

IN HONOR OF ANTHONY BAMONTE

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 1997

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay a respectful tribute to a gentleman from my district, Mr. Anthony Bamonte, who is this year's honoree at The Board of Directors of School Settlement Association's 37th Annual Testimonial Dinner Dance.

Anthony Bamonte was born in 1940 in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn. As a child, he attended Williamsburg's public schools; later, his many artistic talents steered him to the Industrial Arts High School and his interest in business led him further to the New York Technical College, where he took courses in hotel and restaurant management.

Mr. Bamonte has put his restaurant management knowledge to good use over the years running his family's business, Bamonte's Restaurant on Withers Street. Bamonte's, a Williamsburg landmark, was founded by Mr. Bamonte's grandparents in 1900 and has since been passed down from generation to generation. Mr. Bamonte and his sister Anita are the third generation running the family business. His three daughters, Laura, Lisa, and Nicole, are the fourth generation of Bamontes to continue the family tradition.

Throughout his life, Mr. Bamonte has devoted himself to his family and his restaurant, yet has still reserved valuable time for his community. Among his various civic duties, Mr. Bamonte is a member of School Board District 14, a participant in the American Cancer Society's Culinary Classic and the host of an annual fundraiser at Bamonte's for Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues rise with me in this tribute to Anthony Bamonte on this special evening. I am honored to have such a great family man, businessman, and community leader in my district.

COMMENDING THE PINE-RICHLAND
MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR THEIR
VOLUNTEERISM

HON. RON KLINK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KLINK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the students and faculty of the Pine-Richland Middle School for their efforts in assisting the homeless people in and around the Pittsburgh area. This week they will be honored by the Points of Light Foundation and the USA Weekend Magazine for their inspiring volunteer work.

Pine-Richland's project is a shining example of the impact of volunteerism on a community. I would like to recognize the efforts of Dr. Susan Frantz and Mrs. Aleta Lardin, the teachers who coordinated the project, as well as all of the students who volunteered their time to assist homeless members of our community.

As part of the Sixth Annual USA Weekend Make A Difference Day, the students oversaw every aspect of a food and clothing drive to

benefit Pittsburgh's homeless. They collected enough food, clothing, and toiletry items for over 200 individual provision bags and over 100 brown bag lunches to be distributed to the city of Pittsburgh's homeless population. Additionally, students personally delivered most food items, toiletries, and warm clothing.

In his address to the attendees of the Presidential Summit for America's Future, President Clinton issued a call to action to all Americans "to serve our children, and to help teach them to serve—not as a substitute for government, but to meet our major challenges as one community, working together." The students of Pine-Richland Middle School have issued and answered their own call and have served the homeless of Pittsburgh well.

While there are no Government statistics that measure the impact of public service on the morale, psyche, or character of this Nation, I am certain that Pine-Richland has set a benchmark for service that we would all do well to strive to achieve.

So my fellow colleagues, it is with great pleasure that I urge you to join me in commending the efforts of the students and teachers of the Pine-Richland Middle School. They have demonstrated a commitment to service that their family, friends, community, and the entire Fourth Congressional District can be proud of.

KINDNESS POLICE PROGRAM IN
RUTLAND, MA

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, the Kindness Police Program, founded and directed by Mirna Raya, took place at the Naquag Elementary School in Rutland, MA, as a prelude to the National Acts of Kindness Week. Third grade students were given mock police badges and citation pads with instructions to ticket people they knew and trusted if the children caught them committing an act of kindness. During the 3-week period, 329 citations of kindness were written by the children. I would like to recognize the following teachers, administrators and third-grade students who participated in the Kindness Police Program and commend them for teaching the value of kindness toward others:

Students Timothy Auger, Trevor Brown, Jessica Carpenter, Jedidiah Daviau, Emmett Dickman, John Donahue III, Cayleigh Eckhardt, Caitlin Gagne, Eric Gennert, Brendan Godin, Jeffrey Ham, Caitlin Harvey, Ryan Lamoureux, Brian LeDuc, Christopher Lizewski, Kelleen Lynch, Patrick Massey, Corie Merhib, Katlyn Metterville, Michael Metzmaker, Kevin Moore, Lindsay Myers, Lindsey Powers, Carolyn Purington, Paige Raymond, Jonathan Rocha, Tiffany Thompson, Jeffrey Tod, and their class teacher Patricia Scales.

