

mined. Usually the earth is an infantryman's friend. He digs a fighting hole—the deeper he digs, the safer he is. But with mines, the earth is the enemy.

A machine gunner in our unit stepped up onto a rice paddy dike on a bounding-type mine and froze when he heard the click. An engineer disarmed the mine underneath his foot, and Reader's Digest wrote up his story. But his story of survival was one in a million.

Also, there is no enemy to fire back at when a mine explodes. The nearest villagers might suffer the infantrymen's wrath.

When we send troops into Bosnia and say they will be exposed to land mines, we should know what they are getting into.

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY TO LINCOLN GORE

HON. GLENN POSHARD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 23, 1996

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Mr. Lincoln Gore on the occasion of his 80th birthday. His has been a great example of the American life, one centered on the premises of family, community, and service to country. It is with great respect that I wish him happy birthday.

"Linc" has been a resident of West Frankfort, IL, since his birth on February 12, 1916. The 7th of 12 children, Mr. Gore has long known the pleasures of a large family. He married Nellie Little and began his own family in 1940 with the first of his three children. Mr. Gore currently has nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren, with the expectation of two new additions in the near future. Linc's love of family was perhaps best evidenced when he risked his life in an explosion at the Orient No. 8 Mine. Mr. Gore reentered the mine to help save his brother-in-law who was still trapped inside.

As much as he has received from his family, Mr. Gore has returned even more to West Frankfort and the United States of America. Currently retired from the State of Illinois and the city of West Frankfort, Linc, a long-time Democrat, has served as a precinct committeeman for the last 20 years. He is also a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and the West Frankfort Moose Lodge. And when his country needed him, he answered the call and served with the Army in Europe during World War II.

Mr. Speaker, we all can learn a great deal from the example of Mr. Gore. His has been a life of love, duty, and honor. I wish him many more years of happiness as he celebrates his birthday.

TRIBUTE TO ROSALIE MARIE DEBEAUSSAERT

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 a good friend, Rosalie Marie DeBeaussiaert. Rose, as she is known to her friends, was honored this past week by her colleagues at a retirement dinner which they

hosted in honor of her many years of service. Rose retired this past October from the Utica community schools.

Rose is the kind of person who believes in family and taking an active role in one's community. She has lived her entire life fulfilling these responsibilities. She is the mother of five, grandmother to six, and was the devoted wife to the late Henry DeBeaussiaert. The inherent need to sacrifice for the good of the family was something Rose learned early in life since she was 1 of 14 children. Hard work, commitment, and taking responsibility for one's self and others were values her parents instilled which she successfully passed on to her own children. In fact, it is because of these values that I became acquainted with Rose through her son Ken. Ken is a respected Michigan State senator who has worked with me since before my first election to Congress.

After her children were grown, Rose began taking care of other people's children when she started working for the Utica community schools. She worked at almost every school in the district helping prepare meals for the many hungry students. She retired as kitchen manager from Utica High School where she had worked for many years. During her working days she also helped care for her fellow workers by serving as a local steward in her union.

Through all these years she has also remained committed to her faith. As a member of the Altar Society at St. Isidore Parish she has held various offices over many years.

While I know she will be missed by her colleagues, their loss is her family's gain. I am sure Rose is excited to be spending more time with family and friends. Rose is a role model to all who know her and she deserves all the best in retirement. I ask that my colleagues join me in offering heartfelt congratulations and a sincere thank you for a job well done.

SALUTE TO REV. SAMUEL AMOS BRACKEEN 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 pay special tribute to Rev. Samuel Brackeen, founder and pastor of the Philipian Baptist Church to congratulate him on his many years of service to the Philadelphia community.

Reverend Brackeen, educated at Paul Quinn College, Oberlin Graduate School of Theology, University of Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania, and Vanderbilt University, began his tenure with the Philipian Baptist Church over 30 years ago. He is founder of the Progressive National Baptist Convention and the Baptist Global Mission Bureau. Reverend Brackeen has dedicated his life to improving the plight of his people in many areas.

Reverend Brackeen has also played a vital role in many programs in the Philadelphia community as the vice president of the Pittsburgh N.A.A.C.P. branch, chairman of the civil rights committee and chairman of the Centre Avenue Y.M.C.A. Reverend Brackeen has been active in religious and community projects, holding memberships in various organizations for community betterment. He has served as the Philadelphia community finance

chairman and board member of the Columbia Y.M.C.A., executive director of the Helping Hand Committee Inc. and board member of Nannie Helen Burroughs School. In Philadelphia, he has been active in the fight against police brutality, The 400 Ministers' Campaign, the fight for job opportunities, and the bettering of educational opportunities for African-Americans. Currently, Reverend Brackeen is an incorporator and director of the United Bank of Philadelphia, the only black commercial bank in Pennsylvania.

