

With the athleticism of a Michael Jordan and the grace of a Mikhail Baryshnikov, Rudy skated his way to the national crown, completing eight triple jumps while gliding to the music of Swan Lake. His artistic and physical talents earned him the only two perfect scores handed out by the judges at the competition.

Rudy disappointed only his competitors and the odds-makers who had labeled him a long shot.

But Rudy beat the odds, and in doing so he has joined the ranks of other great skaters from the Bay Area, most notably Peggy Fleming, Kristi Yamaguchi, Brian Boitano, and Debi Thomas.

On and off the ice, Rudy Galindo has demonstrated the courage and perseverance of a national champion.

TRIBUTE TO FAY PATTERSON

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 24, 1996

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory and exceptional life of Mr. Fay Patterson, a dear friend, active member in the community, and veteran of three wars, who passed away January 8, 1996, at the age of 80.

Mr. Patterson was born in South Carolina on June 15, 1915. He served this Nation in the Army during World War II in both France and Germany. He was also a veteran of the Korean war and the Vietnam war. He was awarded the Bronze Star.

From 1944 to 1953, living in Savannah, GA, Mr. Patterson continued to serve the American people as a police officer. In 1959, he began 37 years of active residency in Seaside where he served as provost marshal at Forth Ord until he retired. He then worked as an airport police officer for the Monterey Peninsula Airport District until 1977.

He was interested in not only providing for the welfare of the Nation through his service in the Army, but also as an active member of the community. During the Christmas season, Mr. Patterson was especially generous in giving his time to help the needy and promote activities for the young.

Mr. Patterson was an active member of the NAACP, having served as chairman of the registration committee and as a board member of the local NAACP chapter. His participation in the American Legion, Kiwanis, Friendship Baptist Church, the Monterey County Sheriff's Department Advisory Committee and the Monterey County Board of Parol was strongly felt and will be sorely missed in his absence.

While serving as an assemblyman in the California State Legislature, I was privileged to present a resolution honoring Mr. Patterson for his dedicated service to the community. In conjunction with the resolution, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors presented a resolution for faithful service and a certificate for outstanding volunteer service. The city of Seaside also honored him with a proclamation for outstanding service. In 1985, the board of supervisors recognized his efforts to register thousands of voters.

As you can see, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Patterson spent his entire life serving this country and

helping his community. He was known to many and was a dear and close personal friend of mine. He was like a second father to me.

Please join me as I express my regret at the loss of Fay Patterson, and my profoundest condolences to his two sons, Ray and Fay, Jr., and his two grandsons, of whom he was extremely proud.

YOUNG MEN ATTAIN RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. JACK REED

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 24, 1996

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute a distinguished group of young men from Rhode Island who have attained the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. The young men recognized for their noteworthy achievement include: Dennis L. Arnold, Steven Bailey, John James Joseph Banks, J. Nicholas Betley, Roger Alan Bonin, Brian T. Breguet, Benjamin T. Brillat, Jeremy S. Brown, James Adrian Butler, Benjamin Caito, Frank Caliri, Christopher J. Cardillo, Christopher J. Cawley, Joseph A. Chappelle, Kenneth C. Collins, Edward A. Darragh, Frank A. Denette IV, Christopher Joseph DiMase, Daniel J. Dorson, Erik Fields, Todd Michael Fisher, Vincent A. Fusaro, Michael Alfred Henry, Michael J. Hogan, Scott E. Hopkins, Vincenzo R. Iacobucci, Douglas Everett Jameson, Peter Eli Jetty, Michael R. Kachanis, Kevin A. Kazlauskas, Kurt J. Kazlauskas, Patrick Keenan, Brian Lafaille, David W. Lowell, Christopher Mark Lundsten, Frederick William Lumb, Luke A. Magnus, Anthony Mangiarelli, Nicholas Marsella, Andrew Paul McGuirl, Steven Barry Mendall Jr., Nathan E. Moreau, Eric Oldford, Keith E. Piehler, John H. Potvin, Andrew Qualls, Kent D. Rutter, Kevin Schwendiman, Mark N. Schwendiman, Craig E. Scorpio, Colin M. Segovis, Guy Scott Shaffer, Kevin A. Silva, Jeremy P. Skaling, James M.R. Sloan, Stanley Sosnowski, Jason E. Soules, Russell Wallis, Jonathon Watterson, Aaron Michael Wilbur, Robert Allen Wilcox, Mark S. Wong, and Rory W. Wood.

