

maintain a structured and balanced relationship between the police and the community they serve. I applaud him on his successful efforts in this regard, and the many benefits they have brought to Southold.

As citizens of this free and prosperous Nation, all Americans owe our local police officers a tremendous debt of gratitude for the sacrifices they have endured and the efforts they have made on our behalf. Please join me in saluting Police Chief Stanley Droskoski for all he has done for the people of the town of Southold.

Congratulations for your 32 years of service and, on behalf of the entire Congress, I wish you a long, healthy, and happy retirement.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE TOM BEVILL AND THE HONORABLE GLEN BROWDER

SPEECH OF

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 1996

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the gentleman from Alabama, Mr. TOM BEVILL, who has honorably served the residents of Alabama's Fourth District for the past 30 years as their Representative in the United States Congress.

Mr. BEVILL first served our country in the U.S. Army during World War II. A few years later, he began representing Alabama citizens in the Alabama House of Representatives, where he served for 8 years.

Beginning in 1967, Mr. BEVILL has represented the northern region of Alabama in Congress. Through his years, Mr. BEVILL has earned the respect of his congressional colleagues and the public alike. Thanks to his efforts, many water and energy project ideas became a reality.

Mr. BEVILL's constituents appreciated his hard work and efforts, rewarding him with large reelection margins each time.

Over his years in Congress, Mr. BEVILL has truly been the distinguished gentleman from Alabama.

On behalf of the citizens of Wisconsin's Ninth District, I thank Mr. TOM BEVILL for his outstanding service to the United States.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE POLISH NATIONAL ALLIANCE—MILWAUKEE SOCIETY

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Polish National Alliance—Milwaukee Society. I also congratulate my fellow members of the Milwaukee Society as they host the 50th annual Pulaski Day banquet.

Since 1921, the PNA Milwaukee Society has served as a leading and unifying force in the Milwaukee area's Polish-American community. The Milwaukee Society was formed with the idea of providing an opportunity for

members of the professions, business and community leaders to meet and work together on issues of concern to Polish-Americans and to our community at large.

As an active component of the Polish National Alliance, the Milwaukee Society has from its inception, been committed to the preservation and promotion of our Polish-American heritage. In addition to sponsoring numerous cultural, fraternal, and social activities however, the Milwaukee Society has coordinated a variety of worthwhile charitable efforts. These efforts have included an annual Christmas food basket distribution and several scholarship programs. Throughout the past 75 years, members of the Milwaukee Society have taken active and leading roles in a variety of organizations and endeavors. In recent years for example, members of the society assumed leadership positions in the effort to construct a Polish-American community center and to promote and coordinate Milwaukee's Polishfest.

On Friday, September 20, members of the Milwaukee Society will gather, as they have done for the past half century, to celebrate the annual Pulaski Day banquet. Our city's first Pulaski Day banquet was conducted in 1946 when members of the Milwaukee Society sought to honor the memory of the American Revolutionary War hero, Casimir Pulaski. Since then, the banquet has provided the Milwaukee Society with an annual opportunity to recognize those whose efforts have benefited the Polish-American community.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to congratulate member of the Milwaukee Society on the worthwhile work that they are doing and on the 75th anniversary of their outstanding organization.

HONORING ALBERT G. PEREZ FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. ESTEBAN EDWARD TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend Albert G. Perez for his many years of selfless service to the residents of our community, and I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to this dedicated public servant.

Albert was born on December 25, 1931, in the town of Douglas, AR. After attending the University of Arizona, Albert moved to California. He has been a resident of South El Monte since 1965, working as a traffic electrical engineer for Cal Trans for 34 years. He was first elected to the South El Monte City Council in April 1972, and was appointed vice mayor 2 years later. In March 1975, he was appointed mayor for a 1-year term. He was re-elected to the city council in 1976 and 1980, and again appointed vice mayor in April 1980. Elected again to the city council in 1984, he was yet again vice mayor in 1985, and served as mayor for two consecutive terms in 1986 and 1988. He was appointed mayor in April 1995, for a 1-year term.

Albert has also served the community through his participation and membership in numerous organizations such as the California Contract Cities Association, the League of California Cities, the Mid Valley Manpower

Consortium, the Los Angeles County Sanitation District, the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee, the Southern California Joint Powers Insurance Authority, and the Good Will Industries. He is also a member of the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion.

