

Mercy, Michelle O'Leary is part of a proud tradition of holy women that have served Pittsburgh for 150 years through the Mercy Health System and at Carlow College. Sister O'Leary is president of the Ireland Institute of Pittsburgh, which was founded in 1989 to promote western Pennsylvanian interaction in the political, economic, and social stability of Ireland and Northern Ireland.

Selflessness is a quality that embodies a Woman of Spirit and Lucille Rawson demonstrates this with her service to Pittsburgh and the world. That is the reason she has been named the April 1997, recipient of the Woman of Spirit Award. For years, Ms. Rawson has served as owner and operator of Hospital Albert Schweitzer that serves the poor in Haiti. She also served as host to Haitians in the United States. One of her more notable services was as treasurer of the Bryn Mawr Vassar Book Club, which provides scholarships to needy students.

Mary Molyneux is the Carlow College Woman of Spirit for May 1997. After the death of her husband, Ms. Molyneux kept up the family business of Molyneux Tile and Carpet Store and expanded it to three locations. Ms. Molyneux also owns a religious gift and book store. She earned her certificate in pastoral ministry at Carlow College and has performed her ministry at St. Margaret Memorial Hospital in Pittsburgh. She has also created a volunteer group at that hospital. Moreover, she has done all this and raised four children.

The June 1997, Woman of Spirit is Sandra McLaughlin, a senior vice president of Mellon Corp. Ms. McLaughlin heads Mellon's Cooperative Affairs Department and she chairs the board of the Mellon Bank Foundation and the Corporate Contributions Committee. Over the years, Ms. McLaughlin has moved from a teller to a very senior position in this company. She is also very involved in a number of community organizations.

Kay Snyder, July 1997's award recipient, earned her masters degree in social work from the University of Pittsburgh. A widow who raised three daughters, Ms. Snyder is known as one of the most gentle and warm people at Allegheny General Hospital. Ms. Snyder had a knack for trauma social work, and she rapidly became a valued member of the hospital staff. Today she operates the injury prevention program at Allegheny General. She is an inspiration to us all and a true woman of spirit.

August 1997 is highlighted with Women of Spirit Award winner Dorothy Davis of Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, a Pittsburgh-based law firm. She is an accomplished professional who still works time into her day for volunteer activities as director of the Mt. Lebanon Extended Day Program and as a volunteer for the Girl Scouts of southwestern Pennsylvania. A graduate of Carlow College and the University of Pittsburgh Law School, Ms. Davis has continued to be active in these institutions.

September 1997's Women of Spirit Award winner serves the public interest. Karen Wolk Feinstein has served on the faculty of major universities across the country including Boston College and Carnegie-Mellon University. In addition to the boards she sits on at National City Bank, Shadyside Hospital, and Carlow College, Ms. Feinstein is also a member of the University of Pittsburgh Health Science Wide Panel on Medical Ethics. Her last position was a senior VP of the United Way, Allegheny County. She currently serves as president of

the Jewish Healthcare Foundation of Pittsburgh.

Mr. Speaker, all of these women are modern day role models, and their contribution to our community helps to make Pittsburgh a wonderful place to live. Women of Spirit can be found every day, but Carlow College allows them to shine. Each and every individual that I have spoken about has energy, enthusiasm, intelligence, compassion, and competence that is unmatched. I salute this year's Woman of Spirit Award recipients and wish them the best at this year's gala.

TRIBUTE TO THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF LEISURE MANOR HOUSING COMPLEX

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 1997

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, 25 years ago, on October 1, 1972, Leisure Manor, in the city of St. Clair Shores, began opening its 120 doors to residents. The residents and the community are proud to recognize the anniversary of the opening on September 11. They will honor this happy occasion with an afternoon celebration on the Leisure Manor grounds.

In 1965, the St. Clair Shores Housing Commission was organized to administer federally subsidized rental assistance programs. Their goal was to provide affordable housing for families, senior citizens, and those who are handicapped or disabled. Until the commission constructed Leisure Manor, the city of St. Clair Shores did not offer subsidized rental assistance programs for senior citizens.

Leisure Manor is more than an apartment complex, it is a community. The residents enjoy the social atmosphere and community environment. Leisure Manor allows tenants to share with neighbors a community room with kitchen facilities, laundry rooms, library, card shop, and lounges. The complex also encourages residents to take part in social activities such as bingo, card games, catered dinners, and trips.

