

The issues affecting the nursing profession continue to have a profound impact on the quality of health care our constituents receive. Many in other professions seek to exclude nurses from performing duties for which they are qualified. As licensed practitioners, nurses are just as capable as other professionals of performing high quality services—often at much lower cost. We must find ways to use their talents.

The nursing profession as a whole is being besieged by reductions in public and private budgets, as well as by changes in hospital staffing policies. We must support continued funding for nursing education. We must support measures to allow nurses to practice in their own specialties rather than floating between hospital wards. Finally, we must oppose any move by health insurers to allow unlicensed practitioners to assume the nurses' role.

If we want to maintain the high quality of health care in the United States, we must examine every part of the caregiving network for savings and efficiency. I believe our investment in the education and utilization of nurses will continue to prove sound.

#### TRIBUTE TO THOMAS NAPOLITANO

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 10, 1996*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to a dedicated professional who is deserving of our honor and respect. Mr. Thomas Napolitano has served the public for many years and, I am pleased to report, will continue to do so for many years into the future.

Thomas Napolitano currently serves as vice president of the School Settlement, a position he has held since 1992. During these years, he has also been a member of the board of directors. He is being honored today by the school settlement for his years of dedicated commitment to his community and to the public.

A pharmacist by profession, Mr. Napolitano has owned his own retail pharmacy since 1981. In 1988, however, he returned to the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, NY, to contribute to the local economy of his hometown. He refurbished an existing pharmacy which is known as Napolitano Pharmacy and currently serves residents of Williamsburg.

The story of Thomas Napolitano is not complete without mention of his miraculous recovery from a brain tumor. In 1993, Mr. Napolitano was diagnosed with this very serious form of cancer. Through the love, support and prayers of the community and his patrons, he received the courage and strength to overcome this hurdle and return to the road of good health.

Thomas Napolitano was born in Williamsburg, Brooklyn on June 6, 1952. Raised in Howard Beach in Queens, New York, he attended St. Francis Preparatory School, and graduated in 1975 from St. John's University School of Pharmacy. In the same year, he married his wife Cathy and recently celebrated his 20th anniversary. Thomas and Cathy Napolitano have two teenage children, Thomas and Michelle.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me today to honor Thomas Napolitano who has served his community of Williamsburg for many years. I am happy to say that we can expect many, many more years of dedicated service to his patrons and his community.

#### TOM BEVILL'S 30 YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

HON. GLEN BROWDER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 10, 1996*

Mr. BROWDER. Mr. Speaker, Members of the House will have many occasions this year to express themselves on the distinguished career of our friend and colleague, TOM BEVILL of Alabama. TOM will be retiring at the end of this year after 30 years in the House. We all know his dedication and his sincere interest in the betterment of this Nation has meant much to many of our districts throughout the country.

Tonight, in Alabama, we are going to get a head start in paying tribute to TOM and his lovely wife, Lou, for all they have meant to the people of Alabama and the rest of the country. Many of Alabama's leading citizens will be at a dinner in honor of TOM at Bevill State Community College in Sumiton, AL.

On this special day, we pause to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD our appreciation for TOM BEVILL's high standard of public service.

#### ANDREW BURKE, LeGRAND SMITH SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 10, 1996*

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, let it be known, that it is with great respect for the outstanding record of excellence she has compiled in academics, leadership and community service, that I am proud to salute Andrew Burke, winner of the 1996 LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This award is made to young adults who have demonstrated that they are truly committed to playing important roles in our Nation's future.

As a winner of the LeGrand Smith Scholarship, Andrew is being honored for demonstrating that same generosity of spirit, intelligence, responsible citizenship, and capacity for human service that distinguished the late LeGrand Smith of Somerset, MI.

Andrew Burke is an exceptional student at Lansing Catholic Central High School and possesses an impressive high school record. He has been involved with the National Honor Society and the Eagle Scouts. Andrew was also a National Merit semi-finalist and has received numerous academic awards. He was a member of the band and the quiz bowl team. Outside of school Andrew, has been a member of the Lansing Concert High School Honors Band and has earned the order of the Arrow Brotherhood member.

In special tribute, therefore, I am proud to join with his many admirers in extending my highest praise and congratulations to Andrew

Burke for his selection as a winner of a LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This honor is also a testament to the parents, teachers, and others whose personal interest, strong and active participation contributed to his success. To this remarkable young man, I extend my most heartfelt good wishes for all his future endeavors.

