

El Pasoan of the Year for 1996. Jimmy has served El Paso with unmatched dedication and desire while asking for nothing in return.

Jimmy is the current Chairman of the Board of the American Heart Association and was the past Development Chairman and Outstanding Regional Volunteer of the Year for West Texas. He has served the Boy Scouts of America for more than 28 years and is the current Chairman of the Troop Committee of Troop 222.

Jimmy has been a member of the Highland Presbyterian Church for more than 35 years. He currently serves the church in his capacity as co-music leader for Sunday School and Chairman of the 40th Anniversary celebration. He currently sits on the Board of Directors of the Northgate Optimist Club. His involvement in the community includes service to Andress High School as the past President of the Band Booster Club. He is also a Life Member of the Texas Parent Teacher Association.

I would like to thank Jimmy Melver for his years of dedication and service to El Paso. We can all learn a great deal from Jimmy and the sacrifices he has made to improve his community. He is typical of what El Paso has become known for in the Southwest, individuals that work long, hard, and unselfish hours on behalf of this community for no other reason than to create a community where everyone can feel welcome. He shines as bright as the star on our mountain.

TRIBUTE TO JUDGE IRVIN B.
BOOKER

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 1997

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to an outstanding member of the Newark community on the occasion of his retirement after a long and distinguished judicial career, the Honorable Irvin B. Booker.

Judge Booker has contributed over two decades of service to our community. Appointed to the Newark Court in 1970, he served as presiding judge of the Newark Municipal Court from 1974 through 1980. He was then elevated by the Governor of the New Jersey to the position of Judge of the Essex County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court. Most recently, he sat on the Superior Court of New Jersey, assigned to the Family Court part of Essex County.

Not only has Judge Booker gained great respect for his professional accomplishments, he has also won the admiration and gratitude of the community for his tireless volunteer work. Judge Booker, affectionately known as "Buddy" by his close friends, is noted for his vision and creative ideas to benefit the community. Always thinking of ways to improve the community or to stimulate citizens' awareness, he has been considered a fair, thoughtful and even-mannered judge. Judge Booker has increased the awareness of the judiciary by hosting an annual Black History Month program at the County Courts Building, which has continued to grow in size and stature.

He has been an active participant in the Celebrity Read Program for Newark Elementary School Students; an active supporter of Senior Citizens events for the James C. White Senior

Citizen Complex; an organizer of Education Encouragement Day for the city of Newark; an advisor and Pro Bono Incorporating Attorney for New Community Corporation, which meets numerous needs in our community; an organizing member of the First Crispus Attucks Day Parade; a Founder and Coordinator of the Life Experience and Achievement Program; and a supporter of the Weequahic High School and Chancellor Annex Father's Club. He was also a founding member of the Baristers of New Jersey, the Concerned Legal Associates, and the Garden State Bar. Other professional affiliations include membership in: the American Bar Association, the New Jersey State Bar Association, the National Bar Association, the Essex County Bar Association, the Essex County Municipal Court Judges Association, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Counsel, the Seton Hall Moot Court-Visiting Instructor, the Legal Advisory Committee of Montclair State College, the New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Municipal Courts, the Advisory Board of the New Jersey Center for Law and Related Education, and the National Council for Judicial Planning.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in offering congratulations and best wishes for the future to Judge Booker.

TRIBUTE TO LAWRENCE PERNICK

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 1997

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, as we on the Federal legislative level finish our work on the floor for this year, I want to pay tribute to Lawrence Pernick, an outstanding legislator on the local level for 27 years.

Until his untimely and sudden death on November 6, Larry Pernick embodied the best in public service. While the Oakland County Board was supposed to be an avocation, Larry Pernick viewed his service as a county commissioner to be a vital part of his role in life.

It was manifested in his hard work, his sense of camaraderie beyond party lines, and his sense of human about his work.

There was little publicity about his valuable public efforts, but that never bothered Larry Pernick. He valued the respect of his colleagues and the integrity of his labors more than the beam of publicity. Good work was its own reward, not the limelight.

So he will be sorely missed, by colleagues, also by his long-time friends, and most of all by his loved and loving family, his wife of 48 years, Anne, his children, and his grandchildren.

THE 61ST ANNIVERSARY OF MORNING
STAR MISSIONARY BAPTIST
CHURCH

HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 1997

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to offer my heartfelt congratulations to the congregation of the Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church and its pastor, the Reverend Dr.