For 10 years I had the distinct honor and privilege of representing South El Monte in the House. During that time, I worked closely with Albert on hundreds of issues and prospects to benefit the residents of South El Monte and the greater San Gabriel Valley. He is an exemplary public official and an accomplished advocate for the residents of South El Monte. I am proud to call him my friend.

Mr. Speaker, it is with honor that I ask my colleagues to rise with me to honor my friend of many years, Albert G. Perez, for his many years of service to our community.

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF BOROUGH OF FAIRFIELD, PA

HON. WILLIAM F. GOODLING

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Borough of Fairfield, Adams County, PA located in my congressional district.

Nearly 250 years ago, John Miller of Castle County acquired land in Carroll's Delight, MD and quickly sold off lots for the purpose of agriculture. Upon his death, his son, William Miller, became proprietor of the plantation, and in 1801 had the land surveyed and plotted for a town to be known as Millerstown.

However, it was soon learned that a town of the same name already existed with a post office on the Juniata River. The town then changed its name to Fairfield where it continued to prosper and develop from 1801 until 1896 adding inhabitants, businesses, churches, and commerce alike. On October 12, 1896, the governing council held its first meeting officially establishing the town of Fairfield.

Today, the Borough of Fairfield remains a quiet community nestled in the foothills of the grand Appalachian Mountains. Its citizens continue to hold onto its founder's pioneering spirit as it moves into the 21st century. With self-reliance and good old-fashioned American values, the Borough of Fairfield is a model for small-town America.

Mayor Lewis and the residents of Fairfield, I salute you on your 100th anniversary.

HONORING A DEVOTED GENTLEMAN, EMORY NESTOR

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, the essence of humanity is giving of one's self to help others in need, particularly in times of emergency. This philosophy is epitomized by the work of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul. And we all know that the success of any organization is ultimately tied to the efforts of the members of that organization. The Bay County Council of

the Society of St. Vincent De Paul has benefited for the past 42 years from the selfless efforts of one of its members, Emory Nestor, who is retiring as the president of the Bay County Council.

This gentleman has devoted a great deal of time to the work of the Bay County Council, having been a charter member of the St. Hyacinth Conference, one of the nine conferences in the Bay County Council, and the president of the council since 1990. His skills and leadership have also enabled him to serve as a member of the St. Vincent De Paul Mid East Region Eldercare Committee, which serves as a conduit for providing information about the special needs of the elderly, and an assessment of the various programs of assistance offered to the elderly throughout the region. He also was appointed to the Eastern Michigan Senior Advisory Committee Community Service Commission, where his familiarity with programs for the elderly has been an essential element of the commission's operations.

The key focus of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul has been to provide essential assistance at times of emergencies. Food assistance has been provided for families and individuals. Clothing has been provided through a thrift store. Help with utility bills has been given when urgently needed. And to a limited extent shelter has been provided when emergency conditions create a need, a need which is too often filled only by organizations like the Society of St. Vincent De Paul.

Mr. Nestor's devotion to helping others is equaled with his devotion to his religious faith. He has been a commissioned law minister at St. Hyacinth Parish since 1987. He has helped people at the parish, as well as through the Bay Area Stroke Support Group, at times of great personal difficulty and challenges.

A married gentleman who has been blessed with his loving wife Jean and who knows the value of community service after a long career at General Motors, Emory Nestor is the kind of man that we would all like to have as a neighbor and as a model for our young people.

As he retires from the presidency, and is recognized this weekend by the other members of the Bay County Council, I urge you and all of our colleagues, Mr. Speaker, to join me in thanking Emory Nestor for his devotion, his service, and his leadership.

FAREWELL TO THE GREATEST LEGISLATIVE BODY IN THE WORLD

HON. TOBY ROTH

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. ROTH. Mr. Speaker, September 19 is a memorable day in American history. Two hundred years ago today, our first President, George Washington, gave the American people his Farewell Address. This address is read annually to Congress. In it, George Washington offered the American people precious advice, which for the most part they have followed.

Today I'd like to offer my own farewell to Congress, but one that is simply a thank you to my family, friends and associates, who have meant so much to me since I entered this great institution.

Eighteen years ago I first walked onto this floor to be sworn in as a freshman member of the 96th Congress. It was one of the proudest moments of my life. To be elected by one's fellow citizens to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives is a special honor, one that I will always cherish and treasure.

Throughout those 18 years, I've kept in mind something Abraham Lincoln said about the turbulence of public life: "I do the very best I know how—the very best I can; and I mean to keep doing so until the end."