#### TRIBUTE TO JOHN P. WAGGONER

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 10, 1996*

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize an exceptional young man from my district who has recently accepted his appointment as a member of the Class of 2000 at the U.S. Naval Academy.

John P. Waggoner will graduate Margaretta High School later this month after 4 years of outstanding academic achievement as well as extracurricular involvement. While in high school John has distinguished himself as a leader among his peers. He is first in his class with a 4.00 grade point average and a varsity letter winner in football, baseball, and track. In addition, he was president of the National Honor Society, participated in Buckeye Boys State and is an active volunteer for the YMCA. He is an outstanding student and patriot.

Mr. Speaker, one of the most important responsibilities of Members of Congress is to identify outstanding young men and women and to nominate them for admission to the U.S. service academies. While at the Academy, they will be the beneficiaries of one of the finest educations available, so that in the future, they might be entrusted with the very security of our Nation.

I am confident that John Waggoner has both the ability and the desire to meet this challenge. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating him for his accomplishments to date and to wish him the best of luck as he begins his career in service to our country.

#### IN HONOR OF MAGILL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT FOR THEIR WON- DERFUL CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 10, 1996*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Magill Property Management for their wonderful contribution to the community. They will be holding a ribbon cutting ceremony on Monday May 13, 1996, to unveil 11-unit affordable housing complex at 800 East Jersey Street in Elizabeth, NY.

In 1987, Magill Property Management began work on its first property. Through the years, the business grew and flourished into a well respected enterprise. Magill Property Management is a certified minority business that strives to help the community. Angel Magill combines a strong sense of community with a shrewd business sense. When Mr. Magill undertakes an enterprise the whole community profits, not just himself.

Magill Property Management is marking a great achievement. Angel Magill built this affordable housing project on the ashes of a dilapidated old building. He was aided in his efforts by the Elizabeth Home Improvement Program, which secured the funding from various sources including the Home Investment Partnership Program [HOME] and the low income housing tax credits [LIHTC].

Affordable housing units are more than bricks and mortar. They are a place where dreams come true for low income families, where people can rebuild their lives, and where they can take steps to build a financially secure future. Mr. Magill and his firm make these dreams turn into reality.

Magill Property Management has done its part for the community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Magill Property Management for their efforts to provide comfortable and affordable housing for low-income families.

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TRIBUTE TO ST. NICHOLAS GREEK  
ORTHODOX CHURCH

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 10, 1996*

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the congregation of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Troy on the dedication of their new church Sunday, May 19, 1996. Founded in 1936 by a small group of Greek immigrants in Detroit, this congregation now numbers 700 families drawn from around the metropolitan Detroit area and is one of the leading Greek Orthodox parishes in the United States.

The history of this church mirrors the history of many of the ethnic congregations of southeast Michigan. The original parish was known as the Greek Orthodox Church of the north side. They pooled their resources and talents and met in a converted bank building to worship in the faith of their fathers and celebrate the culture of their homeland. As they prospered and grew their facilities became inadequate. In 1953 Archbishop Michael, head of the Greek Orthodox Church in North and South America, consecrated a new facility in Palmer Park during a 3-day observance. An outstanding example of Byzantine architecture, the church was designed in the shape of a cross, and its size and majesty both awed and inspired parishioners and visitors.

As the size and vision of the congregation grew there was a need to relocate again, and in 1987 land was purchased in Troy and another ambitious building project was begun. Architect Constantine George Pappas was commissioned to design a modern church which expressed the ancient tradition. Sculptor Michael Kapetan received the commission to design and execute the icon screen; he, too, was challenged to create this essential religious artifact combining new ideas with the form and style of the past. This rotunda facility, already the winner of five State and local honor awards for distinguished architecture, engineering, and masonry, will be consecrated on May 19 by His Grace, Bishop Maximos, bishop of the diocese of Detroit.

