

University of La Verne, and began his career in law enforcement with the Montebello Police Department on July 24, 1967, as a police officer. He quickly rose through the ranks, becoming sergeant on January 1, 1974, assigned to the Training Unit; lieutenant in the Patrol Division on March 24, 1987, captain on December 18, 1988; and served as bureau commander for both the Support Services Division and Field Services Division.

Through his guidance and leadership, Captain Gonzales was instrumental in the formation and implementation of the department's explorer program in 1971. He also served as coordinator for the Montebello police reserve officer program from 1977 through 1987, and as a member of the advisory committee of the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training [POST] since 1979. Throughout his career, he has represented the California Association of Police Training Officers with distinction, and has demonstrated leadership and diligence in his service as chairman of the POST Advisory Committee. Additionally, he served as State and local president for the California Association of Police Training Officers, and as a member of the Hispanic American Police Command Officer's Association, the Boy Scouts of America's Exploring Program, and was executive vice president of the California Asian Peace Officer's Association.

Captain Gonzales has received numerous awards and commendations throughout his distinguished career in Montebello law enforcement. He is a role model for our community, and serves as a model officer for his colleagues in law enforcement. I proudly ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Montebello Police Captain Michael T. Gonzales as he retires from 30 years of dedicated service to the Montebello community.

A TRIBUTE TO FAITH AND JONATHAN COOKLER

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 1997

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to honor an extraordinary couple who has given an abundant amount of their precious time and energy to forwarding the ideals of community service and education. I join our community in honoring Faith and Jonathan Cookler.

Faith and Jon have dedicated themselves to the preservation of Jewish ethics and family values. They have served Abraham Joshua Heschel Day School in many capacities promoting Judaic education in a community school setting. In doing so they have strengthened our community's values at its roots.

Zohar wrote in the Talmud that "Each man should aid his fellow man according to his talent." The Cookler's exemplify this ideal by promoting Jewish values through their own strengths. Jon serves as the capital funds vice-president utilizing his financial and fund-raising expertise while Faith serves as the executive vice-president employing her organizational talents, each serving the community in his or her own unique way.

In addition to supporting Jewish foundations in the local community, Faith and Jon have

also dedicated their services to broader regions. Faith has been deeply involved with the Anti-Defamation League serving as president of the Pacific Southwest Regional Board and as president of the Women's Division. Jon has also served the greater community through his work on the Boards of Valley Beth Shalom Synagogue and the Pacific Southwest Region of the Anti-Defamation League.

As Faith and Jon's Congressman I am deeply honored to recognize them for their dedication to our community. I congratulate them on their successes thus far and wish them luck in the future.

AMERICAN DREAM CHALLENGE AWARDS

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 1997

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, Dr. Irving A. Fradkin and the Committee of the Citizens Scholarship Foundation of Fall River, MA, have initiated and nurtured an educational movement that has benefited children not only in my own Third Congressional District of Massachusetts, but throughout the country. By working with individuals and businesses in a community, scholarships are presented to children that will motivate and enable them to go to college. These children, who are students in elementary school, promise to adhere to good behavior and high scholarship. They take a pledge to do their best in school and to take advantage of the opportunities of a good education. They promise to respect their classmates and teachers and to learn about and appreciate different religious and ethnic backgrounds. They pledge to stay away from drugs, violence, and weapons of any kind. They volunteer to perform service in their communities and to be caring and responsible young citizens. Certainly these are the actions and values we would like to instill in our children.

I would like to enter into the RECORD letters of commendation from President Clinton and Secretaries Riley and Shalala praising the American Dream Challenge Scholarship Program. I am also pleased to include essays from elementary school children who live in the southern part of my congressional district and who are participants in this program. They have written about how education has shaped their dreams of the future and I believe their words should inspire us all.

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, January 3, 1996.

Dr. IRVING FRADKIN,
American Dream Challenges, Citizens Scholarship Foundation of America, Fall River, MA

I am delighted to commend the participants and supporters of the American Dream Challenge scholarship program.

Education is one of the most effective tools that individuals can use to create a brighter tomorrow for themselves and for our nation. By studying hard and working to improve their school communities, young Americans can look forward to the time when their generation will help to lead this country.

Initiatives like the American Dream Challenge emphasize the importance of a good

education, encouraging young people to invest in their future by preparing for college and exciting career opportunities. I commend the program's supporters for your dedication to helping young people fulfill their dreams, and I wish the scholarship recipients every happiness and success.

BILL CLINTON.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,
Washington, DC, May 18, 1997.

To the Participants in the American Dream Challenge, Fall River, MA.