Students Justine Almstrom, Amanda Bastarache, James Bedard, Kristen Cammuso, Samantha Campbell, Kevin Capite, Julie Circosta, Joshua Cruz, Krystal-Lee Gleason, Kimberly Haines, Roy Hatstat, Alyssa Hutchins, Michael Laxer, Courtney Macaruso, Angela Marzo, Kelley McGuinness, Joshua Nicholson, Evan Oliveri, Edward Panaccione,

Sean Raya, Bryan Riley, Kelly Robbins, Tyler Russell, Alyssa Sandstrom, Stephanie Santoro, and their class teacher Linda Harris. Students Shanna Anderson, Michelle Belanger, Stephanie Brooks, Whitney Costello, Erica Degaetano, Ross Ducharme, Alexandra Esteves, Lisa Farrow, Christina Gerolomo, Johnathan Goguen, James Hogan, Jennifer Hussey, Katelyn Kane, James Keller, Samantha King, Brandon Mackay, Allen Miller, William Morrow, Stephanie O'Brien, Robert Piccinino Jr., Timothy Quill, Lynn Russo, Rachael Starbard, Daniel Wilde, and their class teacher Anna Hagberg.

Students Brian Alisch, Daniel Arioli, Daniel Belsito, Timothy Canale, Kevin Carlson, Elizabeth Carville, Casey Chapman, Gillian Costello, Katherine DeForge, Steven French, Meghan Hennessey, Julie Katzenberg, Anthony Kewley, Thomas Lawless, Derrick Leroux, Christopher McKenna, Nicole Nunnari, Timothy Olson, Anthony Queeney Jr., Patrick Regele, Katie Richey, Ian Soderberg, Kera Stewart, Danielle Vozzella, Amanda Whitner, and their class teacher Gail Pryce.

Naquag Elementary School principal Judith Daniel, assistant principal John Bebas, guidance counselor Thomas Olson, and Mr. Chester Leonard.

FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION
PERFORMANCE AND PERSONNEL
ENFORCEMENT ACT

HON. SUSAN MOLINARI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MOLINARI. Mr. Speaker, I am introducing H.R. —, the Federal Railroad Administration Performance and Personnel Enforcement Act. The bill will provide for institutional reforms at the Federal Railroad Administration and other improvements to the rail safety statutes aimed at promoting a safer, more secure railroad network. I would like to emphasize that the railroad system is essentially safe today, thanks to the substantial gains in safety that have been achieved since the late 1970's. In 1978, the train accident rate was nearly 15 accidents per million train-miles, or 3.9 times what it was in 1995. Railroads are safe when compared to other modes of transportation as well. About 40,000 people are killed each year on the Nation's highways, compared to about 600 fatalities that are attributed to railroad operations.

Yet rail travel is becoming increasingly complex, and we must ensure that our safety requirements keep up with today's operational realities. Traffic on the mainlines continues to grow, and the increased mix of freight, intercity passenger and commuter traffic on the same corridors poses new challenges for ensuring safety.

During the 104th Congress, I sponsored three hearings on the issue of rail safety. These hearings focused on the issues of human factors and grade crossing safety, equipment and technology in rail safety, and advanced train control technology.—This last hearing was held jointly with the Technology Subcommittee of the Science Committee.

I believe that the hearings showed that reform is needed at the Federal Railroad Administration. While I applaud the efforts of the

FRA in the last couple of years to improve the rulemaking process, I am still concerned about the rulemakings that are overdue. And in another area of concern, the Hours of Service Act, FRA and rail labor and management have all been guilty of foot-dragging in establishing pilot projects that were supposed to form the basis of changes to the act during the next authorization cycle. A report was due on January 1, 1997 on the results of the pilot projects that still has not been submitted. This is unacceptable and I believe that my bill, through a combination of institutional reforms that will force FRA to be more accountable in carrying out congressional mandates, and improvements to the rail safety statutes will help ensure safety on the Nation's railroads.

RECOGNITION OF ANNE BOLGIANO

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 1997

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor a pioneering constituent and friend, Mrs. Anne Bolgiano. Anne Bolgiano has had a distinguished academic and professional career as a mathematician. Over 40 years ago Anne began her career as a research analyst at the National Security Agency. She performed independent and advanced research on codes and code breaking, working as a guardian of our national security during the early and tenuous stages of the cold war. It was at this time that she began her work on the Federal Government's first computer, ENIAC. Anne Bolgiano is an exceptional talent who advanced through the ranks as quickly as the pay schedule allowed. She was among the Nation's first computer programmers and is a true role model for all female scientists. In addition, Anne is a member of the Sigma Four Society, which admits only those people who score in the 99.99th percentile on their IQ tests. Anne Bolgiano was a true pioneer in the field of technology. She is a wonderful mother, friend, and woman who has done much for this country. Anne Bolgiano should be proud of her many accomplishments, and it is my pleasure to recognize her contributions to this Nation. Shakespeare wrote: "I count myself in nothing else so happy as in a soul remembering my dear friends." Thank you, Anne Bolgiano, my dear friend.

THE HOLY ROSARY YOUNG MEN'S CLUB 70TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 1997

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention the momentous occasion of the 70th anniversary of the Holy Rosary Young Men's Club of Passaic, NJ.

