

Among other organizations, Ms. Vega was a member of the Puerto Rican Day Parade Committee, Cruzada Civica Del Voto, Puerto Rican Civil Rights Association, Area Policy Board, Community Planning Board #9, Bronx County Democratic Committee, and the Bronx County Democratic Women.

Ms. Vega leaves a legacy of courage, faith, hope, responsibility, love, and commitment. She is survived by her five children, ten grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying homage to the life of Lillian Vega, who still remains with us through the many people she served and touched.

HON. JAMES ZANGARI, A CARING
PUBLIC SERVANT

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 1996

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to pay tribute to an extraordinary individual, Hon. James Zangari, minority leader pro tem of the New Jersey State Assembly. A man, who for 20 years, has served the public with dedication and conscience. A gala tribute will be held in his honor on Friday, January 26, 1996 in Old Bridge, NJ.

Assemblyman Zangari's illustrious career in politics began almost 20 years ago. Born and raised in Newark, NJ, Assemblyman Zangari was elected as an Essex County freeholder in 1978. Shortly thereafter, he was elected assemblyman of the 28th legislative district. Since his election to the General Assembly, Assemblyman Zangari has authored more than 100 pieces of legislation. Assemblyman Zangari's legislative initiatives address many issues of great concern to the residents of New Jersey, including crime prevention, drug abuse, education, unemployment, senior citizens, and environmental consumer protection.

Through his experiences as an Essex County freeholder and executive director of Irvington's property maintenance department, Assemblyman Zangari has been able to bring expertise to his Assembly leadership position. Assemblyman Zangari is a man who takes great pride in representing the area where he grew up and truly cares about his constituents. For eight terms in the General Assembly, Assemblyman Zangari has fought hard for the issues that are important to him and his community.

While in the Assembly, Assemblyman Zangari served as a member of the Revenue, Finance and Appropriations Committee, the Subcommittee on Taxation, and the Labor and Transportation Committee, as well as many others. He was elected majority whip for the 1986-87 term and served as assistant minority leader in the 1988-89 term.

A man of extraordinary talents and a fighting spirit, James Zangari has been honored by various organizations. His many civic awards include distinctions from the New Jersey Education Association, the Essex County Education Association, the Fraternal Order of Police, Irvington, P.A.L.—Man of the Year, and Essex County PBA—Legislator of the Year.

I take great pleasure and honor in paying tribute to James Zangari. He is a man that has fought hard for issues of concern to all the citi-

zens of New Jersey. Please join me in honoring a remarkable individual.

TRIBUTE TO MAYOR EDWARD
GALLAGHER

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 1996

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Mayor Edward J. Gallagher of Old Tappan, NJ, on the occasion of his retirement. Mayor Gallagher served 16 years as mayor and 4 years as councilman. His many friends will honor him at a testimonial dinner January 21. Mayor Gallagher's 20-year contribution to municipal government has been exemplary. He will be missed.

Mayor Gallagher was sworn in as a member of the Old Tappan Borough Council in 1976 and promptly rose to key leadership positions in the borough government. He served in successive years as chairman of the council's committees on finance, public works and health, and police and civil defense. He was also chairman of the Old Tappan Golf Course Commission.

He became mayor in 1980 and held the post until January 1 of this year.

Mayor Gallagher's expertise was well recognized throughout the State. He was a president of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities and served on Governor Jim Florio's Municipal Issues Advisory Group, which was formed to help alleviate State fiscal problems related to municipalities. He was president of the Pascack Valley Mayors Association and a member of the Northern Valley Mayors Association and the Bergen County Republican Mayors Association. He was president of the Old Tappan Republican Club, a member of the advisory committee of the Bergen County Utilities Authority and Old Tappan's representative to the joint insurance fund.

The mayor's contribution to public service has gone beyond government office. He serves as a eucharistic minister at St. Pius X Church, and has been a trustee and treasurer of the Old Tappan Lions Club, a coach of the Old Tappan Little League and active with Old Tappan Boy Scout Troops 132.

A graduate of Pace University and of Stanford University's executive program, Mayor Gallagher is the retired financial vice president of E. Leitz, Inc., and president of Optometric Inc. of Houston.

Mayor Gallagher's long commitment to public service is well appreciated by the people of Old Tappan. I offer my congratulations on his dedicated career.

46TH REPUBLIC DAY FOR THE
WORLD'S LARGEST DEMOCRACY

HON. SHERROD BROWN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 1996

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate India on the 46th anniversary of Republic Day.

For 46 years India has been showing the world that an extremely diverse democracy

can work. With over 52 major languages, 950 million people, in a country geographically much smaller than the United States, India has upheld the ideals of judicial review, multi-party elections, secular government, and a peaceful transfer of power.

For 46 years India has encouraged higher education and self reliance. Today India is one of the world's largest software manufacturers and has put rockets into space. Their entire domestic market has developed indigenously. Now India is considered one of the most important emerging markets in the world.

