

his hometown. His wife Kay, along with his 4 children 16 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren are also proud of Cy Walsh, as are his fellow firefighters and community members.

Therefore, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in saluting Donald "Cy" Walsh on the occasion of his 50th anniversary of service to the Riverhead Fire Department. Congratulations, Cy.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES E. WHITE

HON. THOMAS W. EWING

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 1997

Mr. EWING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. James E. White, Rural Housing Specialist of the USDA, Rural Development. Mr. White retired on May 31, 1997, after a distinguished 26-year career.

He began his Federal career with Farmers Home Administration in 1971 as an assistant county supervisor in Lincoln, IL. He was promoted to county supervisor in Golconda/Metropolis in 1975. His final career move was to Rural Housing Specialist in the Illinois State Office in 1976. Mr. White remained in that position until his retirement.

Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to bring the achievements of James White to the attention of my colleagues in the House, and ask that they join me in expressing our appreciation and congratulations to Mr. White for his tremendous service to the people of Illinois.

A TRIBUTE TO DENNIS MARTIN

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 1997

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention the fine work and outstanding public service of Dennis Martin who is retiring as supervisor of the Inyo National Forest after a long and dedicated career in forest management. Dennis will be recognized for his many contributions at a retirement dinner in his honor on July 12.

Dennis Martin was born in 1939 in the small mining town of Cornucopia, OR. He began his forest work at the age of 18 with the Wallowa-Whitman Forest in Washington State. Two years later, he began working as a smoke jumper in the North Cascades in Washington. Following a 2-year stint in the Army and a year working for a private timber company, Dennis returned to the Wallowa-Whitman Forest to begin his permanent career.

Over the years, Dennis has worked in a variety of capacities in forest management in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and California. After a 3½ year stint as deputy forest supervisor of the Boise National Forest in Idaho, Dennis became forest supervisor of the Inyo Forest in 1986. Dennis has also done critical collaborative work in forest management and has achieved great success through recognizing the value of partnerships in resolving important land use issues.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me and our colleagues in recognizing the many fine

achievements of Dennis Martin. We are grateful for his remarkable stewardship of the Inyo National Forest and wish him the very best in the years to come.

CONGRATULATIONS TO RT. REV. MOUSHEGH MARDIROSSIAN

HON. GEORGE P. RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 1997

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Rt. Rev. Moushegh Mardirossian for his elevation to the rank of bishop in the Armenian Apostolic Church. Right Reverend Mardirossian's inspiration and leadership is held with the greatest respect.

On June 22, 1997, Right Reverend Mardirossian was elevated to the rank of bishop after a Pontifical High Mass in Antelias, Lebanon, at the St. Gregory the Illuminator Cathedral. This Episcopal ordination by the Catholicos came as a result of an official request presented by the Prelacy's National Representative Assembly, and the joint session of the Religious and Central Executive Councils of the Western Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church.

Right Reverend Mardirossian was born in Beirut, Lebanon. He completed his elementary education in Noubarian Armenian School in October 1969. He immediately entered the Armenian Seminary of the Great House of Cilicia, in Antelias. As a graduate of the Antelias Seminary, Right Reverend Mardirossian was ordained into celibate priesthood in June 1976. Since that time, he has served in various capacities in both Lebanon and California.

Right Reverend Mardirossian has functioned as vicar general and on November 17, 1995, the Joint Session of the Religious and Executive Councils of the Western Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America unanimously elected him Locum Tenens of the Prelacy. He has been a member of the national representative assembly and member and chairperson of the religious council. Prior to his election as a prelate in May 1996, Right Reverend Mardirossian was the pastor of the Forty Martyrs Armenian Apostolic Church in Orange County, CA.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I congratulate Rt. Rev. Moushegh Mardirossian for his elevation to the rank of bishop. His character and wisdom are symbolic of his outstanding service as a religious leader and human being. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Rt. Rev. Moushegh Mardirossian continued happiness and inspirational religious leadership.

TRIBUTE TO FRANCIS J. MARELLA

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 1997

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to congratulate my friend, Mr. Francis J. Marella, upon his retirement from the Macomb County Probate Court on May 30, 1997. His colleagues will honor him with a dinner party at Fern Hill on July 9, 1997.

Since 1961, Frank Marella has been a familiar and friendly face at Macomb County Juvenile Court. As a friend and former coworker of Frank's, I can attest to his strong sense of caring and compassion. For many years I have appreciated the great friendship and support that Frank has given to my family. Frank was the first person I met when I began working at Juvenile Court. I was amazed by his strong commitment to preventing crime and creating a safer community.

