

success it did under the able leadership of Jim Kelly. During his 11-year career, Jim Kelly took the Bills from league obscurity to four consecutive Super Bowls. He amassed nearly 36,000 passing yards, completing over 60 percent of his attempts. But with Jim Kelly, statistics only tell half the story. His toughness, will to win, and dedication to his team are truly legendary.

In addition to his Hall of Fame caliber performance as a professional quarterback, Jim Kelly has proven himself a leader off the field in our western New York community. His charitable endeavors include an annual celebrity golf tournament to benefit disadvantaged children, involvement with area youth through an annual football camp, the Kelly for Kids Foundation, and his tireless effort on behalf of Camp Good Days and Special Times for families dealing with cancer.

Jim's own family played an important role in developing the values which made him such a leader in the community and with the Bills. His closeness to his father and brothers, well-known love and admiration for his late mother, Alice, and commitment to his new family embody the true blue-collar values which characterize our community.

Mr. Speaker, today I would like to join with Jim's wife, Jill; his daughter, Erin; his brothers, Pat, Ray, Ed, Dan, and Kevin; his father, Joe; the Buffalo Bills organization; the National Football League; and indeed, our entire western New York community to pay tribute to Mr. Jim Kelly. With retirement comes many new opportunities. May Jim meet every opportunity with the same enthusiasm and vigor in which he demonstrated throughout his brilliant career; and may those opportunities be as fruitful as those in his past.

On behalf of all of the Buffalo Bills fans in western New York and elsewhere, I would just like to express to Jim our sincere thanks and congratulations.

HONORING THE LIONS CLUB OF LaGRANGE ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 1997

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today and pay tribute to an outstanding service organization located in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. On May 10, the Lions Club of LaGrange, OH, will celebrate their 50th anniversary.

The city of LaGrange is a community renowned for its civic pride and commitment to service. In 1947, it was home to active churches and school organizations dedicated to helping others. There was not, however, an agency which could coordinate these services to provide for the entire community. It was decided to form a Lions Club and after enlisting 28 good citizens of LaGrange, they became charter members and joined Lions International.

It was a good start and the club was active in the community from the very beginning. Throughout its history there has never been a lack of enthusiasm or volunteer labor for its many projects. In addition, the LaGrange Lions Club has been active throughout the years in zone, State and international Lions.

Anniversaries are a time to reflect upon a steadfast tradition of service. It is also a time to look toward new horizons. Lions have made it their responsibility to serve those in need by keeping pace with the ever increasing challenges facing mankind.

Mr. Speaker, it is obvious that the community and the members of the club have greatly benefited from the effort that was started in 1947. I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the achievements of the LaGrange Lions and encourage them to continue to uphold what has become the standard for service in Ohio.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. THOMAS STRACK AND MS. CHRISTINE KELLY

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 1997

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to two outstanding athletes from my district. Mr. Thomas Strack and Ms. Christine Kelly, who are competing in pairs figure skating at the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Canada, February 1 to 8, 1997.

Mr. Strack of Palos Heights, IL, and Ms. Christine Kelly of Oak Lawn, IL, have skated together for 6 years and are both veterans of local, national, and international special olympics competitions. More important, they are good friends, and have forged friendships with many others through the special olympics.

Tom and Chris, as well as 131 other athletes and 29 coaches from Illinois, will join more than 2,000 competitors from 90 countries vying in five different events at the winter games.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my best wishes to these fine athletes, as well as all the other courageous participants in the 1997 Special Olympics World Winter Games.

TRIBUTE TO JOAN BERKMAN

HON. JAMES M. TALENT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 1997

Mr. TALENT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to one of my constituents, Ms. Joan Berkman. Ms. Berkman is being recognized as the outgoing president of the Creve Coeur-Olivette Chamber of Commerce. Her dedication to community service, through her work with the chamber and numerous other organizations, highlights her as an outstanding leader and citizen.

The following proclamation was presented to Ms. Berkman by the Creve Coeur-Olivette Chamber of Commerce, in recognition of her many accomplishments.