Not every young American who joins the Boy Scouts earns the prestigious Eagle Scout Award. In fact, only 2.5 percent of all Boy Scouts receive this honor. To earn the award, a Boy Scout must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills. He must earn 21 merit badges, 11 of which must be from areas such as citizenship in the community, citizenship in the Nation, citizenship in the world, safety, environmental science, and first aid.

As he progresses through the Boy Scout ranks, a Scout must participate in increasingly more responsible service projects. He must also demonstrate leadership skills by holding one or more specific youth leadership positions in his patrol and/or troop. The young men now earning the rank of Eagle Scout have distinguished themselves in accordance with these criteria.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in saluting these Eagle Scouts. In turn, we must duly recognize the Boy Scouts of America for establishing the Eagle Scout Award and the strenuous criteria its aspirants

must meet. Through its 85 years, this program has honed and enhanced the leadership skills and commitment to public service of many outstanding Americans.

It is my sincere belief that these young men will continue their public service, and, in so doing, will further distinguish themselves and better their communities.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE MRS. ISABEL GREENWALD

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 24, 1996

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep regret and great sadness that I announce the death of Mrs. Isabel Greenwald on January 23, 1996. I join the members of the Greenwald family, Isabel's many friends, and the greater south Florida community in mourning her loss. The passing of this dedicated individual brings to a close a life committed to serving others. I rise in order to share with my colleagues some information regarding this distinguished individual.

Isabel was born in New York at the turn of the century. As an early signal of her commitment and drive to the community, she became one of the first female members of the New York State Bar Association. As an attorney in New York, she focused on protecting the rights of the family and preserving social justice.

Mr. Speaker, upon moving to south Florida, Isabel immediately undertook a leadership role in her new community. In response to her neighborhood's need, she became president of the Sunrise Lakes Phase III Condominium Association. For 21 years, her immense dedication and hard work paid off and she was able to successfully lead one of largest condominium associations in Fort Lauderdale through the rapidly changing south Florida environment. She became the person everyone went to when they were seeking advice on a troubling issue.

Upon her retirement as an attorney, Isabel undertook one of her greatest challenges by focusing her insatiable amounts of energy to helping out the neediest in her community. She began an organization of retired attorneys that provided pro bono legal services to the community and she lobbied Congress to pass legislation that would provide affordable housing for the elderly. This untiring effort just recently came to fruition as the Housing for Older Persons Act of 1995 was recently enacted into law. In all of these endeavors, she approached her goals with the highest level of commitment and dedication.

During her lifetime, Isabel Greenwald earned the respect and admiration of her colleagues and others throughout the community. She was a social activist whose stature rests upon a lifetime of commitment to service, social justice, equality, and opportunity for all people. Those of us who knew her loved her deeply. She was a woman of intellect and dignity, a guiding light of the community, and she was very special to all who knew her. She will be impossible to replace and we will miss her very much.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 24, 1996

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, due to pressing personal business, I was unable to vote on the conference report on S. 1124, the Department of Defense Authorization bill.

Although this conference report did make important changes from the version which was vetoed by President Clinton, there remain serious policy issues such as the proposed restrictions of overseas abortion and the language requiring the discharge of HIV-positive personnel, about which I continue to have serious concerns. As such, had I been present, I would have voted "no".

GILROY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
HONORS MAN OF THE YEAR TOM
CARR

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 24, 1996

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the Gilroy Chamber of Commerce in honoring Mr. Tom Carr of Gilroy, CA, for his extraordinary volunteer efforts. Mr. Carr has been named "Man of the Year" after also receiving "Volunteer of the Year" recognition from the city of Gilroy and the "Elk's Distinguished Citizenship Award."

What is so noteworthy about Mr. Carr is the pride that he takes in his community and his dedication toward keeping his city safe and beautiful. I am aware that Mr. Carr spends on average several hours each day eradicating graffiti from throughout the city. His work sends a signal, loud and clear, that we will not allow taggers to take over our neighborhoods. That is important, because fighting graffiti is a vital step toward keeping our streets safe.

Likewise, Mr. Carr has been a staunch supporter of our local police department by helping to raise funds for special projects that enable the department to better serve the public.

Mr. Speaker, on February 2, 1996, at the Gilroy Chamber of Commerce's Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner, Mr. Carr will formally receive his award. At this time, I would like to invite my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in saluting this fine community volunteer.