Charles E. Betts, Sr., for celebrating the 61st anniversary of the church.

Morning Star has provided spiritual guidance to thousands and has made a tremendous contribution to the community. I have been fortunate enough to visit Morning Star and to meet with Reverend Betts on many occasions, and I can attest to his dedication to children and to the community he serves. In a neighborhood which desperately needs people who care and who want honesty, fairness, and justice for those who live there, it is a true testament to Reverend Betts and to Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church that they have become the shining star of their community. Congratulations.

STUPAK & BERGMAN PC

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 1997

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call attention to a business development in Escanaba, a shore community in the 1st Congressional District of Michigan. In that city on December 13, my brother Frank Stupak and his long-time law partner, John Bergman, will dedicate their new business location, a new building on the waterfront in downtown Escanaba, next to the historic House of Ludington.

In December Frank will also mark his 25th year as an attorney, a quarter century of service to northern Michigan.

Frank began his legal career after graduating from the University of Toledo law school in 1972. He began with the firm of Hansley, Neiman, Peterson and Beauchamp PC, and later went into partnership with John Bergman.

Frank's first year of practice, which included prosecuting cases for the city of Escanaba, coincided with my first year as a law enforcement officer in Escanaba. I would arrest people and Frank would prosecute them. We were an unbeatable team.

Before I was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in 1988, I was a partner with Frank and John and worked out of their offices in Escanaba and nearby Menominee. Frank had been the oldest brother in our large family, and we always looked up to him. Now, as a law partner I got to see first-hand his professional commitment.

I've watched my brother consistently handle some of the most important cases in northern Michigan. To those who ask how he has managed to land such good legal work, his standard answer is, "because I've worked hard on every case for 25 years."

Mr. Speaker, today I wish the best for Frank; his wife Penny; his daughter Stefanie, a family services counselor and youth activities coordinator; and his son Trent, a student in pre-law at Michigan State University. I know that Frank hopes one day his son will follow him in service to northern Michigan. I also offer my congratulations to John, his wife Mary and his son John, a high school student. Good luck, too, to Martin Fittanti, a junior associate at the firm of Stupak & Bergman PC.

I'm proud to have been part of their firm, and I continue to feel pride when I hear the respect with which people regard the quality of service the firm provides. In fact, the quality of the representation of that firm has only been a benefit to my political aspiration.

Now the partnership will carry on this tradition of service in a new downtown building, reflecting the partners' long-term commitment to the city's historic commercial district.

A SALUTE TO MICHAEL K. SIMPSON
PRESIDENT OF UTICA COLLEGE

HON. SHERWOOD L. BOEHLERT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 1997

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to extend my congratulations to my great friend, Michael K. Simpson, who will be retiring as the president of Utica College of Syracuse University this January to become the president of the American University in Paris.

Dr. Simpson has had a most distinguished career as both an academic and community leader. His contributions to Utica College and the surrounding community are countless. Throughout his very rich and rewarding life, President Simpson has never hesitated to share his time and abilities with the people of the Mohawk Valley. His contributions to the United Way of Greater Utica, the Oneida County School-Business Alliance, the Health and Hospital Council of the Mohawk Valley, and the Boy Scouts of America, among many others, exemplify a commitment to our community second to none.

But it is Utica College, my alma mater, that has benefited most notably from Mike's creativity, leadership and intellectual firepower. Mike's academic credentials are of the highest order. He holds degrees in international relations, business, law and diplomacy and has his doctorate in international politics from the Fletcher School at Tufts University. He has imparted his knowledge and love of international politics, diplomacy and economics for the past 21 years at Utica College and through the many study abroad programs that he has directed. He has been an inspiration to several generations of students.

As president, Mike has been able to expand programs and increase the college's presence in our community while returning the institution to a sound financial footing. Under Mike's tutelage, the physical therapy program received accreditation and a pathbreaking graduate program in economic crime investigation is being developed. The Young Scholars Program, which teams Utica College students with inner city youth, has received national acclaim. And the campus's capital campaign is not only meeting its ambitious targets, but is moving forward ahead of schedule.

All this makes it clear why I am so proud to call Mike Simpson my friend. It also shows why I was upset, but not surprised to learn that Mike has been offered his new prestigious post in Paris. Mike indeed has all the requisite traits to be a leader of international standing. Our community was blessed to have him among us for so long.

