

use of traditional film developing processes creates a great deal of waste through the use of wet chemistry. The new technology developed by Imaton does away with this wet chemistry and replaces it with a process that uses heat and laser imaging to develop images. The company estimates that this new process has already reduced the production of contaminated wastewater by 54.5 million gallons annually.

It is for this reason that the EPA has singled out Imaton for this award. Minnesota has a long and proud tradition of finding ways to improve our way of life while protecting and nurturing our natural surroundings. It is terrific to see a high-technology company like Imaton developing products that reduce pollution while still getting the job done for the American people. I am very pleased to bring their success to the attention of the House and to congratulate them on their achievement.

NATIONAL FARMERS' MARKET MONTH

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 1997

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate August as the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Farmers' Market Month. I would like to take this time to recognize the successes of Southern California's farmers' markets, particularly the Southland Farmers' Market.

Each year more than a million and a half people visit Southland Farmers' Markets to purchase the finest and freshest produce in town. At these markets the consumer buys directly from the farmer, purchasing the freshest food at competitive prices. These farmers also help people select the juiciest and ripest produce while offering tips on preparation and cooking—services not available in most grocery stores.

In addition to offering spectacular services, these markets are extraordinarily important to both farmers and citizens in our community. The majority of participants are small farmers who desperately need access to public markets in order to survive. They therefore rely upon selling their products at these markets and would find it difficult to market their crops if they could no longer participate in farmers' markets.

Besides helping farmers, these markets also benefit citizens in our community. They provide an opportunity for farmers to supply surplus produce for the hungry and have helped to revitalize downtown communities in our area. The success of these markets would not be possible without the backing of the Department of Agriculture and citizens of our community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in commemorating August as National Farmers' Market Month. I wish great success for all farmers' markets here in our community and throughout the United States.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF HELP LINE

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 1997

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the founding of Help Line, a nonprofit, informational, advocacy, and crisis intervention agency serving the Wyoming Valley area of my congressional district in Pennsylvania.

Administered by the Family Services Association, Help Line was created by Anne Vernon in 1972 when the raging flood waters of Hurricane Agnes shut down all communication in the Wyoming Valley. It provided a centralized source of vital information to the victims of the devastation. In 1975, the agency entered into an agreement with area agencies to provide 24 hour crisis services. Soon other agencies signed on to the service and Help Line became the crisis center for all Wyoming Valley social service agencies. The information and referral component of Help Line now lists over 500 agencies in its local data files and over 1,700 total listings.

Throughout its existence, Help Line has responded to special community needs. For example, it assisted in the coordination of the local United Way's Emergency Day Camp Program, establishing services for the speech and hearing impaired, and assembling a list of physicians for people who were unemployed and without health insurance.

Mr. Speaker, the Wyoming Valley has grown to rely on the services of Help Line. Help Line has established the Family Action Network, addressing the problems of teen pregnancy, HIV infection, juvenile delinquency, and substance abuse just to name a few. Under the able leadership of its director, Mr. Michael Zimmerman; assistant director, Mr. Gary F. Smith; family services director, Mr. Dennis Gourley, and its outstanding board of community leaders led by Mr. Tom Bigler, Help Line is one of the most comprehensive 24 hour crisis centers and information and referral centers of its kind in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Its well trained and dedicated staff are on duty to handle crises round the clock.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join with the Board of Family Services Association and the entire Wyoming Valley in congratulating the fine management and staff of Help Line for providing quality service for 25 years.

DR. PATRICIA WORTHY OYESHIKU: 1997 WESTERN REGIONAL EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 1997

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Patricia Worthy Oyeshiku, a distinguished teacher from my home town of San Diego who has made a positive impact on thousands of young lives in our community. I am proud to recognize Dr. Oyeshiku, an outstanding teacher at Morse High School in my congressional district where she has taught since 1971.

Tomorrow, she will receive the 1997 Western Regional Excellence in Teaching Award by the National Council of Negro Women. This Excellence in Teaching Award is designed to raise awareness and involvement of African-American parents, educators, and community leaders in meeting the educational needs of African-American youth.

The award recognizes exceptional public school teachers of African-American students who are living the philosophy and legacy of the National Council of Negro Women. Funded by Shell Oil Co., the award ceremonies tomorrow are an opportunity to generate greater public awareness and appreciation of excellence in teaching.

