

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in honoring the State championship Reston Little League All-Stars. The Homecoming Parade of All-Stars celebrates the hard work, dedication, sportsmanship, and competitive spirit of the entire team organization which resulted in their many spectacular achievements.

COMMENDATION FOR THE
HAYMARKET CENTER OF CHICAGO, IL

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 1997

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to commend and congratulate Father Ignatious McDermott and the Haymarket Center which he founded as a result of his work in the area on the near west side of Chicago. This area, formerly known as "Skid Row" earned Father McDermott the nickname of the "Priest of Skid Row."

Haymarket Center was founded in 1975 in response to the needs of the men and women who frequented the streets and flophouses in the area. Haymarket is a full-scale substance abuse treatment center which administers 28 programs that provide a comprehensive approach to substance abuse known as a continuum of care. Haymarket Center serves over 14,000 individuals each year; and since 1975, Father McDermott has inspired hundreds of thousands of individuals to overcome their addictions to alcohol, tobacco, and/or illegal drugs.

A model for other substance abuse treatment centers throughout the country, Haymarket's continuum of care is an integration of drug abuse prevention, treatment, health services, day care, parent training, vocational education, and job placement. This integration of services enables addicted individuals to recover more quickly and completely. Because substance abuse treatment services are largely financed with public funding, helping these individuals benefits the taxpaying public.

In recognition of Haymarket Center's leadership in providing high quality and effective treatment services, Gen. Barry McCaffrey, Director of the Office of National Drug Policy, recently took the opportunity to visit the center. General McCaffrey used his visit to Haymarket Center to direct the attention of the public to the value of our Nation's investment in community-based substance abuse treatment services. During his visit, General McCaffrey acknowledged that providing effective treatment services not only helps individuals to achieve sustained recovery from addiction, but also saves significant dollars which would otherwise be necessary for treating addicted individuals within our criminal justice system.

I am pleased to note that Gen. Barry McCaffrey has brought attention to the need for a better balance between interdiction and treatment in our Nation's efforts to combat drug abuse. I commend Haymarket Center for its continued commitment to improving and expanding substance abuse prevention and treatment services for all individuals in need, including those whom I am privileged to represent.

I ask my colleagues to join with me in commending Haymarket Center; and I urge my colleagues to take as much time as they can to visit a comprehensive substance abuse treatment center located in their respective districts.

Again, I commend and congratulate Father Ignatious McDermott and the Haymarket Center.

TRIBUTE TO PETALUMA CHIEF OF
POLICE DENNIS DeWITT

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 1997

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding public servant, Police Chief Dennis DeWitt. Chief DeWitt is retiring after 30 years with the Petaluma Police Department. I wish I could join his family, friends, and colleagues in celebrating his distinguished career.

Dennis DeWitt attended Golden Gate University where he earned a B.A. in administration of justice and a masters in public administration. For the past 10 years, he served as chief of the Petaluma Police Department.

Dennis DeWitt's devotion to the community is admirable. He serves as a board member on the Committee on the Shelterless, is a past president of the Boys and Girls Club, a former board member of the Family Education Center, and was a member of the Host Lions Club. As the chief of police he proved over and over that Petaluma and the citizens of Petaluma were his No. 1 priority. He was proud of the city, and, in turn, we were proud of him.

Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay tribute to Dennis DeWitt. His service to the residents of Petaluma will be greatly missed. I wish he, his wife Tricia, and their family, the best.

A TRIBUTE TO LAKE ARROWHEAD
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 1997

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to bring to your attention the fine work and outstanding performance of Lake Arrowhead Elementary School in Lake Arrowhead, CA. Earlier this year, Lake Arrowhead Elementary was named a California Distinguished School by State superintendent of public instruction, Delaine Easton. This recognition, one of the highest educational awards presented in California, puts this fine school in the top tier of educational institutions in the entire state.

Lake Arrowhead Elementary School, located in the mountains of San Bernardino County, has achieved an excellent level of success in maintaining high-academic standards for its students. Under the fine and capable leadership of Principal John Fenn, this school has excelled largely because of its outstanding faculty, devoted student body, and the active and involved support of the entire mountain community. As the largest elementary school

in the rim of the World Unified School District with an enrollment of 840 students, Lake Arrowhead Elementary is especially well known for its dedication to its students.