Throughout the years, Frank's vision and dedication has resulted in numerous innovative programs designed to help children and their families. As program director, Frank realized the strong need for community support groups to support strong families, drug-free and crime-free lifestyles. Over a span of 37 years, Frank has implemented programs such as the Big Brother program, Family Skills Development, Juvenile Employment Education, Substance Abuse Education, Systematic Training for Effective Parenting, and the Community Restitution program. Frank's programs have encouraged parents and the community to take an active role in improving the welfare of our youth.

Macomb County has been lucky to have a leader like Frank Marella. Few people give to their community with the same time and energy that Frank has given to his. Frank's successful programs have touched the lives of many people. On behalf of the citizens of Macomb County, I would like to thank Frank for all of his hard work and dedication.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN PETROLL, DEPUTY MAYOR OF WEST ORANGE

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 1997

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention John Petroll, deputy mayor of West Orange, NJ.

John has dutifully served the township of West Orange for decades. He began his service to the township of West Orange as a police officer and always was conscious of giving back to the community. He was a special police officer at Rock Spring Country Club and at Midlantic Bank, and has served as president of New Jersey Special Police Association. John has been the deputy mayor of West Orange for the past 19 years, celebrating his 20th year at townhall this month. At 87 years of age, he walks to and from work every day, arriving as early as 6 a.m., to begin working for the citizens of West Orange. John sorts through the mail, organizes schedules and gets the offices ready for the late-comers.

John, together with the clerks in the administration office, put together the "West Orange Outlook," a monthly informational packet outlining special activities and events. The township's recycling center relies on John to field telephone calls from residents with questions and problems, and municipal officials depend on him to arrange special weekend meetings. His favorite duty by his own admission is community advertising—maintaining the announcement sign in front of the township hall. John is also the township's resident historian.

According to Murray Palent, council president of the West Orange Town Council, "John

is a permanent fixture in West Orange" and "is always there when you need him, always willing to lend anyone a hand." West Orange Mayor Sam Spina has stated that John, "is a loyal, dedicated, trustworthy friend, someone this entire town can count on. He takes care of so much for us, and we are very lucky to have him." His generosity to people, organizations, and causes is well known, as well.

Throughout the years, John has been a good friend of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Alva Edison, Charles Edison, and former Governor Brendan Byrne. John has two children, John and Robert, three grandchildren, Karen, Bryan and Kevin, and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, John's family and friends, and the township of West Orange in recognizing John Petroll's outstanding and invaluable service to the community of West Orange.

CARDOZO SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL'S CONSTITUTIONAL SCHOLARS

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 1997

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, students from Cardozo Senior High School gave an outstanding performance in the national finals competition "We the People . . . The Citizens and the Constitution National Academic Program" which is administered by the Center for Civic Education.

These talented young students competed against 50 other classes from throughout the Nation and demonstrated a working knowledge of the fundamental ideas and values of the American constitutional government. The national finals competition simulated a congressional hearing where students testified as constitutional experts before a panel of judges.

I want to encourage these promising Cardozo Senior High School constitutional scholars Davida Baldwin, Ta Hoang, Andrea Jones, Thomas Richardson, Suleimon Shifaw, Tiffany Simms, Antoinette Stephenson, Zerai Kifle, Quana Teleferro, Levi Ruffin, Veronica Nguyen, and Toan Vu. I want to also salute Mr. Bruce Pendleton for utilizing strong learning patterns in teaching American Government.

I ask that this body join me in congratulating these young people, Mr. Bruce Pendleton, and the District of Columbia Coordinator, Sharon Yohannes-Bocar on this worthy accomplishment.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE YORK- TOWN HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS LA- CROSSE TEAM—NEW YORK STATE'S 1997 STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. SUE W. KELLY

OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 1997

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, for the second year in a row, the members of Yorktown High School's girls lacrosse team have won the New York State Public High School Athletic Association's [NYSPHSAA] girls lacrosse State championship, and I would like to take

a few moments to recognize these young women from my district, each of whom has exhibited great dedication, outstanding teamwork, and extraordinary perseverance.

In 1996, the Yorktown Cornhuskers won the NYSPHSAA girls lacrosse competition in Division B. Over the past year, increasing student enrollment at Yorktown High School placed the girls lacrosse team in Division A.

