

the St. Vincent DePaul Charity, and the Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen. Joe also volunteers at the soup kitchen, and is a Navy veteran of World War II and the Korean war. He retired a few years ago, after a career as an officer for the Lima Police Department and the Chief Investigator for the Allen County Prosecutor.

For all their contributions to others and to the Lima community, the legacy of this great couple is their family. Joe and Pat raised 12 children, 11 boys and 1 girl. Mr. Speaker, the lesson of raising such a family on a cop's salary is one that the folks on the Budget Committee should learn from.

Joe and Pat's accomplishments are measured by the values they instilled in their 12 kids, their spouses, and their 22 grandchildren.

It gives me great pleasure to recognize this strong American family. I join the Garlock's family and friends in wishing them a very happy anniversary and many more years of good health and happiness.

IN HONOR OF THE ST.
STANISLAUS DAD'S CLUB

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 1997

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of the St. Stanislaus Dad's Club, as they celebrate their 50th anniversary of service to the St. Stanislaus Parish, the St. Stanislaus Grade School, and the St. Stanislaus Parish Community.

Over its 50 years, the St. Stanislaus Dad's Club has generously donated its time and resources to projects ranging from partially subsidizing a teachers salary shortage at the St. Stanislaus Grade School to renovating a 1,400-pipe organ found in the parish cathedral. In addition, the St. Stanislaus Dad's Club regularly donates items of need to St. Stanislaus Grade School, sponsors the Boy Scouts and local youth athletic teams, helps maintain community buildings and supports other parish and community organizations.

The St. Stanislaus Dad's Club has helped literally thousands of young people in the greater Cleveland metropolitan area. The club has done great work over the years, and I am very grateful for its immeasurable contributions to the community.

The St. Stanislaus Dad's Club plans to celebrate their anniversary on September 14, 1997, by attending mass and hosting a commemorative banquet.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in praising the St. Stanislaus Dad's Club for 50 years of distinguished service

TRIBUTE TO THE VISALIA RESCUE
MISSION

HON. GEORGE P. RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 1997

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Visalia Rescue Mission. The support and guidance of this organi-

zation provides hope for homeless men, women, and children who would otherwise feel abandoned.

Beginning in 1980, the Visalia Rescue Mission has served the needs of the homeless throughout California's Tulare County. What distinguishes this nonprofit organization from others is its desire to move these individuals beyond mere survival in today's society and provide them with the resources necessary to become productive and respected members of their community.

The Visalia Rescue Mission conducts two major programs. The STEP [Spiritual Training Education Program] Program begins by submitting men to a 14–30 day probationary program where they are nourished, detoxified, clothed, exercised, and introduced to spiritual guidance. Once these basic needs are met, the men enter into a 6-month 12-step program where the main focus is on both spiritual training and obtaining job referrals. Finally, a 1-year reentry program supports the men in their efforts to find housing and hold jobs. Along with the men's STEP Program, the Visalia Rescue Mission runs a Family Center which provides for the necessary needs of families, women, and children. The Family Center provides Christian spiritual leadership, anger management, parenting classes, referrals to employment training, and jobs. Finally, it provides leads for low-cost housing.

Over the years the Visalia Rescue Mission has performed invaluable services to those less fortunate in our society. Through programs like STEP and the Family Center, many individuals are directed into new lives filled with hope, success, and spiritual satisfaction. Things many of these individuals have never experienced before.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I pay tribute to the Visalia Rescue Mission. This organization provides a hope for many homeless men, women, and children. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing the Visalia Rescue Mission many more years of gratifying success in aiding the homeless.

HAPPY 25TH BAY MEDICAL
CENTER

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 1997

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, access to quality primary and emergency health care is a great need for all Americans. The people of the Bay City community have had the good fortune to have enjoyed the professional care offered by Bay Medical Center for the past 25 years. As the center celebrates its 25th anniversary, I want to share with our colleagues some of the great accomplishments of this most impressive and needed facility.

Bay Medical Center came about as a result of the merger between Mercy Hospital and General Hospital in 1972. This merger was needed to bring these two facilities into a better position to provide the quality health care that people deserve. Under the leadership of Ralph Powell, chairman of the board, the merger successfully went forward, resulting in the 1974 construction of a state-of-the-art facility that provides vital care for thousands of patients today. This facility was due to the ag-

gressive campaign that brought together hospital employees, small businesses, corporations, and individual donors who all wanted to ensure quality health care for the future.

