

he went on to own and operate the Chester City Dairy Store as well as handle the insurance needs of the citizenry as an agent for Prudential. He has contributed his leadership abilities to numerous organizations, including the Benton Methodist Church, Elks Lodge, and Lions Club. A loyal Democrat, his support of party activities has never wavered.

Despite this record of achievement, he is perhaps best known for his skill and longevity as a high school and college football referee. Calling his first game in 1942, Mr. Blondi blew his whistle for 46 years, well into his sixth decade. Thus he began a distinguished legacy of Blondi officials. His son Bobby, Jr. put on the striped shirt for the first time in 1968, and the two worked in tandem for 20 years. And this year, Mr. Blondi's grandson Robby has joined his father, becoming the third generation of Blondi referees. This record of community service is a testimony to the generosity of self that has come to define the entire Blondi family.

Mr. Speaker, in sports it is often said that the good official is the one that is never noticed. In this case, however, such anonymity will not do. Robert Blondi has given much to the people of Benton. His example is one that we can all look to with pride, and do our best to emulate. It is a privilege to represent him in the U.S. Congress.

TRIBUTE TO DR. JAMES E.
THOMPSON

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 23, 1996

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. James E. Thompson. Dr. Thompson celebrated his 30th anniversary as the minister of the North Broadway Church of Christ in Mount Clemens, MI on Sunday, January 21, 1996.

It is my sincere pleasure to congratulate Dr. Thompson on what I am sure is a proud anniversary. Dr. Thompson began his service to the Lord more than 40 years ago and the congregation in Mount Clemens has been fortunate to have him for the past three decades. The devotion he has displayed to his faith and the community over these years is an inspiration.

Many people depend on the emotional, educational, and spiritual support provided by their minister. Too often, many human needs are simply left unsatisfied in the secular world. Dr. Thompson has conscientiously attempted to see these needs met. Whether conducting a Sunday morning service, counseling congregation members, preparing others to become ministers, or speaking on the radio, he has dedicated his life to the Lord's work.

I am always impressed by the many people committed to improving our communities. In addition to his many responsibilities as a minister, Dr. Thompson has also served as a member of the Board of Education of the Mount Clemens School District and he is currently the vice chair of the city's Zoning Board of Appeals. It is a privilege to pay tribute to someone such as Dr. Thompson who has taken on more than his share of responsibility and is so well respected by the members of the community.

I commend Dr. Thompson for his work and faith and wish him continued success in his role as a spiritual and community leader. I ask my colleagues to please join me in offering heartfelt congratulations to Dr. James E. Thompson on this momentous milestone. May he continue to inspire through his leadership.

SALUTE TO REV. DR. JOSEPH D.
PATTERSON OF PHILADELPHIA

HON. THOMAS M. FOGLIETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 23, 1996

Mr. FOGLIETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Patterson on the occasion of his installation service as president of the Black Clergy of Philadelphia.

On January 14, 1996, the Hickman Temple A.M.E. Church will proudly join with Dr. Joseph Patterson on the occasion of his installation service. Dr. Patterson is beginning his second consecutive term as president of the Black Clergy of Philadelphia. He has served the Hickman Temple A.M.E. Church for 32 years in many capacities from pastor of Hickman Temple A.M.E. Church to president of the Philadelphia African Methodist Episcopal Church Preacher's Meeting and now president of the Black Clergy of Philadelphia. He was appointed advisor to the Pennsylvania State House of Representatives, and is an active member of the Union League.

Reverend Patterson is not only a distinguished pastor, but he has also been involved in many community activities. Patterson is a trustee at Cheyney University, board member of the Philadelphia Industrial Development Corp., board member of the Governance Council at Misericordia Hospital and Reverend Dr. Patterson serves as chairman of the empowerment zone for the West Philadelphia's project. Reverend Patterson has recently retired from the board of education in Chester, PA, where he served with distinction for 32 years.

I proudly join with the congregation of the Hickman Temple A.M.E. Church, friends, family, and the Philadelphia community today in celebrating the installation of Rev. Dr. Joseph Patterson as president of the Black Clergy of Philadelphia. I wish Reverend Patterson, pastor of Hickman Temple A.M.E. Church, and the black clergy the very best as together they continue their service to the Philadelphia community.

TRIBUTE TO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
ACROSS THE NATION

HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 23, 1996

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues and all New Yorkers to join me in honoring America's Catholic schools from January 28 through February 2. Serving as the cornerstone of many communities throughout Brooklyn and Queens, Catholic schools have enhanced the lives of many students interested in receiving a first-rate education. Those Catholic schools located in and around my

district are well-known for their rigorous curriculum, while placing a strong emphasis on leadership skills, community service, and moral integrity. Graduates from Catholic schools are well prepared for the challenges of adulthood.