Mr. Speaker, any sports fan would be inspired by the manner in which the Yorktown High School girls lacrosse team responded to their placement in the highly competitive Division A. The Cornhuskers found themselves competing against teams representing schools with student bodies as much as four times larger than Yorktown's. In spite of the odds, the Yorktown High School girls lacrosse team played a remarkable season, decisively winning the NYSPHSAA Division A championship. In doing so, the Yorktown Cornhuskers became the first girls' lacrosse team in the State of New York to first win a championship in one division and then win in a higher division the immediate following year.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate each of these motivated young women, as well as their parents and coaches, for the Yorktown Cornhuskers' repeated success. High school varsity athletes are expected to commit a great deal of time to their sport. For the members of the Yorktown High School girls lacrosse team initiative and hard work are the norm.

However, the coaches and parents of these young women also deserve recognition, because without their devotion, these young women would have had trouble reaching the goals that they have. So by supporting their children, the parents of these young women have profoundly nurtured their daughters' ambitions. And certainly no less significant than their parents' guidance, a sound coach who positively motivates the members of a team—such as their's surely does, by constantly pushing them to fulfill their potential, also played a significant role in their success.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the young women of the Yorktown High School girls lacrosse team. Their hard work, commitment, and teamwork should serve as a model for us all. I congratulate the Cornhuskers for their hard-fought and well-deserved victory, and I wish them continued success in all their future seasons.

PRESERVE OUR NATION'S FARMLAND

HON. JOSEPH R. PITTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 1997

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, the family farms of Lancaster and Chester Counties are national treasures. Sadly, pristine farmland which has been operated by families in the 16th District of Pennsylvania for generations is at risk due to the Federal estate tax. Many family farms in southeast Pennsylvania and across this Nation are sold in an effort to pay off huge estates taxes, and others are sold to developers in fear of the impending estate tax. Thanks to excessive taxation, our Nation's farms are slowly being eliminated.

That is why I am introducing the Farm Preservation Act today. This bill will protect our

farmland by eliminating estate taxes on a farm which has a covenant ensuring that the land will remain a farm. By eliminating the estate tax on farms, families can be rest assured that their life's work will not be abandoned once the farm is left to a family member who will continue the farming tradition. Further, this bill waives all capital gains taxes on the sale of a farm which will be used only as farmland. This provision provides a real incentive for people who must sell their farm to ensure that it remains in agricultural production in the future.

Mr. Speaker, in order to preserve our precious farmland, we need to end the tax practices which destroy them. We must also provide incentives for people to keep farmland undeveloped. The Farm Preservation Act accomplishes these important goals. As we consider another tax relief bill in 1998, I urge Members to join me in protecting our Nation's farmland and provide real opportunities to keep family farmers in business.

WHY I SUPPORT NORMAL TRADE RELATIONS FOR CHINA

HON. LEE H. HAMILTON

OF INDIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 1997

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to my colleagues' attention my monthly newsletter on foreign affairs from June 1997 entitled "Why I Support Normal Trade Relations for China."

I ask that this newsletter be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

The newsletter follows:

WHY I SUPPORT NORMAL TRADE RELATIONS FOR CHINA

Earlier this month, the House of Representatives voted to extend normal trade relations, known as "most favored nation" (MFN) status, for China for another year. The MFN debate was hotly contested. Opponents argued that China's record on human rights, trade, proliferation and other issues did not justify extending normal trade relations. I disagree. Engagement—including normal trade relations—is the best means to bring China into the international community and to achieve U.S. political, economic and security objectives.

China matters. China is the world's most populous country, with the largest army and one of the largest economies. Its actions directly affect peace and stability throughout East and Southeast Asia. As a permanent member of the UN Security Council, China has a say in many decisions affecting U.S. interests. How China evolves will profoundly affect our economic, political and security interests. If China becomes a threat, the U.S. defense budget will go up, tensions in Asia will rise, and Asia's prosperity will be at risk. If we keep U.S.-China relations on track, peace and security in Asia will be strengthened, prospects for human rights will be enhanced, and Asia's remarkable economic growth will continue.

A policy of engagement. By extending normal trade relations for another year, the House chose a policy of engagement over a policy of isolation. I agree. Engagement has been the policy of every President, Democratic and Republican, for twenty-five years. Engagement is not appeasement. It does not mean ignoring our differences with China. It means actively engaging China to resolve our differences. It means hard bargaining in pursuit of American objectives.