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TRIBUTE TO MARSHA SERLIN,
PRESIDENT AND FOUNDER,
UNITED SCRAP METAL, INC.

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 1996

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I pay tribute to an outstanding business person, Ms. Marsha Serlin, president and founder of United Scrap Metal of Cicero, IL, who was recently named "1996 Small Business Subcontractor of the Year" by the U.S. Small Business Administration Midwest Region.

In 1978, Ms. Serlin, a young woman with two small children launched United Scrap Metal with \$200 and a rented truck. At the time, it was the only company of its kind owned by a woman in the United States, but, through Ms. Serlin's hard work, it quickly grew into one of the bigger scrap metal scavenger services in the Chicago area. The company now enjoys annual revenue in excess of \$40 million per year.

According to Mr. Richard Gory of the Andrew Corp., Ms. Serlin's client, who nominated her for this honor: "We have experienced consistent and unparalleled service, attention to detail, and superior bottom-line results from United Scrap Metal. The success of this company is directly attributable to the owner's unique ability to meet the complex needs and requirements of the industry in an extremely efficient and effective manner."

In addition to her entrepreneurial success, Ms. Serlin is a tireless contributor to her community. She is on the board of the United Way/Community Chest, a member of the board of governors of the Chamber of Commerce, an executive board member of the Boy Scouts of America, and serves on the board of directors of Symphony of the Shores, and CARE, Inc.

In addition, Ms. Serlin serves on the board of directors of MRC Polymers, Inc., the Planning Commission Board for Cicero, is a past board member of the Cicero Education Com-

mittee and was a founding member of the Adopt a Homeroom program.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Ms. Serlin on receiving this impressive honor, and extend to her my best wishes for continued success in business and in her community.

HONORING MAYOR ED
GOTTHARDT, SEGUIN, TX, ON HIS
RETIREMENT

HON. FRANK TEJEDA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 1996

Mr. TEJEDA. Mr. Speaker, Ed Gotthardt has served as mayor of the beautiful and historic city of Seguin since 1990. Since much of Seguin is in the congressional district I represent, it has been my privilege to work with mayor Gotthardt since I was first elected to this body in 1993. Before seeking elected office, mayor Gotthardt was a business leader with a long history of dedicated community involvement. Once in office, he led his city with integrity and fairness. Mayor Gotthardt has shown this Nation how a citizen with a distinguished career in business and community service can step forward into elected leadership and achieve further success.

Mayor Gotthardt has an unusually long resume of community involvement. He is past president of the Guadalupe Shrine Club and the H.E.B. retiree organization. He is a member of the Seguin Elks Lodge No. 1229, the Seguin Masonic Lodge #109, Seguin Eastern Star Chapter #555, and the Seguin Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Seguin. He has been married for many years to Rosa Lee Gotthardt, with whom he has enjoyed the company of three children.

Mayor Gotthardt has set an example for the participation of a citizen in this Nation's proudest tradition, one which the people of Seguin hold sacred, our free and democratic political institutions. I wish we had more committed local leaders like Ed Gotthardt. For that reason, I ask that this U.S. House of Representatives formally recognize mayor Gotthardt on the occasion of his retirement from public service.

STUDENTS FROM 15 HIGH SCHOOLS
COMPETE IN "AN ARTISTIC DISCOVERY"

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 1996

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank and congratulate a group of very talented young men and women from the 11th Congressional District of New Jersey. I am, of course, referring to the 49 students from 15 high schools in our area who entered the annual congressional arts competition called, "An Artistic Discovery."

Mr. Speaker, we have a long and distinguished history of educational excellence in the 11th Congressional District—which encompasses all of Morris County, and parts of Essex, Somerset, Sussex, and Passaic Coun-

ties. We send more of our graduates to the Nation's military academies than any other congressional district in the country. A young scientist from Morristown recently placed sixth in a nationwide scientific research contest for his impressive work on fusion energy.

And judging from the entries I saw last month, I know that we have some of the best young artists in the country as well. So let me first thank all the students who participated because it is their hard work and effort that makes this contest special.

