

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATIONS TO CON-
GREGATION OF ST. JOHN'S LU-
THERAN CHURCH ON THEIR
125TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. THOMAS W. EWING

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 1997

Mr. EWING. Mr. Speaker, I wish to take this opportunity to offer my congratulations and commendation to the people of St. John's Lutheran Church in Bloomington, IL. During 1997 the congregation is celebrating its 125th anniversary.

St. John's has been a very integral part of the Bloomington community for all of the 125 years since the church was established. St. John's has played a central role in bringing the people of this community together, helping them through the difficult events of life, and strengthening and nourishing their faith. Bloomington has always been a closely knit community where neighbors look out for each other, and St. John's is part of the glue that keeps the community together.

St. John's was around when Bloomington was a small farm town and has seen the community grow into one of the most dynamic and expanding cities in Illinois. St. John's will continue to serve the people of Bloomington into the next century and for many years to come.

Again, I want to offer my congratulations and thanks to the people of St. John's Lutheran Church for their commitment and service over the years.

IN HONOR OF NICK NARDI

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 1997

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Nick A. Nardi, a union leader for over 35 years who has worked tirelessly for his members and for his community.

Nick began his union career as a business representative for the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 416. Nick earned the respect of his peers, and they chose him for higher union office. Nick rose to secretary-treasurer and later to president.

His fellow union leaders quickly recognized Nick's leadership qualities and appointed him as a trustee of joint council 41. Nick rose to become president of the joint council last year.

Nick distinguished himself as a labor leader who emphasized the importance of organizing, resolving grievances quickly, and helping members win a better life for themselves and their families. Nick helped to keep the Teamsters on the front line of fighting for justice. The Teamsters are a leading force for defending the rights of all working people as they fight for fair trucking laws along the border with Mexico. They are a crucial counterforce

to the evergrowing power of large corporations. They are a voice for ordinary people.

Nick has made sure that the voice was heard and put into daily practice. Nick has ensured that union members had access to low-cost financial services through his service on the board of directors of the Ohio Teamsters Credit Union. Nick has given generously of his time, helping community nonprofit organizations such as the Salvation Army, City Mission, and Holy Family Cancer Home.

Mr. Speaker, let us recognize the achievements of Nick Nardi, who will receive the Tree of Life Award from the Jewish National Fund of Cleveland, OH, on May 28, 1997.

PREVENTION PROGRAMS THAT
WORK

HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 1997

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, too often in our discussions on juvenile crime, we forget to acknowledge and celebrate the young people who succeed despite tremendous adversity. I rise today to acknowledge one such young man and the organization that helped him realize his full potential.

Thomas Washington, a former gang member and high school dropout, is now a role model for other young people in his community. Thomas grew up in Point Breeze, a neighborhood in the East End area of Pittsburgh. It is a neighborhood that suffers from gang activity and juvenile crime. Despite a loving, caring, supportive mother, Thomas got involved in gang activity. He was kicked out of three different high schools and had no sense of direction. Then Thomas got involved with the Pittsburgh YMCA's East End Youth Outreach Program.

The Pittsburgh YWCA had established the East End Youth Outreach Program in five of Pittsburgh's poorest neighborhoods in an effort to reduce crime and juvenile delinquency. This program encouraged and helped Thomas and other former gang members to start their own business, the Deluxe Landscaping Co. Now, a lot of young people from Thomas' neighborhood seen him working rather than hustling. They see through Thomas' example that there are positive, legitimate ways to earn a living and contribute to the community.

As we prepare to consider juvenile crime legislation, I would encourage my colleagues not to forget young people like Thomas Washington and organizations like the Pittsburgh YMCA. Prevention programs have an important role to play in reducing juvenile crime and helping young people through the often difficult transition to adulthood. I urge my colleagues not to ignore the need for prevention programs in addressing the problem of juvenile crime.

A TRIBUTE TO COMMUNICARE
HEALTH CENTERS' 25TH SILVER
ANNIVERSARY

HON. VIC FAZIO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 1997

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an organization which has provided health care to low-income residents of California's Yolo County for one quarter of a century.

CommuniCare Health Centers was founded in 1972 for the express purpose of providing access to high quality, affordable medical and dental services for individuals and families with limited financial resources, lack of insurance, language, and cultural barriers, and/or addiction to drugs and alcohol.

