

more franchising area contiguous with where we are or somewhere else."

While he hasn't relinquished his seat yet—"retire," he laughs, "I'll never be fully retired"—day-to-day operations have been turned over to his sons and other senior officers. Instead, Graves plans on continuing in a broader fashion by shifting his attention from running his businesses to focusing more on his corporate and volunteer activities. Currently, he serves as a trustee on the board of Howard University, the board of directors of the Associates of Harvard University's Graduate School of Business, and as vice president of relationships/marketing on the executive board of the National Office of the Boy Scouts of America. He also helped to raise \$1 million for his alma mater, Morgan State University, which has renamed its business school the Earl G. Graves School of Business and Management. And, says the grandfather of six, "Barbara, my wife of 37 years and former vice president/general manager, and I will be spending more time with our grandchildren and skiing six months a year."

But asking an activist to stop being active for the causes he believes in—education, enterprise and opportunity—is no easy feat. "Some of our businesses are reaching a level where we'll be overcoming just basic business obstacles—developing a market and building market share. Getting these economic business issues resolved in another 25 years will be a struggle, but we must make it happen."

TRIBUTE TO FATHER DEMETRIOS KAVADAS

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 1997

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor Father Demetrios Kavadas as he celebrates 40 years in the priesthood and 35 years of service as the protopresbyter of the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in St. Clair Shores, MI.

Father Kavadas was born and raised on the Island of Chios, Greece, before coming to America and entering the priesthood. As a young man, Father Kavadas was a serious student who placed enormous value on education. He graduated from high school summa cum laude, was a Fulbright Scholar, and attended Tufts University, College of the City of New York, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Theological Seminary, Harvard University, and Boston College. But it was his dedication to God and helping others that prompted him to become a priest.

On July 7, 1957, Father Kavadas was ordained to the priesthood. At age 25, he became the pastor of St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Manchester, NH. In 1977, Father Kavadas moved to St. Clair Shores where he became the pastor of Assumption Greek Orthodox Church.

Over the past 40 years, Father Kavadas has been a leader in the orthodox faith through involvement in the department of Religious Education of the Archdiocese, member of the Diocesan Spiritual Court, vice president of the National Presbyters, and the list goes on and on. He is a kind pastor who has been a dedicated writer, spiritual leader, and educator.

Throughout the years, Father Kavadas has touched the lives of many people. He has pro-

vided emotional, educational, and spiritual support. I would like to congratulate Father Kavadas as he celebrates his 40 years in the priesthood and wish him and his family all of the best.

TRIBUTE TO MARY NORRIS, OPP'S TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. TERRY EVERETT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 1997

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to pay tribute to an outstanding woman, teacher, and citizen. Mary M. Norris of Opp, Alabama was awarded the Opp Chamber of Commerce Teacher of the Year Award for 1997.

Mary Norris has been serving and contributing to our community as a teacher for the past 26 years. I would like to commend her on her commitment to educating our children and strengthening our Nation.

However, the Chamber of Commerce Teacher of the Year Award is not the only area in which Mary Norris has been recognized for her outstanding work. She has also received the South Highland's Teacher of the Year Award, as well as the WSFA-TV's Class Act Award. She has also served as the Science, Reading, and Math Curriculum chairman and has been a participant in the Space Camp for Teachers.

I would like to thank Mary Norris for her active involvement in the field of education. She is not only aiding our children, but she is helping the community as a whole.

TRIBUTE TO THE RIZZA FAMILY

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 1997

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to the Rizza family, who are members of the Old Neighborhood Italian American Club in my district, who have given a great amount of their time and energy to improving the community. This family is truly deserving of this special honor and I am pleased to have such a shining example of community service in my district.

The generosity of the Rizza family to their community is shown in so many ways. For the past 16 years the Rizza family has donated over \$47,000 worth of automobiles for the Old Neighborhood Italian American Club Christmas Raffles. The donations that they have made have funded the Annual Anti Drug and Alcohol Seminars which are held every year for participating school children in third through eighth grades. Additionally the Rizza family donations have funded the annual breakfast with Santa. Finally the Rizza family has made donations of computers, software, and other school related items to their community.

Mr. Speaker, in today's world we don't very often hear of such a giving, community oriented family as the Rizzas. They truly exemplify what all that is good in my district. I wish the Rizza family all the best and hope that they continue their benevolent values.