As our Nation enters a new century, the U.S. economy will become more globalized, thus accelerating the demand for technology-driven skills in the job market. It is extremely important for our Nation's youngsters to be prepared for tomorrow's workplace. I am confident those receiving a Catholic education will be ready to meet these challenges.

Communities in Brooklyn and Queens have established a solid reputation for encouraging boys and girls of all backgrounds to receive a Catholic education to fulfill their goals. Many who attend Catholic schools often go on to become community leaders, judges, doctors, public officials, and respected teachers. I am proud to serve in the House of Representatives with other Members who studied in Catholic schools. As our Nation's success is constantly measured by its academic strength and moral fiber, the high quality of instruction and guidance provided at Catholic schools will continue to make a positive impact on the world. I salute all the teachers, students, and parents who value the merits of a Catholic education.

HONORING CHIEF OF THE MILFORD
FIRE DEPARTMENT, WIL-
LIAM A. HEALEY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 23, 1996

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, today it is my pleasure to honor a distinguished citizen from my district, Chief William A. Healey. After 50 years of exemplary service, Chief Healey is retiring from the Milford Fire Department.

In 1945, Bill Healey followed in the distinguished footsteps of his father and grandfather by joining the Milford Fire Department as a volunteer member of the Fort Trumbull Beach Company 2. After serving with distinction in the U.S. Navy, Bill Healey returned to the Milford Fire Department and was appointed a career member in 1950. Bill's courage, leadership ability, and commitment to public service led to numerous promotions and commendations over the years. For example, he received the prestigious Ralph Ryder Fireman of the Year as a lieutenant for his role in directing a difficult automobile extrication, as well as numerous meritorious service awards and community service awards. In 1973, after serving as a battalion chief, deputy chief, assistant chief and fire marshal, Bill Healey was appointed chief of the Milford Fire Department. He has held this position for the past 22 years, earning the respect and gratitude of all Milford citizens.

During his lengthy and impressive tenure with the department, Chief Healey has presided over many changes, including the reorganization of the department in the 1980's, in order to make services more effective and cost-efficient. Chief Healey is known for his innovative leadership and his commitment to protecting the safety of Milford residents. His leadership has saved numerous lives and resulted in a fire department that has a sterling

reputation for its ability to respond to emergency situations. Chief Healey has also been called upon numerous times to lend his expertise to the State of Connecticut, including serving on the first E-911 Commission to implement the E-911 system throughout the State.

Despite his many responsibilities, Chief Healey has always devoted many hours to community service. He has coached and managed in both the Milford Junior Major and Babe Ruth football leagues, and served in the Milford Rotary Club for 21 years, including a stint as president. He and his wife, Marion, have contributed so much of their time and energy to making the city of Milford a better and safer place to live.

It has been my great honor to know and work with Chief William Healey over the years. His commitment to public service is unparalleled, and I am delighted to have this opportunity to commend him for 50 years of distinguished work. He will be sorely missed both by his colleagues and Milford residents. I wish Bill many years of good health and happiness in his retirement.

A VISION OF EMPOWERMENT IN A TROUBLED WORLD

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 23, 1996

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, January 27, 1996, the Quinn Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Atlantic Highlands, NJ, will hold its 17th annual women's day luncheon. This year's guest speaker is the Reverend Dr. W. Franklyn Richardson, the pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon, NY, and a religious leader of national and international renown.

Dr. Richardson, a man with a vision of empowerment for African-American people, will no doubt provide an inspiring message. As pastor of Grace Baptist Church, a post he assumed in 1975, and through numerous other clerical, civic and community organizations, Dr. Richardson has sought to provide spiritual sustenance reaching far beyond the walls of the church. A native of Philadelphia, Dr. Richardson was ordained at the age of 19, becoming pastor of the historic Rising Mount Zion Baptist Church in Richmond, VA. In addition to leading the congregation of more than 500 parishioners, Dr. Richardson also established outreach services to the surrounding economically and socially depressed community. In his current pastorate, Dr. Richardson is responsible for pastoral and administrative duties of more than 3,000 parishioners, with a multimministerial staff. Under his leadership, a \$4.2 million restoration and expansion of the church facilities has taken place, membership of the church has more than tripled and community outreach programs have increased.

Since 1982, Dr. Richardson has served as the general secretary of the National Baptist Convention USA. The National Convention consists of more than 30,000 churches and 8 million Baptist members across the country. He is a member of the General Council of the Baptist World Alliance and the governing board of the National Council of Churches, representing more than 400 million Christians from 150 countries. Dr. Richardson has trav-

eled and preached on six continents, and has served as a member of the 1980 Preaching Team of the Foreign Mission Board of countries on the continent of Africa. In 1990, *Ebony* magazine listed him on its Honor Roll of Great Preachers.

