

care has been proven to minimize health care complications in pregnancies and later on in the life of the infant.

Located at Mercy Hospital Wilkes-Barre and Mercy Hospital Scranton, the program works with expectant mothers by providing prenatal healthcare and ensuring healthier pregnancies and births.

Maternal and Family Health Services also administers the important WIC [Women, Infants and Children] grant for the largest geographic area in Pennsylvania. Over 54,000 people depend on this program for supplemental nutrition at forty clinic sites.

Mr. Speaker, the list of programs of this important health service is lengthy. Another important service offered is the Healthy Women 50+ Program. This project is a breast and cervical cancer screening program funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The program provides important preventive cancer screening to economically disadvantaged women over the age of 50.

Today, the workers of MFHS are challenged to provide more services to more clients with less funding. Considering the mission statement of the agency, "To provide quality health and social services including, but not limited to, general health care, technical assistance and educational services provided primarily in the areas of reproduction, obstetrics and nutrition, delivered in sixteen northeastern Pennsylvania counties to persons in need," this has not been an easy task. In light of this mission statement it is easy to see that the agency has met and surpassed all of those challenges put forth by its original founders.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join with the northeastern Pennsylvania community in recognizing the important work done by the dedicated staff of the Maternal and Family Health Services. The agency is under the capable leadership of my good friends Executive Director Mary Lou Schaefer, as well as Public Relations Director Rose Tucker. Both of these women have committed their lives and careers to improving the lives of women and bringing issues of women's health to the attention of our community. I congratulate these hardworking, dedicated professionals on a job well done.

IN HONOR OF GINGER KEMP: FOR
YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED AND
DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE BA-
YONNE COMMUNITY

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 1996

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ginger Boele Kemp, an outstanding individual and community leader who has distinguished herself through years of outstanding service to the Bayonne community. For years, she has displayed hard work, dedication, and community spirit. Her enormous contributions and devotion to multiple civic causes and local business projects have earned her the admiration of the Bayonne community. For her years of service, a celebration will be held in her honor on September 28, 1996.

Throughout her tenure in Bayonne, Ginger Kemp has demonstrated an ability to bring

about positive change in her community. Her participation in the affairs of the community has fostered a heightened awareness and appreciation, especially among local businesses and organizations, toward individuals who devote their time to issues which affect the community in a positive way. Ginger Kemp's diligence has set a standard for all within the Bayonne community to emulate, and I commend her for all she has done to help the residents of her community.

Ginger Kemp's numerous accomplishments and contributions throughout the years are truly appreciated, and I hope that she continues to serve as a positive role model for many more years to come. Ginger Kemp is truly deserving of this recognition. Her recent memberships include: the City Improvement Committee, the Bayonne Economics Development Corporation, the Bayonne Chamber of Commerce, the Bayonne 2000: Steering Committee, the Bayonne Community Mental Health Committee, the Concerned Citizens of Bayonne 25th Anniversary Committee, and the YWCA of Hudson County. In the past, she had served as president of the Bayonne Rotary Club, and is the chairperson of the Bayonne Home Town Fair.

It is an honor to have such a hardworking individual living and contributing to my congressional district. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this outstanding leader of the Bayonne community and recognize the important role she has played throughout the years. Her actions exemplify the true meaning of community service.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SAVE
TODAY FOR TOMORROW PROJECT

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 1996

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Save Today for Tomorrow Project in Houston. On October 9, 1996, the Harris County Medical Society, the Harris County Medical Society Alliance, the Texas Medical Association Alliance, and the American Medical Association Alliance will jointly present Members of the House of Representatives with "black and blue knots" ribbons to urge Americans to stop domestic violence. I am working with these groups to distribute these ribbons in Washington, DC.

Domestic violence is a nationwide epidemic that we must address. Domestic violence affects as many as one-fourth of all Americans; 6 out of 10 couples will experience violence at some time during their marriages. A woman is battered every 12 seconds in this country. Regrettably, 3 to 4 million women are battered each year by their husbands and partners. Domestic violence is one of the leading causes of injury to women aged 15 to 44.

People who are abused often repeat this vicious cycle. Approximately one-third of women who are abuse victims will abuse their children. Nearly 2 million children are abused and neglected each year and 1,000 children die each year from violence. In fact, violence has replaced disease as the No. 1 one killer of children. We need to stop this trend and eliminate violence in our society.