I hope my colleagues will join me today in congratulating the Reverend Samuel Brackeen for his many years of service with the Philipian Baptist Church and the Philadelphia community. I wish the Reverend Samuel Brackeen and the Philipian Baptist Church the very best as they continue their service to the Baptist community in Philadelphia.

TRIBUTE TO FIREFIGHTER JAMES B. WILLIAMS

HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 23, 1996

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a courageous public citizen, Mr. James B. Williams, a firefighter who faithfully served the community of Far Rockaway for 12 years until he lost his life on January 5, 1996, in a raging fire. Among his colleagues, Mr. Williams was admired and respected as one of the best firefighters in New York. Many of his comrades from Ladder Company 121 worked with him side by side for many years, often placing their trust in Mr. Williams to save their own lives when caught in danger. Most importantly, the people of Far Rockaway remember him best as a man who fearlessly devoted his life to saving the lives of many Queens residents. His remarkable record of service to the Rockaways has been duly recognized as he received several accolades for his bravery. These honors include two citations of merit in 1991 from the New York Fire Department's Holy Name Society for saving the life of a 43-year-old man, and for rescuing two young children trapped in a smoke-filled apartment building.

During that windy and blustery night of January 5, Mr. Williams made the extra effort to search for any victims left behind in a burning apartment building. During this act of valor, Mr. Williams lost his life. Capt. John T. Rokee and Brian Gallagher, who accompanied Mr. Williams into the blaze, described it as a blowtorch of flames, making the mission especially treacherous. Yet James Williams charged on.

Mr. Williams, killed in the line of duty at the age of 38, will be remembered as an American hero who made an indelible impression on those who witnessed his indomitable will to help others. The legacy of Mr. Williams' bravery on that chilly night will certainly live on among his family, friends, and neighbors. I offer my condolences to his wife and children as they proudly revere the memory of their courageous father and husband. He was a true leader who served our community with the utmost distinction. I ask my colleagues to join me and the people of Queens in observing a moment of silence to honor the tireless energy and courage of Mr. James Williams. He will live long in all of our hearts and minds.

HONORING ARTHUR T. BARBIERI
ON HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 23, 1996

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, New Haven Democratic Town Chairman Arthur T. Barbieri will celebrate his 80th birthday. It is with great pleasure that I rise today to salute this incredible individual, who has contributed so much to the city of New Haven.

Born and raised in New Haven, Arthur Barbieri began his career in public service in 1951, when he was elected to the position of town clerk. Two years later, at the age of 37, he became the youngest New Haven Democratic chairman ever, a position he would hold for the next 22 years. During this time, Arthur earned a sterling reputation for his skill in advocating for and developing programs that would benefit the city. The renovation of the New Haven Coliseum, the Connecticut Tennis Center, and the children's hospital at Yale-New Haven are a living legacy to Arthur Barbieri's commitment to rejuvenating his beloved hometown. In 1988, after the death of Town Chairman Vincent Mauro, Arthur once again heeded the call of both his party and his city, and resumed the position of town chairman. Arthur also continues to serve as a member of the Democratic State Central Committee, providing, as always, sage advice and insightful leadership.

Arthur Barbieri has been an inspiration and a mentor to me over the years and also worked closely with my mother and father, Alderman and Alderwoman Ted and Luisa DeLauro. On a few occasions we found ourselves on opposite sides of an issue, but no one ever doubted his wisdom, leadership, and commitment to the city of New Haven. Indeed, it is difficult to measure the magnitude of Arthur's contributions, for he has played a major role in so many different projects and has guided the careers of so many local, State, and Federal officials, including President Clinton.

It is with great pleasure that I commend Arthur T. Barbieri for a lifetime of achievement. I join his wife, Marion, his family, and his many friends in wishing Arthur a very happy 80th birthday. Arthur truly embodies the past, present, and future of New Haven politics, and it is deepest hope that we will have the benefit of his wisdom and kindness for many more years to come.

"PAPA JACK" THOMPSON, THE ON-
GOING HISTORY OF A GREAT
AMERICAN

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 23, 1996

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and honor that I rise to share the news of a most important milestone in the life of an extraordinary American. Today Mr. Lawrence Thompson—known better to his grandkids as "Papa Jack"—turns 109 years old. By spending his birthday at Disneyland in Anaheim, CA, Papa Jack has become the old-

est first-time visitor to that famous place of eternal youth.