The congregation, led by Father Nicholas Harbatis, now includes third and fourth gen-

eration descendants of the founding members. In addition to religious studies, Greek language studies for children and adults, folk dancing, and classes in other Greek cultural traditions are offered by the parish. The Greek festival, held annually in the summer, is a celebration enjoyed by parishioners and the public. This summer the cultural exhibit will honor the centennial of the modern Olympics, founded on the ancient Greek contest. The new church and cultural center represent completion of phase I and II of a plan which includes a future gymnasium for youth and retirement complex for senior adults.

Guided by philosophies and principles which are unchanged over 2,000 years, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church is a true representation of the continuing faith of orthodoxy in America and a spiritual fulfillment for the community. The design of the church building, itself, is an icon for the community, just as the symbolic interior decoration is an icon for the faithful. And this complex represents an ethnic tie and a bond with Greek immigrants and their homeland.

The consecration of this new house of worship is indeed a tribute to the faith and vitality of the members of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox parish and the Greek American community. I share their joy on this auspicious occasion and wish them well in future years.

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PYRAMID OF REMEMBRANCE FOR  
THE FORGOTTEN ONES ACT OF  
1996

HON. STEVE C. LATOURETTE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 10, 1996*

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to draw your attention to the efforts of some extraordinary young people from my district who have embarked on an ambitious and unique project. They want to erect a monument in Washington, DC, to pay tribute to our sons and daughters who have lost their lives while serving their country, but not in the arena of war. I have introduced a bill, the Pyramid of Remembrance for the Forgotten Ones Act of 1996, to help them realize their dream.

Our country is home to many war memorials—from the Civil War to Vietnam. Some of these memorials are located in our hometowns, some are located here in our Nation's Capital. What we do not have, however, is one collective memorial for those whose sacrifice does not fit into a one tidy category—one that honors those whose lives were lost in undeclared conflicts.

The Pyramid of Remembrance will fill that void.

This will be the monument to honor our sons and daughters in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard. It will honor those who lost their lives in places like Somalia and Bosnia, and in peacetime training missions. While we may not perceive these as combat fatalities in a technical sense, the loss of these lives is just as great, as is the service and devotion to country from these young men and women.

Three years ago, the students of Mary Porter's art concept class at Riverside High School in Painesville, OH, began work on this project. The students were haunted by images

of the body of a United States soldier being dragged through the streets of Mogadishu, Somalia, and decided to design a monument to honor the victims of such tragedies. Several proposals were presented, but the students settled on a 30-foot high, four-sided pyramid made of red or porphyry marble.

One side of the monument will feature engraved symbols for the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard; the others will have the words "Faith, Honor and Remembrance" etched into them. At all times, water will stream down the sides of the pyramid to symbolize that this is a living monument.

While the students who initially planned the monument have all graduated and moved onto college, the underclassmen at Riverside High School have been unwilling to let this project die. They have enlisted the support of area veterans groups, have had architectural renderings of their monument completed, and have set up a Pyramid of Remembrance Foundation to assist in fundraising efforts.

The students I have met with do not want this to simply be a Riverside High School project, or an Ohio project. They intend to enlist the assistance of high school and college students and young people across the country in 21st century style, via the Internet and the power of MTV. They want this to be a monument inspired and created by the youth of America, a tangible contribution from their generation. They see this as a way of proving that our Nation's youth—Generation X—has a deep commitment to country and community service. No Federal funds will be used for the establishment of this monument.

These students realize they face an uphill battle, and that many obstacles stand in their way. But they are undeterred and accept the challenge that every great American success story began with the same four words: It can't be done.

I leave you with the thoughts of these special students, the kind of young people America should be proud to call its own:

The purpose of the Pyramid of Remembrance is to acknowledge the supreme sacrifice made by military personnel when engaged in non-combat situations. The lives of these men and women are just as valuable to our nation and their families as those heroes that died in armed conflicts. It matters not whether a military life is lost in basic training or in a peacekeeping mission abroad; a life was still lost in service to the United States of America.

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CAROLINE DUGOPOLSKI, LeGRAND  
SMITH SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 10, 1996*

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, let it be known, that is with great respect for the outstanding record of excellence she has compiled in academics, leadership, and community service, that I am proud to salute Caroline Dugopolski, winner of the 1996 LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This award is made to young adults who have demonstrated that they are truly committed to playing important roles in our Nation's future.

As a winner of the LeGrand Smith Scholarship, Caroline is being honored for demonstrating that same generosity of spirit, intelligence, responsible citizenship, and capacity