

Mr. Speaker, I wholeheartedly congratulate Mr. Glatfelter on 50 years of commendable service in the insurance industry, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the neighborhoods of York County.

A TRIBUTE TO THE FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH OF CUTCHOGUE

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 31, 1997

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the historical development of the First Baptist Church of Cutchogue. In 1924, a small dedicated group of members met in a little school house on Oregon Road in Cutchogue Long Island, under the leadership of Reverend E.A. Green. There, a foundation of faith was laid and dreams of things bigger and better began.

In no time at all the church began to flourish. The members established a board of deacons, trustee board, missionary society, and a senior choir. The little school house was no longer able to hold all of God's people. The trustees believed in the Baptists and were willing to do something to help. On December 15, 1925 they purchased a quarter of an acre of land on Middle Road from Frank and Anna McBride for the amount of \$866.00. The deed was signed by trustees William Brown, Gilbert Davis, Kelsy Cosby, Anderson Cook, and John Jacobs. The little church wasn't little anymore.

Thanks to the trustees and the dedicated members, the beliefs of the Baptists were kept alive and the followers were strong and numerous. This success can in part be attributed to the dedicated pastors who provided guidance, patience, and support to their congregation and the community.

Present pastor, Rev. Cornelius Fulford blessed the followers with his wisdom, grace, and mercy when he took over the responsibility of the church in 1989. Pastor Fulford realizes how important children are to the church and he focuses on programs like Bible study, C.C.C. Choir, and the junior usher board. His preaching, teaching, and reaching out strengthened the bonds between the followers and provided them with the leadership they need to continue to grow as a congregation and as a society.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to have the First Baptist Church of Cutchogue and its members as one of our Eastern Long Island neighbors. This blessed church and its members learned that with hard work and perseverance, anything is possible in the Name of the Lord. The dedication of the clergy and congregation deserve our acknowledgement. I thank you for joining with me in their praise and recognition.

A TRIBUTE TO JERRY GAMBLE

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 31, 1997

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention Mr. Jerry Gamble. Jerry will be honored by the Joseph M. Pizza Asso-

ciation of Northern New Jersey for his long and distinguished service as a dedicated law enforcement officer on Sunday, November 2, 1997.

Jerry was born in Paterson, the son of James and June Gamble. He received his education in the Haledon School System and is a graduate of the Technical and Vocational High School. Later, he attended William Paterson College. Quickly becoming a success in the law enforcement field, Jerry went back to school to further his occupational knowledge by attending management programs at Rutgers University.

Jerry's career has been one of consistent success and a prestigious line of promotions. Jerry joined the Borough of Haledon's police force in 1966 as a special police officer. Promoted to the rank of full police officer in 1970, Jerry made sergeant 7 years later. In 1982, he was promoted to captain. Five years later, in March of 1987, Jerry was named Haledon's chief of police.

Success in his professional life has also been accompanied by personal triumphs. Jerry and his wife, the former Geri Castello, are the proud parents of daughter Lindsey Marie Gamble. Throughout the Borough of Haledon and the surrounding communities, Jerry is well known as a giving man with an extensive love of family, people, and children.

Keeping pace with his outstanding career, Jerry has also been active in a number of charitable and service-oriented organizations. He has demonstrated a unique capacity for leadership, serving as the president of the Passaic County Police Chiefs Association and as the first vice-president of the Passaic County 200 Club. Jerry is also a member of PBA-349, the New Jersey State Chief of Police Association, the National Association of Chiefs of Police, the Italian American Police Officers Association, the New Jersey/New York Honor Legion, and the Haledon Business and Economic Development Association.

Mr. Speaker, in recognition of Police Chief Jerry Gamble's significant and outstanding services to Haledon and the greater Passaic County community, would you join me, our colleagues, Chief Gamble's family, and the law enforcement community of Passaic County in congratulating him on this impressive honor.

TRIBUTE TO AMBASSADOR
SHYAMALA B. COWSIK

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 31, 1997

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay special tribute to Ambassador Shyamala B. Cowsik, the Deputy Chief of Mission at the Indian Embassy in Washington. During Ambassador Cowsik's tenure in Washington, economic, political, and social relations between the United States and India continued to grow.

She has played an important role in improving relations between the United States and India. Ambassador Cowsik represented the interests of India not only in Washington but also throughout the United States. As a member of the Congressional Caucus on Indian and Indian-Americans, I had an opportunity to work with her closely on several occasions.

