

ANTHONY ENGLISH HONORED

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 1996*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to congratulate Mr. Tony English on his 25th anniversary with the Catholic Youth Center in Wilkes-Barre, PA. The community will gather to honor Tony on October 20, 1996, and I am honored to have been asked to participate in this event.

Having attended local schools, Tony began with the CYC as a volunteer fundraiser in 1962. After starting with the CYC he also joined the membership committee and the capital improvement drive committee. In 1966, Tony was hired as assistant to the athletic director. Under his direction, the CYC basketball league was expanded and the diocesan boys basketball tournament was initiated. He held one of the first area karate tournaments and founded the Junior Basketball Officials Club and was its first advisor. This club trained young people in officiating basketball games.

In 1967, Tony left the CYC to become the program director of the Wilkes-Barre City Recreation Board for 1 year. He then became superintendent of recreation for the city, supervising 23 playgrounds and 4 swimming pools.

Tony found the position challenging as he supervised more than 300 students in leadership positions.

In 1971 Tony left the superintendent position to return to the CYC as its executive director. For the next 25 years, Tony worked to expand the center's many services. He helped acquire land from Wilkes-Barre to build outdoor basketball and tennis courts. The center obtained money through the National Park Service to open a health center. The center went on to develop a first-rate child care and senior citizen program. The center's programs now benefit everyone including infants to seniors. Under Tony's leadership, the center has also been a strong antidrug policy supporter and has numerous antidrug programs in operation today.

Mr. Speaker, Tony English is a valuable member of the Wyoming Valley community. His youth programs have set the standard for excellence in our area. The CYC has grown and prospered under his able leadership. I am pleased to congratulate Tony on this milestone in his career and send my best wishes for continued success.

RISE 'N' STRIDE WALKING CLUB  
10TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, it's a pleasure for me to congratulate the Richland Mall Rise 'n' Stride Walking Club on its 10th anniversary.

Americans are living longer, healthier, more active lives and much of it can be traced to these types of clubs. Gathering early each morning, the group, some of whose members are in their nineties, sets a brisk pace. The

club stresses the benefits of walking in reducing the risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, high cholesterol, and osteoporosis.

The Rise 'n' Stride Club also has started a Walker of the Month Program with plaques on display at the Richland Mall. I believe this kind of recognition of personal achievement will encourage more Americans to get out and walk for their health.

In addition, the club serves the community by organizing fund drives that have donated over \$3,000 in support of various community activities.

Maybe I feel so strongly about this club because my wife, Joyce, and I are regular walkers who have benefited from this low-stress form of exercise. It is clubs like Rise 'n' Stride that are helping to change attitudes toward fitness and provide incentive for people of all ages to get out and do something positive for their health.

I congratulate the Rise 'n' Stride Club on its 10th anniversary, its community involvement, and its dedication to improving its members' health and well-being.

GERMAN-AMERICAN DAY IS  
OCTOBER 6, 1996

HON. MICHAEL PATRICK FLANAGAN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 1996*

Mr. FLANAGAN. Mr. Speaker, the annual anniversary of German-American Day is on October 6, 1996. Due to the fact that this date falls on a Sunday this year, Chicago's National German-American Day will be celebrated on Friday, October 4, 1996, under the auspices of the Steuben Society of America, Chicago unit. This annual ceremony is held so that all German-Americans of the Chicago area can honor not only the illustrious General Von Steuben, but all German-Americans who have fought, served, and worked to make the United States the greatest country in the world. Today, more than 57 million Americans trace at least part of their ancestry to Germany and many of those are residents of the great city of Chicago, which has long had a most active and vibrant German-American community.

Since the arrival of the first German immigrants in Philadelphia, PA, on October 6, 1683, German-Americans have much distinguished themselves by their loyalty to their new homeland and their contributions to the cultural and economic life of the United States of America. German-Americans have faithfully supported and bolstered America's democratic principles. They have staunchly and steadfastly committed themselves to the advocacy of freedom for all people throughout the globe.

German-Americans have long been active participants in our society. They are part of the very foundation that has made the United States of America what it is today. Their example makes them most deserving of an annual German-American Day.

We in Congress honor and acknowledge all German-Americans and what they have done for our country and for the world. We in Congress call upon all citizens of the United States of America to acknowledge the exemplary services and contributions of our German-American citizens and to celebrate German-American Day on October 6.

TRIBUTE TO GREG MORRIS

HON. JULIAN C. DIXON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 1996*

Mr. DIXON. Mr. Speaker, the entertainment world lost a gifted and beloved actor on August 27, 1996, with the passing of Greg Morris. Morris, who would have turned 62 on Friday, is best known to all of us as the electronics genius who helped his fellow agents thwart the activities of unscrupulous governments in the immensely popular 1960's television series, "Mission Impossible."

