

many generations. I ask that my colleagues rise with me and applaud this remarkable missionary of change.

**HONORING FALLEN VOLUNTEER
FIREMEN AT THE ELLWOOD CITY
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

HON. RON KLINK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 1997

Mr. KLINK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the efforts of volunteer firefighters across the country and to pay special tribute to two courageous members of the Ellwood City Volunteer Fire Department, Paul K. Frederick and David E. Martino, who lost their lives in a tragic blaze 8 years ago.

Volunteer firefighters bring peace of mind to the communities they protect. These courageous, civic-minded individuals have recognized a need and have pledged to serve. They risk their own lives to protect our communities from the devastation and destruction that fire causes.

Paul Frederick and David Martino were two individuals who risked their lives and expected nothing in return. While their passing devastated Ellwood City, it united a small town and allowed their family, friends, and loved ones to reflect upon the lives of these fallen heroes.

Emergency personnel volunteers provide an invaluable service. No price can be put upon the feeling of security that accompanies their presence. We honor men such as Paul Frederick and David Martino for the glory they achieved, but did not seek. We remember those who have sacrificed their lives to save others.

And so, Mr. Speaker, I urge you and all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to rise and pay tribute to the memory of Paul K. Frederick and David E. Martino. Furthermore, I commend the Ellwood City Volunteer and Auxiliary Fire Department for their bravery, dedication, and commitment to their community.

**IN MEMORY OF MSGR. JEROME E.
SCHMIT**

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 1997

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, the people of northwest Ohio lost a great man, a giant oak, this past week. Msgr. Jerome E. Schmit, who passed away on Thursday, April 10, 1997. Monsignor was born on December 4, 1910, the youngest of five children. He graduated from St. John's High School in Toledo in 1982, St. John's College in 1932, and attended the Pontifical Josephinum in Worthington, OH, where he studied theology and the Scriptures. He received his masters in social work degree from Catholic University of America in 1941.

Overcoming prejudice about a congenital disability which impaired his speaking ability, Monsignor Schmit overcame his cross and was finally ordained a Catholic priest on June 7, 1941. He received his ordination from Bish-

op Karl J. Alter and, over the years, gained not only the respect but love of his flock.

Early in his career, Monsignor was appointed to Catholic Charities in Toledo, and it was there that he truly made his mark—ministering to the legion of children of our community. Guiding the CYO [Catholic Youth Organization] program, Monsignor Schmit developed an entire youth program under which Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and 600 basketball teams flourished. His leadership made the CYO program a proud institution of the Toledo Catholic Diocese. Property was purchased and developed, programs were expanded ever further, and thousands upon thousands of children have now been served by his ministry. He became the cherished relative to every family whose lives he touched.

In 1942, Monsignor Schmit was asked to take over the Catholic Club, a recreational facility, and was soon named director of Catholic Charities and director of the diocesan youth department. He served the Catholic Club until retiring from the position in 1980.

Not content to limit development of local youth sports and recreation, Monsignor Schmit was a part of the Lucas County rec committee which developed the Lucas County Rec Center. Through the committee's work, the recreation center added baseball diamonds and a pool. During the 1950's, a baseball franchise was purchased, and Monsignor Schmit became the secretary-treasurer of the Toledo Mud Hens Triple A baseball team. Until his death, he was secretary-treasurer of the Lucas County Rec Center.

Elevated to papal chamberlain, he was entitled to the title Monsignor in 1954. In 1963, he was elevated to domestic prelate. Associate pastor at St. Patrick's Historic Church from 1951 until 1968, Monsignor Schmit was named the church's pastor in 1968. He retired—but only officially—from those duties in 1981.

Monsignor Schmit's achievements and recognitions are too numerous to mention. In addition to those described above, a few of these include: founder of the council of Catholic men in 1945; awarded the city of Toledo Recreation Award in 1954 for his outstanding contributions to amateur athletics; awarded the Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts of America, whom he served as chaplain, in 1952; member of the Old Newsboys Goodfellows; receipt of the American Red Cross Distinguished Service Award in 1963; St. John's Alumni 1975 Man of the Year; awarded outstanding service as chaplain of the Toledo police department for 25 years in 1980; induction into the Toledo City Athletic League Hall of Fame in 1984; board member of the Toledo Legal Aid Society; founder of the Baseball Hall of Fame in Maumee, OH; founder of the Shoe Bowl football competition; charter member of the Catholic Better Community Development Corp. which provides housing for elderly, disabled, and low-income people; and chaplain of the Catholic War Vet's Logsdon Walla Post.