For more than 46 years Americans of Indian descent have been leaders in their communities. Indian-Americans represent one of the best educated, financially secure populations in the United States.

Now our two nations are beginning a new path. America has begun to look to other nations to do business. India has begun a remarkable economic liberalization process which has opened up one of the largest consumer markets in the world. United States companies are already the largest source of foreign investment in India and will continue to be a major provider of goods and services.

I congratulate India on their success as the world's largest democracy, and look forward to our two nations becoming ever closer in the future. I join with my colleagues here in wishing India continued good fortune for the future.

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM M.
SCHREIBER OF INDIANA

HON. ANDREW JACOBS, JR.

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 1996

Mr. JACOBS. Mr. Speaker, once in a while strong partisans are strongly liked by both parties. It happens, I think, because even though partisan, such people are also public spirited enough to put our country first and are decent enough to care about the personal feelings of their opposite numbers.

Such a person was Bill Schreiber of Indiana whom cruel cancer took from us on January 11, 1996.

He was 52 and the father of a months-old baby boy, Will. The following shows the affection felt for him by Hoosiers who knew him, Democrat and Republican alike.

Our hearts go out to little Will and his mom, Connie. Bill Schreiber is irreplaceable.

[From the Indianapolis Star, Jan. 13, 1996]

WILLIAM M. SCHREIBER, 52, WAS STRATEGIST
FOR DEMOCRATS

William M. Schreiber, 52, a key strategist for the Indiana Democratic Party and an aide to Lt. Gov. Frank L. O'Bannon, died Jan. 11 in Community Hospital East.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the rotunda at the Statehouse, followed immediately by a memorial service.

Mr. Schreiber died of cancer which was discovered in October, six weeks after his wife, Connie Bainbridge Schreiber, gave birth to a son, William.

State Rep. John D. Gregg, D-Sandborn, a close friend, said Thursday: "He was probably the smartest Democratic politician, with a razor-sharp wit, to hit Indiana in the '70s and '80s and this decade."

Mr. Schreiber was the mastermind behind the election in 1990 of a majority of Democrats to the Indiana House of Representatives, ending 15 years of Republican control.

He had been an assistant to former Rep. Michael K. Phillips, D-Boonville, when Phillips was minority leader and speaker.

Mr. Schreiber also was expected to play a key role in O'Bannon's gubernatorial bid this year.

In 1968, he was treasurer of Robert F. Kennedy's presidential primary campaign in Indiana.

Mr. Schreiber was Marion County Democratic Party chairman from 1972 to 1976.

Although considered mainly a strategist in the party, Mr. Schreiber ran unsuccessfully for two political offices—for the nomination for secretary of state in 1974 and mayor of Indianapolis in 1975.

In 1976 he became a backer of presidential candidate Jimmy Carter, who stayed overnight in Mr. Schreiber's home during the campaign.

When Carter was elected president, he named Mr. Schreiber a commissioner for the International Boundary Commission, which oversees U.S.-Canada border affairs.

Mr. Schreiber also served as legislative assistant to Rep. Andrew Jacobs, Jr., D-Ind., from 1969 to 1973.

He was an adjunct professor of political science, an author and a political analyst and commentator, as well as a member of the American Civil Liberties Union.

O'Bannon said Mr. Schreiber "has been a close friend and adviser in my office and we will miss him greatly."

"The good of the community came first," O'Bannon said, "and he could explain that in terms that could be partisan, but informative, but never abusive to a republican."

Gov. Evan Bayh said: "I was very saddened to hear of Bill's death. He was a fine, hard-working man, honest and dedicated to the public interest."

"At a time when there is a lot of skepticism about politicians, Bill was an honorable person who always tried to do what was right for the state. We need more of his type."

Former House Speaker Phillips said Mr. Schreiber was not only a close friend but "a real politician's politician."

"He loved politics and the governmental process."

"He was a student of government and politics, had a keen insight into what caused things to work, how to get things accomplished," Phillips added.

But Democrats were not the only ones close to Mr. Schreiber.

John Sweezy, Marion County Republican Party chairman, said he had known him since 1972, when Sweezy became the GOP chairman and Mr. Schreiber was the incoming Democratic chairman.

"He was a good friend," Sweezy said. "A fierce competitor, but a good friend."

"Fierce competitor" were the same words other Republicans used to describe him. Among them were House Speaker Paul S. Mannweiler, R-Indianapolis, and GOP strategist R. Mark Lubbers.

Lubbers, presidential campaign manager for U.S. Sen. Richard G. Lugar, matched political wits and quips with Mr. Schreiber for years on radio and television on the political insight program, *Indiana Week in Review*.

"I think he was one of the very best political minds of our time," Lubbers said. "Bill understood the nuts and bolts of how to get voters to the polls on Election Day. No matter how much politics changed with television, Bill never lost sight of the absolute core of democracy."

And in an era when professional politicians are reviled by many, Mr. Schreiber was proud of his profession.