As Mike departs this January, his contributions will be missed, but never forgotten. I wish Mike the best in his new adventures and endeavors. His travels may take him to the far corners of the Earth, but Utica, the Mohawk Valley and I will always hold Mike Simpson in our minds—and hearts—as a great educator, a valued citizen, and a true friend.

TRIBUTE TO TYREE COLEMAN,
FROM INDIANAPOLIS, IN

HON. JULIA CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 1997

Ms. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to announce that Mr. Tyree Coleman, from Indianapolis, IN has been honored with the Ameritech Award for Excellence in Crime Prevention. The National Crime Prevention Council and Ameritech selected Mr. Coleman from over 140 nominations. Mr. Coleman has proven that he is wise beyond his years through his leadership, insight, empathy for others, and pioneering efforts.

Mr. Coleman was only 6 years old when he recognized the lack of constructive programs that were available at the Clearstream Gardens Public Housing Community in Indianapolis. Instead of participating in delinquent activities, Mr. Coleman and his peers walked through the community with poster board signs advocating for positive activity. This demonstration caught the attention of staff, community leaders, and the media. This attention resulted in the implementation of new activities and regular meetings involving youth.

At the young age of 9, Mr. Coleman witnessed his 17-year-old brother getting shot. Fortunately, unlike so many of his friends, Mr. Coleman's brother survived the incident, but Mr. Coleman was motivated to continue developing alternatives to violent crime. He participated in the community's first Youth as Resources Project. Youth as Resources is a community-based program that allows young people to display their resourcefulness through youth led, youth implemented community service projects.

At 12, while living at a homeless shelter, Mr. Coleman began a tutoring program with books donated from teachers and funds provided by a small Youth as Resources grant. He instituted an accountability system at the shelter that tracked students' attendance, behavior, and completion of homework. He also recognized his peers' commendable efforts with awards. After leaving the shelter he was active in the Near Eastside Community Organization Crime-Watch program. There, Mr. Coleman started a library in his neighborhood where he collected 7,000 books.

Now, 18, Mr. Coleman is a senior at Northwest High School and the Chair of the Youth as Resources Marion County Action Board. His dedication to fighting crime has never diminished.

I thank the National Crime Prevention Council and Ameritech for selecting Mr. Coleman. I applaud NCPC for its dedication to providing individuals with the tools to fight crime and build community, and Ameritech for its commitment to supporting crime prevention initiatives.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to present hard working individuals like Mr. Coleman who have dedicated their lives to crime prevention.

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH KOZO

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 1997

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Joseph F. Kozo who has faithfully served the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan for over 55 years. His friends and colleagues will recognize his achievements at the In Celebration Dinner on November 19, 1997, at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Dearborn, MI.

When Joe Kozo was 7 years old, he became a member of the Boys Club in Bethlehem, PA. His membership gave him the opportunity to enjoy activities such as arts, crafts, games, sports, group clubs, and service groups. His leadership in the organization began when he was chosen to become a monitor by the club director.

After serving in the World War II, Mr. Kozo enrolled at Wayne State University. During his college years, he became the Boys Club of Detroit's first intern. After earning his degree in education, Mr. Kozo was selected to be the full-time physical education director of the Boys Club's Howard B. Bloomer Building in Detroit.

Mr. Kozo served in a variety of capacities before becoming executive director of the Boys and Girls Club of Southeastern Michigan. He has helped to develop new activities, secure funding, grants and scholarships while guiding volunteers and children through the many programs that the organization has to offer.

The Boys and Girls Clubs of America is a diverse organization that provides a safe outlet for children to participate in educational, physical and service activities. As a result of these programs, children learn decisionmaking and leadership skills. But most importantly, they learn to value themselves and each other. Mr. Kozo's vision and contributions have touched the lives of thousands of young boys and girls. I would like to thank Mr. Kozo for all he has done for the children involved in the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan.

BOB WORTHINGTON: WORLD-RE-
KNOWN FIRE PROTECTION EXP-
PERT

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 1997

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, the greatest fear many people have is to find their homes and their loved ones attacked by a raging fire. Nothing can provide greater peace of mind for this concern than an effective, professionally installed fire suppression system. Robert Worthington, Sr., makes it his job to provide this security. For his efforts, Bob is the 1997 recipient of the Golden Sprinkler Award from the National Fire Sprinkler Association Awards Committee—the industry's highest honor. The Golden Sprinkler Award was established in 1986 to honor an individual's lifetime contributions to the fire sprinkler industry.

Bob has dedicated his life to fire prevention and public safety. He is currently President