A man of quiet dignity yet truly profound inspiration and with a wry sense of humor, Monsignor Schmit will be greatly missed. He left our community a magnificent legacy, perhaps best described in his obituary; "Monsignor Schmit's energy, inventiveness, and dedication to the ideal of service has touched virtually every facet of our community's life." He "inspired hundreds of young people to lead wholesome, Christian lives."

Monsignor Schmit was preceded in death by his family: parents Henry and Minnie Schmit; brothers Rev. John Schmit, Rev. George Schmit, and Dr. Bernard Schmit; and sister Ursula Schmit. However, he leaves behind the family of our community, and we will miss his effervescence, his devout faithfulness, his humble manner. Monsignor Schmit epitomized a life well-spent. Godspeed, good and faithful servant.

**IN HONOR OF WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY'S PRESIDENT, DAVID
ADAMANY**

HON. CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 1997

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute, honor, and dedication to the work and devotion of Dr. David Adamany, of Wayne State University. Wayne State University, located in the city of Detroit, MI, and in the 15th Congressional District, has produced many illustrious graduates serving our Nation in all aspects, large and small. Dr. Adamany will soon retire as president of Wayne State University. I wanted to take this opportunity to let my colleagues, the people of the great State of Michigan and the citizens of our country, to know of but a few of the stellar advances that Wayne State University have made under the skilled leadership of Dr. Adamany. Dr. Adamany has devoted 15 years of his life serving as president of Wayne State University—the longest serving president at Wayne State University. His retirement will be a significant loss to the university.

Under Dr. Adamany's leadership, Wayne State University joined the ranks of the Carnegie Foundation's top rank of national research universities. At the same time, Wayne State University remained committed to promoting racial equality, ranking with nine historically black colleges and universities among the 10 institutions that award the largest number of bachelor's degrees to African-Americans. Such achievements were largely made possible by the dedication of President Adamany. He is a person of diverse talents, extraordinary intelligence, profound vision, and boundless energy for turning that vision into reality. That reality is embodied in Wayne State University—a university that has succeeded in providing quality education at an affordable price to women and men of every class, station, race, religion, nationality, age, and personal lifestyle who would otherwise have no such opportunity. This commitment to providing the greatest possible access to all individuals seeking higher learning has been driven by Dr. Adamany's deeply held belief in opportunity and democracy.

In addition to his leadership in academic excellence, he has established Wayne State University as an important contributor to the economic revitalization of the city of Detroit and its residents. Indeed, with over \$62 million in service programs and over \$250 million in campus development, Dr. Adamany has led Wayne State University in pursuing policies that have served broader community interests as well as the university's own interests.

It is my honor and privilege to congratulate Dr. David Adamany, president of Wayne State

University, for his tremendous accomplishments and many years of dedicated service, both to Wayne State University and to the larger community. I wish him much good fortune in his future endeavors, and hope that Wayne State University may find a new president who can build upon the legacy that David Adamany leaves behind.

A TRIBUTE TO DENTON WAITE

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 1997

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Denton Waite for his extraordinary bravery and distinguished service to our community. It is a great honor to recognize him as the Fire Fighter of the Year.

Denton comes from a family of firefighters where saving lives is a honor-held tradition passed down from generation to generation. Every day for the last 16 years Denton has gone into our community fighting fires from South Central Los Angeles to the San Fernando Valley, mastering high-rise fires and brush fires alike, at times putting himself at risk. It is for these selfless acts that our community comes together to honor Denton Waite.

In addition to excelling as an apparatus operator, Denton recognizes when it is necessary to go beyond the call of duty to control dangerous situations. During the 1992 Los Angeles riots he earned the Medal of Valor for his quick thinking and selfless actions extinguishing a major fire before it blew out of control.

It is because of Denton's heroic performances that the younger members of the department look up to him as a mentor. Denton utilizes his experience to teach other firefighters to react calmly to emergency situations so that they will not unnecessarily put their lives in danger. His experience combined with his well-crafted sense of teamwork undoubtedly influences younger firefighters and ultimately reflects well upon the Los Angeles Fire Department.

Today I join Denton's friends, family, and the city of Reseda in honoring him as the Fire Fighter of the Year.

TRIBUTE TO THE 1997 GRADUATES RECOGNIZED BY THE CHALDEAN FEDERATION OF AMERICA

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 1997

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate all the students being recognized by the Chaldean Federation of America at their annual commencement and scholarship program. The program will be held June 10 at the Mother of God Chaldean Church in Southfield, MI.

