

HONORING LONG ISLAND'S BEST
AND BRIGHTEST**HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 1997

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate three extraordinary young people who have been selected for USA TODAY's 1997 All-USA High School Academic First Team. The Academic First Team is composed of 20 individuals who were selected from among 6,826 high school students from across the Nation. It is both humbling and inspirational to listen to the accomplishments of these dynamic individuals.

Joshua Gewolb, of Port Washington, NY, has spent substantial time exploring the make-up of a solar cell. In fact, he was actually able to compress the basic architecture of a solar cell, into a single molecule, thus increasing the overall efficiency of the cell. Joshua also received a \$2,600 grant for his work which was used to purchase new equipment for his high school. In addition, Joshua is the editor of the newspaper at Paul Schreiber High School, and has won awards in speech and writing. If this wasn't enough, Joshua is also an accomplished cellist. He will be attending Harvard in the fall.

Davesh Maulik, of Roslyn, NY, has conducted world-class math research on the root permutations of polynomials. He has won three first place prizes at worldwide competitions. In addition, Davesh plays the violin in a chamber ensemble and is the senior editor of Roslyn High School's literary magazine. Davesh will be joining Joshua at Harvard University in the fall.

Joseph Turian, of Great Neck, NY, skipped a grade in elementary school and completed high school in 3 years. Thus, he will be graduating from Great Neck North High School at the age of 16. Joseph has done extensive work in the area of computer science. He taught a computer to write fairy tales of its own design and has also conducted substantial research on computer graphics. Joseph is also the editor of his high school newspaper and is a singer with the New York City Opera Children's Chorus. Joseph will also be attending Harvard University.

These three scholars truly embody the ideals of innovation, perseverance, and leadership. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring and congratulating these young men, on their many accomplishments, and extending to them our best wishes for continued success.

THE TRIUMPHANT SPIRIT: DAYS
OF REMEMBRANCE**HON. TOM LANTOS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, as you and my colleagues know, this week marks the annual Days of Remembrance (Yom HaShoah), a time when ceremonies are held throughout the world to remember the six million victims of the Holocaust. It is most appropriate that each year we put aside our other routine daily ac-

tivities and remember those victims of intolerance, racism, and unmitigated evil.

Mr. Speaker, this year to mark the occasion of the Days of Remembrance, my colleague and good friend from New York, BENJAMIN GILMAN, and I are sponsoring a very special exhibit here on Capitol Hill—"The Triumphant Spirit," the work of Nick Del Calzo. This outstanding display, which will be in the Cannon rotunda from May 6 through May 17, is a unique collection of portraits and stories in which the subjects, the photographer, the editor and the author all embody magnificent and inspiring aspects of what has come to be known as the American dream.

Denver photographer Nick Del Calzo, a journalist and former media consultant, is living his dream by pursuing his third career, documentary portraiture.

Del Calzo, a first generation American and one of seven children of Italian immigrant parents, traveled to Europe in 1991 to create portraits of his own relatives in Italy, Belgium, and France. He took an unplanned detour to Dachau, the Nazi death camp he had studied as a student. Though not Jewish, Del Calzo became compelled to document the Jews who survived that and other killing camps. Over 5 years, he photographed 145 American survivors, and over those 5 years, again and again, he looked into the eyes of those who had witnessed man's most heinous horrors. Del Calzo's photography captures so powerfully and eloquently the abysmal pain and suffering they endured, and it also reflects the ability of the human spirit to transcend tragedy and to assert the power of good over evil. Del Calzo's work is part of a unique photo collection—both an exhibit and now, a magnificent and moving photographic book, all under the title of "The Triumphant Spirit."

These Jewish survivors in the book, and so many others like them, are the ultimate metaphor of the American dream. They survived the attempted genocide by Adolf Hitler's Third Reich when, from 1939 to 1945, six million European Jews were systematically murdered. They had the courage to survive, and now they have the courage to relive and share their stories. Each survivor's story is different, yet each so similar in their pain and tragedy. Each person is one of a few or the only survivor of their families. Each survivor's experience is dotted with poignant incidents of happenstance that defined the difference between life and death. Each is a story of luck, determination, devotion, and survival. Each story is a triumph of the human spirit. The survivors come from across America. Some are famous, some have led quiet and humble lives. Each came to this country with hope for a better life. It was here they fashioned their dreams, their futures, and their families with all that was afforded them in this land of opportunity. Their lives are lasting reminders about how precious is freedom, how enduring is the human spirit and how dangerous is intolerance.