"Bill had been doing this long enough that he stopped caring what people thought about him being a political guru," Lubbers said.

"He was satisfied he was doing something very, very important. He was absolutely one of the very best."

Memorial contributions may be made to the William Riley Schreiber Education Fund, P.O. Box 24253, Indianapolis, Ind. 46224.

Survivors include: wife Connie; sons Matthew, Benjamin, William; daughter Claire Aileen; parents Rudolph and Margaret Schreiber; brothers Robert, Richard, Matthias Schreiber; sister Nancy Hagist.

[From the Indianapolis News, Jan. 13, 1996]

WILLIAM M. SCHREIBER

William M. Schreiber was one of those unsung heroes who made the political system work.

Schreiber died this week at the age of 52, leaving a gap in Indiana Democratic Party circles.

His death is a loss not only to the campaign for governor of Lt. Gov. Frank O'Bannon, but also to other Democrats who had come to rely on his wisdom and counsel.

"He was one of the most civil-minded people I've met in government and politics," O'Bannon said. "The good of the community came first, and he could explain that in terms that could be partisan, but informative, but never abusive to a Republican."

Schreiber served Democrats in a number of capacities, as Marion County party chairman in the 1970s, as an aide to House Speaker Michael Phillips, then as an aide to O'Bannon.

"Bill understood the nuts and bolts of how to get voters to the polls on Election Day," noted Mark Lubbers, presidential campaign manager for Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind.

Schreiber had the kind of friendships across party lines that can keep two-party politics competitive, without getting nasty about it. "He was a good friend," said Republican county chairman John Sweezy. "A fierce competitor, but a good friend."

In a time when many people are mourning the loss of civility in political debate, Schreiber's example will be missed in Indiana, in both political parties. But his life and example remain a standard for those who continue in the political battles.

MEDICAID

HON. PATRICIA SCHROEDER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 1996

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I got a letter from the director of the Office of Management and Budget yesterday that made me glad once again that the President vetoed the Republican budget reconciliation bill.

OMB tells me that my State of Colorado would lose more than \$1 billion under the Republican proposal to block grant Medicaid, as the reconciliation would have done.

Now, I think it's important to remember who the Republicans would have shortchanged under their Medicaid cuts—low-income families, elderly, and disabled. And they're still working on making this come true.

As OMB put it, the Republican reconciliation bill would have made extreme cuts in Medicaid. Colorado is just one example:

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET,

Washington, DC, January 22, 1996.

Hon. PATRICIA SCHROEDER,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE SCHROEDER: Thank you for your letter to the President expressing your particular concern about the dev-

astating effects H.R. 2491 would have for the Medicaid program. The President asked me to respond on his behalf.

As he promised all along, the President vetoed H.R. 2491, the budget reconciliation bill adopted by the Republican majority. This bill would have balanced the budget on the backs of working families, while targeting a tax cut to those who are already the most well-off. It would have made extreme cuts in Medicare and Medicaid, and raised taxes on millions of working Americans.

The President has offered instead a detailed plan to balance the budget the right way. It balances the budget in 7 years while investing in education, the environment, and other priorities, protecting Medicare and Medicaid, and cutting taxes for middle-income Americans.

Your letter mentions a specific concern about reductions in Colorado's federal Medicaid funds for disproportionate share hospitals (DSH). I understand that Colorado would lose more than \$1 billion under the Republican proposal to block grant Medicaid. We are committed to maintaining the Medicaid program as a source of guaranteed coverage for disabled and low-income Americans and will work with you and your colleagues to ensure that our plan to reduce the growth in DSH payments is fair to all states.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

ALICE M. RIVLIN,
Director.

A TRIBUTE TO DAZELLE DEAN SIMPSON, M.D., ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 1996

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, as educator Geraldine Rickman stated, "Firsts are always difficult. We don't know that things can be done, that dreams can be fulfilled, that great accomplishments can be realized, until somebody takes that first step and shows the way." Indeed, Dr. Dazelle Dean Simpson did not just take that first step, she blazed a trail.

Certain endowments of temper and temperament can be attributed to Dr. Simpson's significant firsts. She attended Meharry medical school founded for the sole education of blacks. Her years there were marked by hard work and high intelligence, as evidenced by her selection as valedictorian of her M.D. class.

Excellence in education translated into outstanding achievements throughout her career. Dr. Simpson has devoted 47 years to practicing medicine. She has accomplished a ground-breaking collection of notable firsts, including being the first black pediatrician in Florida, the first to achieve specialist certification in her specialty and the first black president of the Greater Miami Pediatrics Society.

Child care and preventive medicine are areas of concern and commitment for Dr. Simpson. She was the first black pediatrician to conduct a children's clinic for the poor in Dade County. In fact, the Family Christian Association of America recently dedicated a new child development center in Buena Vista. "Before I came here," Dr. Simpson said, "a lot of people did not even know the word pediatrician, or why it was important to go to one." As