

Pasadena is a diverse, vibrant city, with a population of 125,000. As the city has grown the Citizen has grown along with it. Through it all—the boom times and the busts—the Pasadena Citizen has served as the newspaper of record for the city's triumph and setbacks.

Over the past 50 years, the Pasadena Citizen has faced all of the challenges confronting the newspapers of today—changing ownership and readership, the challenge of television, and new technologies—yet it has flourished because of its continued commitment to covering the local stories. The Citizen has become a model for other community papers to follow and, as it has for half a century, will continue to evolve to meet the economic and journalistic challenges of the 1990's and beyond.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Pasadena Citizen for 50 years of achievement in our community. The people who have made the Citizen what it is deserve our praise and our thanks.

SMYTHE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR CHILDREN AND OUR COMMUNITY

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 22, 1997

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 25th anniversary of Smythe Elementary School. For 25 years, Smythe Elementary School has been a vibrant center for the San Ysidro community. The faculty and staff at Smythe Elementary have made a commitment that encompasses far more than the school day, and the school provides programs that address a multitude of needs of the students, parents, and the larger community.

After-school programs sponsored by the U.S. Border Patrol and the YMCA provide children with a safe and healthy atmosphere in which they can do homework, improve their reading skills, and engage in fun activities. Now that more and more homes are headed by a single parent, or by two working parents, activities that keep our children safe and active after school are absolutely essential.

During school hours, education is supplemented with programs like Read Aloud, which focuses on developing reading skills and a love for books; Drop Out Prevention, which starts early to keep kids from ending their education early; and Gifted and Talented Education [GATE], which harnesses the energy and dedication of young scholars.

Health and safety programs like D.A.R.E. teach kids important lessons about staying away from drugs and crime. The teachers at Smythe understand the dangers that our children are exposed to, and they are working to prevent our kids from trouble before trouble starts.

Smythe Elementary is located in an ethnically and socially diverse community, and the school strives to answer to the complex needs of this area by providing citizenship classes, English classes, parenting classes, and a whole host of programs aimed at increasing community awareness.

Many of the programs I have mentioned today are possible because of funding provided by the Federal Government and, unfortunately, many of these programs are con-

stantly threatened with extinction. I urge my fellow members to revisit the schools in their home districts and reacquaint yourselves with the programs they provide. Like Smythe Elementary, many of our schools have become very important community centers, and our continued support is not only necessary for the safety and quality education of our children. It is necessary for the maintenance of our communities and our way of life.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in celebrating and honoring Smythe Elementary for its continued contributions to the community of San Ysidro.

CELEBRATION OF THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SPRINGFIELD BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 22, 1997

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to pay tribute today to the Springfield Business and Professional Women's Club as it celebrates its 80th anniversary and rich history of promoting the economic, intellectual, and social welfare of working women. I would like to take this opportunity both to congratulate the members of the club whose hard work and commitment has allowed this group to flourish, and to share some of the history of this club for others to enjoy.

In 1917, 16 women from Springfield gathered at the local YWCA to organize and establish the club. As the original objective they created stated, "the club would blend together women in the professions and businesswomen so that the standard of working women could be raised."

Only 2 years later, delegates from Springfield traveled to St. Louis to join several hundred other women in the founding of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs. Several Springfield women were officers in this first decade. Women from Springfield also traveled to Europe, this time to help establish the International Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs in 1930. The first treasurer of the international federation was Henrietta Harris of Springfield.

Back in Springfield, the organization supplied several of the presidents of the New England Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs and later the Massachusetts Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs including Barbara Brown in the 1960's and Carolaine O'Hare in the 1990's. But the club did so very much more than provide leadership at the district, State, national, and international levels.

In 1936, Amelia Earhardt came to speak to the club about her life as an aviator. Also, the club sponsored the Springfield Forums, bringing speakers on current topics to the public. In the seventies, they marched and rallied for the equal rights amendment on Beacon Hill just as earlier members marched and rallied to earn the right of women to vote. In the 1980's and early 1990's, the club, as part of the Massachusetts Federation, supported on Beacon Hill the Family and Medical Leave Act as well as bills to prevent and address domestic violence.