During this time, CommuniCare has successfully served as Yolo County's health care safety net for medically indigent populations as a result of multiple funding sources that include Federal title X moneys for family planning services as well as from other Federal and State programs, foundation grants, and private citizen support.

CommuniCare furthers the success of innovative public/private partnerships through its cooperative programs with other health care organizations such as Sutter Davis Hospital, Sutter West Medical Group, Kaiser Permanente, Woodland Healthcare, and the University of California, Davis Medical Center as well as various county and city agencies both public and private. In addition, critically needed health care services are provided by dedicated staff and management as well as over 200 physicians, dentists, mid-level practitioners, and trained community workers who volunteer their time with no compensation to help their Yolo County neighbors in need.

By virtue of committed staff and volunteers along with the philanthropic community and government support, CommuniCare serves as a model system for successfully serving a traditionally underserved population. I urge my colleagues to join me today as I honor CommuniCare Health Centers on its silver anniversary.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CON-
GRESS REGARDING THE
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

SPEECH OF

ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 6, 1997

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, During roll-call vote No. 105, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes." I ask unanimous consent that the RECORD reflect my support for House Resolution 93, and that I be permitted to submit a statement for the RECORD.

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

I am proud to speak today in favor of House Resolution 93. This resolution states that Congress should not change the consumer price index. If any changes are found to be necessary, they should be made by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Federal agency with the necessary technical expertise and resources.

Many Federal programs including Social Security, Medicare, and Veterans' benefits are tied to the consumer price index in order to determine cost-of-living adjustments based on inflation. Congress simply lacks the technical knowledge required to properly deal with any change in the consumer price index. Only the Bureau of Labor Statistics can adequately evaluate and address the situation. This resolution today makes this crystal clear.

The consumer price index should not be politicized, nor should the budget be balanced through budgetary gimmicks. It is imperative that our Nation's seniors be protected. Promises have been made to our seniors that cannot be broken. I am committed to making sure that our Government keeps the promises it has made to the generation that saw us through some of the darkest moments of the 20th century.

ON ERIC DORENKOTT'S
ATTAINMENT OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 1997

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Eric Dorenkott of Fairview Park, OH, who will be honored this month for his recent attainment of Eagle Scout.

The attainment of Eagle Scout is a high and rare honor requiring years of dedication to self-improvement, hard work and the community. Each Eagle Scout must earn 21 merit badges, 12 of which are required, including badges in: lifesaving; first aid; citizenship in the community; citizenship in the Nation; citizenship in the world; personal management of time and money; family life; environmental science; and camping.

In addition to acquiring and proving proficiency in those and other skills, an Eagle Scout must hold leadership positions within the troop where he learns to earn the respect and hear the criticism of those he leads.

The Eagle Scout must live by the Scouting Law, which holds that he must be: trustworthy, loyal, brave, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, clean, and reverent.

And the Eagle Scout must complete an Eagle project, which he must plan, finance, and evaluate on his own. It is no wonder that only 2 percent of all boys entering Scouting achieve this rank.

Eric's Eagle project involved publicizing the Tot Finders Program to parents groups in Fairview Park. In the Tot Finders Program, parents receive special stickers which, when put in the windows of children, identify the children's location to firemen in case of fire.

My fellow colleagues, let us join Boy Scouts of America Troop 401 in recognizing and praising Eric for his achievement.

TRIBUTE TO PUBLIC SERVICE
EMPLOYEES

HON. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY II

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 1997

Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to public service employees at all levels of government in observation of Public Service Recognition Week.

As we observe Public Service Recognition Week, I would like to invite my colleagues to join with me in reflection upon and appreciation of the many contributions of men and women who, in a vast array of capacities, have chosen to dedicate their lives to serving the common good. Every day Federal employees do an incredible job of providing the people of our Nation with vital services. Through their outstanding efforts, these employees ensure the stability and continuity of our Government, but unfortunately, do not always receive due credit for their actions. That is why it is so important that we take this time to remember all the good work that Federal employees perform.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to commend all government employees for their work, and in particular, recognize and thank all the Federal employees in Massachusetts as they celebrate Public Service Recognition Week.

>“UPWARD BOUND” HONORS 71
EAST BAY AREA STUDENTS

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 1997

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of a remarkable group of young people from Hayward, CA, who are being honored for their participation in the California State University—Hayward Upward Bound program.

