

money for the recovery efforts by donating a penny a day for 10 days. He had anticipated collecting approximately \$45 to contribute to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

Richy never anticipated that donations would pour in from his entire school, as well as other schools and communities within Yamhill County. Even places as far away as Bend and Bandon, OR, sent in their heartfelt contributions. To date, Richy's campaign, "Kids Can Help—Pennies Count, Too" has collected a remarkable \$6,000 to help victims of the floods.

Richy is truly a fine example of our youth today and of our great Oregon spirit. As Oregonians continue their efforts to recover from the flooding, I applaud Richy's compassion and dedication, and am privileged to have this opportunity to recognize him before the House of Representatives today.

TRIBUTE TO DR. RICHARD BOXER
1996 LUBAVITCH OF WISCONSIN
HONOREE

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 1996

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my friend, Dr. Richard Boxer who will be honored by Lubavitch House of Wisconsin on Tuesday, June 18, 1996.

In honoring Dr. Richard Boxer, Rick, as he is known to his friends, Lubavitch of Wisconsin is paying tribute to a man who has done so much for the community he loves. He is a man who truly is dedicated to the well-being of others not only in our community, but throughout this country.

Rick is an outstanding doctor, and in 1995 was appointed by President Clinton to the National Cancer Advisory Board, and the National Institutes of Health. He also serves as a senior adviser for health care for the 1996 Clinton-Gore national campaign and was named best urologist in Milwaukee in 1987, 1991, and once again in 1996.

Throughout his career, Rick has published many articles, lectured around the world, won several awards, and still found time to raise a family with his wife Barbara. His dedication to serving others transcends medicine.

Lubavitch programs have helped many people throughout the years by providing to those in need. Its educational commitment, children and youth programs, counseling, and shelter services have been of great importance to our community. Rick has supported Lubavitch and its programs as they aim not only to help those in need, but also to boost awareness and pride in Milwaukee's Jewish community.

Lubavitch of Wisconsin has made a wise choice in honoring Dr. Rick Boxer at their annual Lubavitch celebration. Rick, his wife Barbara, and their children should all feel a sense of pride in receiving this recognition.

Congratulations, Rick, this is an honor that is well deserved.

HONORING THE LASCASSAS
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 1996

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

Few realize the depth of training and hard work that goes into being a volunteer firefighter. To quote one of my local volunteers, "These firemen must have an overwhelming desire to do for others while expecting nothing in return."

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When the residents of my district go to bed at night, they know that should disaster strike and their home catch fire, well-trained and qualified volunteer fire departments are ready and willing to give so graciously and generously of themselves. This peace of mind should not be taken for granted.

By selflessly giving of themselves, they ensure a safer future for us all. We owe these volunteer fire departments a debt of gratitude for their service and sacrifice.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES W. NELSON

HON. RICHARD A. GEPHARDT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 1996

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my friend and fellow St. Louisan James Nelson, who retired last week as Special Agent in Charge of the FBI for Missouri after a career that has spanned a quarter century. It is fitting to recognize Jim for his work on behalf of his country.

Born and raised in St. Louis, Jim graduated from Southwest High School and then went on to the University of Missouri. In 1964 and 1965, he played professional baseball with the Minnesota Twins. Jim later enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he served our country as an artillery officer in Korea.

Jim began his work with the FBI in 1969 as a Special Agent, and from 1976 to 1981, he worked at FBI Headquarters as the Chief of the La Cosa Nostra investigations. Jim was then selected to attend the senior command course at the British Police College in Bramshill, England.

In 1982, Jim was assigned as Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the FBI's Los Angeles office, where he oversaw their narcotics, organized crime, and general criminal operations, as well as managing security for the 1984 Olympics. In 1987, he returned to Washington, DC as chief of the General Crimes

Section, which is responsible for a wide array of sensitive FBI investigations throughout the country. Jim has lectured extensively, and has been an expert witness in numerous trials. Jim was assigned as Special Agent in Charge of the FBI for the State of New Mexico from November 1988 until he assumed his duties in Missouri in June of 1991. He retired last week after 27 years of service to our country to begin a new career in the private sector.

Personally, I have known Jim for more than 30 years. I have the utmost respect and admiration for him and his achievements in fighting crime. I am honored to recognize him here today, and wish him a happy retirement and the best of luck for his new career.

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HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 1996

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, today the House leadership brought to the floor a resolution to establish and fund a select subcommittee to investigate the United States role in Iranian arms transfers to Bosnia and Croatia. This is an excellent example of the type of government spending that the current majority is fond of railing against.

It was public knowledge early in 1994 that Iran was sending arms into Bosnia, and the Republican majority raised no objections. In fact, it was also in 1994 that Congress passed the Defense Authorization Act mandating that the President stop enforcing the arms embargo against Bosnia, making this current Republican effort clearly a cynical political undertaking.

The President's Intelligence Oversight Board has investigated the matter, and concluded that the administration has broken no laws. In addition, three separate investigations of United States policy in Bosnia are currently underway. The new subcommittee would be conducting a fourth investigation at the cost of \$1 million, making it the most expensive subcommittee in the House of Representatives.

Mr. Speaker, it seems apparent the House leadership is attempting to establish a new subcommittee to dim the President's foreign policy achievements. They are ignoring their own calls to end frivolous government spending by attempting to establish an unneeded subcommittee. If new House leadership feels so strongly that another investigation into this matter is warranted, at the taxpayers expense, then the International Relations Committee is fully capable of conducting such an inquiry with existing funds. This is a cynical political exercise because it wastes \$1 million of the taxpayers' money.

TRIBUTE TO THE FEDERATION OF
ITALIAN-AMERICAN ORGANIZA-
TIONS OF QUEENS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 1996

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today I am pleased to rise to pay tribute to the Federation

of Italian-American Organizations of Queens, NY, a group that this year celebrates its 25th anniversary. I ask my colleagues to join with me in recognizing and honoring this very important organization for its dedicated services to the Queens community.

The mission of the Federation of Italian-American Organizations of Queens is unique. It works to transform social clubs into activist organizations. To this end, the federation encourages the clubs' attention to the problems of the Italian-American community. It assists members in becoming citizens of the United States and educates them to the rights guaranteed by the American Constitution. The federation's goal is that with the status and knowledge, they may more effectively advocate for and serve their community.

The federation encourages the unification of Italian-American societies in Queens, New York, a borough of New York City with a very high Italian-American population. It seeks to maintain and promote a higher involvement in social and political issues; to teach the belief and ideals of the United States; to fight against discrimination and derogatory stereotyping; and to provide assistance, support, and cultural betterment to its members, among several other goals. It has been very successful in these pursuits. I am pleased to report that the federation currently assists approximately 10,000 individuals and families every year.

The federation was founded in 1971 by four friends: Anthony Gazzara, Vincent Iannece, Tom Bullaro, and Phil Ciccariello. Their original goal was to bring together the active Italian-American societies in Astoria, Queens, and to revive the traditional parade in honor of Christopher Columbus.

Although poor weather prevented the parade in that first year, nevertheless the federation has flourished and today consists of at least 22 Italian-American societies in Queens. Through the pursuit of its goals, it has become a valuable instrument for addressing the needs and problems of the Italian-American community in Queens.

Mr. Speaker, in the year of its 25th anniversary, I am proud to rise in honor of the Federation of Italian-American Organizations of Queens. It is a truly venerable institution in its community and very worthy of the collective tribute of this body here today. Thank you.

HONORING THE MONROE
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 1996

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TRIBUTE TO FANNIE MAE FOUNDATION AND THE NBA'S HOUSTON ROCKETS

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 1996

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday afternoon, April 10, 1996, Fannie Mae Foundation and Clyde Drexler and Chucky Brown, star players with the back-to-back World Champion Houston Rockets, joined together in their second Work Day to increase home ownership and rehabilitate Houston's neighborhoods.

The Home Team partnership was designed to revitalize Houston's neighborhoods and to provide home buying information to help more Houstonians achieve their dream of home ownership.

Houston's "Home Team" and the Fannie Mae Foundation held a ribbon-cutting welcome home ceremony at two newly-landscaped homes which Rockets and Fannie Mae Foundation employees began constructing last December in Houston's Fifth Ward neighborhood located in the 18th Congressional District. The new homeowners are single parents and first-time home buyers.

The Work Day was led by my friend, J.J. Smith, who heads up Fannie Mae's partnership office. Fifth Ward Redevelopment Corp., a local nonprofit organization dedicated to providing housing to lower income and first-time home buyers—also deserves credit for this partnership. They are the true heroes behind this effort.

The best part of this story is that Houston has two new homeowners, setting the precedent that home ownership is possible for other local families. I will continue to support the good work of the Fannie Mae Foundation, and recognize the valuable time the Rockets players and staff take out of their busy schedules to make a difference in the lives of our local families and send the message that the American dream of ownership is possible for every family.

HAMDEN TEACHER RETIRING
AFTER 40 YEARS OF DEDICATED
SERVICE

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 1996

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, at the end of this 1995–96 academic year, Barbara Reiber will retire from the Hamden Public School System after 40 years of dedicated service. As a committed high school teacher, she has worked tirelessly to educate students, and engage them in their community. It is with tremendous pleasure that I rise today to salute this incredible individual, who means so much to me and has contributed so much to the town of Hamden.

Barbara's dedication to expanding the minds of high school students is illustrated by a lifetime of public service. Her career has involved teaching U.S. history, world history, and Third World history as a teacher in the social studies department at Hamden High School. In addition, she has been extremely active in curriculum and staff development throughout her 40 years in the system.

Most characteristic of Barbara, however, has been her tremendous energy and generosity in contributing to extracurricular activities at Hamden High School. She has recognized the importance of developing young leaders, and expanding their education through community involvement. Throughout her career she has supported and strengthened several student organizations. Having served as advisor to the student council and human relations club, Barbara enhanced the awareness and leadership skills of many Hamden High School students.

During the past 2 years Barbara has been very supportive of an initiative that is of special significance to me, the Anti-Crime Youth Council. Without the commitment and effort of people like her, this regional organization, which involves high school students in projects to tackle issues related to youth violence, would never have developed. Time and time again she offered energy and ideas to this organization, and was dedicated to engaging Hamden High School students in the process. She recognized the value of creating opportunities for teenagers to address common problems at a regional level, and worked closely with my staff to organize Anti-Crime Youth Council activities.

It is exactly this commitment to community that distinguishes the career of Barbara Reiber and it is with great pleasure that I commend her for 40 years of achievement and service to our community. I join her colleagues, and her friends and family members in thanking Barbara for caring so much for Hamden's youth, and in wishing her a very enjoyable retirement.

WARM WELCOME TO EAST
JESSAMINE MIDDLE SCHOOL

HON. SCOTTY BAESLER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 1996

Mr. BAESLER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend a warm welcome to the newly formed