This is not the first time that Dr. Oyeshiku has been recognized for her outstanding contribution to our young people. She was the California Teacher of the Year in 1981 and also National Teacher of the Year finalist that year. She was honored as the Headliner in Education by the San Diego Press Club in 1981.

She serves on the California Academic Partnership Program Advisory Board, is an evaluation team leader of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, has served as past cochairperson for all English department Chairs in the San Diego unified school district, is a member of the Advisory Committee in Reading for the San Diego unified achievement goals program and of the advisory council to an interdisciplinary approach to multicultural education. She has lectured throughout the State of California on issues related to education.

Dr. Oyeshiku has always been an outstanding role model for many years. She served in the Peace Corps in Brazil, and received the John F. Kennedy Award as the outstanding Peace Corps volunteer in 1966. She is a member of the Readathon Advisory Board of the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Like those before her who have received this high honor, Dr. Oyeshiku has worked tirelessly for the benefit of every student in her classes. Her principal, Dr. Shirley Peterson, told me that she is "honored, on behalf of all of the Morse High School Tigers, to recognize Dr. Oyeshiku for receiving this prestigious award and to commend her and applaud her efforts."

Mr. Speaker, every student deserves the opportunity to succeed, and every student deserves a teacher like Dr. Oyeshiku. I am pleased that her efforts are recognized with the 1997 Western Regional Excellence in Teaching Award.

TRIBUTE TO CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OF ST. CLAIR COUNTY, 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 1997

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to honor Catholic Social Services of St. Clair County as they celebrate their 50th anniversary on September 14. This group of extraordinary people have dedicated their time, talents, and devotion to God to improve the welfare of people throughout St. Clair County.

In 1947, under the leadership of Edward Cardinal Mooney of the archdiocese of Detroit,

Catholic Social Services of St. Clair County was founded. In addition to the strong support of the archdiocese, the League of Catholic Women played a key role in bringing Catholic Social Services into existence. Its mission was to provide counseling and assistance to troubled families and individuals regardless of their religious affiliation.

When Catholic Social Services was first instituted, it was run by the Reverend John R. Hogan and only one social worker. But as time passed and the organization grew, so did its services. With the help of volunteers, professionals, and the support of the Catholic Church, the agency was able to expand to meet the varying needs of the community. The agency now runs Child Welfare services along with Adoption and Foster Home Care as well as an Alcoholic Service Center. Services were also added to aid those experiencing problems relating to aging, pregnancy, and child abuse.

For the past five decades, Catholic Social Services has combined its resources and energies to bring aid and sympathy to those in need. Its vision and support has touched and improved the lives of many people. Over the years, Catholic Social Services has provided an indispensable contribution to the people of St. Clair County. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Catholic Social Services of St. Clair County on their historic anniversary and in the anticipation of a successful future.

RELIEF FOR JOZEF RICHARD
MADAR, ETELA MADAR, AND
JOZEF THOMAS MADAR

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 1997

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about legislation I have introduced that would provide permanent residency to a young family from the former Czechoslovakia: Jozef Richard Madar, Etela Madar, and their son, Jozef Thomas Madar.

Several years prior to Slovakia's independence from the Czech Republic, the Madars sought refuge from religious persecution in the United States. Since arriving in our country over 6 years ago, Jozef and Etela have followed the rules and have conducted their lives in a most exemplary manner. Both Jozef and Etela have been gainfully employed the entire time they have been in the United States. In addition, neither Jozef or Etela has a criminal record and they have not accepted any public assistance or welfare. The Madar family, which has grown to include another son, Kevin, has been active in and embraced by both their community and church. In short, the Madar family is an embodiment of the strengths that built our great immigrant country.

Religious liberty, the freedom to proclaim a religious identity and practice it without fear, should be an inalienable right for people everywhere. In the former Czechoslovakia, Communist rule had a detrimental effect on all aspects of the Madar's life. Acts of harassment

and persecution resulting from their Catholic faith and anticommunist views led the Madars to our country. Discrimination not only affected the Madar's ability to practice their faith, but also their employment opportunities. While Slovakia has made some progress in the area of human rights, the Madars believe that this change has not been sufficient enough to ensure the level of safety and freedom that they have found in the United States. My legislation would allow the Madar family permanent residency which in turn would allow them to continue to contribute to the quality of life in western Pennsylvania and their community.