Her good work contributed to more Members of this body becoming aware of the importance of a strong U.S.-Indo relationship. Members of the Indian-American community in my district and in New Jersey spoke highly of their dealings with the Ambassador and the service they received from the Mission.

Ambassador Cowsik has had a long and distinguished career in India's Foreign Service, and she is one of its highest serving women. Previously, she served in the Philippines, Thailand, and the former Yugoslavia. I hope my colleagues will join me in congratulating her for her service to India and Indian-Americans, and in wishing her success in her new position as Ambassador to Cyprus.

STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF
JOHN N. STURDIVANT, NATIONAL
PRESIDENT, AMERICAN FEDERATION
OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES (AFGE)

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 31, 1997

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sorrow that I rise today to pay tribute to the memory of a great labor leader, a great citizen, and a great man, John N. Sturdivant. John Sturdivant was president of the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE), one of the largest Federal unions, which has about 178,000 active members in 1,100 locals and represents about 600,000 workers in 68 Federal agencies. Through all the Congressional debate about the role and responsibilities of the Federal Government, one person was always there ensuring that U.S. tax dollars were not wasted and that vital public services were not lost. He was a watchdog against inefficiency and a champion of worker and human rights.

Mr. Sturdivant, a full partner in President Clinton's efforts to reinvent government, knew Americans wanted a more effective government. His efforts have made AFGE a leader in overcoming the Federal bureaucracy and achieving results. He combated the notion that workers are part of the problem when it comes to increasing government efficiency. Thanks to leaders like John Sturdivant, front-line workers are perceived as the solution and AFGE members are bringing about important changes in the way the Federal Government operates.

During the 1995 and 1996 Government shutdowns, intensive work by Mr. Sturdivant and AFGE secured important public support for the hundreds of thousands of Government employees who were locked out of their jobs or forced to work without pay. As a result of AFGE's comprehensive campaign, strong public pressure was brought to bear on an intractable Congress, ending the shutdowns and returning Federal employees to work with the guarantee of back pay.

As a key member of the National Partnership Council led by Vice President Al Gore, Mr. Sturdivant has helped agencies like Veterans Affairs and Social Security, once plagued with adversarial labor relations, improve customer service and save taxpayers' money.

The changes his leadership brought to the Federal workplace have not only given workers a greater voice on the job, but also removed the roadblocks which prevented them

from taking part in the political process. A familiar face on Capitol Hill, Mr. Sturdivant helped AFGE achieve its 20-year legislative initiative with the passage of Hatch Act Reform, legislation that allows Federal employees to become politically active without undue restrictions.

Mr. Sturdivant not only amplified the chorus of Federal workers and their issues, he was also a new voice for America's minorities. One of *Ebony Magazine's* 100 Most Influential Blacks in America, he was the first African-American to head AFGE and first to serve as president of a major AFL-CIO union. Elected in 1988, Mr. Sturdivant also served as a vice president of the AFL-CIO. In 1989, he was elected vice president on the AFL-CIO Executive Council.

John Sturdivant was a trailblazer whose commitment and contributions on behalf of the labor movement, government workers and our way of life will be sorely missed. His passion and sacrifice have made a lasting impression on my colleagues and myself, and the people on behalf of whom he toiled will continue to benefit from the fruit of his efforts and cherish his memory for a long time to come.

CONGRATULATIONS TO AMBASSADOR COWSIK

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 31, 1997

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, later this month Shyamala B. Cowsik, the Deputy Chief Minister at the Embassy of India, will conclude a 2-year tour of duty in the United States. During this 2-year period, Ambassador Cowsik has been a central figure in the growing diplomatic relationship between the United States and India. She has worked tirelessly to build new bridges between the world's oldest democracy and the world's largest democracy and to destroy many misconceptions which kept our countries apart for many years.

As a member of the Congressional Caucus on India and Indian-Americans, I have been privileged to know Ambassador Cowsik and to interact with her on several occasions. She has been an outstanding representative of her country's interests in Washington and in other cities across the United States. My own district in New York City and Long Island has a large, growing and prosperous Indian-American community which has been a source of inspiration and pride for me in my capacity as a Member of Congress. I am certain my constituents will miss Ambassador Cowsik as she departs to become India's Ambassador to Cyprus.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in taking this opportunity to congratulate Shyamala Cowsik on a job well done and to wish her every success in the future. I applaud her for her excellent service in Washington.

