

This initiative involves linking middle-school-aged students with local businesses through mentoring partnerships. Project Connections has provided long-term results, which I have witnessed firsthand, by providing the skills which are so vital to the future job market and exposing young people to various career experiences and learning opportunities they may have never had.

Two very important components of winning the war against drugs are providing ample opportunity to young people so they never have the desire to use drugs and helping those who are addicted find a positive substitute for their destructive behavior. The partnership that Stepping Stone Counseling and Education Services, Inc., has formed with local schools and businesses through their new TREND program [Turning Recreational Excitement in New Directions] addresses those components.

I commend the excellent work of Stepping Stone and applaud their efforts aimed at protecting and freeing York Countians from substance abuse and addiction.

Mr. Speaker, I wholeheartedly congratulate Arthur J. Glatfelter on this well-deserved award. A.J. (Bud) is the greatest anyone could ever have.

**TRIBUTE TO HAMPTON BAYS VOL-
UNTEER FIREFIGHTER THOMAS
E. WILSON**

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 1997

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in this venerable Chamber to ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in paying tribute to Thomas E. Wilson, a volunteer fireman who has devoted 50 years of exemplary service to protecting the lives and property of his family, friends, and neighbors in Hampton Bays, Long Island.

On Saturday, October 4, 1997, Thomas Wilson will be honored by the commissioners, chiefs, officers, and fellow firefighters for his 50 faithful years of service to the Hampton Bays Fire Department. Since 1947, whenever fire or other peril threatened the Hampton Bays community, Thomas answered the call, whether it came in the dead of night, on a blustery winter day, or in the wilting heat of summer. Time and again, Thomas joined his comrades as they hastened to the scene, placing themselves in harm's way to aid another human being in danger, regardless of whether it be a friend, neighbor, or stranger.

While the Hampton Bays Fire Department has been truly blessed with many dedicated volunteers, Thomas Wilson has demonstrated an exceptional level of commitment to his community. In his 50 years as a Hampton Bays Firefighter, Thomas has earned the trust and respect of his peers, who have chosen him for numerous leadership positions, including lieutenant and captain.

The residents of Hampton Bays demonstrated that same trust and respect for Thomas Wilson. For 20 consecutive years, the voters in Hampton Bays elected Thomas to the position of fire commissioner, where he served from 1957 to 1976. He is still active today, answering the emergency siren when duty calls and serving as the unofficial historian of the Hampton Bays Fire Department.

Demonstrating that true heroes are created over a lifetime of selfless acts and service to their God, family, and country, Thomas Wilson is the perfect role model for every volunteer firefighter who will come after him. So I ask my colleagues in this esteemed House to join me in congratulating Thomas for 50 years of service to the Hampton Bays Fire Department.

**TRIBUTE TO HAROLD EDWARD
DALE**

HON. GEORGE P. RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 1997

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Harold Edward Dale, a man who dedicated his life to flight and the building of aircraft. Mr. Dale built his first airplane, the Heath Parasol, at the young age of 16. During World War II, Harold designed fighter aircraft and was considered to be a valuable asset to the military. He served as project engineer for America's first jet powered bomber, the B-45 Tornado, and was also the project engineer for both the F-100 Super Sabre and the Mach-3 + F-108 Rapier fighter planes.

Harold assisted in the design of the first corporate jet, the Sabliner, as well as the first personal jet aircraft, the Weejet. The Saturn rocket sent Americans to the moon, and Harold served as program manager in the second stage of this endeavor. After retirement, he stayed active as a designated engineering representative for the Federal Aviation Administration. He additionally assisted in the development of the global positioning system used on Air Force One.

Harold was a devoted husband, father and grandfather who served his family, his community, and his Nation. May his memory as one of the great pioneering military jet aircraft designers be honored and blessed.

**IN HONOR OF POLICE CAPT. DALE
E. AMARAL AND HIS 31 YEARS
OF SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS
OF NEWARK, CA**

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 1997

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor and congratulate Capt. Dale E. Amaral, a dedicated member of the Newark Police Department. After 31 years of outstanding service, Captain Amaral will be retiring from the force.

Dale Amaral joined the Newark Police Department on February 20, 1966, and has since served in numerous capacities. He began his career as a police officer, serving as patrol officer, narcotics detective, and robbery/homicide detective. He was promoted to detective sergeant in 1981. After a stint as detective sergeant, Dale worked as a patrol sergeant. He was promoted to the rank of lieutenant in 1986, and served as commander of the investigation division and then commander of the records division. In 1992, Dale was promoted to captain. In 1994, Captain Amaral returned

to the patrol division as commander of the investigations division.

