

It has been 124 years since this school first opened its doors to this community but many values remain the same. The people were hard working, family oriented and aware of the importance of education. This school brought hope for a better way of life. It opened doors within the minds of the young people and inspired future leaders. Today, the school is once again servicing the needs of the community. Children who visit leave with a sense of the past and a feeling of pride and belonging in their community.

I commend the members of the East Detroit Historical Society for their role in preserving this treasure. The Halfway Schoolhouse will be formally recognized as a Michigan historic site with the dedication of this marker. The citizens of Eastpointe should feel pride in knowing that they have reclaimed something precious that will now be a living memorial.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DEDICATED SERVICE OF LARRY MATHIS

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 1996

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Larry L. Mathis, the president and chief executive officer of Methodist Health Care System in Houston, TX, in my district. Mr. Mathis has faithfully served the Houston area as the head of one of our Nation's leading nonprofit health care organizations for more than 25 years.

Later this year, Mr. Mathis will be retiring from Methodist Health Care System. Mr. Mathis began his career at Methodist Hospital in 1971 as an administrative resident. He was quickly promoted and was appointed president and chief executive officer of the hospital in 1983. During his leadership, Methodist grew from a single-site hospital in the Texas Medical Center to its emerging presence today as a community-based health care system. Methodist is now a leading provider of state-of-the-art medical care in the competitive managed care market in Houston. The Methodist Health Care System includes the Methodist Hospital, Diagnostic Center Hospital, San Jacinto Methodist Hospital, an international network of affiliated hospitals, a managed care organization, a health maintenance organization, home health services, skilled nursing, primary, and secondary physician groups, community health care centers, and hospice services.

During Mr. Mathis' tenure, the Methodist Hospital won the Commitment to Quality Award, an important award for hospital quality, and was named one of America's Best Hospitals by U.S. News and World Report. Methodist was also included in the 1993 edition of "The 100 Best Companies To Work for in America" and in the 1995 edition of the "Best Hospitals in America." Mr. Mathis was also named as one of the five best managers in nonprofit health services in Business Week.

Mr. Mathis has been recognized by his peers as an expert in health care policy. He is chairman-elect of the American College of Healthcare Executives, a professional society of 30,000 members. He has served as chairman of the board of the American Hospital Association, the Texas Hospital Association, and

the Greater Houston Council. In addition, Mr. Mathis served as a member of the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission and the Quality Task Force of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

As Methodist Hospital searches for a replacement, Mr. Mathis will continue to serve as president and CEO of Methodist Health Care System. After this retirement, Mr. Mathis will continue to consult and work with Methodist Hospital on selected projects and programs. I applaud the dedicated leadership and hard work that Mr. Mathis has given to the Houston area and wish him the very best in his new career. Thank you, Mr. Mathis, for your service to the patients, the employees, and your community at the Methodist Health Care System. Your presence as a health care visionary will be missed.

TRIBUTE TO BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CLEVELAND

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 1996

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, it is great honor for me to introduce a true American hero, Benjamin Franklin Cleveland. Mr. Cleveland, a resident of Johnsbury, NY, will soon celebrate his 100th birthday. I am proud to call this gentleman one of my constituents.

Mr. Cleveland is the only living veteran of the First World War residing in Johnsbury. I would like to offer my heartfelt appreciation for his service to the Nation. In recognition of Mr. Cleveland's 100th birthday, the town of Johnsbury, a small town in the 22d Congressional District, is throwing a parade in his honor this Saturday, September 28. I am thrilled that Johnsbury is honoring Mr. Cleveland.

Mr. Speaker, serving your country is the ultimate sacrifice. It takes courage, dedication, perseverance, and above all, love of country. Mr. Cleveland has fought to preserve the freedoms many Americans, unfortunately, take for granted. You deserve the respect and admiration of all Americans.

The United States must look awfully different to Mr. Cleveland than it did in the year of his birth, 1896. In his lifetime, he has seen the introduction of air travel, the automobile, radio and television, nighttime baseball, and many other advances that have forever altered the American landscape.

Mr. Speaker, the country is different, but not necessarily better in all aspects. We have much to learn from members of Mr. Cleveland's esteemed generation. The country can draw on the wisdom he obtained in his 10 decades of life in the United States. He has a great deal to offer our Nation. I sincerely hope our youngsters can display the same virtues that Mr. Cleveland has amply demonstrated: duty, honor, sacrifice, and love of God and Country.

