

It is an honor to have an exceptional person like Officer Antonio Nardini residing in my district. He exemplifies the true meaning of community service. I am certain my colleagues will join me in recognition of this remarkable gentleman.

#### A TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL GREENE

### HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 5, 1997*

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of an outstanding individual, Michael Greene. Mr. Greene has led a truly remarkable life, in which he has utilized his passion for music in the realms of business, philanthropy, and education.

While completing his degrees in business and marketing Michael began his career as a recording artist and producer. In a few years he became President and CEO of Apogee Recording Studios where he managed 5 publishing companies containing over 5,000 song titles. He then entered into the cable television industry, where he founded the Nation's first video music network, the Video Music Channel. He would later assume the position of vice president of Crawford Post Productions, helping turn his small company into a leader in the field of video and film properties. While Michael was extremely busy and successful in his work, he always made time to give back to his community.

Throughout his career Michael has acted as a steward of music and the arts, especially in regard to their continued presence in America's schools. In this era of shrinking budgets, musical education has increasingly been viewed as a nonessential element in primary and secondary education, making it one of the areas hit hardest by cutbacks. Michael has led several efforts to reverse this trend and to promote music education. He was a cofounder of the National Coalition for Music Education which works to empower communities around the Nation to take the necessary steps on the local level to ensure that music and the arts will continue to be taught in their local schools. He was also the founder of National Arts Advocacy Day which sought to bring congressional attention to the elimination of arts education.

Michael has worked extensively on the local level where, largely due to his work, the number of secondary music programs has doubled in the Los Angeles Unified School District since 1991. It seems Michael takes to heart the following observation by Joseph Addison: "A man that has a taste of music, painting, or architecture, is like one that has another sense." Indeed Michael's legacy will be the appreciation and enjoyment of the arts in children that might otherwise never have known the genius of Mozart or Van Gogh.

Michael's fortitude and conviction led him to be one of the first within the musical community to take a vocal stance against the scourge of drug abuse among musicians. He created "Substance Abuse in Music: an Industry Intervention," and has encouraged higher standards in the fight against drugs. His efforts were made in hope of diminishing the glorification of substance abuse in the music industry.

His work as a businessman, artist, and philanthropist has made him a leader in the music industry for many years. In 1988 his position became official, as he became the Recording Academy's president and CEO. Next week the University of Southern California will award him with a Doctor of Music degree during their commencement ceremonies. This kind of honor is fitting for an individual that has done so much for his country, and his passion—music. I am privileged to represent such an individual and look forward to working with him in the future.

#### TRIBUTE TO BISHOP G.E. PATTERSON

### HON. HAROLD E. FORD, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 5, 1997*

Mr. FORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Gilbert Earl Patterson, Bishop in the Church of God in Christ, and Pastor of both the Temple of Deliverance Church and Bountiful Blessings Church in Memphis, TN.

Recognized as one of the foremost preachers in the world, Bishop Patterson preaches every Sunday to a congregation of over 11,000 members, and to an international television audience on Black Entertainment Television and the Turner Broadcasting Network. Through his enlightening and uplifting sermons, Bishop Patterson provides spiritual sustenance to tens of thousands of congregants and millions of television viewers and radio listeners around the world.

Bishop Patterson has had a distinguished career as a minister. He was born in Memphis and lived in Detroit throughout most of his teen years. He began his vocation in 1957 at the young age of 17 and continued from 1962 to 1975 as copastor of Holy Temple Church of God in Christ in Memphis. In 1975, he founded Temple of Deliverance. In addition to his service to the people as a minister, Bishop Patterson is also a scholar and published writer. He attended LeMoyne-Owen College in Memphis, the Detroit Bible Institute and holds an honorary doctorate from Oral Roberts University. He is a contributing writer to the Spirit Filled Bible.

On Wednesday, April 30, Bishop Patterson was honored by his congregation in Memphis, TN. Bishop Patterson's commitment to his fellow man and to the common good have had a tremendous impact on my life. I consider him a confidant and a friend, Mr. Speaker. That is why I ask you and my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in honoring this giant of a preacher, paragon of inspiration, and decorated soldier of the cloth, Bishop Gilbert Earl Patterson.