To know Papa Jack is to know a slice of American history. His father was a doctor for the King and Queen of Hawaii when he was born in 187—1887, that is. He watched the first steamboats arrive around the Hawaiian Islands and sent clothing to a far-off place called San Francisco after hearing that a terrible earthquake had devastated the city. He later moved to San Francisco and then south to Los Angeles. A proud American and a great patriot, he continues to salute every American flag that he happens upon.

Papa Jack later moved on to Rancho Bernardo in north San Diego County, where he was the area's lawnbowling champion at 99 years young. I am proud to say that I serve as this fine American's Representative in Congress.

At 1 p.m. today, Papa Jack becomes a kid again at the Magic Kingdom during a special birthday celebration. Let us all join the good people at Disneyland as well as Papa Jack's son, his grandchildren and their children on this special day to commend an inspiring example of a citizen and his lasting love for the United States of America.

SALUTING THE DORSEY HIGH
FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. JULIAN C. DIXON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 23, 1996

Mr. DIXON. Mr. Speaker, as an alumnus of Susan Miller Dorsey High School, I rise with considerable pride to call to the attention of the House the Dorsey High School football team which recently won the Los Angeles City 4-A High School Football Championship.

My congratulations to Coach Paul Knox under whose exceptional leadership the Dorsey Dons completed another exciting and successful season. The challenges facing our inner-city schools are enormous. However, the faculty and administrators of Dorsey High School are to be praised for their hard work in meeting these challenges by developing scholars as well as athletes. Much credit also belongs to their principal, Dr. Jerlene Welles, for forging an academic team whose mission is preparing our youth for the biggest championship game of all; the game of life.

This year's football championship game was an exciting, hard-fought defensive struggle in which the Dorsey Dons defeated the San Pedro Pirates 10 to 8. The game was highlighted by an outstanding performance by Dorsey tailback Raymont Skaggs, who grabbed a screen pass from quarterback Marvin Gomez, and, breaking a tackle, ran 57 yards down the sideline for a touchdown in the first half of the game.

Dorsey carried their 7 to 0 lead into the fourth quarter, when San Pedro cornerback Antonio Dominguez intercepted a pass at the Dorsey 31-yard line. San Pedro quarterback Melvin Yarbrough followed later with a 15-yard touchdown pass to tight-end Tim O'Donnell. A two-point conversion gave San Pedro a 8 to 7 lead.

The winning score was set up when Dorsey's Che Britton recovered a fumble on San Pedro's 47-yard line. The Dons moved

the ball to the 15-yard line, where Dorsey Coach Knox asked kicker Juan Zianes to do something he had been unable to do all season; kick a field goal. With the championship on the line, Zianes proved equal to the task, delivering a low line drive that barely cleared the crossbar. It was good enough to put Dorsey back in the lead 10 to 8.

However, San Pedro fought back; forcing a Dorsey fumble on their own 24-yard line with 1:41 to play. With the help of three pass interference penalties and one illegal procedure penalty, the Pirates quickly moved the ball to midfield. Facing third down and 20, Yarbrough found Pirate receiver Mark Pappas for a gain of 19 yards and 10 inches. It was now fourth down with 2 inches needed for a first down to extend the drive. Only 25 seconds were left in the game.

San Pedro Coach Mike Walsh decided not to go for the first down, and let the clock run down to 3 seconds, setting up a 38-yard field goal attempt to win the game. The kick was blocked. Dorsey won the game, and the championship.

1995 QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

HON. ANTHONY C. BEILENSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 23, 1996

Mr. BEILENSON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to share with my colleagues the results of the survey I sent to the residents of the district I represent last July, which over 15,000 people answered. I found the questionnaire enormously valuable in learning how my constituents feel about Federal spending priorities and other controversial matters before Congress, and I thought other Members would also find these results interesting.

The questionnaire asked respondents to show how they would cut the Federal budget by choosing from a list of 39 categories, covering virtually all Federal spending. A majority of those responding supported cutting spending in only eight areas: defense, civil service and military pensions, food stamps, Aid to Families with Dependent Children, foreign aid, farm subsidies, general government, and Congress.

The results also showed strong support for most "safety net" programs: to more than one-quarter, and in most cases fewer, respondents favored cutting Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, unemployment compensation, Supplemental Security Income [SSI], or child nutrition.

In addition, there was solid support for programs that provide health, safety, and quality-of-life services: only 10 percent to 20 percent of respondents supported cutting transportation, law enforcement, health research, public health, environmental protection, national parks, disaster assistance, water resource projects, science research, or food and drug safety.

Clearly, there was strong opposition among the respondents to most of the spending cuts being promoted by the Republican majority in Congress. However, the one large category of Federal spending that a majority would like to see cut—defense—is one of the few areas