

have succeeded in keeping The Bernardsville News on every coffee table and front porch in Far Hills, Peapack-Gladstone, Bedminster Township and Bernards Township for the past 100 years.

Mr. Speaker, if the current quality of The Bernardsville News is any indication, I have every confidence that a similar group of grateful New Jerseyans will gather in 2097 for the 200th Anniversary Celebration of The Bernardsville News.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES C. MILONAS

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 25, 1997

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to congratulate Dr. Charles C. Milonas for his dedication to improving our educational system. On June 30, 1997, he will celebrate three decades of service on boards of education.

Throughout the years, Dr. Charles Milonas has been committed to providing better schools in Macomb County. In 1967, Dr. Milonas began serving on the Clintondale School Board as the treasurer and secretary. After 4 years, Dr. Milonas ran for a seat on the Macomb Intermediate School Board where he has served with distinction to this date. Over the years, he has also been an active member of the Macomb School Boards Association, the Michigan Association of School Boards, and the National School Board Association. His leadership and commitment have made him a key player in the education of the children in our area.

When he was growing up, Charles Milonas was a serious student who always placed a high value on education. After attending Northeastern High School, he went on to receive his B.S. from Wayne State University and his D.D.S. from Northwestern University Dental School. He completed his postgraduate work at Walter Reed Army Medical School and the University of Detroit. Dr. Milonas learned from his own experience how important it is to have a strong educational background. This is the legacy that he has passed on to the children of our community.

The dedicated involvement of Dr. Milonas has not been motivated by fame or fortune, but by his desire to inspire and guide children. Dr. Milonas has said, "We all should carry a magic light in our hearts to guide our children through the adversities of life." On behalf of the students and parents in the community, I would like to thank Dr. Charles Milonas for his dedication to education.

IN MEMORY OF JACQUES YVES COUSTEAU

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 25, 1997

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I come before you today to pay tribute to a man who is well-known around the world for his pioneering work in the field of marine research, conservation and education. Jacques Yves

Cousteau passed away this morning in Paris, at the age of 87.

Jacques Cousteau was an inventor, an explorer, and a concerned citizen of our world. He invented a waterproof housing for an underwater movie camera in 1936, and in 1943, with French engineer Emile Gagnon created the Aqualung, which allowed divers to swim unthethered underwater for several hours. Cousteau fought for the French in WWII, and the Aqualung was used by divers to locate and remove enemy mines after the war. In 1950 he purchased the ship *Calypso* from which to conduct his explorations of the world oceans, beginning the work for which he is perhaps best known: bringing the excitement of the oceans to the public.

He showed people around the world the beauty of ocean ecosystems, exploring the depths with a sense of adventure, exposing the oceans as the last earthly frontier to be explored, as exciting and amazing as any exploration into space. He lectured, produced amazing underwater photography, and published many books. Two of his films, "The Silent World" (1956) and "World Without Sun" (1966) won Academy Awards for best documentary. His television program, "The Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau" (1968-1976) also brought the marvels of his expeditions and the undersea world into American homes, as well as the lasting image of him, jauntily smiling from the deck of the *Calypso*, clad in his black rubber wetsuit.

In 1974 he began The Cousteau Society, an organization whose membership now totals over 300,000 worldwide, to help raise public awareness of ocean issues and help promote wise management of our ocean resources. His work did not end at the shore, however, and he was active on many environmental issues, including the potentially devastating effects of overpopulation. He was awarded the Medal of Freedom by President Ronald Reagan in 1985, and in 1989, was honored by the French with membership in the French Academy.

He inspired many to love the sea, and to pursue careers in marine science. My district, the Monterey Bay area of California, has been particularly blessed in its connection to an incredibly diverse and abundant marine environment. Off our shores we have the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, the largest marine protected area in the country, encompassing environments that vary from the rocky intertidal to the incredible depths of the Monterey Canyon. Around the bay we have 18 institutions with world class, ongoing research in the marine environment. Over 1.7 million people visit our Monterey Bay Aquarium each year, to witness the amazing life we have off our shores, and to educate themselves about ocean life and human impacts which threaten it.

All ocean scientists, educators and managers owe a debt of gratitude to Jacques Cousteau for raising the public awareness and support of marine research and conservation.

In a recent interview, Cousteau was asked the question "Which area of pollution worries you the most?", to which he responded "I don't make a separation, I worry about the entire system. Our way of managing the Earth is wrong."