In February, Lake Arrowhead Elementary was selected as a 1997 regional nominee for the California School Recognition Program. The competition for this recognition alone was exceptionally stiff with nearly 700 schools submitting applications to the State superintendent of public instruction. Several months later, John Fenn was notified of his school's crowning achievement—selection as a California Distinguished School—a success that was shared by the entire Lake Arrowhead Elementary School community in May.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me, our colleagues, and the many admirers of Lake Arrowhead Elementary in recognizing the outstanding achievements of the staff, students, and others who continue to bring success to this fine school. This achievement provides a model of success to be emulated not only by other schools in California but across the country as well. I join the House in applauding the efforts of this fine program and congratulate Lake Arrowhead Elementary for a job well done.

TRIBUTE TO POLICE SGT. TERRY
D. GUSTIN

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 1997

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I take to the floor of the House today to acknowledge the outstanding career of Corona Police Sgt. Terry D. Gustin. Sergeant Gustin, who spent 32 years in law enforcement, will retire on September 13, 1997. My hometown of Corona, CA has been extremely fortunate to have had Sergeant Gustin protecting our community and making it a safer place in which to live and work.

Sergeant Gustin is a native of southern California and attended California Baptist College in Riverside. After serving 4 years in the U.S. Navy and serving in Vietnam, Sergeant Gustin returned to southern California and in 1965 was hired as a reserve police officer in Corona. This was the beginning of a long and distinguished career in law enforcement. In 1968, he was hired full time by the Corona Police Department, where he has served as a police officer, a detective, traffic sergeant, acting lieutenant, and relief watch commander. He will finish his career as a sergeant with the patrol division.

During his early years in law enforcement, Sergeant Gustin started the first YDT team in Riverside County with one RSO deputy and one probation officer. Sergeant Gustin has also been involved in a wide range of activities during his career, including being a former member of the Police National Rodeo Association for 10 years in steer wrestling, the Riverside County Peace Officers Association, the California Combat Association, the Peace Officers Research Association, the FOP Lodge in Riverside, among many others.

Sergeant Gustin has been a great credit to the Corona Police Department, and his service has been appreciated by citizens throughout the city, who will remember him as someone

who took the time to help others. On behalf of the citizens of the 43d Congressional District, I wish to extend my thanks and appreciation to Sgt. Terry D. Gustin for his years of dedicated service to our community and extend my best wishes in his future endeavors.

**A TRIBUTE TO MR. JOSEPH
DINATALE ON HIS RETIREMENT
AS RIVERSIDE, IL, VILLAGE
PRESIDENT**

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 1997

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to an outstanding public servant who recently completed 12 years of service, 8 of them as village president, to the people of Riverside, IL—Mr. Joseph H. DiNatale.

Mr. DiNatale was elected to the village board in 1985, and became president four years later. His leadership helped guide Riverside, one of the crown jewels of suburban Chicago, through an important period of change as younger families moved into the community of rambling Victorian homes and sleek Frank Lloyd Wright-style designs. Most would agree that Riverside is as strong a community, if no more so, as when Mr. DiNatale was first elected village president.

But Mr. DiNatale's service to his community did not begin as an elected official. He spent 7 years as an assistant Cook County State's attorney, prosecuting dangerous felons on behalf of his fellow citizens. For 22 years, Mr. DiNatale has served as governing member of the Chicago Zoological Society, which oversees the world famous Brookfield Zoo. He was also a member of both the parish council and school board of St. Mary's Church.

As a distinguished attorney, Mr. DiNatale has served as a law instructor with various police departments and as a judge at the Northwestern Law School Moot Courts. He has also received numerous professional and civics awards and recognitions. His most recent honor was being named as the Riverside Chamber of Commerce's Man of the Year. However, perhaps his most important achievement has been personal and shared with his wife, Adele, in raising their six children: Joseph Jr., Katherine, Marc, Maria, Cara, and Michael.

Mr. Speaker, I salute Mr. Joseph DiNatale on his years of dedicated community and public service, and extend my best wishes for all the best success for him and his family in the future.

**TRIBUTE TO THE SOUTHAMPTON
FULL GOSPEL CHURCH**

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 1997

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today before my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to pay tribute to the Southampton Full Gospel Church, in Southampton, Long Island, whose congregants will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the church's founding this week.