DOD AUTHORIZATION
CONFERENCE REPORT

HON. VIC FAZIO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 24, 1996

Mr. FAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise reluctantly in support of the fiscal year 1996 Defense authorization conference report. I would like to

begin by thanking the chairman and the ranking member of the National Security Committee who worked hard to bridge their differences and produce a bill that the President will sign into law.

I would like to point out that I voted against this conference report back in December because of the objectionable language governing national missile defense policy and the restrictions on the President's constitutional prerogatives to make foreign policy. My vote against the initial conference report was the first time in my congressional career that I cast a "no" vote on a defense bill, be it authorization or appropriations. Moreover, the reservations and the objections to the original conference report by the respected Senator from Georgia, Mr. NUNN, cast serious doubt on the wisdom of enacting such restrictive and potentially harmful language.

As President Clinton said it last night, "since the dawn of the nuclear age, there is not a single Russian missile pointed at the United States and North Korea has frozen its dangerous nuclear weapons program." We have accomplished that because both Democratic and Republican administrations have worked tirelessly to ratify the START Treaty which significantly reduced the nuclear stockpile between the former Soviet Union and the United States. And now we are on the verge of further reducing weapons of mass destruction by embracing START II.

We cannot and should not do anything to endanger the prospects for ratification of START II. I voted against the conference report in December precisely because it amounted to an anticipatory breach of the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty. Further, the language contained in the bill would have had a significant impact on Russian consideration of the START II Treaty which will reduce Russian nuclear weapons by 25 percent.

I am pleased to see that the language regarding the deployment of a national missile defense system was struck from the bill as well as the language restricting the President's ability to utilize U.S. troops for peacekeeping missions. It is clear by now that for all of the dire predictions and the harsh rhetoric aimed at the President's proposal to send troops to enforce the peace in Bosnia, the President's plan has largely been a success thus far. We have stopped the bloodshed and have ushered in new hope for the future of all Serbs, Muslims, and Croatsians.

While I applaud the compromise that was made with respect to this conference report, I am dismayed that the conference committee neglected to delete the abortion language and the language that discharges those HIV-positive service members.

I think it is important for the Congress to take note that this was the first time in decades, a defense appropriations bill was enacted without an authorization bill being enacted first.

I support the compromise version of the conference report knowing that this bill authorizes more money than I would personally prefer. But given the realities of our current mission in Bosnia, the need to maintain military readiness and move forward with defense conversion efforts, I believe it is important that

we pass this bill and have the President sign it into law.

IN PRAISE OF THE PBS AND MR.
GEORGE COVINGTON

HON. CHARLES WILSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 24, 1996

Mr. WILSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a friend and fellow Texan, Mr. George Covington, on his upcoming appearance on the Public Television series "People in Motion."

George has spent the past 20 years establishing himself as one of this country's most vocal advocates for the millions of Americans with disabilities. He worked for and has been a member of the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities. He served on the staff of former Speaker Jim Wright as the speaker's disability specialist and for Vice President Dan Quayle, as Special Assistant for Disability Policy. With my office, he designed and implemented the first fully accessible mapping of Capitol Hill and the monuments. This project, the Tactile Capital, provided hand-held braille and table-top scale maps of Washington, DC, that brought our Nation's capital into focus for the first time for millions of visitors with low or no vision.

He is an internationally recognized speaker on universal design, disability rights, and photography. That last entry is particularly noteworthy, because George has been legally blind since birth and now has only 5 percent usable vision. His career has spanned the fields of law, journalism, education, government, and disability civil rights. But he is the first to tell you point blank that he does not want the burden of being "inspirational" to able-bodied people—and add that this is the wish of most people with disabilities.

It is for this reason that George's appearance is so very appropriate and important to a series like "People in Motion." He has spent most of his life fighting negative images, myths, and stereotypes about people with disabilities.

Last year PBS broadcast the first installments of this unique series. In April, PBS stations around the country will air three new episodes of "People in Motion." Like the premier episodes, these seek to break through the standard media representation of people with disabilities, and will help change forever the way most of us see those with a disability. With a census estimate of 49 million Americans falling into this constituency, I suggest that it is important for us to learn more about these fellow citizens.

I want to commend PBS for its commitment to "People in Motion" as well as recognize the important contribution of local public television stations planning to air this series. I urge you to watch this outstanding series, so that we may all applaud the work of people like George Covington and the foresight of PBS programming.