An umbrella organization of Chaldean churches and civic organizations, the Chaldean Federation of America devotes the majority of its efforts to education. The federation encourages Chaldean youth not only to remain in school, but to strive for academic

excellence and achievement. Almost 400 Chaldean students graduating from southeast Michigan high schools or colleges and universities will be recognized.

Individual success and the prosperity of America depend on education. It is truly encouraging to know that so many of these students, who in many case are first generation Americans, are learning this lesson early. Because of their success, the Chaldean community, Michigan and the United States will all benefit.

I commend the graduating class of 1997 and encourage all the individuals involved to remain students for life. I wish all the graduates—our future leaders—continued success.

INTRODUCTION OF THE WELFARE FLEXIBILITY ACT

HON. BILL ARCHER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 1997

Mr. ARCHER. Mr. Speaker, today I along with several of my colleagues are introducing the Welfare Flexibility Act.

During the 104th Congress, we passed and the President signed legislation "ending welfare as we know it." The principle of this legislation is to enable States to offer creative and innovative means for providing aid to citizens in need. Unfortunately, the President has blocked Texas' efforts to move forward with their reform proposal. A proposal that Deputy Secretary-Designate of Health and Human Services Kevin Thurme called innovative.

Therefore, I have introduced legislation that will permit any State to privately contract for the delivery of welfare benefits. In Texas, this legislation will have dramatic implications. Instead of beneficiaries traveling from agency to agency to enroll in various programs, they will now be able to "one-stop-shop" for all benefits.

Additionally, it is my understanding from Governor Bush that the Texas welfare proposal will save the State nearly \$10 million a month by eliminating unneeded and duplicative services. The Governor has committed these funds for providing health care to poor children; a goal I'm certain we all recognize as commendable.

I also believe that this legislation will benefit many other States that are seeking the opportunity to design a welfare system that will best serve their needs. Among them, Florida, Arizona, and Wisconsin are all attempting to move forward with innovative proposals. This legislation will give them the foundation they need to help their citizens in need.

In closing, I am disappointed that statutory change is required to give these States the ability to implement what I thought was the intent of the last Congress' actions. However, I am certain that we will be successful in passing this important bill and I look forward to having my colleagues, on both sides of the aisle, join me in support.

This legislation has been scored by the Congressional Budget Office as revenue neutral, and I submit a letter from CBO Director June E. O'Neill for the RECORD.

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, May 22, 1997.

Hon. BILL ARCHER,
Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means, U.S.
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: At your request, CBO has reviewed a draft bill that would allow any state to use nongovernmental personnel in the determination of eligibility under the Medicaid, Food Stamp, and Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) programs. Although the bill could either increase or decrease spending for these programs, CBO estimates that it would have no net effect on federal spending compared with current law.

Sincerely,

JUNE E. O'NEILL.

CONGRATULATING KENNETH BURROUGH ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE SOUTHWESTERN ATH- LETIC CONFERENCE HALL OF FAME

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 1997

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Mr. Kenneth Burrough, who will be inducted tomorrow into the Southwestern Athletic Conference [SWAC] Hall of Fame.

A native of Jacksonville, FL, Kenny graduated from William Raines High School in 1966. In every sport he participated, he excelled. In his senior year alone, Kenny received All-State honors in every sport and received 85 4-year college scholarships in football, basketball, and track. His teachers also remember him as a successful and hard working student. Kenny was a true student-athlete.

In the Fall of 1966, Kenny travelled to Houston, TX, to attend Texas Southern University [TSU] on scholarships for football and track and field. Playing for the Tiger football team, Kenny—also known as double zero ["00"]—won the team's most valuable freshman award.

His skill and talent as a wide receiver earned him the all-SWAC outstanding back and all-SWAC football awards as a sophomore as he led the conference in receptions and receiving yards. Later that same year, Kenny won all-conference honors in track and field as a member of the 440-meter relay team and the 100-meter dash.

In 1968, Kenny was honored as Texas Southern University's most valuable player by leading the football conference again in receptions and receiving yards and winning all-SWAC honors in the 440-meter relay and 100-meter dash. For his outstanding track and field efforts, Kenny received an invitation to the 1968 U.S. Track and Field Olympic Trials.

By Kenny's senior year, he was voted TSU's most valuable player, had earned All-SWAC honors, and received the All-American Award by the Sporting News and the Pittsburgh Courier. To finish off his incredible college career, Kenny played in the senior bowl and in the all-stars game against the Super Bowl Champion Kansas City Chiefs.

By 1970, Kenny had become one of the most coveted football players in America. Later that year, Kenny was selected by the