During the past two and a half decades, Leisure Manor has provided senior citizens with a safe and happy community. I hope that in the future, more subsidized housing developments will follow Leisure Manor's lead. I would like to extend my congratulations and best wishes to the tenants, employees, and all the people who have made the Leisure Manor experience possible and enjoyable.

IN MEMORY OF OFFICER PAUL DEGUCH

HON. TIM ROEMER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 1997

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my sorrow over the tragic loss of Officer Paul Deguch, a good friend and an outstanding public servant from South Bend, IN. I know Paul from when we worked together on the Impala sports program for children in public housing in South Bend. This is truly a sad

time for the citizens of northern Indiana. While serving on duty during the evening of Monday, August 25, Officer Deguch made a self-initiated stop to investigate something he found suspicious. Suddenly and without warning, Paul was shot several times. Sadly, he died at St. Joseph County Medical Center shortly thereafter.

Mr. Speaker, Paul was a great family man and a talented police officer. He was a devoted husband and father, and it was very clear to all who knew Paul that his family was always his No. 1 priority. He enjoyed playing with his children, building their treehouse, tending his garden, enjoying his other hobbies including wine making, and exercising at Lynch's Gym in South Bend. Having been a star high school and college athlete, he enjoyed taking his family to "The Cove" for a baseball game, and teaching his three young children how to play T-ball. Additionally, Paul attended St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church and was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 36.

Paul's wife, Annette, his family, friends, and coworkers will miss his infectious smile, his laugh, and his ability to bring sunshine to the most cloudy day. He was a role model as a police officer and as a public servant, and a role model for adults and children alike. Our hearts and spirits are burdened by the loss of a true and dedicated friend. Paul's death reminds us of the dangers that all law enforcement officers bravely and constantly encounter.

Mr. Speaker, Paul's 5-year-old son, David, summed up our feelings best, "At my Daddy's funeral, everyone will be sad." I want his entire family and friends to know that we share their loss and their grief. We will remember Paul Deguch as a kind and caring community leader, an irreplaceable member of our city, whose memory will inspire us forever.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998

SPEECH OF

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 1997

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2159) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes:

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of H.R. 2159 and to share my thoughts and observations with my colleagues concerning various aspects of this important legislation. As my colleagues know, numerous articles in the Wall Street Journal, New York Times, and other leading newspapers recently reported the retreat of some large American companies from Ukraine. I am pleased to know that the fiscal year 1998 foreign operations appropriations bill moves to address this problem by conditioning United States foreign assistance to Ukraine to economic reform

and the elimination of corruption, allowing American companies to compete on a more level playing field.

As the representative from Florida's Third Congressional District, it is important for me to know that north Florida's international businesses can flourish without unnecessary interference. Some 2 years ago, when a north Florida company, Itera International Energy Corp. needed Ukraine to honor business contracts worth many millions of dollars, I wrote to then Secretary of State Christopher requesting his assistance, met with Ukraine's Ambassador in Washington, and wrote several letters to Ukraine President Kuchma.

Later, in December 1996, I traveled to the former Soviet Union to personally examine the business climate for American businesses in the region. It was a tremendously informative and educational experience, meeting with our U.S. Ambassadors, foreign government officials, and U.S. business leaders. I was particularly interested in the energy sectors of these countries because Itera, headquartered in Jacksonville, is actively engaged in the marketing of natural gas to Ukraine and other countries of the former Soviet Union. I also was interested in other areas of trade and development for northern Florida, particularly transportation, agriculture, and tourism. Further, as a representative of the American taxpayer, I wanted to ensure that U.S. foreign assistance was the most cost effective and was used for the purpose for which it was provided.

I learned that the same problems that have plagued Itera have plagued many other American companies. Contractual agreements, accounting methods, and political attitudes are some of the many areas where there is room for differences of opinion, corrupt practices, and a difficult dialog.

All of this made me realize what is most important in the former Soviet Union: for old government institutions to give way to young, private companies that can create new global markets. In the process, business contracts must be fulfilled. When private enterprise is not allowed to flourish, government corruption is often a primary reason.

Itera, for example, despite the odds against it, is an adaptable, entrepreneurial company which has been able to market natural gas to the former Soviet Union by establishing business and personal relationships so necessary for business in the region. I am informed that Itera is not actively engaged in a joint venture with the Government of Armenia and Russia's largest gas company, to provide enhanced natural gas transportation and distribution facilities in Armenia. This will provide strong support for the economic well being for the people of Armenia and the region.