Captain Amaral was selected as Newark's Officer of the Year in 1971 while assigned as narcotics detective. He was selected as Officer of the Year a second time in 1981 while working as a robbery/homicide detective.

Captain Amaral taught several courses in administration of justice at the community college level, and is a charter member of the Newark Optimist Club. His hobbies include travel, real estate, reading, and learning about space exploration.

Dale so loves law enforcement that he will begin a second career as a deputy sheriff with the Alameda County Sheriff's Department shortly after his retirement from the Newark Police Department. He will be sorely missed by his fellow officers, city employees, and most of all, the citizens of the city of Newark.

The city will be honoring Dale at a retirement dinner on October 3, 1997. I would like to join them in commendation of his hard work and dedication. I wish him much happiness and success in his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 1997

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from the Chamber on rollcall votes Nos. 484 through 489. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote 484, "aye" on rollcall vote 485, "aye" on rollcall vote 486, "no" on rollcall vote 487, "aye" on rollcall vote 488, and "no" on rollcall vote 489.

A TRIBUTE TO DAVID N. PINCUS

HON. THOMAS M. FOGLIETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 1997

Mr. FOGLIETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to David N. Pincus, a Philadelphia whose generosity and spirit of caring is recognized around the world.

David Pincus was born in Philadelphia in 1926. After graduating from Philadelphia's Central High School, David served in the Navy and upon his return, finished up his degree at Pennsylvania State University in 1948. Later that year, David went to work at Filene's in Boston where he learned the ropes of the retail clothing business. In 1950, he returned to Philadelphia and began working in the family-owned Pincus Brothers apparel manufacturing company, which had been founded by this father, Nathan, and four of David's uncles back in 1910.

Back in Philadelphia, Pincus settled in an apartment downtown and began volunteering two or three nights a week at Children's Hospital. It was there that he first saw children suffering. It was an experience that had a profound effect on him, and one which would eventually lead him to pursue a program of philanthropy and personal intervention on behalf of suffering children world-wide.

Since taking over as CEO of the family clothing business, David Pincus has kept the

company profitable in a time when clothing manufacturing in Philadelphia has been in decline. But apart from being a successful businessman, David Pincus has distinguished himself as an exceptional humanitarian. Several times a year, Pincus, as a member of the CARE board of overseers and a board member of the International Red Cross, puts his business in capable hands and flies off to some of the world's most troubled areas to provide aid to children who are the innocent victims of war, famine, and staggering poverty. Since the 1980's he has visited children in Bangladesh, Bosnia, Croatia, Haiti, Rwanda, Romania, Ethiopia, and the Sudan, among others. On his birthdays, he has made a tradition of taking gifts to less fortunate children.

David Pincus commits these acts of generosity and caring not out of a desire for recognition, but because of a strong sense of moral responsibility and because it makes him feel good knowing that he can help ease the suffering of those less fortunate than himself.

Mr. Speaker, in recognition of his contributions to the city of Philadelphia and his commitment to making the world a better place for children, I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring Mr. David N. Pincus.

IN HONOR OF RABBI MILTON H. POLIN

HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 1997

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, Rabbi Milton H. Polin, spiritual leader of Brooklyn's prestigious Kingsway Jewish Center since 1974 and past president of the Rabbinical Council of America is one of the foremost rabbinic personalities in the United States.

At his ordination 43 years ago, his teachers characterized him as "a gifted young scholar who will inspire a profound reverence for Torah Judaism." More recently he was paid tribute by the U.S. House of Representatives for being "a man highly esteemed and respected by Jews and Christians whose lives have been touched by numerous good works and kind deeds of this outstanding spiritual and civic leader."

His rabbinic leadership has transformed his congregation into a pulsating center of Torah learning and communal activity for hundreds of young, highly educated, religiously observant families. He personally teaches a variety of classes for men and women of all ages and backgrounds at his synagogue. In addition, the Greater New York UJA-Federation recently recognized his congregation's outstanding outreach program for new American families and awarded it a significant Continuity Commission grant.

During his presidency of the Rabbinical Council of America, the largest and most influential Orthodox rabbinical body in the world, he participated actively in the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations and continues to maintain regular contact with the chief rabbis and government leaders in Israel.

