

standard for growth and expansion. During his tenure the college has grown from its humble beginning to a nine-campus, career-oriented, regionally accredited family of institutions. Offering over 80 academic programs, Baker's enrollment has seen a meteoric rise from 200 to over 15,000 students, rivaling many of the State's public 4-year institutions. Revenue for the school has increased from under \$500,000 to a current rate of more than \$70 million.

Dr. Kurtz's commitment to our community is evident in the number of organizations that seek his experience and insight. He has served in prominent leadership positions with groups such as the Greater Flint Educational Consortium, Community Foundation of Greater Flint, Flint Chamber of Commerce, and the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Michigan just to name a few. The honors and awards that have been bestowed on Dr. Kurtz are evidence of the regard in which he is held. However, we can never properly thank Dr. Kurtz for his dedication to educating our students and ensuring that no barriers exist to prevent an individual from obtaining the necessary skills to achieve.

Mr. Speaker, it is with a tremendous amount of pride that I appear before you today to recognize my colleague, my constituent, and my friend, Dr. Edward J. Kurtz. The Charles Stewart Mott Citizen of the Year Award is given to individuals who show leadership, integrity, credibility, inspiration to other people, and commitment to the community. Therefore, Dr. Kurtz is the perfect candidate to receive this prestigious award. His love and dedication has made our community a much better place. I urge my colleagues in the house of Representatives to join me in congratulating Dr. Edward J. Kurtz on this tremendous honor.

NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

HON. KENNY C. HULSHOF

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 9, 1997

Mr. HULSHOF. Mr. Speaker, as you know, October 5 through October 11 is National Fire Prevention Week. Today I want to take time out to recognize the firefighters back home in Missouri's Ninth Congressional District. While there are many local fire departments who demonstrate excellence within the community, one shining example is the Palmyra volunteer fire department.

Celebrating its 100th anniversary, the eighteen members of the Palmyra volunteer fire department received an award earlier this year, naming it the top fire department in the entire State of Missouri.

While they fight fires with the best of them, they truly are public servants. Nominated because of the community service performed by its members, the Palmyra fire department enjoys wide support from the local residents.

Fire Chief Chuck Hoehne, a 30-year veteran of the department, said it well, "Everything we do, the community is behind us. They support us 100 percent." Mr. Speaker, that is easy to believe once you learn more about the group.

When the team is not busy with their jobs, such as bank managers, sales clerks, construction workers, and insurance salesmen, they are out in Palmyra educating residents

about the importance of fire safety. They make trips to all the schools with the Stay Alive House, a model used to teach people how to escape from a burning building. Students also are invited to tour the fire station.

Due in large part to the education provided by this exceptional team, I am pleased to report that fires are on the decrease in Palmyra—something to celebrate during National Fire Prevention Week.

Congratulations are in order for the Palmyra fire department, making northeastern Missouri a safer place to live.

IN HONOR OF THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 9, 1997

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the members and clergy of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bayonne, NJ. This year the church is celebrating its 90th anniversary. When the church first opened its doors in 1907, it was the culmination of a dream 30 years in the making.

As early as 1877, the congregation was considering the idea that they had to build a church in Bayonne. At the time, since there was no church in Bayonne, worshipers had to row across the Kill Van Kull to Staten Island, a situation which presented many hardships to the Lutherans of Bayonne.

The church has not only survived for 90 years, it has also thrived, and in the process it has enriched the community. The church's numerous humanitarian public service projects and the friendly outgoing nature of the congregation's members, have helped make Bayonne and the surrounding area a better place to live.

For 90 years, congregants and clergy have worked diligently to ensure the success of the church and the community. Over their long and varied history the Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church relocated, expanded, built nursery and parish additions to their church building, and merged with the fellow Lutheran congregation of St. Paul's.

This important work was performed and done under the guidance, patients, and love of brave clergy who desired the best for their congregation and their community. Clergy such as the Rev. Bergwater, the ground breaking first pastor of the congregation, Revs. Willis and Clare, Rev. Schrum who built the parish house, Rev. Jaxheimer who oversaw major renovations and the historic merger with St. Paul's, and Rev. Larson who introduced new elements into the liturgy. During the past 10 years the mission of Grace Evangelical Lutheran has continued under the guidance of Pastors Ficken, Wright, and Carter.

The congregation is reflective of our Nation's greatest treasure—its people. A people who are not afraid to face the future. A people that know that with perseverance anything can be achieved.

It is an honor to have such an outstanding congregation in my district. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the excellent work of Grace English Evangelical Lutheran Church.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF CHIEF JAMES E. ANTHONY OF THE GLENDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. JAMES E. ROGAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 9, 1997

Mr. ROGAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend who has dedicated his life to serving his family, his community and his country. Glendale Chief of Police James E. Anthony has spent the last 34 years protecting the lives of others, and investing in the lives of those around him.

Chief Anthony followed both his father and his uncle into law enforcement. He began his career with the FBI in Washington where he quickly rose through the ranks to become special messenger to John Edgar Hoover.

In 1969, he returned to his native southern California and accepted a post with the West Covina Police Department. In his seventeen years of service there, he distinguished himself as a man of honor, integrity and determination. His efforts paid off when he was appointed to the position of department commander.

Chief Anthony is a natural leader, and his abilities were not to go untapped. In 1980 he became the Chief of Police of the Chino Police Department and served that community until his move to Glendale in 1992.

Mr. Speaker, over the last five years, Chief Jim Anthony has tirelessly served the people of Glendale, which is one of the largest cities in Los Angeles County. He has led a staff of over three hundred people by inspiring and encouraging others to offer their best for our community.

Chief Anthony has exemplified the spirit of law enforcement. In over thirty years of public service, he has seen the methods of fighting crime go from pen and paper to laser and infrared. As he looks forward to his retirement, I know my colleagues join me on behalf of the Congress of the United States in saluting Chief James E. Anthony, for his life of service to our community.

CONGRATULATIONS ON TAIWAN'S 86TH NATIONAL DAY

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 9, 1997

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, October 10, 1997, marks the 86th anniversary of the Republic of China's emergence as Asia's first republic. I heartily congratulate not only the Republic of China, but Taiwanese nationals all over the world on this momentous occasion.

For years, the people of Guam have welcomed Taiwanese citizens, whether as permanent residents or visitors, to our island. Our cultural, economic, and political collaborations have proven beneficial not only on an official level, but on social planes as well. The recent renovation of the Chinese Park in Upper Tumon is a perfect example of our appreciation of each other's cultures and ways of living.

I also take this opportunity to commend the work of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Guam under the guidance of Director

General Leo Fu-tien Liu. Through capable leaders such as Mr. Leo Fu-tien Liu, Guam is sure to benefit further from cordial relations with the Republic of China.

Guam benefits from the diversity of its residents, and certainly from the Chinese community on our island. Through their expertise, diligence and charity, Taiwanese nationals and residents have helped Guam become what it is today, an island with a vibrant economy and satisfied residents.

I again congratulate the Republic of China on this propitious occasion. Happy Double Ten.

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HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 9, 1997

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the members and officials of the Confraternidad Guinera Veintiocho de Enero.

This organization, founded on the 8th of October in 1972 in Union City by Mr. Manuel Rodriguez and other residents from the town of Guines on the beautiful island of Cuba, is celebrating their 25th anniversary. The sons and daughters of Guines living in the United States have made us proud of their service and dedication on behalf of their community in Union City, NJ.

This organization came together at a time when Union City, like many inner cities in the United States, was facing financial hardship because their businesses were moving to the suburbs. The Guineros, as part of the Cuban community in exile, contributed to the city's renaissance, not only in Union City, but also in the neighboring towns of North Bergen, West New York, Guttenberg, and Weehawken. It is gratifying to know that this organization brought together the sons and daughters of a land left behind and also of an entire community.

I am certain my colleagues will rise with me to honor this wonderful celebration of a job well done.

IN HONOR OF STEVE DILLENBECK,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
PORT OF LONG BEACH

HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 9, 1997

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a distinguished public servant, Mr. Steve Dillenbeck, executive director of the Port of Long Beach, California. Steve is retiring after 34 years in port administration—more than 6 of which were spent as executive director in Long Beach.

This great port which is located in the 38th Congressional District, has grown significantly under Steve Dillenbeck's management. His extensive seaport experience has helped make the Port of Long Beach a centerpiece of the Pacific rim economy and a keystone of U.S. global trade.

When Steve became executive director in 1991, Long Beach was one of the busiest ports in the country. Today, the Port of Long Beach is No. 1. The city of Long Beach and the surrounding regional economy are better off today because of this economic growth, due in no small part to the dedicated effort of Steve Dillenbeck and his talented staff.

Mr. Speaker, I join the Long Beach City Council and Board of Harbor Commissioners as well as the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and all the other local officials who are honoring Steve Dillenbeck for a job "well done."

HONORING THE LIONS CLUB
INTERNATIONAL OF PICO
RIVERA FOR 60 YEARS OF
OUTSTANDING AND INVALUABLE
SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. ESTEBAN EDWARD TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 9, 1997

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the men and women of the Lions Club International of Pico Rivera on the occasion of its 60th anniversary. I am proud to be an honorary member of the Lions Club International of Pico Rivera and commend my fellow Lions for 60 years of outstanding leadership and dedicated community service. On October 11, 1997, my fellow Lions will join to celebrate this milestone.

The Lions Club International began in June 1917, founded by Chicago Insurance agent Melvin Jones. He presented to a group of small business clubs his proposal of consolidating their clubs into a strong, influential club. Its goal would be to serve the community and humanity. At the first annual convention in October 1917, 23 clubs participated. Today, there are over 40,000 Lions Clubs around the world.

Recognized as the oldest continuous service club in Pico Rivera, the Lions Club of Pico Rivera was chartered on September 24, 1937. It is a part of the International Association of Lions Clubs, known worldwide for its contributions to goodwill, fellowship, and humanitarian service. The primary focus of this fine organization is service to all of mankind, in the local community and throughout the world. For 60 years, the Pico Rivera Lions Club has shared in this vision and commitment.

The men and women of the Lions Club of Pico Rivera have played major roles in the advancement of the city of Pico Rivera, working diligently to establish a positive spirit of cooperation among the citizens of our community. They provide assistance for persons who are visually impaired and who lack the resources needed for specialized eye surgery. The Lions Club of Pico Rivera works with merchants, local government, and other service clubs to build a strong community.

The Lions Club of Pico Rivera is under the leadership of my dear friend, Lion Hilda Lopez, president, an outstanding community activist who follows in the tradition of her late husband, Lion Laree, in assuming the helm of this valued community organization. She is assisted by Vincent Chavez, vice president; Jess Benavidez, co-vice president; Mary Kambourian, secretary; John Diaz, treasurer; Mario Diaz, tail twister; Jack Thomas, lion

tamer, Dr. Fred Winnen, director; Carlos Garcia, director; Lupe Quintana, director; and Philip Barnecut, central region chairman.

Mr. Speaker, it is with pride that I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the men and women of the Lions Club of Pico Rivera on the occasion of its 60th anniversary and in the recognition of its outstanding and selfless service to our community.

IN HONOR OF VARDA AND ARNOLD
WENDROFF FOR OUTSTANDING
CONTRIBUTION TO THE BAYONNE
JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER ON
ITS 45TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 9, 1997

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding family, Varda and Arnold Wendroff, who together through their tireless efforts and altruism have devoted 20 years to the workings of the Jewish Community Center in Bayonne. This year the Center will be honoring the Wendroffs at the 45th Annual Sustaining Dinner Dance on October 9, 1997 at the Jewish Community Center in Bayonne, NJ.

The Jewish Community Center has been a gathering place for the entire Bayonne community for the last 45 years. The excellent nonsectarian programs are sought after by community members of all ages—2 to 102—for nursery classes, youth basketball, concerts, lectures, a nutritious lunch program for the elderly, services for children with special needs, summer camp, children's summer theater workshop, and an adult peer learning program.

Varda Wendroff is the immediate past president of the Bayonne Jewish Community Center where she demonstrated skill, generosity, and good humor throughout her successful term. She has chaired the membership, nursery school, and Holocaust remembrance committees. Varda currently serves as president of the Bayonne Jewish Community Council. In her professional life, Varda teaches German, French and ESL at Bayonne High School. She was recognized with the Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching and named in "Who's Who Among American Teachers."

Arnold Wendroff is vice president of the Bayonne Jewish Community Center and chairperson of the Personnel Committee. Arnold had served as chairperson of the Drama Committee and has received the Nathan Secunda Award for dedication and devotion. Professionally, Arnold is a second vice president of Chase Manhattan Bank, where he has worked for 33 years. He was the recipient of the prestigious Excalibur Award given to outstanding Chase employees.

I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the outstanding work of the Bayonne Jewish Community Center and the Wendroffs, who are being honored at its Annual Sustaining Dinner. This exceptional family has shown the diligent and unselfish work which exemplifies the qualities of caring citizens working to better their community. It is an honor to have such outstanding community leaders residing in my district.