Whereas Joan Berkman, 1996 President of the Creve Coeur-Olivette Chamber of Commerce and Area Manager of External Affairs, Southwestern Bell, and

Whereas as President of the Chamber she has provided outstanding leadership in her commitment to develop partnerships between the residential and business communities, and

Whereas she has challenged, encouraged and motivated the Creve Coeur and Olivette

business communities to enhance, promote and sustain the quality of life and economic climate of both communities, and

Whereas under her leadership the Chamber has worked with the City of Creve Coeur and Missouri State Highway Department for improvements to the I-270/Olive Boulevard Interchange, and

Whereas under her leadership the Chamber, in partnership with the City of Olivette, established that city's first Economic Development Council, jointly-funded by the Chamber and City, and

Whereas under her leadership the Chamber established a partnership of governments and business organizations for expansion of MetroLink, and

Whereas for her outstanding contribution to the Creve Coeur-Olivette Chamber of Commerce she was awarded the prestigious Outstanding Businessperson of the Year Award in 1991, and

Whereas she has been recognized for her community service by the University of Missouri-St. Louis, as Volunteer of the Year, and

Whereas she received the President "C" Flag Award for producing and coordinating the "Teen Talent Showcase", and

Whereas she was recipient of the Arthur W. Page Award for Exceptional Performance in Public Relations for her "Information for the Disabled" Program, a Bell System Award, and

Whereas she has demonstrated unselfish commitment of time and effort through volunteer leadership positions, active participation and support of many charitable, civic and business organizations, and

Whereas she has been an inspiration to us all, and

Therefore be it resolved that Joan Berkman, be honored by the membership of the Creve Coeur-Olivette Chamber of Commerce for her service as the 1996 President of the Creve Coeur-Olivette Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Speaker, I join the Chamber and the St. Louis business community in honoring Ms. Berkman for her continuing service to our community. Her efforts are an inspiration to us all.

TRIBUTE TO THE WILFANDEL CLUB

HON. JULIAN C. DIXON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 1997

Mr. DIXON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the Wilfandel Club of Los Angeles, CA, on the occasion of more than 50 years of service to the Los Angeles community. Nearly 3 months into its 52d year, the Wilfandel Club is as strong today as it was more than five decades ago when it organized with a credo of promoting civic betterment, philanthropic endeavors, and general culture.

Founded on November 4, 1945, the Wilfandel Club took its name by combining the names of its primary founders, Mrs. Della Williams, wife of the renowned Los Angeles architect Paul Williams, and Mrs. Fannie Williams, a noted community leader. Though recognized by many in the Los Angeles community for their activism and commitment to social progress, Della and Fannie could not penetrate the barrier of racism which existed through out America—a barrier which excluded them and their fellow African-American

sisters and brothers from most of Los Angeles' large hotels and public facilities.

Undeterred, Della Williams and Fannie Williams, joined by a small cadre of like-minded African-American women determined that they would marshal forces to raise capital to purchase and renovate their very own clubhouse. With the help and support of 50 members, the women set course to do just that, purchasing property in the West Adams district of Los Angeles.

The Wilfandel Club rapidly garnered a reputation as the place to hold farewell parties for the young African-American men who went off to fight America's wars, or for the sons and daughters who were leaving to attend college. Over the years, the Wilfandel Club has been one of the primary venues for thousands of wedding ceremonies, numerous community meetings and forums, teas, showers, art exhibits, and dinners.

The club has established a rich legacy of giving back to the community. Honoring founding member's commitment to service, Wilfandel Club members have hosted and/or otherwise participated in numerous activities benefiting Community Health Week, Negro History Week, Los Angeles Beautiful, the Woman of the Year Program, Sojourner Truth, Negro Business and Professional Women, Women's Division—Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, and the Watts Tower Art Center.

Wilfandel members also have raised thousands of dollars to support the American Cancer Society, the Exceptional Children's Foundation, the Foundation for the Junior Blind, as well as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People [NAACP].

Today, Wilfandel Club members total more than 60 African-American women, all of whom share a vision and commitment to the goal of enhancing and strengthening the image of African-American women in our society, and in promoting peace, happiness, and personal growth for black women everywhere. For its contributions to the community, the club is the recipient of the Community Service Award, presented by the California State Attorney General.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have this occasion to salute the Wilfandel Club as it enters its 52d year of service as an outstanding African-American women's organization. From humble beginnings, its members have shepherded the club to an enviable place in the Los Angeles community, as an exemplary organization dedicated to service and empowerment. The Wilfandel Club continues to live up to the legacy envisioned by its founders. I am pleased to commend club members on their record of service to the community, and ask that you join me in extending our best wishes for at least 50 more years of outstanding service.