I would leave you with the thought that we can no longer plead ignorance of our aquatic environments. Through the work of Jacques

Cousteau, and thousands of other marine scientists, we are now more aware than ever of the amazing wonder and fragility of our ocean ecosystems. But our greatest tribute to this man, and this knowledge, should be the efforts we make to ensure the protection and wise management of our ocean resources.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RED DEVILS OF MAPLESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

HON. BOB RILEY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 25, 1997

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding school from my home district. Maplesville High School, while not only committed to academic excellence, has achieved an amazing accomplishment. On May 16, 1997, the Red Devils captured the State title in Class 1-A baseball, finishing up with the school's first 30-win season. While this victory is impressive, the win's significance is only compounded when added to the string of victories the school has posted during the last 2 scholastic years. During the years 1995 through 1997, the students of Maplesville combined to win four 1-A State titles in three separate sports, including football, girl's basketball, and twice in boy's baseball.

I would like to commend the students of Maplesville High School and state that it is not only an honor for me but for all the people who are a part of Maplesville to recognize these athlete/students' achievements. The courage they displayed in pursuing their victory is indicative of the character traits—including dedication, a strong work ethic, and pride—we all hope today's students graduating from high school possess. The four trophies that stand vigil at Maplesville are poignant reminders of the accomplishments and the victories that the students earned. These trophies are also testimony to the aspirations a group of people can achieve if they are willing to work as a team, aiming at a common goal.

Though the State championships the school have amassed are quite impressive, I would also like to call attention to the fact that these student/athletes, who have balanced both academics and sports, have managed to collectively excel beyond expectation, persevering in the face of adversity. Each of these teams have achieved what no other in the State of Alabama can boast—they are No. 1 and the best in Alabama.

HONORING CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICERS LARRY STEINKRAUS AND NICK BASSOLINO

HON. WALTER H. CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 25, 1997

Mr. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the selfless dedication of the men and women of the Department of the California Highway Patrol. The CHP was created on August 14, 1929, with the sole purpose of insuring safety, security, and service for the public.

Today, the CHP is served by over 6,700 men and women.

Two examples of the dedication and service to the driving public and specifically to the residents of the 22d Congressional District of the State of California are retiring Officers Larry Steinkraus and Nick Bassolino. Both officers served the country in the military before entering law enforcement. As the commercial officers assigned to secure the safety of the roads of our community they were personally responsible for removing over 11,600 unsafe commercial vehicles over the last 12 years. Officer Steinkraus served as a California Highway Patrol officer for over 28 years in total and Officer Bassolino served 30 years.

Mr. Speaker, today we honor Officer Larry Steinkraus and Officer Nick Bassolino as they retire from their brilliant careers in public service. They have truly displayed the courage, honesty, and professionalism that the California Highway Patrol brings to the residents of the State of California.

INTRODUCTION OF GOOD CORPORATE CITIZENSHIP AND FEDERAL PROCUREMENT INCENTIVES ACT

HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 25, 1997

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, at a time when some American corporations commonly use large-scale layoffs in order to reap hundreds of millions of dollars in profits on the stock market, demand give-backs in order to pit American workers in competition with cheap, unprotected foreign workers, and invest overseas to escape health, safety, and environmental standards here at home, we do not believe that the United States Government should be rewarding such shortsighted companies with billions of dollars in federal contracts vis-a-vis companies that are good corporate citizens here at home and overseas. Instead, we should be using the purchasing power of the Federal Government to reward socially responsible and environmentally responsible companies.

Every year the U.S. Government buys more than \$200 billion in goods and services, ranging from weapons systems to cleaning supplies, making it the largest customer in the American marketplace. This purchasing power needs to be harnessed—through targeted procurement preferences—and used as an engine of progress and as a powerful source of marketplace leverage to reward exemplary corporate behavior in the bottom line.

The economist Adam Smith recognized that free markets, left to their own devices, do not deal with matters of economic justice and social equity, let alone environmental sustainability. In that vein, our Federal Government should also be doing more than just trying to save a buck. Uncle Sam should be an enlightened consumer and encourage more of the business community to practice good corporate citizenship. Just as with the individual citizen, the good corporate citizen should be expected to act ethically and should be rewarded accordingly in the marketplace. That means not only acting responsibly as a company in producing goods and services, but

also responding to the needs and interests of host communities as well as employees and customers. This approach is far from revolutionary because companies of all sizes and sectors have realized that good conduct can result in long-term profitability. That is why more than 100 U.S. companies have already adopted codes of conduct to govern their internal operations and external affairs.

