played together since Little League, turned a good year into one that they will remember for a lifetime. Led by their most valuable player, catcher Doug Nichols, and 16-game winner, pitcher Ryan Businaro, the Lions set a school record of 34 wins in a season. In addition they enjoyed a 14-game winning streak and defeated regular season conference champion and archrival Oak Park-River Forest in the sectional final to reach the State Tournament.

Even the tough 4-2 loss in the State semifinals did little to dampen the LTHS's great season. As Coach Sullivan said, "This team had an evenness to it. There were no peaks and valleys, no highs and lows. We stayed on a pretty lofty plateau the entire season."

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Coach Sullivan and his entire squad on their achievements this season, and wish them continued success in the coming years.

## CORA SERVICES, INC., 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT A. BORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 12, 1996

Mr. BORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate CORA Services, Inc., which will celebrate its 25th anniversary in Philadelphia next month, and to recognize its founder, Sister M. Charity Kohl, a Sister of Good Shepherd, for her meritorious service in the community.

CORA Services was founded in 1971 by Sister M. Charity Kohl. It is a community-based, nonprofit organization, which was created by Sister Charity to reach out to children through prevention and early intervention, rather than waiting for a child or teen to get into trouble. The agency, which began as a small, neighborhood counseling center, has grown into a major provider of human services to the greater Philadelphia community. Each year, more than 30,000 children and families are served by CORA's programs.

Educational services provided in these schools include counseling, psychological evaluations, reading and math remediation, and student assessments. These services are offered to over 60 nonpublic schools in northeast Philadelphia. In addition, the agency has expanded to provide services to certain public schools in the northwest and northeast parts of the city.

Community-based teen intervention programs, a teen dropout program, and drug and alcohol abuse prevention and education efforts highlight CORA's Community Service Division. CORA also offers a summer day camp and an Early Years Program for children and families

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needing day care through kindergarten services.

This year alone, CORA has provided monetary support to meet emergency needs for 197 families. The agency's guidance programs offered support to 21,930 school children. Educational services were provided for 3,906 students who received corrective instruction in reading and math. CORA's Community Services Division completed substance abuse assessments and referral services for 380 students through the Student Assistance Program in selected public schools. Also, teen intervention and family advocacy services, including parent training sessions, were provided to 452 children and families.

For the past 25 years, CORA has provided invaluable services to the Philadelphia community. The agency has helped families in times of crisis and guided children through educational difficulties. I congratulate CORA Services for the important work it has done and hope they will have many successes in the coming years.

In addition, I would like to personally thank Sister Charity for her work in the community. It is through the diligent and dedicated work of individuals like Sister Charity, that we can expect the young people of our community to grow up to be the educated and conscientious leaders of tomorrow.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE SAN FILI FRATERNITY CLUB

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 12, 1996*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the San Fili Fraternity Club of Westchester, Inc., on the occasion of its 36th anniversary.

The organization was founded in 1960 with the express purpose of uniting immigrants from the town of San Fili, located in Calabria, Italy. These hardworking and industrious people felt it was important to maintain the heritage and traditions of their ancestral home. The San Fili Club has served as a central meeting place to foster this pride.

In addition to promoting their culture, the San Fili Fraternity Club has contributed tremendously to the betterment of the entire community by supporting local charitable causes and awarding educational scholarships. The spirit of volunteerism and civic responsibility exhibited by its membership has served as a vibrant and positive force within Westchester County.

I have had the opportunity to witness first hand the incredible drive and commitment of their membership. The parents of my administrative assistant, John and Rose Calvelli, have served in several positions of responsibility within the organization. They are truly representative of the calibre of people who have contributed to San Fili's philanthropic activities.

On the evening of Sunday, September 15, members and friends of the San Fili Fraternity Club will be hosting a dinner dance to celebrate their many accomplishments and reaffirm its ongoing mission to promote and preserve the rich heritage of San Fili for present and future generations. I applaud them and look forward to supporting their many worthwhile initiatives in the coming years.