Dr. Richardson is featured each Sunday at 7 a.m. on the Grace Radio Ministry, heard throughout New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. He serves as adjunct faculty member to the Certification Program in Christian Ministry at the New York Theological Seminary. He is the author of "The Power of The Pew," and edited and wrote the introduction to "Journey Through a Jungle" by the late Dr. Sandy F. Ray. He was a contributing author to "The State of Black America" on church and economic empowerment. A graduate of Virginia Union University and Yale University School of Divinity, Dr. Richardson has received honorary degrees from seven colleges and universities throughout the United States. He serves on numerous boards and commissions. Dr. Richardson is married to the former Inez Nunally, and they have two children.

Mr. Speaker, Quinn Chapel started out as Paul Quinn A.M.E. Zion Church at Riceville in Navesink, NJ. In the winter of 1850, Julia Stillwell and her children had experienced religion at the white M.E. Church in Riceville but wanted to belong to an African-American church. The early services were held at the home of Julia Stillwell. The Reverend Moses M. Hall was sent as the pastor. In the spring of 1851, fundraising began to purchase land on which to build a church edifice, and the cornerstone for the Paul Quinn Chapel of Riceville was laid on November 26, 1852. Eli Hall was the first pastor. The cornerstone for the present chapel was laid in the spring of 1894. In later years, a parsonage and educational wing were built.

Quinn Chapel's current pastor, the Reverend Alyson Browne Johnson comes from a long line of preachers—both male and female—in her family. The family's lineage goes back to Rev. Browne Johnson's great-great-grandmother, Evangelist Mattie Stewart. A graduate of Bloomfield College and Drew University Theological School, she was ordained a deacon in 1975 and an elder in 1977 in the New York Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Rev. Browne Johnson has served in many community and religious capacities and has received numerous awards. She serves as general secretary of African Methodist Episcopal Women in Ministry and is editor of its newsletter, "Bricks Without Straw." She is a charter member of the South African Leadership Development Program. Her ministerial career has been distinguished by numerous firsts, including the first woman to pastor each of the charges she has been assigned. Rev. Browne Johnson is the proud mother of two children.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor and a pleasure to pay tribute to Quinn Chapel AME Church, its great leader the Reverend Alyson Browne Johnson and their distinguished guest, the Reverend Dr. W. Franklyn Richardson.

BOSNIA AND "THE HORROR OF THE LAND MINES"

HON. ROBERT K. DORNAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 23, 1996

Mr. DORNAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to include for the RECORD the following article by a marine veteran from the Vietnam war, Tom Evans, on the horror of land mines. After visiting our troops in Germany over the New Year's holiday as they prepared for deployment into Bosnia, I can personally attest to the concern they and their families have over this hidden but very dangerous weapon on the Balkan battlefield. The Research and Development Subcommittee of the House National Security Committee will hold hearings on this issue this week, January 24, 1996. I urge everyone to heed the warning of Tom Evans and join us on the National Security Committee as we try to develop a response to the growing threat of land mines.

THE HORROR OF THE LAND MINES

(By Tom Evans)

American troops in Bosnia will face land mines. The folks at home who are sending the troops ought to be sure they understand what that means. Unfortunately, we as a nation have had all too much experience.

Thirty years ago the Viet Cong frequently buried mines in populated areas where American troops walked. Troops were often funneled into columns by narrow rice paddy dikes and trails.

The most commonly used enemy mine in my battalion's area of operations was called the "Bouncing Betty." It bounced waist-high before exploding. To teen-age American Marines and soldiers it was the most demoralizing type of mine. And it was American-made. We had supplied them to our allies, the South Vietnamese army, but the Viet Cong captured them. American Marines were forever bitter toward their allies for that.

In the area we called the "Street Without Joy," a few miles northwest of the imperial capital city of Hue, mine detectors we rarely used on operations until somebody stepped on a mine. We assumed it was because the patrol just moved too slowly behind an engineer sweeping the long-handled dish along the ground. In fact, there was a joke in the Marine infantry. Question: What's the best mine detector the Marine Corps has? Answer: The Model PFC, one each.

The first American I saw killed stepped on a "Bouncing Betty" mine. He was Bernard Fall, a civilian author and one of the foremost Western authorities on Vietnam at that time. Almost 20 years later I found a photo in the National Archives of Fall taken moments after he died in February 1967. The picture, taken by a combat photographer, would never have been taken of a serviceman, but Fall was a civilian. The picture was so terribly graphic that it was marked "Not To Be Released For Publication." Since it was declassified by the time I saw it, I planned to order a copy and someday show my then-1-year-old son what war really looked like. But I never did.

Unfortunately, I witnessed other mine incidents also. Some of the victims lived, at least for a while. There were three sounds we came to dread: the "ca-rumph?" sound of the mine explosion; the call "Corpsman [or medic] up!"; and if the young, shocked Marine was still alive, sometimes "Mother!" or "Mama!"

Recently I attended my Vietnam battalion's reunion. Some of us discussed the terror of walking down a path that might be