The Holy Rosary Young Men's Club was incorporated in 1927 as an organization where young men of the Holy Rosary Roman Catholic Church could participate in social, athletic, civic, and fraternal activities. Since its inception, the Young Men's Club has been a leader in all of these activities. Its athletic teams have

gained area renown, boasting the city and area championship baseball teams of the 1920's, 1930's, and 1940's, and continuing with its championship basketball teams of the 1950's and 1960's which played to capacity crowds at local arenas. Bowling and softball are also club mainstays.

The Young Men's Club has always been at the forefront of many civic endeavors as well. They conducted parish food and clothing drives during World War II and during other times of need. With many of its members going on to elected office, the Young Men's Club still plays a pivotal role in civic and political affairs in the community.

On every Palm Sunday for the past seventy years, the Young Men's Club sponsors its annual communion breakfast in the parish auditorium, an event which is considered by many visitors and dignitaries to be the most outstanding communion breakfast of the year. Additionally, the club sponsors a Thanksgiving social and a fun-filled beefsteak dinner at club headquarters.

The Young Men's Club contributes to the vibrancy of Holy Rosary Church and is integral to the lifeblood of the city of Passaic.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, members of the Young Men's Club, and the city of Passaic in honoring the momentous occasion of the 70th anniversary of the Holy Rosary Young Men's Club of Passaic.

IN HONOR OF MONSIGNOR DAVID L. CASSATO

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 1997

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay a respectful tribute to Monsignor David Cassato who is celebrating the 25th anniversary of his ordination. The Monsignor has presided over Our Lady of Mount Carmel, located in the Williamsburg and Greenpoint sections of Brooklyn, for close to 12 years, while remaining a tireless advocate for his parish and the surrounding community.

Monsignor Cassato's dedication to New York City's Catholic communities began at Saint Rita's in Long Island City. At Saint Rita's, Monsignor Cassato, then a pastor, spent 13 years developing a diversified youth program, a drop-in center for teenagers, a summer camp program for youngsters, a retreat program for young adults, activities for senior citizens, and regular visits to aged shut-ins in the parish.

When he moved to Our Lady of Mount Carmel after 13 years of service at Saint Rita's, Monsignor Cassato continued his focus on the development of outstanding parish programs. He immediately began to revitalize the good will and enthusiasm of his parishioners and went above and beyond his credo: "To put an upward tone to the parish, to restore a sense of happiness, joy and enthusiasm for the church and our faith." The Monsignor's parishioners speak fondly of him and often mention his personal touches, such as always remembering each of his parishioner's names.

On Monday, April 26, 1988, Pope John Paul II made Father Cassato a Domestic Prelate of Honor "Monsignor."

Monsignor Cassato's commitment to the Williamsburg and Greenpoint communities does not end with his parish. He plays an active role on several community, neighborhood and senior center boards, as well as with many secular organizations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues rise with me in this tribute to Monsignor David Cassato. I am honored to have such a great man and leader in my district.

TRIBUTE TO FLORENCE JOHNSON

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 1997

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I rise today to pay tribute to a great educator and community leader—Florence Johnson—who passed away last week in San Diego, CA.

Florence Johnson was the founding principal of the San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts, a public magnet school in my hometown of San Diego. I worked closely with her during my time as member and president of the San Diego School Board. Known for her dedication to her school and students, Mrs. Johnson led the school to become one of the most popular and innovative in San Diego, with a waiting list of over 4,000 students—more than twice its enrollment.

Florence Johnson attended San Diego public schools as a child and obtained her Bachelors and Masters degrees from San Diego State University. She went on to develop a career dedicated to, as she put it, "the education of the whole child." She put this philosophy into practice with her school's innovative curriculum featuring a special emphasis on the arts. From the school's inception in 1978, thousands of students have passed through its gates. Florence Johnson looked at every one of those students with hope and used her skills as an educator to ensure that each student had the opportunity to succeed. She never gave up on a single student and told them, "I'm not going to let you fail."

Florence Johnson actively shared her talents with others throughout her career. She established Project CHOICE, a career education program, and helped introduce it throughout the State of California. She was the author of many educational resource materials. She also worked to ensure that our next generation of teachers shared her dedication to their students, in the teacher education program at Point Loma Nazarene College.

Mrs. Johnson volunteered for the San Diego County Adoption Agency. She also taught piano, directed the choir at her church, and was a member of the Rhythm Aire Players, a local theater group.

We are all saddened by her passing and will remember her as a skilled educator and advocate for her students. My thoughts and prayers go out to her husband, Jim, and her family and friends. Having dedicated a successful career to helping and inspiring others, Florence Johnson is an inspiration to our entire community.