Once again, Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Mr. Cleveland on behalf of the U.S. Congress for your military service. I hope he has a wonderful birthday on October 14, 1996 and pray that he has many more years in beautiful upstate New York.

Living 100 years is a true milestone—Mr. Cleveland has great reason to feel proud of his accomplishment.

God Bless You, Mr. Cleveland. You are in our prayers.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HENRY B. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 1996

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to clarify my vote on the Immigration and Nationality Act conference report yesterday. While my vote was recorded as "aye", it was my intention to vote "no", as I still oppose this legislation. My position on the issue of immigration is long standing and a matter of public record. I would thus like the RECORD to accurately reflect my position on this bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

TRIBUTE TO THE DEALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND RESCUE SQUAD ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 1996

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the past and present men and women of the Deale Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad. This October, they will be celebrating their 50th anniversary of service to the citizens of Deale, MD.

Prior to the fire company's inception in 1946, the citizens of Deale relied upon surrounding communities to provide their fire protection. As the population grew, following World War II, it became apparent that Deale could no longer rely entirely on other communities and it needed its own fire department. In October 1946, a small group of community leaders started the Deale Volunteer Fire Department. They were Tilghman Franklin, Gordon Phipps, Oregon Nutwell, Ray Clark, Sterling Knopp, Maurice Whittington, and Joseph Adcock.

As with most volunteer fire companies they started off small. They didn't have much money and hadn't been in the community long enough to establish a very large volunteer base. However, what they lacked in resources they more than made up in hard work. Their first fire engine was purchased second hand from the Clinton Volunteer Fire Department and they used a local businessman's garage as a firehouse. The first few years of the department were difficult because the department had to be entirely self-sufficient. They raised the necessary funds to purchase all the equipment and start construction on a proper firehouse by hosting oyster roasts, game parties, and collecting donations from the community.

In 1951, the fire department started receiving tax funds from Anne Arundel County. This steady revenue, supplemented by their fund-raising activities, allowed the department to complete the second stage of the firehouse construction which began in 1948. Additionally it allowed them to hire Junior Windsor and James "Tutti" Revell to be the first full-time professional firefighters for the department.

The department continued to grow with the community during the succeeding four decades. They made three additions to the existing firehouse, purchased new equipment, added ambulance service, and expanded their volunteer base and their activities in the community. Under the able leadership of Chief Tommy Manifold, President Gayle Moreland, and Delegates Matt Zang, Tammy Ladd, Jack Browning, and Leonard King the Deale Volunteer Fire Department is 71 members strong and operates three pumper engines, one ambulance, two brush units, and three fire and rescue boats.

The members of the Deale Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, past and present, are all heroes. Not because they have all saved a child from a burning house, but because for the past 50 years they have given their time, their effort, and risked their lives on behalf of their community. They don't do it for money. They don't do it for fame or acclamation. They do it, Mr. Speaker, because they care. They care about the safety of their fellow citizens and they care about the welfare of their community above that of their own—and that Mr. Speaker is my definition of a hero.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to congratulate the 50 years of service the Deale Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad has given their community and wish them continued success in their mission.

TRIBUTE CELEBRATING THE 25TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE WOOD-
HAVEN RESIDENTS' BLOCK AS-
SOCIATION

HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 1996

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join all New Yorkers in celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Woodhaven Residents' Block Association, the Guardian of the Woodhaven Community. I believe this association's dedication to making the community a safer place to live deserves considerable recognition.

Throughout the years, this organization has worked tirelessly in conjunction with the police captain and officers in the 102d precinct, and in the successful campaign to reopen the local firehouse, engine company 294.

In addition, the Woodhaven Residents' Block Association has also formed the Woodhaven Resident's Security Patrol that patrol our streets, and have been supportive through the years to the Greater Woodhaven Development Corp., the Woodhaven Richmond Hill, Kew Gardens Ambulance Corps, the 102d precinct auxiliary police and the new Woodhaven Business Improvement District.

Those living in the Woodhaven community have come to understand the importance of the block association. I urge all my colleagues and fellow residents of Brooklyn to congratulate the Woodhaven Residents' Block Association for 25 years of service to the community and wish them continued success in the future.

IN MEMORY OF FATHER JAMES W.
SAUVÉ, S.J.