My colleagues, Congressmen EVANS, FILNER, LIPINSKI, and LEWIS join me today in introducing legislation to give a substantial preference, when bidding on Federal contracts, to companies that adopt and enforce a corporate code of conduct and open their operations to outside monitoring of compliance. In other words, priority will go to companies which provide a safe and healthy workplace, avoid racial or gender discrimination, comply with laws that ensure fair competition, and uphold a responsible environmental record at home and in their overseas operations.

Specifically, our bill—the Good Corporate Citizenship and Federal Procurement Incentives Act—does the following:

Requires the director of each Federal agency to establish procedures to give a preference to contracting with companies that have adopted and are enforcing codes of conduct;

Requires that corporate codes of conduct build upon the workplace code of conduct recently agreed upon by the Apparel Industry Partnership as well as the model business principles developed and announced in 1995 after lengthy White House consultations with business leaders, public interest groups, and concerned individuals;

Ensures that all employees are well informed about the specific provisions of the corporate code of conduct adopted by their employing company;

Establishes an annual Federal interagency review, a public petition process, and public hearings to be spearheaded by the U.S. Department of Commerce to investigate and determine whether companies that have been awarded preferences are, in fact, complying with and enforcing their corporate codes of conduct;

Allows any person or organization—including independent monitors—with pertinent factual information to file a petition and request a public hearing on evidence that a company that has received or is receiving a procurement preference is not in compliance with its own corporate code of conduct; and

Authorizes Federal agencies to take into account when extending trade mission support, OPIC/EX-IM Bank assistance and other taxpayer-financed benefits and to withdraw, suspend, or limit procurement preferences awarded on a contract or company basis or both as a result of investigations and public hearing(s) in which it is determined that a company is not enforcing its corporate code of conduct. The decisions of Federal agencies in this regard would also be subject to judicial review.

Mr. Speaker, this is very timely and groundbreaking legislation to give a significant preference in the awarding of more than \$200 billion in Federal contracts to U.S. companies that practice good corporate citizenship day in and day out.

TRIBUTE TO CLARA BARTON HIGH SCHOOL

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 25, 1997

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the students of Clara Barton High School of Brooklyn, NY. They have not been celebrated as sports heroes. They are not entertainment celebrities. But a tradition has been established in academic excellence at Clara Barton High School. These students have tirelessly dedicated themselves to achieving academic excellence.

Clara Barton High School recently won fourth place in the "We the People * * * The Citizen and the Constitution" competition sponsored by the Center for Civic Education. This national competition is organized to encourage young people to learn more about our Constitution and how our Government works. In this competition, students demonstrate their knowledge of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights before simulated congressional committees composed of constitutional scholars, lawyers, journalists, and Government leaders. Students compete as classes after completing a comprehensive course of study on the Constitution to qualify for the competition. The national finalists must win congressional district and State competitions to advance to this point.

This is the second time Clara Barton has placed fourth in the contest and the sixth time that they have made it to the national finals as State champions. It is quite evident that something great is going on at Clara Barton High School. I congratulate the members of the team from Clara Barton High School in my district in Brooklyn. My hat goes off to you. I want to congratulate each student because I think this is part of the process of creating an environment in America where education is exalted, where academic and intellectual activities are raised to a new level. We must create an atmosphere where our students are inspired and given incentives to strive for excellence.

These are the students who strive for excellence in understanding the Bill of Rights and the Constitution: Nicole Aljoe, Munira Basir, Letricia Bennett, Michelle Bennett, Katherine Bernard, Slahudin Bholai, Dafina Westbrook-Broady, Keisha Carrington, Shakira Chang, Calvin Coleman, Dean Douglas, Nirva Dube, Iesha Etheridge, Jonathan Ewars, Migdalia Feliberty, Sean Forde, Sharkara Godet, Olsen Grant, Moshesh Harris, Rochelin Herold, Christopher Hubbard, Sonia Hurlie, Tiffany Jefferson, Generva John, Anthony Marin, Anisah Miley, Travis Moorer, Calistia Nanton, Franchelica Nunez, Damian O'Connor, Ayo Ogun, Emmanuel Onasile, Tamara Osbourne, Charlene Palmerm, Carolina Perez, Natalie Pierre, Raquel Rivera, Tanisha Simpson, Camille Sinclair, Vysaisha Singh, Vijay Sookdeo, Sharon St. Hill, Karrien Stone, Naquida Taylor, and Andrea Telford.

The students at Clara Barton High School come from very diverse socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds. It was the most diverse team to appear at the national contest. The diversity of my district is reflected in the names of these children. My district has Cambodian, Chinese and Pakistani residents. There are a