It is a pleasure to greet the students participating in the Fall River American Dream Challenge. I am grateful for this opportunity to emphasize to you how important it is that you meet the challenge by staying in school and striving for excellence.

As President Clinton has said, "The fight for education is the fight for the American Dream." Through your academic efforts, you are working toward realizing that dream for yourselves. As I hope you have discovered, although you may face many obstacles in your achievement of that dream, you may overcome those obstacles through hard work and dedication.

As our world becomes more complicated and our economy more competitive, education becomes more and more important. I commend you for resolving to stay in school, stay out of trouble and work hard to excel academically. However, education today must not end with high school graduation. The constantly changing demands of new technologies and of the world economy mean that for today's citizens education must be a lifelong endeavor. I hope that you will use your scholarships to continue your studies after your graduate.

America is counting on each of you to make a special contribution to our nation. By being here today, you have taken an important step toward making this contribution. I commend you for setting your sights high and wish you all the best as you strive to reach the goals you have set for yourselves.

RICHARD W. RILEY.

THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
Washington, DC, April 3, 1996.

Dr. IRVING FRADKIN,
*American Dream Challenge,
Fall River, MA.*

DEAR DR. FRADKIN: I appreciated receiving information about the American Dream Challenge Program. As you know, the education of our youth is of great concern to me, especially as we look at new ways to break the cycle of poverty and give our children a strong foundation for the future.

I commend the efforts of your program to motivate and inspire our youth and provide them the opportunity to participate in higher education. Also, I commend the students who participate in the program. Their commitment to excellence and their achievements in this program surely will inspire other young people.

The Fall River Chapter of the Citizens Scholarship Foundation has a long-standing track record of helping young people finance their education. Initiatives like the American Dream Challenge program reflect the commitment of the organizers to education, and promoting access and excellence in education.

My best wishes for your continued success.
Sincerely,

DONNA E. SHALALA.

[From Fowler Elementary School; Feb. 14, 1997]

WHAT MY FUTURE WILL BE LIKE
(By Alicia Fernandes)

In the future I would like to become a Pediatrician. I would like to do that because I enjoy working with children.

When I get older I am going to try my best to get through high school successfully. When I graduate I would like to go to Harvard or Yale. I was even considering going to a university in Florida. When I go to college I am going to become a Pediatrician.

I am going to be smart. I am going to keep my head clear. I will not smoke, drink, or do drugs. Also, I will not ruin my education by having children while I am still in high school. I will have a good education, good job, before I have children. I will have children when I have a good job, a good education, when I am settled down and ready to support myself plus a child.

Until then I'm going to go to school to get a good education and have a good life. I am not going to make the mistakes some people make. I don't want to throw my life away, I want to be able to get up everyday to go to high school without having to call a baby sitter. I want to have a good educational life and I will because I am setting my mind to it. While I am writing this I am thinking about my future, me and all my friends standing on a stage in our caps and gowns while the principal of our school gives a speech and then he says it "The Class of 1993" then there is a big round of applause and we receive our diplomas and a few months later I'm packing my bags for college.

As I think to myself I did it! I am so proud!

HOW I CAN USE MY EDUCATION TO MAKE A BETTER AMERICA

(By Andrea M. Dias, 4th grade, Doriare School)

The people today that are lawyers, teachers, sales people, doctor, and other jobs. The only way them people achieved there goals is because they went threw elementary school, middle school, high school and collage. They worked hard and stuff and got a great education. Also an education doesn't only make you achieve your goals and make you smart but also makes you a better and kind person. There are also people today who dropped out of school and did get an education and now those people regret and think about what a bad desision they made, thats why some of them went back to school and tried to get an education. So if your still a kid like me and you have a goal dream. One of the ways you'll get it is if you have an education. So I'll tell you right now! Believe in your dream, go for it! If your not that good at school and you want to get a good education then just keep on trying and trying until you get better and better. Say your goal was to be a teacher and you achieved it. You won't only get an education you'll be helping someone else get a education and achieved there goals and you'll be proud of your self for what you have done. Just remember the people who achieved there goals they have a education. Don't give up, I know you can get an education. Because if I can try you can try too. Go and achieve your goal!!!

WHAT I WANT TO BE WHEN I GROW UP.

(By Meghan Bissonnette, 6th Grade, Healy School)

Today I'm young, a few more tomorrows and I will be going off to college. I must start thinking of what I want to do with my life. Many other children may not care, but I do, I think this is important. If I don't

start now, who knows where I could be 10 years from now.

After I finish college, I want to join the World Peace Conference. That is my life long dream. President William Clinton has inspired me the most. If I am chosen to join the World Peace Conference, I shall help the world stop fighting, and learn to help one another.