I couldn't have done it without my family, particularly my wife, Barb. From the beginning, I have been blessed with a supportive and understanding family. Every member of this House knows the sacrifices their families are required to make. Barb, Toby Jr., Vicky, Barbie, and my daughter-in-law Jeanne often went above and beyond what anyone reasonably could expect. I love them dearly—and to give them a big hug of love and thanks.

Representing the people of northeast Wisconsin has been a family affair. Barb has been my unofficial director of constituent affairs and chief campaigner, as well as the finest political strategist I could have ever had. Toby Jr., Vicky, Barbie, and Jeanne have marched with me in countless parades, typed labels, licked stamps, maintained voter lists, manned the telephones and staffed election night headquarters. As a result, they know more about the realities of American politics, I suspect, than the political science faculty at any university. For their help and encouragement I will always be grateful.

I couldn't have done it without the strong support and friendship of the people of northeast Wisconsin. I have made lasting friendships with the people of my district. I have spent every bit of time back in the district that I could, attending community meetings, speaking to small business groups, visiting homes for the elderly, and cheering on high school football teams.

Not once did I feel a trip back home was a chore. No place in America has greater natural beauty: the forests, the inland lakes, the riverways, the hills, the shores and bays of Lake Michigan, from Washington Island west to Northern Highland State Forest, through some of America's most scenic counties: Brown, Calumet, Door, Florence, Forest, Kewaunee, Langlade, Manitowish, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Oneida, Outagamie, Shawano, and Vilas.

Above all, no Member of Congress has a more big-hearted, fun-loving, hard-working, family-oriented group of Americans to represent. Working for them in Washington and visiting them at home has been an honor and a pleasure.

For 18 years, they have placed their trust in me. Fifteen times, in primary and general elections, I asked the people of northeast Wisconsin for a vote of confidence. Fifteen times, they gave me their support. I hope I have met their high expectations.

I couldn't have done it without my staff. They have shared my deep commitment to public service, and they have served the people of Wisconsin and the American people well.

Finally, I couldn't have done it without the friendship and support of my fellow Members. This is a special place, and those who serve here are exceptional people. I have been proud to serve with you; I have learned much

from you; and I believe it can be said that together we have made a lasting contribution to this great Nation. God bless all of you and God bless America.

Six months ago, when I announced that after 18 years of service in Congress I would move on to other endeavors, I did so in a statement to the people of northeast Wisconsin. I'd like to insert those comments in the RECORD.

We all know the passage from Ecclesiastes: "All things have their season, and in their times all things pass under heaven."

In short, there is a time for everything. Eighteen years ago, I announced my candidacy for Congress. I have devoted nearly two decades of my life to working for the people of Northeast Wisconsin. I have always worked hard—giving one thousand percent. So has my wife Barb and so have my children. Public service involves a commitment from everyone in my family. And the people have seen that.

In nine general elections and two primaries, the people have placed their trust and confidence in me, to represent them in the United States Congress. For me, this has been the highest honor. The people of Northeast Wisconsin are the finest people on earth. Everyday, they have shown me kindness, generosity and friendship. They have been good to me beyond measure, and it has made my job a pleasure as well as an honor.

Now, after eighteen years, it is the right time for me to come home. Therefore I am announcing today that I will not be a candidate for reelection this November. When the people of Northeast Wisconsin first elected me to Congress, Jimmy Carter was President, the Cold War still raged, the Soviet Union was the enemy and the Iron Curtain divided Europe.

As I reflect on my time in office, it has been an era of monumental change. Today, we are at peace. No nation threatens us. Our economy is strong, especially here at home in Northeast Wisconsin. To be sure, we have problems in our society, but I see America returning to the values that built our country and made us strong. My goal has always been to contribute to a better future for our country, and today I am optimistic for the children of America. I have cherished every moment of my service in Congress. When the American people, through their votes, freely choose a citizen to represent them in Congress, they not only vest a person with the power to make the laws, they reaffirm the power of the people to govern themselves. The Congress truly is the people's house. I will always be grateful to the people of Northeast Wisconsin.

As the Irish proverb goes, "May God in His wonderful love hold each of you in the hollow of his hand."

This has been a great journey of eighteen years. Thank you.

UNITED STATES AMBASSADORS TO HUNGARY AND ROMANIA AS- SESS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE RECENTLY SIGNED HUNGARIAN- ROMANIAN TREATY

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, on Monday of this week, a Treaty of Understanding, Cooperation and Good Neighborliness was signed by representatives of the Governments