Today, patients receive the most modern care possible at the facility, when appropriate, and receive high-quality outpatient care that previously was provided only to patients in the facility. The merger that started the center in 1972 was followed by mergers with Samaritan Hospital in 1980, and Bay Osteopathic Hospital in 1988. Under the lead organization of Bay Health Systems, Bay Medical Center joined with Bay Health Care, Bay Medical Services, Bay Medical Foundation, Bay Medical Education, and Bay Special Care in providing a broad and effective blend of services. A new alliance with MidMichigan Regional Medical Center will further increase efficiencies and promote an even stronger array of health care services for people of the region.

Bay Medical Center has succeeded because it has been blessed with a large number of doctors, nurses, medical technicians, physician assistants, administrators, and a support staff that cares about the work that they all do each and every day. Its board members, who serve without compensation, have truly committed themselves to the center's mission statement of providing compassionate, high-quality, and cost-effective health care, which maintains and improves the health status of the communities it serves.

On this 25th anniversary, I invite you, Mr. Speaker, and all of our colleagues, to join me in offering congratulations to Hans Jeppesen, the president of Bay Health Systems, and all of the men and women of Bay Medical Center, and wishing them the very best for every continued success.

SEPTEMBER 16, 1997 BE DESIGNATED AS "FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY DAY"

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 1997

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Florida International University [FIU] on its 25th anniversary. FIU opened on September 16, 1972, with 5,667 students, the largest first-day enrollment in American college history. FIU, the first public baccalaureate-granting university in Dade County, has grown to 30,000 students, placing it among the Nation's largest universities.

This outstanding learning institution offers more than 200 degree programs, has the largest Hispanic enrollment and second largest African-American enrollment of any public university in the State of Florida, has been cited by college guides as one of America's best educational values, and generates more than \$30 million in annual grants and contracts. It has become a national leader in environmental research, Latin American studies, tropical biology, hospitality management, and other fields.

FIU has an economic impact of more than \$1 billion on the south Florida economy and is the major supplier of university-trained employees for the region, awarding nearly 6,000 baccalaureate, masters, and doctoral degrees annually.

As a proud alumnus of FIU, it is a great honor for me to recognize the accomplishments for which FIU has been so renowned. In a world where education is the key to success, I know from personal experience of the ideals and traditions for which FIU stands and for what it instills in its students and surrounding community.

Dr. Modesto (Mitch) Maidique has been the president of FIU for the last 11 years and has been instrumental in guiding this excellent center of learning to the illustrious pedestal it is now on. Along with previous presidents, Charles Perry, Harold Crosby, and Gregory Wolfe, Mitch Maidique must be very proud of heading such a prestigious university.

For its contributions and merits, it is my honor to designate September 16, 1997, as "Florida International University Day."

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT WEAVER

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 1997

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to pay tribute to a great American who blazed trails for African-Americans in the areas of academics and Government service. Mr. Robert Weaver was the first Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development [HUD] and the first African-American appointed to a Cabinet position in the United States of America.

In 1960, Mr. Weaver became the president of the NAACP and President John F. Kennedy sought his advice on civil rights. The following year President Kennedy appointed him Administrator of the Housing and Home Finance Agency, which later became HUD.

President Kennedy attempted to elevate the Agency to Cabinet status. However, Congress refused as a result of some Members attacking the appointment of an African-American. President Kennedy abandoned the idea; and 5 years later, President Lyndon Johnson revived the idea and pushed the measure through Congress. This time Mr. Weaver was confirmed.

Mr. Weaver had been a part of the Black Cabinet during the administration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, a scholarly person who wrote four books on urban affairs and made a name for himself during the 1930's and 1940's as a behind the scenes strategist in the civil rights movement.

Mr. Weaver was born on December 7, 1907, and was educated at Harvard University where he earned three degrees; a bachelors, masters, and doctorate in economics. Interestingly enough, Weaver's maternal grandfather was the first African-American graduate of Harvard University with a degree in dentistry. At the age of 90, Mr. Weaver died on July 17, 1997. A great American.

TRIBUTE TO DORIS AND KEN RUFENER

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 1997

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Doris and Ken Rufener on being

named Civitas Award Winners for 29 years of outstanding service to their community.