Greg Morris was born in Cleveland, OH on September 27, 1934. He entered the University of Iowa in 1958 to play basketball; however, his basketball career was short-lived. Greg studied communications and theater arts and it was from this curricula that his love for the theater and acting would grow. Although he did not complete his studies at the University of Iowa, Greg expanded his skills in the arts by writing a jazz column for the Daily Iowan and producing a radio program on WSUI, "Tea Time."

From Iowa, Greg moved northwest to Seattle, where he landed his first professional roles in a few minor stage productions. His appetite for acting further whetted, he decided in the early 1960's to try his luck in Hollywood. Those of us who remember Hollywood during that period, can appreciate how difficult it must have been for Greg to strike out for the entertainment capital of the world. Although there were many gifted African-American actors looking for work in the television and film industry, only a few, such as Morris, Bill Cosby, Brock Peters, and Diahann Carroll were lucky enough to land roles that did not mirror the stereotypical roles historically given to African-American actors.

Like his African-American acting peers, however, Greg was special and his superior acting talents landed him roles in such television classics as "The Dick Van Dyke Show," "Ben Casey," "The Twilight Zone," and "Dr. Kildare."

Greg Morris was a pioneer for African-Americans seeking serious roles in television. His 7-year portrayal of "electronics wizard" Barney Collier thrilled millions of viewers, and no doubt steered many a youngster to pursue an education in electrical engineering, or to follow his/her dream to an acting career in Hollywood. I understand that Mr. Morris was most fond of the 7 years spent on this wonderful series, which was created by famed television pioneer Bruce Geller, who also served as the series' executive producer.

In 1979, Greg moved to Las Vegas to co-star in the television series "Vega\$,," with Robert Ulrich. Each week, Greg's character, "Lt. David Nelson," joined forces with Ulrich's character, "Dan Tana," to track down that episode's scourge of the week. Greg fell in love with the city of Las Vegas and decided to make it his permanent home.

Greg Morris was married for 38 years to Leona Morris. The couple had three children, including the actor Phil Morris, and daughters, Linda and Iona.

Mr. Speaker, I confess to having been a huge fan of Greg Morris. He was an outstanding actor; a man who broke down barriers in Hollywood, and a man who carved out a rich

legacy for other aspiring African American actors to emulate.

I also confess to having loved "Mission Impossible." I took tremendous pride in turning on my television set each week to watch Greg's character, Barney Collier, develop the most sensational electronics gizmo to foil the bad guys. Along with millions of his fans, I will miss Greg Morris. I therefore ask that my colleagues join me in extending our heartfelt appreciation to Greg's children for sharing their distinguished father with us for nearly four decades. He was a great actor. We shall miss him and extend our sincere condolences to his beloved family.

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TRIBUTE TO JERRY JANCZAK

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 1996*

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Mr. Jerome "Jerry" Janczak, of Greenfield, WI, who will be honored November 7, 1996, by the South Side Business Club of Milwaukee as their Man of the Year.

Jerry's dedication to his family, his business and the Polish community in Milwaukee is a fine example for us all. He and his wife, Grace, have been married since 1954, are the proud parents of two sons and have been blessed with five grandchildren. A graduate of Milwaukee's Notre Dame High School, Jerry served our country proudly in the Air Force. In 1957, he began a distinguished career as a Milwaukee County employee, retiring in 1988 as a deputy clerk of courts, probate division.

Since 1972, Jerry has owned and operated J & J Trophies, a small business.

For many, many years, Jerry has been active in Milwaukee's Polish community, utilizing his talents in numerous ways, including serving on the board of directors of the Milwaukee Society, Polish National Alliance; the board of directors of Polish Festivals, Incorporated; and as a volunteer at Polish Fest, one of our city's unique ethnic festivals.

Jerry has served his parish well, and has been an active office holder of the South Side Business Club, St. Joseph's Foundation, and the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

It is therefore very fitting that Jerry Janczak be honored by the South Side Business Club for his many years of service to the community.

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TRIBUTE TO LUCILLE MATYAS ON  
HER RETIREMENT

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 1996*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a longtime staff member in my district office, Lucille Matyas. Lucille has been an exceptional staff member in my office. She recently retired from after 11 years of exceptional service to the residents of the 3rd District of Illinois.