On Saturday, May 24, 1997, Cal State-Hayward will host its Seventh Awards Recognition Banquet. Seventy-one Upward Bound program participants, 19 of whom are graduating East Bay Area seniors, and their parents will be honored.

In the summer of 1965, the Upward Bound program began in colleges and universities across the country, to recruit low-income students in the 8th, 9th, and 10th grades for participation in this college awareness program. The Cal State-Hayward program was later established in the fall 1990, and provides tutoring instruction, counseling, career orientation, and assistance in defining career goals, applying for college admission, and filling out financial aid applications.

The type of student selected for participation in upward bound is a very special one. These low-income students, chosen for their potential and desire to achieve, have had the opportunity to experience educational development and personal growth within a college setting while still in high school. Upward bound students work tirelessly in either the academic year sessions or summer sessions which consist of tutorial sessions during the week, complimented by Saturday sessions for field trips and cultural activities.

Students are referred to upward bound through school administrators, instructors, counselors, or community agencies who have recognized low-income students who would otherwise have been without the resources and guidance so necessary to the college preparation process. As a result, many of these students will be the first in their families to receive a 4-year degree.

As we maintain that educating our young people is priority No. 1, I am inspired by these real-life testimonials to the obstacles students can conquer when given a boost. We congratulate them on their achievement, admire their dedication, and wish them well in any endeavor they choose.

Printed below are the names of the students to be honored at this year's banquet:

Ninth Grade: Diana Ascencio, Tennyson; Andrea Bozant, Mt. Eden; Gabriel Cortez, Hayward; Stephanie Jones, Hayward; Robyn Moss, Hayward; Alberto Williams, Hayward; Pablo Chavez, Dublin; Tiana Gaskins, James Logan; Marco Palomino, James Logan; Gabriela Peña, James Logan; Jason Wells, James Logan; Ruby Lopez, San Lorenzo; Bogdana Marchis, San Lorenzo; Nocmi Arrieta, Tennyson; Peng Lim, Tennyson; Gaby Bressler, Hayward; Joshua Jones, Hayward; Eujenia Garcia, Hayward; Ana Gutierrez, Hayward; Vanessa Perez, Hayward; Marion Thurmond, Hayward; Damali Burton, Castro Valley; Andrea Williams, Castro Valley.

Tenth Grade: Noel Amezcuita, James Logan; Emiliano Leyba, James Logan; Alisha Lovett, James Logan; Arnid Ramamoorthy, James Logan; Monifa Willis, James Logan; Steve Hayes, Hayward; Carlos Bressler, Hayward; Mario Guerrero, Hayward; Mahasin Mu'min, Hayward; Lisette Padilla, Hayward; Tanea Rhea, Hayward; Jose Herrera, Tennyson; Saila Molina, Tennyson; Michael Martin, San Lorenzo; William Watkins, San Lorenzo; Juan Flores, Arroyo; Ed Santana, Arroyo; Michael Boykin, Castro Valley; Ariana Sanchez, Richmond.

Eleventh Grade: Darryl Hampton, James Logan; Feliza Montes De Oca, James Logan; Reyna Nava, James Logan; Sonia Abrego, Mt. Eden; Michael Barrett, Mt. Eden; Ricshell Bunton, Mt. Eden; Phuong Nguyen, Mt. Eden; Oliver Chang, San Lorenzo; Anthony James, San Lorenzo.

Twelfth Grade: Joy Hadden, James Logan; Sylvia Mora, James Logan; Nicole Poston, James Logan; Jarrad Woods, San Lorenzo; Edward Gorton, San Lorenzo; Miguel Lopez, San Lorenzo; Raymond Chan, Tennyson; Miguel Dueñas, Tennyson; Hounng Huynh, Tennyson; Tim Lin, Tennyson; Carlos Martin, Tennyson; Reocel Mercado, Tennyson; Mariano Preciado, Tennyson; Yazmin Ramirez, Tennyson; Kiet Truong, Tennyson; Brant Guerrero, Hayward; Larry Leatherwood, Hayward; Rebecca Akin, Hayward; Claudia Flores, Arroyo.

TRIBUTE TO MR. BILL CROOKSTON

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 1997

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Bill Crookston, who will be honored on June 5, 1997 at the Annual Installation Ceremonies for his past year of exemplary leadership as the President of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce.