

political party. Her willingness to do so demonstrates her professionalism and stands as a testament that Betty Pfaff was not a servant of politics, but a servant of the people.

Betty possesses a unique knowledge of the District. She is on a first-name basis with many of the constituents in northeast Missouri. She has been a valuable asset to the office of a new Member of Congress. I would not have been able to make the transition as smoothly without her.

Mr. Speaker, you'll be happy to know that now that Betty is retired, she spends her free time as a grandmother to her three grandchildren, John Pfaff and Emily and Andrew Richards. In addition to her important role as grandmother, Betty intends to help her husband, Dwaine, with his business, Hannibal Glass. She also plans to continue her service in the community where she has made her home since 1964 as a volunteer.

The people of Missouri's Ninth District are losing a humble, honorable servant. Betty, on behalf of all of whose lives you have touched, we thank you and wish you a long and happy retirement.

TRIBUTE TO SAMI AND ANNIE
TOTAH

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 24, 1997

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Sami and Annie Totah for their effective leadership and untiring commitment on behalf of many important political, cultural, and religious causes. Their achievements have reverberated throughout the community and have been felt on a local, national and international level.

Sami and Annie are deeply devoted to promoting Jewish heritage, human dignity and a democratic lifestyle throughout the United States, Israel, and Armenia. They have given generously of their time, energy, and knowledge to affect change and progress to better serve human kind.

Annie has dedicated countless hours to promoting ethnic diversity through her work with the United Jewish Appeal Federation, the Armenian General Benevolent Union, the American Sephardic Federation, and other organizations. She has supported the Armenian Assembly of America where she serves as the first female chairperson in its history. She has also received the United Nations Association's certificate of appreciation for outstanding contributions to human rights. Most notable is her role in the Maryland community where she has raised funds, cultural awareness, and political consciousness about issues affecting all people.

Sami has also demonstrated a strong commitment to promoting human rights here and abroad. He has worked as the vice chairman of the Young Leadership Campaign of the United Jewish Appeal Federation. He is responsible for the construction of the first and only Sephardic Synagogue here in our Nation's capital. His presence in the community is a blessing to us all.

Sami and Annie's benevolence and warmth have touched many lives. They have made outstanding efforts on behalf of many philan-

thropic and civic organizations. Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, please join me in honoring Sami and Annie Totah.

CHAN FAMILY HONORED AS
EARLY PIONEERS OF THE VALLEY

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 24, 1997

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute Gordon and Anita Chan, and their family, selected as "Early Pioneers of the Valley" by the Chinese Historical and Cultural Project in San Jose, CA.

I know the Chans well as I have had the pleasure of working with them over the years on matters important to the district I represent in the 105th Congress. Among many other things, the Chan family is being honored for their valuable contribution in the opening of the Museum of Chinese American History in San Jose in 1991, and their continued efforts to establish a traveling exhibit of Chinese American history.

Gordon Chan's grandfather, Chien Lung, came to America in 1880, and became a very successful farmer in the Sacramento Delta area. History books refer to him as the "Chinese Potato King," a prosperous farmer until he was forced to sell his land because of Alien Land Laws in the 1920's. Gordon's father, Ted Chan, started a successful flower-growing business, and served as president of the Chinese Wholesale Flower Market in San Francisco.

Gordon and Anita, who met while attending college, continued working in the flower business, and have expanded into real estate development and restaurant operations.

The Chans have shared their success with others in our community through their many generous contributions to local groups and organizations, and most importantly, they have been an encouragement to others to actively participate in civic affairs. Gordon Chan is legendary in San Jose for his community work, having served on many boards and commissions in our county.

Mr. Speaker, on October 25, 1997, the Chinese Historical and Cultural Project will honor the Chan family as "Early Pioneers of the Valley," at its 10th Anniversary Gala Celebration, the Dragon Ball. I would like to invite my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in saluting the Chan family as they receive this very distinguished honor.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MS. ODILE
HOWELL

HON. GEORGE P. RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 24, 1997

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Odile Howell on the occasion of her 104th birthday. The event was celebrated on September 18, 1997.