Also, I have a back up plan. If I am not elected to the World Peace Conference, I'll become a veterinarian; so if I can't help out people, I'll help out animals. This way I shall be happy. I'll always try my best. Nothing will stop me. I'll never do drugs, smoke, or do anything that will harm my body. This way I will be safe from harm.

If I ever inherit money, I'll make sure to donate it all to poor, homeless people, sick animals, and charity, this way the money will not go to waste. I'll never give up. I'll be strong and carry on. My dream for peace, fairness and equality will never die, neither shall my hope, or spirit.

HOW EDUCATION CAN HELP ME MAKE A DIFFERENCE

(By Natalie Moore, Grade 6, Atlantis Charter School, Fall River, MA)

I'm a child of the future generation of adults and if I don't get an education I can't help change the world and the bad things in it.

I want to be like Martin Luther King, Jr. or Chico Mendes and make a difference; not necessarily the same way as them, but in my own way. I want to be a judge when I get older. I want to take the people selling drugs, and murderers, off the street. I want to stop the violence and abuse in and outside of homes. But if I don't have an education this won't happen, because it takes a lot of studying, hard work—and I'll have to go to school.

So many children are so scared of what's going to happen to them when they go home from school, or who they are going to fight, that they don't pay attention in school. And that's sad because if they grow up with abuse and violence then that will be what their children grow up with and this world won't change. I want that to be something that will change, so I am going to go to school and try to influence as many other people to go to school. And when I get older I WILL make the biggest difference I can.

FOSTERING A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY

HON. TOM DeLAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 1997

Mr. DeLAY. Mr. Speaker, my colleague, JOHN TANNER and I serve as the chair and vice chair of the Advisory Committee to the Chemistry and Technology Forum. The Chemistry and Technology Forum was recently established to foster a better understanding of the chemical industry among the general public and public officials. The Forum sponsors events and produces studies intended to improve the quality and quantity of information on industry issues available to the public and the Government. In doing so, the Forum believes that it will encourage the development of sound public policy and debate on the issues affecting the industry and the public it serves.

Recently the Forum heard a presentation from Mr. J. Lawrence Wilson, the chairman and CEO of Rhom and Haas Co. and the chairman of the Chemical Manufacturers Association on international trade and the chemical industry. Mr. Wilson points out that since 1993 chemicals have been the largest U.S. export sector and that exports have doubled in the past 5 years to more than \$60 billion. Today, 1 out of every 10 U.S. export dollars earned comes from chemical sales. Every billion dollars in export sales creates or preserves 4,000 jobs. Access to the markets of Asia and Latin America are key to this industry's future and renewal of "fast track" authority is a competitive necessity.

I am entering Larry's speech in today's CONGRESSIONAL RECORD and encourage Members of Congress, particularly those with substantial chemical employment in their districts', to read the speech.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE—WORKING HARD TO STAY AHEAD OF THE GAME

I'm pleased to be here this afternoon because it gives me another opportunity to talk about my favorite subject—the U.S. chemical industry.

Those here today already know about the contribution this industry makes to the U.S. economy—and to the world economy, for that matter:

The chemical industry: Provides essential building-block products used by every sector of the manufacturing economy, and by most of the service economy; is high-tech and internationally competitive; provides high-paying, stable jobs; is a multi-billion dollar sponsor of research and development; and is a leader in health, safety and environmental protection.

And this business is so dynamic that the chemical industry of today did not even exist 20 years ago.

All of this is no surprise to you—but these facts are surprising to many of your colleagues who are not here today. In my experience, I've found some congressional representatives regard the chemical industry as "ancient." Perhaps even "outdated." Some even regard us as a bargaining chip to be used in the international trade wars.

That's why I'm so pleased that Congressman Tom DeLay of Texas and Congressman John Tanner of Tennessee have taken leadership roles in this Forum—and that you all have demonstrated your interest and support of the chemical industry by taking the time to come today. On a personal note, I would like to acknowledge that both men represent states where some of Rohm and Hass Company's largest facilities are located.

Congressman DeLay has the added distinction of having both personal and business experience in the chemical industry.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

The chemical industry is the nation's most powerful, most successful international competitor. Ten years ago, exports accounted for 10 percent of our total shipments. Today, that number stands at a little over 16 percent. Exports are beginning to drive our growth.

Many people believe the global economy is entering a new Golden Age. Jeffery Sachs, the noted Harvard economist, recently said we have reached an important historical moment in time. He says global economic growth "will raise the living standards of more people, in more parts of the world than in any prior time in history."

Some economists are predicting world growth rates will average an astounding 4 percent a year for the next 20 years.

I'm proud to say that American companies are leading the way. Bill Lewis, CEO of the