I will continue to work with my constituents to expand commerce around the world—to the benefit of all citizens. This will, I believe, contribute to peace in our time and to peace for future generations.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF BETTY SHABAZZ

SPEECH OF

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 1997

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my colleague, the gentle lady from the District of Columbia, Representative ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON, for hosting this special order. We join ELEANOR as she pauses to pay tribute to her special friend and one of this Nation's great leaders, the late Dr. Betty Shabazz. It is more than fitting that we acknowledge the passing of this distinguished and gifted individual.

The passing of Dr. Betty Shabazz leaves us to mourn a mother, educator, and human rights leader. Betty was a young mother when she witnessed the brutal assassination of her husband, Malcolm X, in 1965. She moved from the shadows of her husband's life to become a leader in her own right. At a memorial service which was held in her honor, Dr. Betty Shabazz was remembered as an educator, college administrator, child advocate, civil rights leader, keeper of Malcolm X's legacy, and nurturing mother. These words describe an individual who rose above every challenge which confronted her. By doing so, she taught us a valuable lesson about courage, compassion and dignity.

I also had the opportunity to know this great lady during her lifetime. She was intelligent, personable, and someone whom I deeply admired. My wife, Jay, and I both always enjoyed seeing and talking with her, usually at the annual Congressional Black Caucus Annual Weekend here in Washington, DC. Her devotion to her family and the legacy of Malcolm X was something we admired. We also admired the manner in which she persevered and acquired her education and became distinguished in her own right.

Mr. Speaker, President Clinton praised Dr. Shabazz as an extraordinary woman whose life is an inspiration to all of us. We are saddened to lose the remarkable gift and vision of Dr. Shabazz. We also recognize the fact that Betty's family is in need of our prayers in the days ahead. I express my sympathy to her family, ELEANOR, and many others who shared a close personal friendship with Dr. Betty Shabazz. While her death leaves a void, we know that Dr. Shabazz has left a legacy that will stand the test of time.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998

SPEECH OF

HON. KEN E. BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 1997

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2159) making appropriations for foreign operations, export fi-

nancing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes:

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Chairman, I rise to support the fiscal year 1998 foreign operations appropriations bill, especially the \$3.1 billion in aid to Israel.

Especially at this critical juncture of the peace process, the United States must continue to support Israel and help assure its security as it takes the very difficult steps needed to secure peace. Any cuts in foreign aid to Israel now could damage Israel's security, its negotiating posture, and the peace process, as well as other United States interests in the region. As one of the United States strongest allies and the only true democracy in the Middle East, Israel is certainly deserving of this support. This is especially true as Israel faces renewed threats of terrorist attacks such as those on the Mahane Yehuda market place on July 30, 1997 and on the Ben Yehuda pedestrian mall just yesterday. I condemn these cowardly attacks, which underscore the need for continued United States assistance and cooperation in ensuring Israel's security.

I want to emphasize that foreign aid to Israel is in the United States' strategic and economic best interest. Israel is the most reliable ally of the United States in the Middle East and continued foreign aid funding will maintain a solid partnership with the United States. Because of the depth of the United States-Israel relationship and the permanence of Israel's democracy, the United States knows we can depend on Israel in a crisis. By its continued support of Israel, the United States honors a historic commitment to a fellow democracy with which we share unique security, economic, and cultural ties.

I am especially pleased by the growing relationship between Israel and my State of Texas. Texas and Israel are substantial trading partners, sharing economic interests in telecommunications, medical technology, high-technology computers, and agriculture. In 1996, Texas exports to Israel totaled nearly \$580 million in goods and services, which represented an 89 percent increase since 1995. With regard to medical technology, Israel and Texas have established many joint research programs. For example, the Texas-Israel Telemedicine Exchange has brought together the Texas Children's Hospital in Houston and the Rabin Medical Center in Petach Tikvah in developing a telemedicine framework for Israel's hospitals and health care clinics. As this partnership continues to develop, new business opportunities will make the economies of Texas and Israel stronger and more competitive in the 21st century.

The United States has a strong national interest in bringing peace, stability, and economic growth to one of the most strategic and potentially destabilizing regions of the world. The United States can best achieve these goals by continuing its commitment to ensuring Israel's security. I urge my colleagues to continue a proud tradition of support for Israel and to recognize that our Nation's national interests will be reinforced by voting for this appropriation.