Active in the larger community in many capacities, Rabbi Polin was recently invited to join the Orthodox Caucus, the foremost Orthodox think tank in North America, and the board of directors of the Beth Din of America.

A lifelong religious Zionist, Rabbi Polin is a national vice president of the Religious Zionists of America after previously serving as president of that organization's Greater New York Council. He is a member of the Rabbinic Advisory Council of the Jewish National Fund.

In the several communities he has served, Rabbi Polin has at various times built a Mikvah, an Eruv, and two synagogues. His interest in Kashruth and responsibility for communal supervision long predated his chairmanship of the Rabbinic Kashruth Commission, the halakhic authority for the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America Kashruth Division. He currently serves as chairman of the Kashruth Committee of the Vaad Harabbanim of Flatbush.

Rabbi Polin is a trustee of the international Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture. He was recently reelected vice president of the Coordinating Council on Bikur Cholim of Greater New York. Previously he has served as chaplain of the Kings County Council of the Jewish War Veterans and as a member of both the rabbinic advisory and the executive councils of the Commission on Synagogue Relations, which are agencies of the UJA-Federation of the Jewish Philanthropies of New York. He chaired the Committee on the Public Information and Education of the Task Force on Missionary Activities of the Jewish Community Relations of New York.

In his local community, Rabbi Polin has served two terms as president of the 90-member Vaad Harabbanim of Flatbush and chaired its Jubilee Anniversary celebration. He participated actively on the Board of Education of the Yeshivah of Flatbush for many years.

With his wife Shainees, he was sent to the former Soviet Union more than two decades ago when Jews were not allowed to leave. They have shared their experiences, insights, and concerns for Soviet Jews in several forums. It was this experience that sensitized them to the special needs of today's new American families.

An eloquent speaker and acclaimed scholar, Rabbi Polin's sermons have appeared annually in the Rabbinical Council of America Sermon Anthology. Yeshiva University President Dr. Norman Lamm characterized his sermons as enlightening and creative. His scholarly articles have been published in such journals as "Judaism," "Tradition," and "The Hebrew Theological College Journal." Several of his halakhic studies on Maimonides' Code has been published in Hadarom.

Born in Chicago, IL, Rabbi Polin studied at the Hebrew Theological College—Beth Midrash L'Torah—in his native city from which he received his semikhah and bachelor of Hebrew literature degree cum laude. At his ordination he was awarded a prize for his Hebrew essay "Rabbi Joseph Albo and the Debate at Tortosa, 1413-14." He also holds a master of arts degree in education from the University of Chicago.

Rabbi Polin is listed in "Who's Who in World Jewry," "Who's Who in Israel," and "Jewish Personalities All Over the World," and "Who's Who in Religion."

He is married to the former Shainees Sachs. They have 5 children, all married, and 18 grandchildren. Three of their children live in Israel, and 13 of their grandchildren are Sabras.

He never fails to leave me inspired by his words and honored by his presence. After 43 years of outstanding congregational and com-

munal leadership throughout the country, he retires from his dedicated and faithful service. Rabbi Polin leaves behind a legacy that has touched us all in so many ways and at so many levels. Thank you, Rabbi, for being such an inspiration.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 1997

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall vote No. 480, I was unavoidably detained and unable to record my vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I ask that this statement be inserted in the appropriate section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

TRIBUTE TO THE MEMBERS FIRST FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

HON. WILLIAM F. GOODLING

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 1997

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the staff and management of the Members First Federal Credit Union on the opening of their new operations center in Mechanicsburg, PA. This new center is located in Pennsylvania's 19th Congressional district which I represent.

Founded in 1950 by employees of the U.S. Naval Supply Depot in Mechanicsburg, Members First provided basic account services to a handful of members. Since then, the credit union has expanded its capabilities to keep pace with the ever changing needs of its members. Throughout its history, Members First has pooled resources to benefit its members—loan by loan, deposit by deposit, sharing a special relationship with each and ever member.

Today, Members First is a full service financial cooperative meeting the needs of more than 78,000 members and offering an array of products and services. The credit union takes great pride in staff, members, and all they have achieved together as they mark another milestone in their history with the mission of "improving economic well being and quality of life of all members."

The new center will offer the latest in financial services technology and house the administrative and support functions of the credit union. The new operations center is not just a building, but a symbol of the pride in the organization and growth of their membership. It is a foundation for the future as Members First strives to meet members' needs in the years ahead by enhancing quality and service to its members.

Again Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the efforts of the staff and management of the Members First Federal Credit Union on this momentous occasion.