The high school, followed by student's name and name of art work, follows:

Academy of St. Elizabeth: (1) Clara McAuley, "Passing;" (2) Nicole Pantos, "Harp;" (3) Alice Otchy, "Me in the Middle;" Bayley-Ellard High School: (4) Gail Houston, "Aftermath;" (5) Michelle Mechanic, "Pigments;"

Boonton High School: (6) Nicole Batalias, "Self-Portrait;" (7) Danny Joldzic, "Jungle Cat;" (8) Laura Potucek, "Victoria;" (9) Tim Stettner, "Art Nehf;"

Chatham High School: (10) Will Batten, "Untitled;" (11) Kit Herbert, "Composition With Scissors;" (12) Jim Newton, "Still Life #4;"

Delbarton School: (13) Jon Colleran, "Chronic;" (14) Adam Herbert, "American Icons;" (15) Rory McDermott, "Neptune;" (16) Henry Prendergast, "Time Zone;"

Kinnelon High School: (17) Tiffany Lum, "Nectar Scream;" (18) Alejandra Madriz, "O Holy Duck;" (19) Roland McIntosh, Jr., "Carpenter Was But One Trade;" (20) Katharina Mordhorst, "Dreaming of Red Hair;"

Madison High School: (21) Steve Fleming, "Lanterns;" (22) Pamela Schwartz, "Portrait of a Woman;" (23) Marlene Toledo, "Translucent Hydrant;"

Matheny School: (24) Luis Carmona, "Ski Trails;" (25) Chet Cheesman, "Crossroad;" (26) Hassan Daughety, "Piranha Dance;" (27) Natalia Manning, "Blue & Gold Over Black;" Montville Township High School: (28) Emily Gilbert, "Still Life;" (29) Susan Groome, "Self-Portrait;" (30) Halley Tsai, "Waiting for the Stranger;"

Morris Hills High School: (31) Keith Fitzgerald, "Portal to My Imagination;" (32) Susan Petrarca, "Impressionistic View;" (33) Sharon Robleza, "Blue Dream;" (34) Alan Schenkler, "Sister;"

Morris Knolls High School: (35) Melissa Kurtz, "Metamorphosis;" (36) Kamila Sutah, "Eternity;" (37) Lexington Wilson, "There Is Still Room;" (38) Kara Zaloom, "Gargoyle;" Mount Olive High School: (39) Matt Kernan, "Untitled;" (40) Margaret Przybysz, "Untitled;" (41) Eric Schroeder, "Fruit of Man;" (42) Christopher Weber, "Phreak Explosion;"

Pequannock Township High School: (43) Elizabeth Fritz, "Crescendo;" (44) Darah Semancik, "A Study of Architecture;" (45) Kristen Siwek, "Michael Stipe;" (46) Traci Wood, "Southern Exposure;"

Randolph High School: (47) Bijal Amin, "Untitled;" (48) Alex Katsov, "Diplomat;"

West Morris Central High School: (49) Russell Catalucci, "Domecile;"

Now, I'd like to list the honorable mentions in the contest, which, as you might imagine, Mr. Speaker, were very difficult to choose.

Alice Otchy for "Me in the Middle;" Tim Stettner for "Art Nehf;" Jon Colleran for "Chronic;" Pamela Schwartz for "Portrait of a Woman;" Alan Schenkler for "Sister;" Matt Kenam for "Untitled;" Darah Smancik for "A Study of Architecture;" and Alex Katsov for "Diplomat." These were exceptional works of art and I wish we had room for all of them in the Capitol.

The two judges choices went to Chet Cheesman for his work called "Crossroad," and to Kamila Sutah for her entry entitled "Eternity." Chet is a student at Matheny School in PeaPack and Kamila hails from Morris Knolls High School in Denville.

And Best in Show for this year's arts contest went to Laura Potucek of Boonton High School for her painting called, "Victoria," which will be displayed for one year in the corridor between the Cannon House Office Building and the Capitol alongside winning entries from Congressional districts across the country. I am also hoping she can visit me in Washington for the ceremony and maybe meet the Speaker of the House.

I'd also like to thank our judges William and Kitty Sturm of Budd Lake. Mr. Sturm teaches at Dover High School, operates art studios in Budd Lake and Blairstown, and also oversees the revolving art program in the atrium of the County of Morris Administration Building. Mrs. Sturm runs a specialty arts and frame shop in Budd Lake.

And finally, let me acknowledge our corporate sponsor, Schering-Plough Corporation of Madison, New Jersey. We greatly appreciate them displaying all the art in their offices and hosting the reception.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor and pleasure to represent these students and their families in Congress. It seems that almost every week, another student from the 11th District is winning an award, getting a scholarship, or being nationally recognized for scholastic or academic achievement.