#### IN HONOR OF THE POLISH MARTYRS MEMORIALIZED AT THE KATYN MEMORIAL MONUMENT

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 12, 1996*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Polish officers, citizens, and prisoners of war who were massacred in 1940 by the Stalinist Soviet Government. The Katyn Forest Massacre Memorial Committee will have a memorial service on September 15, 1996, to honor the Polish victims. A mass will be celebrated at noon at the Katyn Memorial Monument site in Jersey City.

Many times throughout history mankind has committed unspeakable crimes that have horrified the world. In April 1940 more than 25,000 people were rounded up by the Soviet Government. Their only crime was that they were born Polish and considered enemies of the State. Their hands were tied behind their backs and they were shot in the back of the head. Their bodies were burned and scattered throughout various locations such as Katyn Forest.

This year marks the 55th anniversary of the brutal Katyn Forest massacre. The order to execute the Polish citizens was issued on March 5, 1940. It is a reminder to us that we must remain ever vigilant against intolerance and inhumanity. Their massacre was a genocidal act and we must never forget the victims' suffering and sacrifice.

A memorial to honor them was erected at Exchange Place in Jersey City. The monument commemorates the sacrifice of these innocent victims. The Katyn Forest massacre was a crime against humanity. This elegant memorial serves as a reminder of man's cruelty to his fellow man.

I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring these Polish martyrs. They represent a lost generation of Polish citizens. Their memories live on at the Katyn Memorial Monument.

#### HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY NORTHERN TUBE

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 12, 1996*

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, the entrepreneurial spirit of America has made this country great. I rise today to pay tribute to that spirit and a company built by it, Northern Tube of Pinconning, MI.

On September 15, Northern Tube celebrates its 50th anniversary with an Open House for employees, family, and friends. Held at the Pinconning plant site, Tony Pawelski, the mayor of Pinconning, will dedicate the day while guests will be treated to plant tours, food, and entertainment. The vice president and general manager of the Pinconning Plant, Mike Brooks, will be hosting the event.

Founded in 1946 by George Demski, Northern Tube has grown from their modest beginnings to a company with over 300 employees at a site that covers 240,000 square feet. Still located at the original site, Northern Tube con-

tinues to use the facility that was there when it all began, the Founders Garage.

Employee numbers and acreage are not the only increases Northern Tube has seen over the years. They are now the largest supplier in North America of exhaust tubular fabrications for medium and heavy duty trucks. Not only do the exhaust fabrications Northern Tube produces benefit truck owners, they benefit us all. As concern over corporate pollution grows, Northern Tube provides an environmental example for us all. Proving that responsible business is good business, Northern Tube received an award for Environmental Excellence on May 20, 1996, from Governor Engler.

Mr. Speaker, American businesses have shown that they can compete with anyone in the world when it comes to product excellence. Northern Tube demonstrates the best of this excellence with market success and environmental responsibility. I urge you and the rest of our colleagues to join me in wishing Northern Tube a very happy 50th anniversary and best wishes for 50 more.

#### INTRODUCTION OF A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REGARDING PA- TIENT RIGHTS

HON. LINDA SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 12, 1996*

Mrs. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, today I will introduce a concurrent resolution regarding patient rights. As the nature of health care is rapidly changing, it is essential that we reaffirm the fundamental rights of all Americans when they are seeking quality medical care. Whether we are suffering from something as minor as a common cold or more serious like a terminal illness, we want to be sure that we are getting the best possible care available for ourselves and for our loved ones.

But the reality is, we are growing increasingly uncertain about what our doctors are able to tell us in today's world of managed health care where the goal is to provide medical treatment while turning a profit for the insurers and providers. Health maintenance organizations, or HMO's, came about as means to help control skyrocketing costs in health care, and for the most part, they have been effective.

However, the conflict between producing a profit and providing quality care is causing a strain between doctors and their patients and is threatening the fundamental element in their relationship: Trust. As patients, Americans want to feel like our doctors are giving us all the answers. Why should we consult with our insurance agent about treatment for a broken arm?

Our doctors are also being put in an awkward position of balancing their patients' needs with those of their medical corporation. As health care professionals, their vocation is making people healthy and, while they have a responsibility to be cost conscious, fiscal prudence should not replace a patient's best interest.

We need to clarify and emphasize patients' rights so that they feel secure when seeking medical attention. That is why I am introducing this concurrent resolution that is intended to