Since 1972, the Southampton Full Gospel Church and its members have been vital and active participants in the community life of Southampton Town and throughout the East End of Long Island. Since being installed as pastor in May of 1973, Rev. Donald Havrilla and his wife Eileen have successfully worked to create a ministry that has brought to life the love and saving grace of God through the healing work of church members.

Knowing that to save men's and women's souls, often we must first save their bodies, church members have faithfully tended to their neighbors' physical needs. The life-saving ministries founded by the Southampton Full Gospel Church include a Christian Education program, Bible-based drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs, and pro-life efforts to end the abortion. Also, by working with local school officials, church members have assured that traditional family values are recognized in local public schools. Through their work, church members have come to personify the Gospel message by joyfully tending to the Lord's flock.

Reaching beyond their own community, in 1981 the Southampton Full Gospel Church established a mission in the town of Leogane, Haiti. Nurturing an effort that began by feeding 25 impoverished children, the mission work has grown to feed 1,000 malnourished children a day and employ 55 residents of this poor Haitian community. At the 3-acre church and education mission, another 850 children have their minds and bodies nourished at the K-8 school, while 80 mothers and their children are given medical care at the Momto program.

For the past 25 years, members of the Southampton Full Gospel Church have devoted their time, talents, and resources to provide physical and spiritual sustenance to their fellow man. In so doing, they have brought the Gospel message to life for all of us on Long Island who are privileged to witness their efforts. May God continue to bless us all with the works of the Southampton Full Gospel Church.

**REGARDING FATHER MARCOS
ZAMORA**

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 1997

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Father Marcos Zamora and his many accomplishments upon the occasion of his departure from St. Paul the Apostle Church.

Since his ordination in 1990, Father Zamora has been serving his congregants as their priest, mentor, and friend. His sensitivity and concern for all people has been an inspiration to all and an example that is truly worthy of emulation. It is heartening to find an individual as fully committed to the service of others as Father Zamora. This commitment has helped to bring together different ethnic groups, those of different ages and backgrounds in the membership of St. Paul's Church. His vocal and passionate stance on many social issues has also helped to increase awareness within his community and to foster understanding. Father Zamora has sponsored workshops on

issues such as domestic violence and teenage pregnancy as a means of helping his community through education, individual empowerment, and communication.

Mr. Speaker, as Father Zamora prepares to assume a new position at the Good Shepherd Church, also in New York City, I congratulate him on his successes and extend to him the utmost thanks from those whom he has touched. I speak for everyone who knows Father Zamora when I wish him well in his future pursuits.

**NURSING HOME PUBLIC
INFORMATION ACT OF 1997**

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 1997

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, when millions of Americans must make the difficult decision to put an aging relative in a nursing home, we trust the institution to care properly for our loved ones. But as a recent General Accounting Office [GAO] study points out, nursing homes across the United States don't always treat the 1.8 million residents like family.

At a time when the nursing home industry is undergoing explosive growth as a result of an aging population, my recently introduced Nursing Home Public Information Act of 1997 would allow families to make an informed choice when choosing a nursing home. By directing HHS to publicly disseminate information currently compiled in databases maintained or available to HHS concerning nursing homes, this bill takes a step in the right direction toward educating the public.

While most nursing homes adhere to Federal and State regulations, each year billions of dollars are lost to fraud and abuse. According to the GAO, Federal Medicare and Federal/State Medicaid programs paid nursing home providers more than \$35 billion in 1995. The Department of Justice estimates that as much as 10 percent is lost to fraud and abuse.

By aggressively targeting five states, the Department of Health and Human Services [HHS], through Operation Restore Trust, has obtained 74 criminal convictions and recovered \$67.3 million for Medicare. More than four dozen civil suits have collected \$72.8 million in fines and settlements, and companies have returned another \$47.4 million.

Convicting abusive providers, levying fines, recovering overpayments, negotiating settlements—all these actions are necessary to reduce fraud and abuse. But they will never be more than the second best way to do this. The best way is to prevent fraud, abuse, and waste from occurring in the first place. This requires informing the public. As a recent Government Reform and Oversight Human Resources Subcommittee hearing revealed, the public receives little or no information relating to fraud, abuse, and quality of care in nursing homes.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join my efforts to assist millions of families across the Nation by supporting the Nursing Home Public Information Act of 1997.

H.R.—

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,