The coveted Civitas Award is presented by the Conejo/Las Virgenes future foundation to those unselfish citizens working together to achieve community goals. This prestigious award has been given only 10 times in 20 years and it is only fitting that it should go to Doris and Ken Rufener.

The work they have done extends far beyond the boundaries of employment, albeit both Doris and Ken have served our Nation in the U.S. Air Force. For some, that would be enough public service, but not for Ken and Doris. Each of them has dedicated their life to a variety of service organizations. Doris serves as a deaconess at her church, volunteers at a local psychiatric hospital, has received the Patriotic Citizen of the Year Award from the Conejo Valley Chapter of Military Order of World Wars and has served as president and board member for a host of other organizations.

Ken has served as mayor and council member of the city of Westlake Village. He is actively involved in his church, has served as a board member of the American Heart Association and founding member of the Westlake Athletic Association. And, the list goes on.

Mr. Speaker, Doris and Ken Rufener stand as shining examples of the difference two people can make in the lives of many. I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to Doris and Ken on having been named Civitas Award winners and thank them for their work in our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK W. NEUMANN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 1997

Mr. NEUMANN. Mr. Speaker, on September 4 of this year, obligations with my family prevented me from casting several votes on H.R. 2159, the Fiscal Year 1998 Foreign Operations Appropriations Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 362—the Gilman amendment. I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 363—the Smith (NJ) amendment, and I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 364—final passage of the bill.

A TRIBUTE TO MARY F. JONES ON HER SERVICE TO ILLINOIS FEDERATION FOR RIGHT TO LIFE

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 1997

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of a caring, dedicated woman from my State of Illinois—Mary F. Jones. Mary Jones had dedicated 25 years of service to the Illinois pro-life movement.

Over the years, Mary Jones proved to be an invaluable member of the Illinois Federation for Right to Life [IFRL] cause through her volunteerism with St. Monica's Center and Springfield Right to Life. When the Life Center opened its doors in 1986, Mary Jones was

brought out 3 years of retirement from her 35 years of service to the Illinois State Library. Since this time, Mary Jones has worked with the Life Center as State educational secretary, and remained active in the right to life cause.

With her retirement, Mary Jones has much to be proud of. She is a charter member of the Springfield Right to Life, former IFRL treasurer, and co-founder of the Right to Life Education booth at the Illinois State Fair.

As a mother of five, grandmother of nine, and great-grandmother of two, Mary Jones will remain active in her retirement traveling, spending time with family and friends, and tending to work around the house in Springfield, IL.

As a fellow advocate for the right to life cause, I wish to extend my warmest wishes, and gratitude for the insightful impact Mary F. Jones has brought to the right to life cause.

CONGRATULATIONS TO KFTV 21

HON. GEORGE P. RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 1997

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor KFTV 21 on the occasion of their 25th anniversary. KFTV 21 has been instrumental in serving the Hispanic community in the Central Valley.

For the past 25 years, KFTV 21 has been the Central Valley's premier Spanish-language television station. It prides itself on serving Fresno's Hispanic community with broad-based and family-oriented programs that educate, inform, and entertain. This ideology has rewarded KFTV 21 with viewers from all segments of Fresno, CA, Latino community.

Founded in September 1972, KFTV became the first station in the Central Valley to offer Spanish broadcasting 24 hours a day. This establishment brought the worldwide resources of Univision Communications to the Fresno area. Specifically, the Univision Network provides its KFTV 21 affiliate with access to all of the top 20 Hispanic programs, national news, and World Cup Soccer events. Along with Univision programming, KFTV 21 has the highest rated local news program in Fresno and an award winning community affairs program called "Arriba Valle Central."

KFTV 21's excellence is not limited to television as it has a strong public service record as well. Since 1977, KFTV 21 has raised thousands of dollars for needy children at Christmas time, with its "Navidad En El Valle" Program. It has also secured millions of dollars in assistance for natural disaster victims both in the United States and in Latin America. KFTV 21 also operates a mentor ship program with Cooper Middle School aimed at reducing the high school drop out rate. Finally, KFTV's "Nuestros Ninos" Program has collected almost half a million dollars for Valley Children's Hospital, the premier children's hospital in California.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I pay tribute to KFTV 21. This television station exemplifies leadership in representing the Hispanic community through the medium of television. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing KFTV 21 congratulations on 25 outstanding years and best wishes for continued success in the future.