

and maintenance worker. In 1980, he returned to Federal employment working for: the U.S. Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, CA; the Department of the Army, Fort Ord, CA; and most recently, the Department of the Navy, Naval Support Activity Monterey Bay, CA. In his position as maintenance worker at the Naval Support Activity Monterey Bay, Mr. Lloyd was responsible for plumbing, carpentry, painting, and electrical work.

As during his military service, Mr. Lloyd's career as a Federal employee includes numerous awards. He received the Special Act Award and Performance Act Award three times each. In May of this year, he was honored with the Unsung Hero Award.

Just 1 month later, Mr. Lloyd performed the most heroic act of all, he gave his life while saving that of another. On the morning of June 9, 1997, while reporting to work, Mr. Lloyd heard gun shots. Reacting immediately, Mr. Lloyd ran to the assistance of James P. Gaughran who had been wounded in an unprovoked attack. Mr. Lloyd used his scan card to access a secured building so Mr. Gaughran could get inside to safety. In the process, Mr. Lloyd was shot and killed. He is survived by his wife Marilyn and their two children, Jennifer and Adam.

This tragedy was a grievous loss to the entire community. Mr. Lloyd's death was mourned by the many who knew him through his involvement in the American Legion, as a coach and referee for the American Youth Soccer Organization and as a volunteer with Boy Scout Troop 285.

The Department of the Navy, Naval Support Activity Monterey Bay, Naval Post Graduate school will present Mrs. Lloyd with the Good Samaritan Award for the selfless actions of her husband. This award also speaks to the kind of life Mr. Lloyd lived and hoped to inspire in others.

Mr. Lloyd will be missed by many and admired by all who hear of his heroic act. This is a tragedy felt by our entire community. Our hearts go out to the Lloyd family.

AUTOMOTIVE EXCELLENCE BEGINS WITH AWARD-WINNING TEAM MEMBERS

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 1997

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, in today's increasingly competitive global marketplace, if any of our manufacturers are to hold positions of world preeminence, it will only happen because of skilled members of the manufacturing team who are recognized by their peers for their excellence and capabilities. I am proud to tell our colleagues that two such individuals, Subir Chowdhury and Ken Zimmer, are vital honored members of the Delphi Saginaw Steering Systems division of General Motors.

Earlier this year, these two engineers won the Henry Ford II distinguished Award for Excellence in Engineering from the Society of Automotive engineers. This international award is given to those individuals who use their engineering skills to achieve product or manufacturing process contributions that have been assessed to have had the greatest positive effect on the passenger car, truck, and

business industries. They won this award for their work in coauthoring "QS9000 Pioneers: Registered Companies Share Their Strategies for Success," a work intended to help companies develop quality systems that provide improvement in products, preventing defects, and reducing variation and waste in the supply chain. This work has already achieved world acclaim. J.D. Powers himself has said "QS9000 is the means by which original equipment manufacturers will make added contributions to automotive quality." The work has also received praise from Fortune Magazine, U.S. Auto Scene, and Automotive News.

Subir Chowdhury and Ken Zimmer are no strangers to acclaim. They have also earned the Golden Quill Award from the American Society for Quality Control [ASQC] automotive division, nominated for the Shingo Prize for Excellence in Manufacturing, won the Section Leadership Award at the 50th ASQC Congress, and received a Certificate of Commendation from Gov. John Engler. Mr. Chowdhury has also earned the Young Leadership and Excellence Award from the Automotive Hall of Fame, the Ralph E. Cross Outstanding Young Manufacturing Engineer Award from the Society of Manufacturing Engineers, and the Judson C. Jarvis Service Award by the American Society for Quality Control. Their other extensive work with the ASQC and the Automotive Industry Action Group has rightly put them in a position to be world leaders in the future development of top quality automotive products.

I was pleased to have been of assistance to Subir's family when they wanted to come from their home in India to be at last fall's presentation of the Young Leadership and Excellence Award from the Automotive Hall of Fame, because families should be able to celebrate the successes of one another. Their years of support earns them the moment of glory that comes from the hard work that is an example to all young people who want to know if what they do can make a difference.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have these two fine gentlemen as constituents, and I know General Motors is proud to have them as members of its team. I urge you and all of our colleagues to join me in congratulating Subir Chowdhury and Ken Zimmer on their tremendous accomplishments. They are two people who make our Nation proud.

TRIBUTE TO THE GREATER BATON ROUGE FOOD BANK IN LOUISIANA

HON. NEWT GINGRICH

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 1997

Mr. GINGRICH. Mr. Speaker, since becoming the majority party, my Republican colleagues and I have sought ways to downsize the Federal government, lower taxes, and return power, money, and influence to the American people. We believe that local problems are best solved at the local level by local citizens who have a greater knowledge of the issue at hand and more passion to solve the problem that a team of removed Federal bureaucrats in Washington, DC.