#### IN MEMORY OF HWANG MIEN LIN

### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 5, 1997*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Hwang Mien Lin, an influential journalist, publisher, and author from China and Cleveland, OH.

Mr. Hwang devoted his career to writing in the cause of liberty. He was born in Beijing, and became a journalist at the age of 18. During World War II, he fought against the Japanese occupation of Burma alongside England and the United States. He was one of a small number of brave soldiers who survived that conflict.

In 1944, Mr. Hwang was a cofounder of Newsdom Weekly, one of the leading anti-Communist magazines published in the Far East. By 1950, it was the first Chinese magazine published in both Chinese and English. Mr. Hwang was a central member of a group of writers and journalists who met with President Chiang Kai-shek and helped to formulate policy regarding mainland China.

Mr. Hwang was a widely read individual, a renaissance man, with a sharp intellect and a crisp writing style. When he retired in the late 1970's, he traveled back and forth between his home in Hong Kong and his children's homes in the United States. He is survived by daughters, Margaret Wong, Rose Wong, and Cecilia Wong of Shaker Heights; son, George Wong of Rocky River, and nine grandchildren. He will be missed by all who knew him and who read his work.

#### IN HONOR OF BENZION KLATZKO: A DISTINGUISHED GENTLEMAN MAKING A DIFFERENCE TO HIS COMMUNITY

### HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 5, 1997*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an exceptional gentleman, Rabbi Benzion Klatzko. Rabbi Klatzko and the officers of the Congregation Shaarey Tefilah will have their installation celebrated at a brunch reception to be held in Perth Amboy, NJ.

Rabbi Klatzko was born in Cincinnati, OH, to Dr. Naftoli and Judy Klatzko. Under the guidance of his loving parents, Rabbi Klatzko grew up in a home that became a symbol to the community of Chesed and Hachnosas Orchim. This early family experience enabled Rabbi Klatzko to pass on his love of faith to the members of the congregation he now serves.

The pursuit of knowledge has always been important to Rabbi Klatzko. While a young man in Cleveland, OH, Rabbi Klatzko attended the Hebrew Academy of Cleveland under the leadership of Rabbi Nochum Dessler, as well as Telshe Yeshiva High School where he benefited from the tutelage of Rabbi Mordecai Gifter. After attending both Basis Medrash and the Center for Rabbinic Leadership, Rabbi Klatzko was ordained by Rabbi Avrohom Blumenkrantz at the Anshei Chemed in Far Rockaway, NY, in a Simicha ceremony, and subsequently also ordained at the Mirrer Yeshiva in Brooklyn by Rabbi Shumel Berenbaum and Rabbi Shraga Moshe Kalmanowitz.

Children and family have continued to be a major theme throughout Rabbi Klatzko's life. Married to the former Shoshana Juravel on June 30, 1988, Rabbi and Mrs. Klatzko's joyful union has produced five children; Yitzchok, Sholom Yedidya, Shira Sarah, Avi, and Elisha.



The characteristically selfless Rabbi Klatzko has organized and financed a learning program for children of yungeleit, and opened a summer day camp for secular boys in San Jose, CA. It is Rabbi Klatzko's wish that he can some day serve a congregation in Israel. He has a tremendous interest in leading and teaching a growing Jewish community.

It is an honor to have such an outstanding community leader and caring individual become a resident of my congressional district. Rabbi Klatzko is a man of great conviction. I am certain my colleagues will rise with me and honor this remarkable gentleman.

EPISCOPAL HEALTH SERVICES: A  
MODEL OF SERVICE

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 5, 1997*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to highlight the grand opening and dedication of the Bishop B. Hucles Nursing Home in Brooklyn on May 8, 1997. The nursing home will be part of Episcopal Health Services, Inc. [EHS].

EHS is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing a continuum of quality health care services through hospitals, long-term facilities, and primary care centers from inner-city Brooklyn and Queens to Suffolk and Nassau Counties. For almost 150 years, the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island has overseen EHS as it set the standard for community based care in the region. Today, EHS is one of the 10 largest healthcare organizations in New York State.

The Bishop Henry B. Hucles Nursing Home is located only a few blocks east of the Homes for the Aged and Blind, and will continue the tradition of community service and individualized care by providing a new home for all of the current residents of Homes for the Aged and Blind. This new facility will provide state-of-the-art care for even more residents while reaching out to others in the community through day care activities and special programs. The Hucles Nursing Home will be able to accommodate 240 residents, will provide around the clock nursing care, serve as an adult day care center, provide pastoral care, and an array of other services.

I am delighted that the Bishop Henry B. Hucles Nursing Home will be available to service patients sorely in need of care. I commend Episcopal Health Services for its vision and execution in developing this outstanding service center.

WELFARE REFORM TECHNICAL  
CORRECTIONS ACT OF 1997

SPEECH OF

**HON. JIM MCCRERY**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 1997*

Mr. MCCRERY. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity to express my views on one particular provision of the technical corrections bill before us today. This provision has to do with the eligibility of children for SSI benefits, and changes made in determining eligibility in accordance with last year's welfare reform law. Public Law 104-193; current law defines the period for the Social Security Administration [SSA] to make childhood medical determinations to 1 year following enactment of the welfare reform law. That is, eligibility redeterminations need to be made in required cases by no later than August 22, 1997. However, there may be some cases inadvertently missed during that period. Such children could be discovered during a continuing disability review or other file review after August 22, 1997. SSA argues that these cases, once discovered, could be subject to the medical improvement standard rather than applying the new eligibility criteria. This would result in the continuation of benefits to children who did not meet the new eligibility criteria.

I disagree with this interpretation.

Congress intended that all children affected by these changes would be redetermined using the new eligibility criteria and not the medical improvement standard. The time period for redetermination contained in Public Law 104-193 was included solely for the purpose of forcing the Social Security Administration to make an expeditious completion of the redetermination of eligibility for all affected children. In fact, the record of the proceedings of the Ways and Means Committee will show that the Social Security Administration was directly questioned as to the amount of time needed to complete the redeterminations. Due to the administration's delay in releasing implementing regulations, the committee has decided to extend the period of time for SSA to determine the eligibility of any child receiving SSI benefits on August 22, 1996, whose eligibility may be affected by changes in the childhood eligibility criteria from 12 to 18 months. The committee expects SSA to comply with the direction of the law, and will hold the Commissioner of Social Security fully responsible for noncompliance.

IN HONOR OF BAYONNE ELKS  
LODGE 434: PROUD PARTICI-  
PANTS IN ELKS NATIONAL  
YOUTH WEEK

**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 5, 1997*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an exceptional organization, the Bayonne Elks Lodge 434 as they participate in this year's Elks National Youth Week. A group of 30 young people will take part in an awards luncheon to be held at the Elks Lodge 434 in Bayonne.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Bayonne Elks Lodge 434 is an organization committed to active involvement in the lives of community residents in the town of Bayonne. During their long history, the selfless efforts of these exceptional people have supported such diverse groups as veterans of all wars and handicapped children. Additionally, the Bayonne Elks Lodge 434 has promoted youth oriented causes related to drug awareness and annually holds a special youth day in recognition of the contributions of high school seniors to Bayonne.

I believe that the best way to ensure the future prosperity of our great Nation is to provide our young people with the broadest possible experiences from which they can learn and grow. Elks National Youth Week is a time when this philanthropic organization recognizes the achievements and contributions of our young adults. The Bayonne Elks Lodge 434, by holding their yearly youth day, affords high school seniors the chance to witness the governmental process firsthand. Students are assigned positions within city government, sworn into their positions, and tour Bayonne City Hall with the corresponding city official.

Through their participation in the Bayonne Elks Lodge 434 Annual Youth Day, the young people being honored are well on their way to becoming our future leaders of tomorrow. Each person has worked during their school careers and have overcome many obstacles. They are the premier students in their respective high schools. The people of Bayonne will undoubtedly one day benefit from the talents of these exceptional young men and women.

I ask that my colleagues join me in applauding the outstanding efforts of the Bayonne Elks Lodge 434. I am proud to have this exemplary organization working on behalf of the residents of my congressional district.