I am honored that I have the privilege to represent people of such fortitude and look forward to working with my colleagues to help the Madars in their quest to call the United States their lifelong home.

TRIBUTE TO NATIONAL ROBOTICS COMPETITION WINNERS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 1997

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to take this opportunity to congratulate 20 students from four Hammond, IN, high schools for winning the national robotics competition, FIRST [For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology], held at Walt Disney World's Epcot Center on April 10 through 12, 1997. Sponsored by Beatty Machine Manufacturing Co., Team Hammond entered 1 of 156 robots from 30 States and Puerto Rico, which resulted in 113 operating robots at the nationals. Beatty Machine's Team Hammond won the elimination matches to capture the first place national title.

Members of Beatty Machine's Team Hammond include: Karl Fink, Tara Hasting, Laurie Michnal, April Roque, and Steve Wiant, of George Rogers Clark High School; Jim Ferguson, Dave Mohamed, Ebony Townsend, Kris Vankleek, and Owen Wels, of Gavit High School; Matt Jakubczyk, John Ly, Nicholas Piatek, James Severa, and Jeff Spector, of Hammond High School; and Wendy Camancho, Amber Lahners, Natalie Payonk, Danelle Rivera, and Chris Sikich, of Morton High School.

The employees of Beatty Machine and its sister corporation, Bemcor, worked in conjunction with Team Hammond to design and build the winning robot during an intense 6-week period. The 116-pound remote-controlled robot worked to place inner tubes on a central post during 2-minute competitions. After winning the Midwest-Regional championship in March, Team Hammond was courted aggressively at the national competition by such Fortune 500 competitors as Motorola, Delco Electronics Corp., and Procter and Gamble. However, Team Hammond succeeded in eliminating the competition, some of which budgeted as much as \$500,000 for this year's entry. In addition to winning the first place title, the team was awarded the Honeywell Leadership in Control Award. This honor is awarded by a panel of

distinguished judges to the team, which demonstrates leadership in the application of electronic control systems. According to a FIRST spokesperson, "Beatty Machine had a very, very strong team and good strategy."

In honor of their accomplishments, Team Hammond was awarded special recognition through a joint resolution in the Indiana State Senate and House of Representatives on April 25, 1997, and also met with Indiana Governor, Frank O'Bannon, in April. In addition, the team was featured on ESPN's 1-hour special covering the national competition on Saturday, August 23, 1997. The team expects appearances on other television shows, as well as a visit to the White House later this year.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating the Beatty Machine Team Hammond students on their outstanding accomplishments in the field of science and technology. I would also like to commend the employees of Beatty Machine for the leadership they have taken in the education of our community's youth. All involved in this project should be proud of the hard work and dedication they have put forth to succeed and achieve.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN AND EFFIE WESTRA

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 1997

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor for me to rise today and pay tribute to John and Effie Westra, who are being honored by the Simon Wiesenthal Center as Righteous Gentiles for their heroic decision to harbor Jewish children during World War II. Through their sacrifice and dedication to their fellow man, both John and Effie Westra have provided models for all of us who seek to transcend differences of race and religion that all too often divide us.

This story of courage begins in what for many of us is a dark and distant past amid the horrors of WWII. Thanks to John and Effie Westra, however, life and hope overcame those horrors which engulfed the world as they, like countless others, protected Jewish children from the Nazis.

I could only imagine what thoughts went through John's and Effie's thoughts as they took in Alex Radziner—the threat of reprisal from the Nazis if they were caught hiding a Jewish child, the fear of facing an uncertain future amid a war-shattered Europe.

However, despite the constant threat of being discovered, John and Effie Westra hid Alex for 2 long and difficult years. Their compassion reminds me of a saying. "The brave man is not he who feels no fear, . . . But he, whose noble soul its fear subdues, And bravely dares the danger nature shrinks from."

It was due to the moral courage of John and Effie Westra that Alex Radziner survived the war. Today I join Alex Radziner's family to commend the Westras' courage and take honor in recognizing John and Effie.