HON. JOSEPH M. McDADE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 1996

Mr. McDADE. Mr. Speaker, I know that many of my colleagues join me in mourning the untimely death of Father James W. Sauvé, S.J. on Monday, September 23. Father Sauvé's passing is mourned by many communities around the world including the Society of Jesus, the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities where he worked as executive director, Marquette University, the International Center for Jesuit Education in Rome, and the University of Scranton in Pennsylvania.

Father Sauvé was a nationally recognized leader in Jesuit education committed to the absolute best that is achievable for any human being. Throughout his life, Father Sauvé excelled at scholarship and inspired students and colleagues alike.

His proficiency in six languages allowed him to travel extensively throughout the world promoting all levels of Jesuit education.

In 1975, Father Sauvé organized the first worldwide meeting in Rome of all presidents of Jesuit colleges and universities. It was the first time in the 455 years of Jesuit history that a meeting of this magnitude was convened. It focused on the Jesuit mission of service of faith and promotion of justice worldwide.

Father Sauvé died unexpectedly of coronary complications at Georgetown University Hospital.

Survivors include his father, Willard F. Sauvé, an ordained permanent deacon in Two Rivers, WI, his step-mother, and his brother Dudley and his family in Farmville, VA.

The funeral for Father Sauvé is scheduled for Friday, September 27 at 7 p.m. at the Holy Family Chapel followed by an 8 p.m. Mass on Marquette University campus in Milwaukee, WI. Burial will be on Saturday at the Cemetery of Holy Cross.

There will also be a memorial service for Father Sauvé on Monday, September 30 at 7:30 p.m. at Dahlgren Chapel at Georgetown University here in Washington. Following the Mass, there will be a reception at the Jesuit Community next to the chapel.

TRIBUTE TO LOIS AND DICK
GUNTHER

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 1996

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Lois and Dick Gunther, dear friends who this year are being given the Jewish Family Service's FAMMY Award. This award honors their outstanding community leadership and continuing devotion to Jewish Family Service. I cannot think of two more deserving recipients.

The Gunthers have a long and distinguished history of involvement in philanthropy and public service. For example, Dick is a cofounder of the Jewish Federation's Urban Affairs Committee; chaired and helped develop a community outreach Mid-Life Program at Cedars-

Sinai Hospital; along with the American Association of Retired Persons created the Legacy Award, where cash awards go to senior citizens who are performing extraordinary services in their communities; and has been on the board of directors of public television station KCET for 28 years.

Lois has been just as active. Several decades ago she became a participant in an interracial, interreligious panel of women called Portraits of American Women. She later turned her attention to the Jewish community, serving on the board of directors of Brandeis-Bardin Institute for many years, as well as on the advisory committee of the School of Jewish Communal Service of Hebrew Union College.

The Gunthers are also passionate about politics, contributing time and effort to a variety of causes and candidates. Dick was even included on President Richard Nixon's infamous Enemies List—a sure sign that he was doing something right.

With all their community and professional activities, somehow the Gunthers found the time to raise three sons and dote on four grandchildren. There is nothing more important to Lois and Dick than family.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in saluting Lois and Dick Gunther, whose selflessness and dedication are a shining example to us all. I am proud to call them my close friends.

OUTSTANDING NEW JERSEY
CHEERLEADERS OF SHORECHEER
INTERNATIONAL

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 1996

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I recently had the opportunity to meet with Mr. Louis Pulcrano, coach of a unique group of students from Monmouth and Ocean Counties, NJ. These outstanding young women are members of ShoreCheer International, dedicated to excellence in cheerleading and service to their communities.

Not only have these athletes earned prestige for themselves in national and international cheerleading competitions, the young women have demonstrated great virtue and devotion in caring for those in need around them.

I was particularly moved by a special visit the young women of ShoreCheer made recently to Montoursville, PA, in an effort to help comfort those mourning the loss of family and friends who perished in the TWA Flight #800 tragedy. The cheerleaders spent time with their peers at the Montoursville High School and delivered messages of support and love. Once again, in a moment of sadness and need, these young women offered their time and energy to brighten the lives of others.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully submit for the RECORD, an article written by the girls' coach, which outlines their numerous achievements and contributions to the community. I would first like to include a list of the names of the young women of ShoreCheer, so that we can all applaud their notable athletic distinction and, most importantly, the great kindness they show to others—something that impacts us all.