However, as government is asked to do less to solve our Nation's problems, individuals must do more. Today I proudly celebrate the

Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank in Louisiana, which embodies the essence of what we believe in: local citizens and businesses pulling together to solve a local problem. It is neighbor helping neighbor in the true volunteeristic spirit which so attracted de Tocqueville to this great country during his tour of America in the early 1830's.

In June of this year, I had the privilege of visiting the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank with Congressman BAKER, who personally raised from private sources nearly all of the \$525,000 needed to purchase and renovate an old warehouse that now houses the food bank. In addition to the purchase and renovation funds coming primarily from private sources, a full 95 percent of the food distributed to the food bank is donated from private sources.

The food bank has a partnership with Associated Grocers in the Greater Baton Rouge area and houses its reclamation center. Bent boxes and cans are sent to the center from the member grocery stores, credits are given to the stores for write-offs on damaged goods, and the usable items are given to the food bank.

The food bank's mission is to meet emergency, short-term needs of the hungry in the greater Baton Rouge area. In 1996, 3,200 people per day were assisted by the food bank. Of those needy individuals, 44 percent were children and 16 percent were elderly.

The food bank also developed and coordinates a program called Lagniappe du Coeur ("something extra from the heart") which collects leftover food area restaurants like Popeye's, packages it in single meal units, and distributes it to shelters. The goal is to have zero waste of food in the Baton Rouge community. This is the State's first and only perishable food recovery program.

Those who wish to learn more about the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank can do so by accessing its web page at www.challenger.net/GBRFB. The food bank can also be e-mailed at: BRFOODBANK@AOL.

I am a strong believer in volunteerism. Some can donate money or goods; some can donate their time. But everyone can donate something. My philosophy is simple: if America has been good to you, go find a fellow American to be good to. I hold up the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank as a shining example of this spirit.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NIKE, INC.

HON. ELIZABETH FURSE

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 1997

Ms. FURSE. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure today to congratulate the world's largest sports company, Nike, whose headquarters is in the First Congressional District of Oregon. Nike was recently named one of the 100 best companies for working mothers by Working Mother magazine.

Nike has recognized that creating a work atmosphere that meets the needs of their employees results in a successful company. Working mothers employed by Nike enjoy competitive pay, opportunities to advance, a large child care facility, and flexible hours. Nike has given working mothers the opportunity to participate in a professional career

without having to worry that their children are well cared for.

I offer my sincere congratulations to Nike for their efforts to make their corporation family friendly. It is quite an honor for Nike to be recognized as one of the 100 best companies for working mothers.

ON THE RETIREMENT OF LOUISIANA NATIONAL GUARD ADJUTANT GENERAL, MAJ. GEN. ANSEL M. "BUDDY" STROUD, JR.

HON. BOB LIVINGSTON

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 1997

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my most sincere appreciation and thanks to Maj. Gen. Ansel M. Stroud, Jr., upon his retirement from a distinguished career of dedicated service as Adjutant General of the Louisiana National Guard. We will miss his leadership.

General "Buddy" Stroud gallantly served the U.S. Army, the State of Louisiana, and the United States of America for over 53 years.

General Stroud, while you will be most remembered for your 17-year tenure as Adjutant General which began in 1980—the longest of any AG in our Nation—Louisiana has been benefiting from your exemplary leadership since 1947, when you first joined the National Guard. And I want to particularly thank you for building the Louisiana National Guard into one of the premier State Guards in America. In addition, your personal efforts have made Louisiana's Emergency Preparedness Office and the Hurricane and Disaster Response Organization a model for the rest of the country.

Your career has been as distinguished as it has been long. In fact, few others in our Nation can lay claim to such an outstanding lifetime of achievement.

General, you are the definition of selfless service and the embodiment of what Douglas MacArthur called "those three hallowed words": duty, honor, country.

Mr. Speaker, General Stroud has earned the undying gratitude of the people of Louisiana and, in fact all Americans.

Thank you General Stroud. You and your wonderful wife Jane have my best wishes for the coming years.

RECOGNIZING CRISSIA REAY, WINNER OF THE NATIONAL YOUTH ESSAY CONTEST

HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 1997

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, I am delighted today to extend my sincerest congratulations to 15-year-old Crissia Reay of Wonder Lake, IL. Crissia is the winner of the National Youth Essay Contest for her essay comparing the lives and voyages of explorers Christopher Columbus and Amerigo Vespucci. The contest is sponsored by the National Italian American Foundation and the Daughters of the American Revolution. Crissia's essay was selected from hundreds of entries from across the

country. As a well-deserved reward for her dedication and hard work, Crissia will receive a \$1,000 prize and a trip to Washington, DC later this month where she will participate in ceremonies honoring Columbus by reading aloud her winning essay.