This recognition is the best testament of all that the teachers, schools, parents, and communities in the 11th District are dedicated to the future of New Jersey and to our country. To them and for Congress, I say thank you.

IN HONOR OF THE ARLINGTON COUNTY CIVIC FEDERATION

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 1996

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to commend the Arlington County Civic Federation on the occasion of its 80th anniversary celebration.

Founded in 1916 by a coalition of six neighborhood associations which saw the wisdom of working together on issues of common concern, the federation is now comprised of 68 civic organizations. It stands as the oldest countywide organization in Arlington.

As its bylaws indicate, the object of the federation shall be to promote the general welfare of Arlington County and vicinity in nonpartisan, nonsectarian, and nonpolitical manner. Its success speaks for itself. As a review of its records chronicle, practically all major improvements the county enjoys today are the result of actions initiated or supported by the federation.

It is truly the civic voice of Arlington when it debates topics and presents its views to county officials, State legislators and those of us in Congress. The federation also sponsors a candidate and congressional night to keep elected officials accountable to those who elect them. As a participant in Congress Night, I am well aware of the vital role this organization plays in our community.

Scott McGeary, whose interest in public affairs began as a Page in the U.S. Senate, has served as president of the federation for the past 2 years. He has been joined in federation leadership by vice president William F. Nolden, secretary Tommye Morton, treasurer John F. Nicholas, Jr., executive committee chairman Frances Finta, vice chairman Timothy Wise, and members Rohan Samaraweena, Sue Zajac and Larry Zaragoza. Supplemented by a legion of 14 active committees, they have addressed a wide range of local, State and Federal issues this year in keeping with the tradition of effective citizen activism.

For the entirety of its 80-year history, the federation has functioned as a sounding board for all citizens on matters of civic interest. It truly represents the grass roots opinions of its member organizations.

I am pleased, Mr. Speaker, to note the anniversary celebration of the federation and congratulate this valued organization on its many contributions to public affairs.

HONORING THE NAMELESS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 1996

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I am taking this opportunity to applaud the invaluable services provided by the Nameless Volunteer Fire Department. These brave, civic-minded people give freely of their time so that we may all feel safer at night.

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INCREASE THE SUPPLY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING

HON. TIM ROEMER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 1996

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a bill which has been sponsored by

20 of my Democratic and Republican colleagues that will help to increase the supply of affordable housing for low- and middle-income Americans by promoting common-sense regulatory reform to the Federal manufactured housing program. In short, this legislation would establish a private sector consensus committee to make balanced recommendations to the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the development, revision and interpretation of the Federal Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards.

This committee will allow equal representation for all interested parties, and will be comprised of representatives from the manufacturers; homeowners and consumer representatives; public officials; and others with a general interest in the industry. All costs involved in the conduction of the consensus standards development process will be funded through the use of existing manufacturer-funded label fees.

This bill is supported by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, interested consumer groups including the American Association of Retired Persons [AARP], the manufactured housing industry, and both Democratic and Republican Members of Congress. In fact, this proposal is the only recommendation that was unanimously agreed to in a 1994 Commission, funded by Congress; which was created to examine the Federal manufactured housing program.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that this legislation represents a common sense approach to providing regulatory reform to an industry that represents a major source of affordable, unsubsidized housing for a wide range of Americans, including first-time homebuyers, single parents and senior citizens. It represents a positive and reasonable step towards downsizing the Federal Government. At the same time, this consensus process will ensure that high building standards and full consumer protection is maintained. I urge my colleagues to support bipartisan consensus legislation.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 1996

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, as the National Basketball Association playoffs move into high gear, I would like to pause for a moment to recognize some young basketball players from North Carolina who achieved the ultimate thrill—winning State high school basketball championships. We are particularly thrilled, Mr. Speaker, because all three high schools are located in our part of the State.

North Carolina has long divided its schools into classifications to determine sports champions. This method offers an assurance that schools of equal size can compete fairly. This system also allows more schools the opportunity to compete for titles and trophies. We are proud to say, Mr. Speaker, that the Piedmont Triad is the home of North Carolina's 4-A, 3-A and 2-A champions for 1996. One three high school basketball champions were crowned on March 23 in Chapel Hill, NC.