Odile Howell was born in the Alsace region of France, in 1893. Leaving France's wine country in 1907, Howell came to Los Angeles

to care for an ill uncle. It was at this time that she fell in love with the United States and decided to become a citizen. In 1922, Howell married her sweetheart, William Sylvester Gallet, a successful painter in southern California. Shortly thereafter, they were blessed with two children, a boy and a girl.

Above all else, Ms. Howell is proud to be an American. Her short time in France gave witness to food shortages and scarcities in other basic human needs that were not present in the United States. Not a day goes by that Howell fails to profess her admiration and reverence for our country.

Although Ms. Howell is still very active, some special needs have moved her from Los Angeles to Mariposa, CA. Specifically, Mariposa places her closer to many of her 9 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. Currently, Howell resides at John C. Freemont Hospital, where she still maintains a shining smile and wonderful sense of humor.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I pay tribute to the 104th birthday of Ms. Odile Howell. Her patriotism and longevity serve as a model for all men and women and should be held in the highest respect. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Ms. Odile Howell our best wishes.

IN HONOR OF THE STATEWIDE
HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
OF NEW JERSEY'S 7TH
ANNUAL CONVENTION AND EXPO

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 24, 1997

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey's 7th annual convention and exhibition which is geared toward putting small businesses on the road to success. On October 24, 1997, the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce [SHCC] will host the Annual Expo Trade Show at the Sheraton Meadowlands Hotel in East Rutherford, NJ.

The seventh annual convention and exhibition will recognize the efforts and contributions of business owners, CEO's and other top management from both large and small Hispanic businesses throughout the State. This year's theme and challenge are "Partnering for Success." Among the several innovations and workshops are commercial loan approvals, on-line networking and marketing, maximizing office efficiency through computer technology, business start-up, expansion, and exporting. The SHCC has been integral in New Jersey realizing an 87 percent growth of Hispanic business over the past 10 years. They have also helped generate 128,000 jobs and helped produce \$1.5 million in business alone. It is reassuring to know that organizations like SHCC continue to foster growth and provide leadership to Hispanic businesses as we approach the 21st century.

The SHCC is a voluntary membership network of several Hispanic chambers of commerce and professional business associations across New Jersey and the Philadelphia area. The organization aims to identify and communicate the needs of the Hispanic business

community by increasing relations with the corporate sector, influencing legislation, policies and programs that have a positive impact on the business community, providing leadership and support for excellence in education for future business leaders, and providing technical assistance to Hispanic businesses, professional associations, and entrepreneurs through regional meetings, seminars, conferences and annual state conventions.

I asked my colleagues to join me in recognizing the outstanding annual event of the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey. I commend their accomplishments and all they have done for Hispanic businesses throughout my home State of New Jersey.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE KARTIKIS

HON. MICHAEL PAPPAS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 24, 1997

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life and service of George Kartikis who served as benefactor chairman of the AHEPA Fifth District Cancer Research Foundation. I think that almost everyone has known a friend or family member that has been effected by this devastating disease. This organization is responsible for fundraising and grant awarding to scientists and research medical institutions whose primary goal is to find a cure for cancer. Mr. Kartikis played a very important role in this organization, and on November 1 the foundation will honor him.

In 1996, under the direction of Mr. Kartikis, the foundation awarded grants to the Fox Chase Cancer Center, the Cancer Institute of New Jersey and Hackensack Medical Center in the amount of \$170,000. This is no small donation and it was made possible because of the efforts of many generous individuals, including Mr. Kartikis. The entire cancer research community in this country will miss his energy and dedication to this most worthy cause.

George Kartikis set an example of giving. He lent a hand to help cure a disease that affects millions of Americans. Mr. Speaker, let us all learn by his example.

THE SUPERFUND RECYCLING EQUITY ACT INTRODUCED

HON. DAN SCHAEFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 24, 1997

Mr. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today, Congressman BILLY TAUZIN introduced the Superfund Recycling Equity Act. I am an original cosponsor of this measure.

This legislation is similar to a proposal offered during the 104th Congress by then-Representative Blanche Lincoln. That bill had 238 cosponsors and enjoyed overwhelming support of industry, environmental groups, the Clinton administration. This year's bill has the same broad base of support.