BICENTENNIAL OF MAISON LOUIS LATOUR

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 1997

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the bicentennial celebration of Maison Louis Latour of Beaune, France. Since the winery was first established back in 1797, seven generations of Louis Latours have succeeded to the head of the family business. Over these 200 years, the Latour family has become known throughout the wine industry as a prominent leader in the trade. Through the ingenuity and leadership of the Latour family, Maison Louis Latour has achieved remarkable success throughout the world and in particular in the United States.

Since the beginning of the 17th century, the Latour ancestry has been grower, cooper and wine merchant in Aloxe-Corton, the famed vineyard region in the heart of the burgundy countryside. In the mid-18th century, Louis Latour built up the family business and established himself in Beaune as a "negociant en vins fins," shipper of fine wines. Within a few years, he owned 15 hectares of the best vineyards in Aloxe-Corton.

Today, the Latour estate consists of 125 acres—a collection of vineyards stretching from the appellations of Chabertin and Romanee Saint-Vivant in the Cote de Nuits to Chevalier-Montrachet in the Cote de Beaune. The family continues to run the company and remains true to the local, loyal, and constant traditions of burgundy.

Having been represented in the United States since before the turn of the century, Maison Latour, in 1985, established an American subsidiary, Louis Latour USA Inc. This company has helped generate jobs not only at the subsidiary, but also for professionals working with Louis Latour across the United States in the distribution and marketing of their fine wines.

In addition to the celebration of their bicentennial, I commend Louis Latour on their recent admittance into the exclusive Henokiens Club, a renowned international club of family run businesses. Louis Latour met the criteria that allows them to be members of this club, namely, a company that is in sound financial health, a company that has been in business for at least 200 years, and, a company that continues to be run by members of the original family.

I congratulate Louis Latour on being one of the oldest names and most prestigious in burgundy. The completion of 200 years of history without an unbroken line from father to son is something exceptional. I wish you the best on this remarkable occasion and know that you will continue to make the wine industry proud for generations to come.

AN AMERICAN MUSICAL SALUTE DEERFIELD BEACH HIGH SCHOOL BAND

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 1997

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the accomplishments and

achievements of the Deerfield Beach High School Concert and Jazz Band. Under the direction and guidance of Mr. Dean Calmer and with the assistance of Deerfield Beach High principal, Dr. Joe Melita, these young people have illustrated skill accompanied by an unyielding work ethic and commitment. As a result of their perseverance, the Deerfield High Band became the only musicians selected from the State of Florida to participate in the "American Musical Salute to DC" which commemorated the 75th anniversary of the dedication of the Lincoln Memorial. The band preformed superbly and represented the State of Florida in an honorable fashion. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of the Deerfield Beach Concert and Jazz Band, and the young people involved who in an era of violence and disparity have still managed to remain focused and as a result make beautiful music.

HONORING THE LITTLE HAITI
HOUSING ASSOCIATION, INC.

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 1997

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Little Haiti Housing Association, Inc. [LHHA], for its receipt of the *Maxwell Award of Excellence* from the Fannie Mae Foundation. Mr. David Harder, executive director of LHHA accepted the award Tuesday, May 20, during the foundation's ninth annual awards ceremony.

The Fannie Mae Foundation recognized LHHA for its scattered site home ownership project which is a model for the Nation. The program renovates abandoned houses that have become havens for drug dealers and redevelops vacant lots used as trash dumps. Between July 1995 and June 1996, the project successfully renovated 10 homes and built 1 new home. Since the project's inception in 1987, LHHA's dedicated workers renovated or built 48 homes, thus enabling 48 families to become homeowners.

Mr. Harder regards LHHA as more than a housing program; it is, "a tool to restore stability in communities." LHHA's contribution to that philosophy is illustrated by the array of services offered to homeowners and persons qualifying for home ownership.