TRIBUTE TO MR. FRANKS OF NEW JERSEY

HON. DAN SCHAEFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 1997

Mr. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. FRANKS] for all his hard work and effort to help us pass a balanced

budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution. During the 104th Congress, the Schaefer-Stenholm balanced budget amendment passed the House by a vote of 300 to 132. This was due, in no small part, to the diligent efforts of Mr. FRANKS.

This year, as we prepared to introduce House Joint Resolution 1, Mr. FRANKS' name was inadvertently left off the list of original co-sponsors. I regret this error.

Mr. FRANKS is a fiscal conservative and an important member of the House Budget Committee who has led the effort to balance the Federal budget. I look forward to working with him again as we prepare to vote on a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution.

TRIBUTE TO DANIEL C. LAFFERTY

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 1997

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Daniel C. Lafferty, who is being honored this evening for his 18 years of service as the director and health officer of the Macomb County Health Department. It will be my pleasure to enter this statement into the official CONGRESSIONAL RECORD in February when the 105th Congress convenes.

Mr. Lafferty has been a public health leader in the State of Michigan for many years. He has implemented several community-based health programs that have received local, State, and national recognition. As a dedicated and responsive public health advocate, Dan appreciates the need for cooperation and collaboration in order to address community health concerns and problems. Over the years he has worked closely with hospitals in his communities to improve the quality of health care for all county residents.

For the past 18 years, the citizens of Macomb County knew they could always count on Dan Lafferty to perform his responsibilities with professionalism and competence. To serve the public more ably, he has taken numerous important leadership positions. Dan has been active in the Michigan Association for Local Public Health, serving 2 terms as president and 12 years on the Executive Council. Additionally, he has served on Blue Ribbon health committees under 3 separate Governors and has chaired a variety of State and local health and community planning committees. I applaud his efforts to make Macomb County a better place to live.

I am pleased to pay tribute to Dan for all his fine work in making Macomb County a healthier community. As family and friends and associates gather tonight to honor him, I am proud to join in saluting Daniel Lafferty.

TRIBUTE TO WALTER FRANCHUK

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 1997

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Walt Franchuk, a former trustee in Lenox Township and friend. After 30 years of devoted service to the people of Macomb

County, Mr. Franchuk has decided to retire. It will be my pleasure to enter this statement into the official CONGRESSIONAL RECORD in February when the 105th Congress convenes.

For three decades, the residents knew they could count on Walt Franchuk to perform his responsibilities with professionalism and competence. One of New Haven's elder statesmen, he served 10 years as the supervisor of Lenox Township. He was elected in 1962 to the County Board of Commissioners, and also served as chairman in 1985 and 1986. Mr. Franchuk sampled retirement after departing the board in 1988, but it was short-lived. He was elected as a trustee in Lenox Township in 1992.

On November 6, 1996, he announced his retirement from his long career in politics. He finished where he started—as a member of the Lenox Township Board. He and his wife, Freda, will no doubt enjoy this time as they spend their retirement visiting with family.

After 30 years of public service, I thank him for his efforts and commend him for his work. I am sure that many folks will miss Walt Franchuk and he deserves all the best in the future. I ask that my colleagues join me in offering sincere congratulations to him and his family on the event of his retirement.

A TRIBUTE TO CAPT. RICHARD "DICK" TRACY ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 1997

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding police officer on his retirement after more than 40 years in law enforcement—Capt. Richard Tracy, the real Dick Tracy.

Captain Tracy, a Chicago native and resident of Garfield Ridge neighborhood in my district, has spent four decades at virtually every level of law enforcement, starting as a Parole Officer walking the beat with the Chicago Police Department in 1956. He worked his way up through the ranks and various assignments, including narcotics and burglary investigations, as well as a stint as an investigator with the Cook County State's attorney. Captain Tracy made sergeant in 1962, serving as a patrol supervisor and an instructor in the training division.

In 1967, he went from the big city to a small town, taking the position of Chief of Police in Pottstown, PA, where he supervised a force of 36 sworn officers. After 5 years in Pottstown, Captain Tracy became Director of Regional Police of Mid-Monongahela Council of Governments, an experiment in multicomunity law enforcement funded by the U.S. Law Enforcement Administration.

In 1975, he returned to Chicago as a patrol sergeant, who was soon promoted to lieutenant and, in 1987, made captain, serving as a Watch Commander and Commanding Officer of the Graphics Arts section.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to salute Captain Richard, "Dick," Tracy for his dedication and fine service to law enforcement and best wishes.