Simply put, the Superfund Recycling Equity Act gives business in the recycling industry peace-of-mind that they will not be unduly drawn into the Superfund liability web as long as they do not knowingly contribute hazardous wastes and follow standard business practices. This legislation will encourage more recycling of paper, glass, textiles, metals, plastics and other materials greatly reducing the volume of the Nation's waste stream.

The House Commerce Committee is currently engaged in bipartisan negotiations to reform Superfund, which will speed cleanups and reduce needless litigation. I look forward to working with Congressman TAUZIN to include this proposal as part of this comprehensive Superfund reform effort.

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTERED WOMEN'S ALTERNATIVE

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 24, 1997

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 20th Anniversary of Battered Women's Alternative, a non-profit agency in Contra Costa County, California, that serves battered women and their families. Founded in 1977, Battered Women's Alternative is a leader, providing technical assistance and resources to many other programs across the country.

As we are all too aware, domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women between the ages 15 and 44 in the United States. More women are injured as a result of domestic violence than are injured in car accidents, muggings, and rapes combined. Women of all cultures, races, occupations, income levels, and ages are battered by husbands, boyfriends, and partners. Batterers are not restricted to low-income or unemployed men. Approximately one-third of the men who undergo counseling for battering are professional men who are well-respected in their jobs and their communities. These include doctors, psychologists, lawyers, ministers, and business executives. Domestic violence also affects children. Half the children who live in violent homes experience some form of physical abuse. Unfortunately, one-third of boys who grow up in violent homes become batterers themselves, simply perpetuating the cycle.

For 20 years, Battered Women's Alternative has provided a safe haven for those women who have taken the critical first step and escaped from their homes. Battered Women's Alternative serves more than 15,500 women annually through its 24-hour crisis line, emergency shelter, safe homes, traditional housing, legal advocacy, counseling, employment assistance and placement programs. Battered Women's Alternative also conducts extensive educational programs in the hopes of preventing future instances of domestic violence, many of which are targeted toward abusive men as well as younger children.

Battered Women's Alternative is the largest domestic violence agency in the Bay Area and is the only agency which serves my constituents in the 10th District. The cities and County

of Contra Costa formerly recognized the outstanding community service provided by Battered Women's Alternative on October 16, 1997. I ask that you join me in honoring this organization for their outstanding work and dedication in rebuilding the tarnished lives of the many women and children who are victims of domestic violence.

UNITED NATIONS DAY IN NORTH CAROLINA

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 24, 1997

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call the attention of the Congress to North Carolina Governor James B. Hunt, Jr.'s proclamation of October 24, 1997 as "United Nations Day" in North Carolina, and I join him in urging all citizens to participate in all activities related to this day. I commend the work of members of the United Nations Association in the Second Congressional District and across North Carolina. The proclamation reads:

UNITED NATIONS DAY 1997

(By the Governor of the State of North Carolina)

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the United Nations system was founded in 1945, and the anniversary of its founding is observed each year on October 24; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations system has a commendable record of achievement and faces extraordinary challenges in preventing and resolving conflict, protecting the earth's environment, elevating standards of living through sustainable economic development, and promoting humane and democratic values; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations is the only organization capable of dealing with the global implications of a post-Cold War, and the best vehicle for finding collective solutions to these challenges; and

WHEREAS, the work of the United Nations impacts all Americans, directly affecting their health, security, economic freedom and democratic values; and

WHEREAS, the United States was one of the founding members of the United Nations, representing the fervent desire of the United States and its World War II allies to "save succeeding generations from the scourge of war"; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations deserves support from both the United States government and American citizens if it is to continue its important work in the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, Judge William A. Creech was appointed Chair of United Nations Day in North Carolina to work with a United Nations Day Committee composed of community leaders to organize events and activities to educate citizens about the continuing need for the United Nations, and United States leadership in a changing world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES B. HUNT JR., Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 24, 1997, as "United Nations Day" in North Carolina, and urge all our citizens to participate in all activities related to this day.

JAMES B. HUNT JR.,
Governor of North Carolina.