LHHA designs services and programs to strengthen members of the Dade community. Home buyers complete the association's 8-week home ownership training program. Classes are offered in Haitian-Creole, Spanish, and English. LHHA also offers classes in English for Speakers of Other Languages; post-purchase counseling; the banking system; citizenship preparation; and job skills training.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud the work of Executive Director Harder and his team, Jules LaBossiere, president of the board of directors and Jacques Saint-Louis, assistant director. Their tireless efforts to provide safe affordable housing to this community in Dade County is much appreciated. Little Haiti Housing Association, Inc., sends a strong message to drug dealers and others, that we will take our communities back.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON
THE BUDGET, FISCAL YEAR 1998

SPEECH OF

HON. HARRIS W. FAWELL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 1997

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the concurrent resolution (H. Con Res. 84) establishing the Congressional budget for the U.S. Government for the fiscal year 1998 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002:

Mr. FAWELL. Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong support of the balanced budget agreement, embodied in the budget resolution. For the first time since I came to Congress, in fact for the first time since 1969, we shall hopefully balance the Federal budget under a 5-year plan. While I would prefer a balanced budget for fiscal year 1998, nevertheless this is a blueprint which if followed by subsequent Congresses and the President, will finally result in a balanced budget in 2002. This agreement also provides for significant tax relief that will allow working Americans to keep more of their hard earned dollars and it takes significant steps to restrain the growth of entitlement spending. Of particular importance, it will insure that Medicare will remain solvent for another 10 years.

The budget compromise we consider today is, however, by definition imperfect. It was achieved through laborious and lengthy negotiations that were conducted by congressional leaders and the President. Both sides made compromises and had to give up points that were of great importance to them. I for one would have liked to see greater efforts at reforming entitlements and deficit reduction. However, the nature of compromise requires that both sides give up goals that they value highly, in order to achieve something of even greater value. The road to a balanced budget agreement is unquestionably of such great value.

Tinkering with the terms of the agreement may potentially cause the entire budget deal to collapse. An amendment offered by Congressman SHUSTER, which would designate that moneys taken from the transportation trust fund should go towards increased transportation spending, is basically sound. But it would upset the carefully balanced terms that were agreed to by congressional leaders and the President. I do oppose the practice of using taxes levied for an express purpose—such as taxes levied for transportation purposes—for uses other than the purpose for which such taxes were levied. In this case however, I reluctantly oppose the Shuster amendment, which would disrupt the carefully negotiated terms of the budget agreement, potentially leading to the collapse of the entire agreement. The amendment also would take moneys from education, defense and other important spending priorities. If adopted, the Shuster amendment would have reduced defense spending by \$5.65 billion, education by \$980 million, criminal justice by \$510 million and housing and child health programs by \$860 million.

While it is not perfect, the balanced budget agreement represents an important step to-

ward ultimately having Congress pass annual balanced budgets. It is therefore an important first step in finally eliminating annual deficits and moving Congress towards a reduction of our Nation's large national debt. I therefore urge Members to join in support of the bipartisan budget agreement.

TRIBUTE TO THE BEACHWOOD
BOROUGH VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.
NO. 1 ON THEIR 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 1997

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, on June 7, 1997, the Beachwood Borough Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 will celebrate its 75th anniversary.

Beachwood, NJ, established in 1917, is a sleepy hamlet located on the Toms River far removed from the hustle and bustle of the Jersey Shore tourist area. The residents of Beachwood have a long history of being friendly, open, and giving to those in need within their community. Nothing exemplifies this more than the volunteers who have given their time to help Beachwood fight fires within the town.

Firefighters serve a unique and extremely important role in our society. Many of us take the duties performed by volunteer firefighters for granted. Each day, these individuals put their lives at risk in order to protect the public from tragedy.

What is unique about volunteer firefighters is that they protect us without any financial compensation. Across the country, almost 90 percent of the firefighters are volunteers. These volunteers spend many hours away from their families and jobs in order to protect us and our families. They do not fight fires for financial rewards. They fight fires for the love of their community.

It is for this reason, Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the residents of Beachwood, I would like to thank the brave volunteers of the Beachwood Borough Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 for their service to their community and congratulate them on their 75th anniversary.

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL T.
GONZALES ON THE OCCASION OF
HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 30
YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE
TO THE MONTEBELLO POLICE
DEPARTMENT

HON. ESTEBAN EDWARD TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 1997

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Montebello Police Captain Michael T. Gonzales on the occasion of his retirement after 30 years of dedicated service to the community of Montebello.

Captain Gonzales was born in Los Angeles, CA, and attended St. Alphonsus Elementary School, Eastmont Junior High School, and Montebello High School. He earned his bachelor's degree in public administration from the