As part of this awareness campaign, State and local officials are issuing proclamations

designating October 9, 1996, as Save Today for Tomorrow Day. This proclamation reads as follows:

PROCLAMATION TO SAVE TODAY FOR TOMORROW STOP AMERICA'S VIOLENCE EVERYWHERE

Whereas violence is among the leading causes of death in America, and has replaced disease as the number one killer of children; and

Whereas domestic violence has devastating effects on a woman's physical and emotional well-being, and her ability to care for her children; and

Whereas violence comes in many forms; sexual violence; gang and peer-related violence committed by youth of all ages; family violence; street violence; and violence in the media; and

Whereas billions of dollars per year are attributable to preventable violence-related deaths and injuries and add a tremendous burden to America's health care system; and

Whereas the first step toward unraveling the many layers of our nation's violence problems can begin with awareness; and

Whereas awareness and prevention are the heart of the SAVE program and its cornerstone event, SAVE Today, during which physician's spouses around the country will join efforts to Stop America's Violence Everywhere; and

Whereas members of the Harris County Medical Alliance will lead the effort to urge local citizens to search for ways we can all help SAVE Today for Tomorrow.

I am pleased to join in this effort to increase awareness about domestic violence.

I applaud the hard work and dedication of the Harris County Medical Alliance to increase awareness about domestic violence. It is my hope that with more awareness, all Americans will work toward reducing this national tragedy.

TRIBUTE TO RAUL VARGAS FOR
HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE
COMMUNITY

HON. ESTEBAN EDWARD TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 1996

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring a friend, Mr. Raul Vargas, executive director of the Office for Mexican American Programs at the University of Southern California. On October 24, 1996, I will join California State Senator Hilda Solis, Miller Brewing Co.'s Victor Franco, and Chicanos for Creative Medicine in paying tribute to Raul for his many years of selfless service to our community.

Raul was born in Miami, AZ, a small mining town, which is also my birthplace. He attended Arizona State University, and served in the U.S. Army. He also attended California State University, Los Angeles, as well as the University of Southern California, pursuing graduate studies. In 1973-74, Raul, along with eight other USC Alumnus, formed the USC Mexican-American Alumni Association. The USC MAAA was established to provide financial assistance to undergraduate Mexican-American students attending USC. To date, MAAA has provided over 3,700 undergraduate scholarships totaling over \$5 million. In addition to the undergraduate scholarship program, the MAAA funds four medical school students in a joint venture with the USC School of Medicine.

The MAAA has successfully concluded a campaign to develop \$1 million to establish the USC MAAA Endowment Fund, and for the 1995–96 academic year, the USC MAAA included graduate students as scholarship recipients for the first time.

Raul has received numerous awards and honors in recognition of his selfless service to our community. Among those have been the Arizona State University Hispanic Alumni Association Recognition Award, the Bishop Amat High School Msgr. Thomas A. Kiefer Humanitarian Award, the TRW Career Opportunities for Youth Award, the Fiesta Educativa Award, the Mexican-American Opportunity Foundation Aztec Award, the National Hispanic Scholarship Fund Hispanic of the Year Award, the National Network of Hispanic Women Leadership Award, and honorary membership to the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers. His membership in professional organizations includes the USC Skull and Dagger Society, the USC Mortar Board, Fiesta Educativa, Inc., Navidad En El Barrio, Ramona Convent High School, The East Los Angeles Community Union Scholarship Committee, McDonald's Scholarship Committee, and staff advisor to the USC Latino Business Student Association.

Raul and his wife, Marcia, currently reside in Upland, CA. Both his daughter, Tracie, and his son, Cesar, followed in their father's footsteps and attended USC.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I ask my colleagues to rise and join me in paying tribute to my friend, Raul Vargas, a man who has lived his life serving others and creating opportunities for our community's students.

EASTERN BALTIMORE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 1996

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to the Eastern Baltimore Area Chamber of Commerce on its 50th anniversary of outstanding service to the community.

The Eastern Baltimore Area Chamber is one of Maryland's most effective local chambers. In the chamber's early days, it was instrumental in establishing the first public library and first YMCA in Baltimore County. Over the years, the chamber's influence has grown to include its involvement in important policy issues such as critical area legislation and Baltimore County's master plan. In bringing together leaders from business, industry, and the community, the chamber has been at the forefront of economic progress in our area.

In addition, the chamber has been an invaluable resource in helping Baltimore city and Baltimore County businesses expand and grow. From historic preservation, to infrastructure improvements to the health of the Port of Baltimore, the chamber has taken a leading role in fostering a strong economic environment. The chamber's involvement has played a key role in the overall economic health of our entire region.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Eastern Baltimore Area Chamber of Commerce on a job well done. The time and effort put forth by the chamber and its many

members have enabled Baltimore County and Baltimore city to develop into a strong competitive economic region.

