

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.

TRIBUTE TO THE GOOD COMPANY
PLAYERS

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 the Good Company Players of Fresno. Good Company Players is an exceptionally talented theater production company where Fresnoans can view the performing arts.

The Good Company Players opened its doors in 1973 in the ballroom of the Fresno Hilton. After three summers there and two summers at other Fresno auditoriums, Good Company Players moved to its current location at Roger Rock's Music Hall. With its yearround performances, Good Company Players became the centerpiece in Fresno's Tower District, a cultural and entertainment hub in the central valley. Finally, 1982 marked the opening of Good Company's Second Space Theater which accommodates performances from school groups and junior programs.

Good Company is the premier production company throughout the Fresno area and has entertained 1,250,000 people. Over 1,683 performers have participated in a total of 7,500 shows. Currently, Good Company offers 12 performances a year and several acting workshops for both children and adults.

As Fresno's gateway to Broadway, Good Company boasts several acclaimed alumni. Specifically, Audra McDonald—who plays Eponine in *Les Misérables*—is a two-time Tony winner. Other Broadway veterans include Sarah Uriarte, Duane Boutte, Sharon Leal and Tony nominee Bob Westenberg. Along with Broadway, Good Company has launched many of Fresno's residents into television, technical and choreographic careers.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I pay tribute to the Good Company Players of Fresno. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing the Good Company Players many more years of success.

IN HONOR OF THERESE ROCCO,
MOM'S HOUSE 1997 COURAGEOUS
WOMAN

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 24, 1997

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, the contributions made by Therese Rocco to our local communities and our Nation serve as a testament to the lasting impact that can be achieved by a single individual. It is with extreme pleasure that I congratulate Therese on being named Mom's House Courageous Woman of 1997.

Therese's accomplishments are as extensive as they are impressive. Her efforts have won praise from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, several mayors of Pittsburgh, the International Association of the Chiefs of Police, Allegheny County Commissioners, the Pennsylvania State Service Commission, and *Newsweek* magazine, to name a few. Therese has been rightly recognized not only for her skill and dedication, but for her foresight re-

garding emerging needs in the criminal justice system. Clearly, Therese is a woman of great courage who has demonstrated the vision and spirit that is necessary to raise awareness and bring about real change.

A female pioneer in police enforcement and public administration, Therese brought to light the need for community policing and greater representation of women officers, as well as the plight of underprivileged and abused children. That these issues are still of concern today illustrates that Therese was way ahead of the curve when she began examining them over 30 years ago. Without question, Therese is an excellent choice for this award, as her life has the power to inspire young women who may have doubts about the validity of their own worth and aspirations.

I, along with my distinguished colleagues from western Pennsylvania, salute your most recent award, Mom's House Courageous Woman of 1997. Please accept our most sincere congratulations and best wishes for continued success.

HONORING THE 68TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST
CHURCH

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 24, 1997

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the founding family and faithful members of the St. John's Baptist Church of Jersey City, NJ. On October 25, 1997, at the Newark Airport Hilton in Elizabeth, NJ, the church will celebrate its 68th anniversary of service.

St. John's Baptist Church was inspired and founded by Rev. Franklin Saunders, Deacons B.J. Johnson and George Bedtison, and a handful of faithful members in 1929. That same year, the newly established church at 121 York Street in Jersey City, NJ was incorporated by the State of New Jersey. Before settling in to its current location at 525 Bramhall Avenue in 1948, the church relocated three times within Jersey City: The corner of Monmouth and Grand Streets, 291 Grand Street, and 70 Monticello Avenue. The latter purchase, during the Depression in 1936, required two men of substantial employment—Deacons Johnson and Bedtison as signatories on a note for \$4008 to qualify for purchase of that property.

The church has not only survived for 68 years but also thrived, while enriching the community. The church's numerous humanitarian public service projects and the friendly nature of its members has helped make Jersey City and the surrounding area a better place to live. For 68 years, members and clergy have worked diligently to ensure the success of the church and the community.

Among the faithful St. John's members and contributors over the years are Reverend Sammie Hawkins, Jr., Reverend Brawner, Associate Ministers Reverend Richard Hare and Leroy Witcher and Reverend R.L. Williams. Reverend Hawkins, the church's new administrator, originally from East Dublin, GA arrived permanently on December 28, 1990 with his lovely wife, Sister Latchal Hawkins, and daughters, Ebony and Valerie.

It is an honor to have such an outstanding congregation in my district. I ask that my col-

leagues join me in recognizing the excellent work of the St. John's Baptist Church.

SUPPORT MORAN SUBSTITUTE TO
D.C. APPROPRIATIONS

SPEECH OF

HON. MAX SANDLIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 9, 1997

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2607) making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes:

Mr. SANDLIN. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of the Moran amendment to the D.C. appropriations bill. I find the arguments of the gentlelady from the District of Columbia, the members of the Congressional Black Caucus, and the minority members of the Appropriations Committee to be most persuasive. This bill breaks the rules of the House. Once again, the Republican majority is attempting to legislate on an appropriations bill. They have thrown everything but the kitchen sink into this bill. They cannot pass their social agenda on a national scale, so they are starting small with one city.

The Moran substitute eliminates some of the more egregious provisions of the bill. First, it deletes the provision that establishes a new program to provide educational scholarships to low-income students. In our country, every child is guaranteed the right to a free, public education. We have all heard the horror stories about the terrible state of disrepair of the DC schools. There is no doubt about the fact when we have statistics from reliable sources like the GAO telling us that in 1996, 49 percent of the schools in the District had at least one building in need of extensive repair and 68 percent had at least one unsatisfactory environmental condition.

Rather than aggravating the situation, we should be working to improve the DC public schools. Unfortunately, the misguided Republican Leadership has chosen to "fix" this problem by including a proposal to provide up to \$3,200 per student so that 2,000 children from low-income families could attend private schools. This plan will drain \$45 million in Federal funds away from the public schools already in dire straits and will do absolutely nothing for the 97 percent of students in the District who remain in the public schools.

Only two private schools in DC have tuition rates lower than the amount provided by the "scholarships". This plan does not provide any great "choice" for most families in the District. It simply adds two schools to the many public schools they can currently choose. Those two schools, however, still have the option of saying "no" to any student who does not meet their standards for admission. In fact, even if they did not decline admission to students based on their admission requirements, they would have to decline admission to the large majority of students simply due to inadequate space.

The public schools of the District will continue to fund facilities, staff, and administrative