I am proud to have Crissia as one of my constituents. Her accomplishment reflects a love of learning and the discipline and motivation to accept a challenge and meet with success. I join with Crissia's parents, relatives, teachers, and friends in commending her and her remarkable achievement. Crissia's winning essay, entitled "Christopher Columbus and Amerigo Vespucci: The Men and Their Discoveries," appears below.

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS AND AMERIGO VESPUCCI: THE MEN AND THEIR DISCOVERIES
(by Crissia Ahnna Reay)

Christopher Columbus and Amerigo Vespucci were both explorers, born in the same country in the same time frame, but there the similarities end. They were worlds apart from each other in their personal lives and significant differences were also visible in their voyages.

Columbus was born Cristoforo Colombo near Genoa, Italy in 1451. His father was a weaver and Columbus' family were humble, common folk. He had very little schooling in his early life. Bordering on illiterate when he left his home in Italy, he learned to read and write in Portugal. Vespucci was born in Florence, Italy in 1454. However, his early life was very different from Columbus' owing to the fact that Vespucci was born into a noble Florentine family. Vespucci was described as having a "sagacious" (scientific) mind and was educated in the areas of commercial science, cosmology, astronomy and geography. Consequently, we can understand why money and titles were so important to Columbus, while they seemed to play a lower key role in Vespucci's life and explorations. Having grown up with a common, almost low background, explains why Columbus felt that land, titles and wealth were symbols of success. Whereas, Vespucci's affluent background sheds light as to why he didn't seem driven to obtain those symbols of success and could explore for the simple quest of knowledge without stipulating what he must receive in return (as Columbus felt he must).

Columbus made four voyages to the new world, Vespucci only two that can be proven. In his explorations Columbus visited mainly the islands of the West Indies, San Salvador, Cuba, Jamaica and what is now modern day Mexico; touching only lightly on the continent of South America. Vespucci mainly explored and charted the eastern coastline of South America (from this experience, he concluded that it extended too far and couldn't be Asia). Columbus was interested in settling the places he found, Vespucci in mapping them.

There are other important discoveries that came from their journeys that are rarely mentioned. Columbus found the most efficient way to use the North Atlantic wind system for transatlantic sailing. He was the first to notice the equatorial current and made the first observations of the westerly compass variation. It was because of Vespucci that people found out that there were two oceans separating Europe from Asia instead of one. He created his own method of celestial navigation by which he obtained longitude and came within 50 miles of being correct in his estimation of the earth's circumference one of the closest guesses of that time.

Columbus and Vespucci were both undoubtedly great men. Their voyages, although each holding its own different signifi-

cance, greatly complement one another. Columbus (though unable to claim title as the first European setting foot on the Americas due to previous Icelandic adventurers) was the first to make the discovery stick. In that essence Columbus discovered the new world. Columbus was the rock that started the landslide of exploration and settlement of the Americas. Vespucci, picking up where Columbus left off, was the one to conclude that it was not Asia that his predecessor had found (Columbus died thinking it was) but it was indeed a new, previously unknown land. In Vespucci's own words. "These regions we may rightly call Mundus Novus, a New World, because our ancestors had no knowledge of them."

Vespucci actually outfitted and helped prepare far more voyages than he was part of himself. In fact, it was in that way he and Columbus first met. In collaboration with Berardi, a ship builder in Seville, Vespucci prepared a ship for Columbus' second voyage in 1493. In 1498, he and Columbus first became personally acquainted when Vespucci made even more ships for Columbus' third voyage.

Though there was much friction between their supporters, there is nothing to suggest any personal rivalry on the parts of these two renowned explorers. In fact, towards the end of Columbus' life when he was ailing and virtually deserted, he found in Vespucci a caring, sympathetic friend. This is apparent in the words Columbus wrote of Vespucci a year before Columbus' death in 1506. "He has at all times shown a desire to serve me, and is an honorable man."

Whatever else is said about them, one thing remains outstanding and undeniable; they were bold and courageous explorers, who made remarkable discoveries that have permanently changed the face of the world's geography and in a great part shaped the history of the world that followed after.

TRIBUTE TO THE J. C. PENNEY COMPANY

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 1997

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the J. C. Penney Company is honored for its outstanding accomplishments in expanding the participation of people with disabilities in American life.

The company's philosophy has always embraced the core idea that it is ability, not disability, that counts in a job and in life. Indeed, the company has been true to the belief that its founder, John Cash Penney, who in 1913 called for partnership between the company and the people of the communities it serves, including those with disabilities.

In its policies and practices, J. C. Penney recognizes and utilizes the talents of individuals with disabilities. Hiring, training, and career development reflect this commitment.

As J. C. Penney has become a model for corporate citizenship, its customers have benefited. Stores nationwide exceed legal requirements for accessibility. With careful attention to the requirements of the Americans With Disabilities Act, personnel are trained to serve customers with disabilities. J. C. Penney publishes a catalogue of special needs merchandise. Its catalogues and national advertising feature people with disabilities. The company generously supports the work of disability organizations and encourages its employees at all levels to volunteer.