THE TRAVEL AND TOURISM PARTNERSHIP ACT

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 1996

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that, yesterday, this body strongly supported H.R. 2579, the Travel and Tourism Partnership Act. This bill will establish a public-private organization to promote the tourism industry, which employs many folks in my district and over 7 million Americans nationwide. By combining public resources and private sector know how, we can find ways to promote tourism in the United States, create jobs and improve our economy.

I suspect that many of my colleagues have not traveled to the Second District, so I want to extend an open invitation to visit some of our public and private attractions such as:

My Old Kentucky Home State Park, located near Historic Bardstown, KY.

We have beautiful vacation areas such as Taylorsville Lake, Rough River Dam Park, Green River Lake, Nolin Lake, Barren River Lake.

Come see the birthplace of one of our greatest Presidents, Abraham Lincoln, which is now a beautiful Federal park, in Hodgenville, KY.

Or you may want to visit the many cave attractions such as Kentucky Down Under and Kentucky Caverns, or the American Cave Museum and Hidden River Cave, and of course, Mammoth Cave in Edmonson County.

The Second District is also home to the one and only Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, the International Bluegrass Museum in Owensboro, and the Museum of Coca-Cola Memorabilia in Elizabethtown.

And you will want to experience Fort Knox, the home of the National Gold Depository and the General Patton Museum.

Two years ago, I used this bill as a model to establish a Travel and Tourism Roundtable within the Second District. Since that time, the roundtable has tried to meet on a quarterly basis, bringing together representatives from tourism associations, commissions, and attractions in the Second District. Our meetings have provided an important forum to discuss initiatives that will collectively promote our beautiful and historic area of Kentucky.

On October 7, our roundtable will host a day long seminar with discussions from national tourism industry representatives, State officials, and local tourism experts. Our seminar will provide an opportunity to discuss positive tourism efforts underway and to share ideas for the future. I am looking forward to this event which, in the spirit of H.R. 2579, will combine private and public tourism interests, establish better working relationships within the industry, and lead to positive solutions to advance tourism throughout the Second District.

Again, I strongly support the creation of a National Travel and Tourism Board to establish on the national level, the same successful cooperation we have seen so far in the Second District.

PUBLIC SERVANT PRAISED FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 1996

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in remembrance of Joe H. Golman who passed away September 23, 1996 in Dallas, TX. Mr. Golman was a distinguished member of the Dallas City Council, Texas Legislator, businessman and a religious leader in the Jewish community. At an early age, Mr. Golman brought his vision of public service to the greater Dallas area. A year after losing a council election at the age of 23, Mr. Golman won appointment to the city plan commission. His successful and effective political career continued as he became chairman of the Dallas Zoning Board of Adjustment, city council, deputy mayor pro-tem and the Texas State Legislature where he served with distinction until 1973.

Mr. Golman was also at the forefront of economic development, entrepreneurship and commerce, serving Dallas' food service industry as president of Golman-Hayden, a produce brokerage and consulting service; and president of Circle T Foods Co. He was a member of the Greater Dallas, East Dallas, and Oak Cliff Chambers of Commerce and a member of the Salesmanship Club of Dallas for more than 50 years. Mr. Golman also fulfilled the true measure of leadership: Passing on the torch of leadership to young people in his capacity as a charter member of the Dallas Assembly, which sought to groom young city leaders. Political and business success did not remove his compassion, activity and energy from his religious beliefs. Mr. Golman was a life board member of the Jewish Community Center and as president of the National Jewish Welfare Board's southern region.

I wish to extend my condolences to his family and his many friends and supporters. Mr. Golman was the epitome of the true public servant and his years of unselfish contributions to the political, business, and religious environments of Dallas are very much appreciated by its citizens. His work will be sorely missed, but not forgotten.

RELEASE OF OBSERVER REPORT ON BOSNIAN ELECTIONS

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 1996

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, today the Helsinki Commission, which I Chair, is releasing its staff election observer report on one of the most important international events of the year—the September 14 elections in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Among their conclusions, the Commission staff state the following:

The elections cannot be considered free and fair, and were held prematurely because of limited international support for existing peacekeeping burdens.

The campaign period detracted the most from the election process, due to a lack of freedom of movement, association and expression, as well as the continued political activity of persons indicted for war crimes.