Family has always been of the utmost importance to Lucille. Lucille is the wife of the late Richard A. Matyas Sr. Lucille and her

husband had three children, George A. Matyas, Richard A. Matyas and Victoria A. Smith. She has two grandchildren, Richard and Reanna Matyas. While raising her three children, Lucille was involved in local activities and charities. In the past she has devoted her time to such groups as, Clear Ridge Baseball, St. Rene Mother's Club, Girl Scouts, De La Salle High School Parent's Club and the Maria High School Mother's Club. Lucille's dedication to these and other groups led to her involvement with politics on a local level. Lucille was a member of the 23rd Ward Democratic Women's Organization as well as the Chicago Democratic Women's Organization. The VFW Women's Auxiliary and St. Rene's Alter and Rosary Society have also received the benefit of support and volunteer time from Lucille.

Like a true Chicagoan, Lucille enjoys watching all Chicago sports teams and counts herself as one of the biggest Bulls fans in Chicago. Lucille enjoys spending time with her family and friends. In her spare time Lucille plays bingo, is an avid reader of books, collects dolls with her daughter and devotes quality time with her two grandchildren. Clearly, Lucille lives a life rich in experience and goodwill.

Lucille has a great many plans for after her retirement, these include enjoying life, spending time with her grandchildren and visiting with friends and family. Additionally, Lucille plans on traveling and sight seeing around the United States Finally, Lucille will volunteer her spare time at local charities.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Lucille Matyas for her many years of dedicated service to the citizens of the 3rd district and to her family. With the combination of dedication to her community and family, Lucille is an inspiration and example to all. I will surely miss seeing her in my district office in Illinois. Lucille has truly been a joy to work with and her hard work and positive attitude have served my district well. I wish Lucille good luck in all of life's adventures.

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TRIBUTE TO FRAN KLAUBER AND  
HOWARD KUSNICK

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 1996*

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two exceptional individuals from Sunrise, FL, Ms. Fran Klauber and Mr. Howard Kusnick. They will both be inducted into the Sunrise Chamber Hall of Fame on October 4, 1996 for their notable accomplishments in the chamber and in the local community. This is the second annual Sunrise Chamber Hall of Fame fundraiser dedicated to recognizing outstanding chamber members who have contributed their time and effort to help the chamber achieve a variety of successes in the Sunrise community.

I applaud the many years that Fran Klauber has spent as an active member of the Sunrise chamber. Fran has served on the chamber board, the president's advisory council, and has been involved in various programs that bridge the Sunrise business community and the local community. Fran has been instrumental in the success of the One for the Kids Program which brings business and schools

together so that students, teachers, and parents can interact with leaders in the community. Fran has actively supported the Sunrise Police Athletic League by helping to facilitate the program which provides sport activities for at-risk youth in the community. She devotes a considerable amount of time to enrich the lives of residents in the community through these programs. Currently, she continues to work on behalf of the education system as an ongoing day chair for the Leadership Sunrise Program, a program which gives business leaders valuable insight into Broward's public education system. Her accomplishments as a member of the chamber will forever touch the Sunrise community.

As three term president of the chamber, Howard Kusnick has been an active board member and currently represents the chamber as legal counsel. In 1995, the Broward County Council of Chambers recognized Howard as the Small Business Person of the Year for his leadership, direction and commitment to the business community. As an active member of the Broward Economic Development Council, he has helped to encourage new business in the county to improve the economy. Howard's contributions to the chamber have made a tremendous difference in Broward County.

I wish Fran and Howard the best on receiving this prestigious recognition from the Sunrise Chamber. I know that they will each continue to be effective business leaders and make a difference in the community.

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F.M. KIRBY CENTER 10TH  
ANNIVERSARY

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 1996*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of my colleagues the 10th anniversary of the F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts in Wilkes-Barre, PA. I am pleased to have been asked to join in a community salute of this milestone and to pay tribute to two outstanding community leaders, Mr. F.M. Kirby and Mr. Albert Boscov.

The Kirby Center was originally the centerpiece of the Comerford Theater chain. The state of the art movie theater was the first in the United states to offer air conditioning to its customers. Up until the 1950's the theater remained the focal point of motion picture entertainment in northeastern Pennsylvania. As television gained in popularity, attendance at the Comerford Theater began to suffer.

In 1972, the Wyoming Valley was hit by Hurricane Agnes. The storm caused the Susquehanna River to overflow its banks and devastate downtown Wilkes-Barre with dangerous flooding. The flooding caused extensive damage to the Comerford Theater which was eventually reopened. The flooding caused considerable damage to the downtown retail community and shoppers dwindled. In 1976, due to a lack of attendance the theater was forced to close.

The Comerford Building sat unused and in disrepair for the next 10 years. In order to avoid the destruction of the building, a group of concerned citizens took the first step of having the building placed on the historic register. This initial attempt at preservation was done with hopes of future development.