On the local front, the club has been involved through their Harris-Bullman Fund, partly named for Henrietta Harris, first treasurer of the International Federation, with local charities and organizations. In the several past years, they gave to the Open Pantry, Camp Star-Camp Angelina, Grey House, and the Forest Park Zoological Society. Other past recipients have included the Children's Study Home and Rachel's Table. Also through their Jessie M. Bourne-Winifred Daly Scholarship Fund, the club gives scholarships to the non-traditional women student. These recipients are over the age of 21 and have either returned to college or are beginning college as a need to further their career or begin a new one.

But not all of the activities have involved funds. For the past several years, the club has gathered good used working clothing and donated these clothes to the Corporation for Public Management which helps women on welfare or who were in prison get their first employment. The club helps by supplying the clothing and accessories. The club has also been part of the Women's Vote Project providing both funds and volunteer hours. They have helped with Channel 57 and Brightside Angels as well as other organizations.

Not all of the clubs' efforts are serious. They also believe there should be fun and laughter. They have sponsored a Women's Night of Comedy for the last 4 years which has provided area women with a wonderful night. A fashion show helps to provide funds for the national federation's foundation and the local scholarship fund. This year, the club has donated \$1,000 to the Hope Diamond Project and has sponsored a challenge which has led the club to contribute another \$1,000.

For several years, the club has had a candidate's night which has won them State recognition. Each year as the State federation gathers, one can expect that Springfield will receive several awards. The members are proud of their efforts in many areas. They look forward to each new club year as a challenge for the future and a chance to reflect on the past. They have resolved not to live on past triumphs but to keep achieving far into the next century. While they are proud that their predecessors help to establish both the national federation and international federation, the current members are looking forward to the day when equality for women will not be a dream but a reality and women will be paid the same as men. But they know that even then, they or their successors will continue to strive for the betterment of all working women.

RECOGNIZING CONTRIBUTIONS OF STELLA GABUZDA AND ROBERT ROCHE

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 22, 1997

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to congratulate both Stella Gabuzda and Robert Roche on their receipt of the Founders' Bank 1997 Quality of Life Award. These two distinguished honorees will receive their award on Thursday, October 23 at a special ceremony held on their behalf.

The Founders' Bank Quality of Life Award recipient is chosen by a council of former recipients and is presented by Founders' Bank

to members of the southeastern Pennsylvania community who have made a major contribution to the quality of life of the people of their community. Since October of 1988 the Founders' Bank Quality of Life Award has been awarded to one individual each year. This year however, two people have been selected.

Stella Gabuzda began her distinguished career in 1965 when she became a member of the Bala Cynwyd Board of Trustees and subsequently the Lower Merion Library Association Board. In 1976 she joined the township's library staff where she took charge of the fledgling film service at Ludington Library. She moved on to the Penn Wynne Library in 1980 as its head librarian. For 5 years, the Penn Wynne neighborhood reveled in her warm, personal approach, a hallmark of Stella's style. In 1989 she became Ludington's head librarian and met the challenges of running the township's biggest library with her customary zest. Stella's talent to combine professionalism with personal caring led to remarkable growth of special endowments and gifts to the library. Known for her wide-ranging knowledge, enthusiasm, energy, leadership and vision, her 20 years at Penn Wynne and Ludington Library spanned the pre-computer era to today's constantly changing and challenging world of computerized information technology. But she never lost sight of what mattered most to her; giving the residents the best possible library service to fulfill their reading, listening, and informational needs.

Robert Roche began his career of service in 1950 when he joined a Philadelphia fundraising consulting firm where he served such clients as the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Saint Christopher's Hospital For Children, and the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. In 1958 he became the director of capital campaigns and later director of development of the University of Pennsylvania. There, he ran a \$93 million campaign and participated in the building of a truly professional development office. In 1968, he founded Barnes & Roche, Inc., a fundraising consulting firm, and since then has personally served some 250 clients. He is currently founding chairman of the firm. He has served the community in many ways. He was an active volunteer firefighter for 25 years and has served several terms as a member of the Merion Fire Company Board of Managers. He currently serves on the Quadrangle Board of Directors, the board of the Lower Merion Conservancy and the Campaign Committee of the Volunteer Medical Service Corps of Lower Merion and Narberth.

Each year the recipient of the Quality of Life Award chooses a charity of his or her choice to receive the donations made by the invited guests. Stella has chosen to support the Bala Cynwyd Library, Ludington Library, Penn Wynne Library, and the Lower Merion Historical Society. Bob has selected the Merion Fire Company, the Lower Merion Conservancy, and the Volunteer Medical Service Corps of Lower Merion and Narberth.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Stella Gabuzda and Robert Roche on their receipt of the 1997 Quality of Life Award. Their numerous endeavors in the field of public service have left an indelible mark on the communities they represent. In addition, I

would also like to thank Founders' Bank and especially president Robert F. Whalen for initiating the award and, as a result, bringing to the forefront the courageous actions of these and many other fine individuals. Thanks to Founders' Bank and Robert Whalen, both Stella Gabuzda's and Robert Roche's contributions to the community will not go unrecognized.

HONORING THE SOUTH BRONX OVERALL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP.

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 22, 1997

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, the South Bronx Overall Economic Development Corp. [SOBRO] is celebrating its 25th anniversary with a record of accomplishments that is inspiring. In the time it has been working to make the South Bronx a paradigm of development, it has stimulated more than \$120 million in investments, created or retained 30,000 local jobs, trained or placed more than 20,000 low-income residents into jobs, completed more than \$20 million in reconstruction projects to upgrade local commercial districts, and created a community development revolving loan fund with \$600,000 to assist small businesses and entrepreneurs to gain access to credit.

SOBRO is one of the principal reasons that the Bronx, so famous as a model of urban decay that it became a regular presidential campaign stop, was named this year as an all-American city. SOBRO also helped the South Bronx to grow as a regional business hub.

SOBRO was founded in 1972 by five prominent New York City banks and has received the help of city, State, and Federal governments, as well as philanthropic support. SOBRO has worked to create jobs which benefit residents of the South Bronx.

SOBRO has played a large part in the transformation of this area from one famous for being shown on television during the World Series as burning to a model of redevelopment. I congratulate SOBRO on its 25th anniversary for the great work it has done and I know will continue to do.

TRIBUTE TO NEW JERSEY STATE SENATOR JOSEPH A. PALAIA

HON. MICHAEL PAPPAS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 22, 1997

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the countless efforts that Senator Joseph A. Palaia has made toward children with disabilities. Mr. Palaia, a State senator from the Eleventh legislative district of New Jersey, has served in the State Senate since 1989. Prior to that he served as a New Jersey State assemblyman for 7 years. On October 25, 1997, the Search Day Program in Ocean Township, a non-profit private school

for children with autism, will honor Senator Palaia with a dinner-dance, a well deserved recognition.

Senator Palaia, a graduate of Rider College in 1949, with post-graduate work at both Seton Hall and Rutgers, has been a longtime voice for children with disabilities. Moreover, he has sponsored legislature to protect and fund school-based programs and services for students with disabilities. In fact, in 1987, Senator Palaia was honored by the New Jersey Association of Schools, and Agencies for the Handicapped as Legislator of the Year.

Mr. Speaker, Senator Palaia serves as an example to us all on how we as responsible legislators, can show compassion towards our disabled youth. Senator Palaia's lifelong dedication deserves our wholehearted thanks and I commend him on his years of loyal service to our State and to those who are sometimes forgotten.

TRIBUTE TO BOBBIE BAIRD

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 22, 1997

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the sacrifices and hard work which Mr. Bobbie Baird has so passionately executed for her community of New Lenox, IL. Bobbie Baird was recently named the New Lenox Citizen of the Year for 1997.

While many often wait passively for projects to be completed by others, Bobbie has led by example, consistently dedicated to improving the quality of life in the community where she has lived for 32 years. Bobbie retired in 1996 as executive director of the New Lenox Chamber of Commerce where she has made a career of involvement. For the chamber, Bobbie has helped engineer activities for past Citizen of the Year celebrations, Fourth of July fireworks events, the chamber's Business Expo, a Proud American Days community fair, and the Sunshine Committee which helps to put smiles on the faces of local seniors.

Understanding the importance of community involvement, Bobbie has served as an administrative board member, Sunday School teacher, member of the Old Campground Festival Committee, and as publicity chair for all events at the New Lenox Methodist Church. In addition, Bobbie has offered her time and energy to assist the American Cancer Society while still reserving time to volunteer for the Lincoln-Way High School band boosters. The local Cub Scout and Boy Scout troops have also benefited from her desire to help people of all ages in her community succeed.

Bobbie's family can certainly be proud of the fine example she has shown in her home. Bobbie, and husband Charles, have three children, David, Bill, and John, who have all benefited by the model Bobbie has set as an outstanding parent and community servant.

I salute Bobbie for her dedication and consistent commitment to her community and humanity. I wish Bobbie and her family continued success and happiness in all their future endeavors.