TRIBUTE TO GRANITE FARMS ES- TATES AND THE 25TH ANNIVER- SARY OF ACTS, INC.

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 31, 1997

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay respectful tribute to the Adult Communities Total Services, ACTS, Inc., on the 25th anniversary of the opening of the first of its 15 lifecare retirement communities. Granite Farms Estates was the 11th such community and, since its creation, it has upheld the highest standards that ACTS demands.

Six thousand individuals are residents of the 15 ACTS lifecare retirement communities in Pennsylvania, North Carolina, and Florida. Since its creation in 1971, ACTS has been the leader in lifecare, combining a wide range of services and amenities to meet changing health care needs at any level; from fully independent living, to home health care, to assisted living and skilled nursing care. The obvious advantage is that seniors can be assured of receiving the exact level of care they need in one setting, usually without having to be separated from a spouse, friends, or family. Throughout its 25-year history, ACTS has been the preeminent leader of lifecare.

Although ACTS, Inc. inaugurated the first of its communities in 1972, it was not until 1986 that Granite Farms Estates was opened. Situated atop a beautiful rise on the former Wawa Dairies' pasture on 25 acres, the Granite Farms Estates has remained a haven for seniors and a great provider of lifecare. Its serene country setting and its close proximity to a nature preserve have contributed to its mission to secure a peaceful environment and state of mind. Home to over 500 residents, Granite Farms has hired only the best, highly trained employees and has remained alert to advances in health care and to the challenging needs and expectations of its residents. Granite Farms Estates is proud of its affiliation with ACTS and hopes that their continued partnership to provide the premier lifecare in the Nation will continue well into the future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues rise with me in this tribute to Granite Farms Estates and ACTS as it celebrates its 25th anniversary. Their formidable record of providing the best quality lifecare has improved and invigorated the lives of so many. I am proud to have such an important and respected organization in my district.

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE CONGRES- SIONAL CAUCUS FOR WOMEN'S ISSUES

HON. JULIA CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 31, 1997

Ms. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues. The caucus was formed to focus attention on issues of special concern to women—such as preventive health services for women, domestic vio-

lence, discrimination in education and the workplace. One of my first acts in Congress was to join the caucus, and I am proud to be a member of it.

Among our accomplishments in the 20 years since the Women's Caucus was formed, we have shepherded to passage legislation protecting pregnant women from employment discrimination, improving enforcement of child-support orders, providing a 3-year extension of health insurance coverage for wives and divorced spouses, ensuring that the National Institutes of Health do not ignore research on the health problems of women, and the Family and Medical Leave Act.

Our work is not finished, however. American women still face discrimination in employment and pay. We need more protections in child support enforcement and domestic violence. We need the caucus now more than ever.

EXPRESSING SORROW OF THE CLEMENT HOUSE AT THE DEATH OF HON. WALTER H. CAPPS, REP- RESENTATIVE FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 29, 1997

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, WALTER CAPPS was a rare gift to those who work on Capitol Hill. Others have eulogized him and found that in such instances, words are inadequate. But it remains important to struggle for such words. And it is the only fitting tribute to a man who left everyone with nothing but smiles.

No one will say they knew him well enough or long enough—his passing came too soon—but all will say they were happy to have known him. His personality was such that you felt close to him and wished to claim that you were. It was an honor to be able to consider yourself a friend of WALTER CAPPS. He was a watermark for good and a genuine, kind man worthy of emulation.

I worked with Mr. CAPPS on the International Relations Committee and was always touched by his gregarious and personable presence. He was wise and thoughtful in ways uncommon and was passionate in his desire to help others. He loved his job and shared with others his good humor and a warm sense of responsibility and purpose. In no way was he political in the pejorative sense; he was an intellectual who understood his talent to bridge disciplines and cut through rhetoric in hopes of reconciling differences and pushing colleagues toward progress. His seat on the committee is empty and that emptiness will be felt long beyond this Congress.

But Mr. CAPPS was a man who touched others. He saw value and equality in his colleagues, legislative and building staff members, and his constituents. He admired them as much as they admired him, though I am sure he never fully understood how much they admired him. What we understood as his heart and his vision for humanity and religion, with honor, respect and admiration, will be carried forth in the ideas of those whom he so deeply touched.

Go well, Mr. CAPPS. We shall miss you, though we shall not forget you.