Nick Del Calzo has noted: "The day will come when the last Holocaust witness will perish and these voices will be silenced forever. My hope is that by capturing their portraits and their messages, they can continue to inspire future generations and continuously rekindle hope for brighter tomorrows."

The portraits are truly inspirational. Some are against the backdrop of our Nation's most precious symbols of freedom and peace: the Lincoln Memorial, the Liberty Bell, the Statue

of Liberty and others. And some are in moving settings that speak volumes about each survivor's life in this country.

Del Calzo was encouraged through this project by his confidant and, later, editor of the book, Linda J. Raper of Richmond, IN. Again and again, against obstacles, suspicion and discouragement, these two individuals worked tirelessly as they crisscrossed the country, without financial reward, to make this extraordinary project a reality. Their contribution to the story of the survivors and to the education of all who must know what happened in the Holocaust is so very important. Through their work and travels, they have endeared themselves to so many survivors and their families who are grateful, not only for their work and dedication, but for their understanding, and devotion, particularly as non-Jews, to continue to tell the story. Nick and Linda were joined in their efforts by a second generation American, Renee Rockford, the daughter of a Holocaust survivor who appears in the book. A journalist and freelance writer in Denver, Renee eloquently captured in words the touching and painful stories of each of the survivors in the book. She has traveled throughout the world with her father in search of surviving family members, and now has put into words, sometimes for the first time, what these people endured. Never having found any of his six brothers and sisters, parents, grandparents, aunts or uncles, Rockford's father, David Bram, felt that his most important purpose was to keep their story and his story alive, and the Triumphant Spirit accomplishes that goal. In his portrait in the book, Bram, an Auschwitz survivor, is holding what is for him a precious memento and symbol of the destroyed communities and peoples of Europe, a Torah scroll confiscated and warehoused by the Nazis, and now on permanent loan to Bram's congregation in Colorado Springs, CO. That scroll is all that is left of an annihilated community in Czechoslovakia.

But what the survivors came to know and understand was that America was a different place where their freedom to create a life, choose their religion and pursue their dream was simply a question of hard work. And work they did. The survivors of the Triumphant Spirit represent everything from the largest envelope privately-owned manufacturer in the U.S., successful real estate developers, protectors of civil rights, artists, authors, educators, poets, doctors and researchers, mothers and fathers and much more. My wife, Annette, and I are fortunate enough to be included among those survivors immortalized by Del Calzo. Not only have these people made enormous contributions to the foundation and fabric of our great country, but they will continue to do so as their stories endure and inspire us with their triumphant spirit.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to take the time in the next 2 weeks to see this outstanding exhibit.

THE RECOVERY NETWORK

HON. SAM GEJDENSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a part of the solution to our Nation's problem with addiction. The Recovery

Network was founded by a group of concerned citizens who are answering the call to do more in this era when government is being told to do less. At no cost to the taxpayer, this system will provide those in need with a direct connection to help. Addictions to drugs, alcohol, gambling, and other problems will be addressed in the privacy of people's homes, so that those taking the first step toward recovery can deal with doing so without a harsh public watching every move.

Mr. Speaker, I have a better description here with me and I am inserting this into the RECORD. I commend it to all of my colleagues and Americans everywhere:

RECOVERY NETWORK,
Santa Monica, CA.

The Recovery Network: providing political leaders with an issue of importance to every citizen.

In every city throughout the United States political leaders and community groups have focused major efforts and limited resources on the growing problem of drug and alcohol abuse. The cost in human suffering and diminished self-worth cannot be measured in the loss of productive work, crime, domestic violence and child abuse, or the large expenditures in local, state and federal financed programs.

The social cost of these problems is having an impact on other services demanded by citizens. Alcoholism and chemical dependency alone cost taxpayers, insurers and businesses more than \$166 billion.

Finding solutions has eluded government officials, law enforcement and community leaders. With the dramatic cuts in funding from tax revenue, the problem will continue to plague government at all levels. Now, with ever-decreasing resources, more and more government leaders have come to the realization that new solutions are needed to solve social problems. The President and the Congress have called for a commitment by corporate America to use their resources to turn the tide in all areas that affect the lives of our citizens.

It is in that spirit that a group of concerned citizens and television professionals joined with professionals in the television industry, prevention experts and those in the recovery community to create the Recovery Network. This innovative cable network is working with established local recovery organizations in every state to deal with drug, alcohol and other substance dependencies, as well as eating disorders, compulsive gambling and depression, to a name a few.

The Recovery Network will provide a direct connection to those in need in the privacy of their homes. Real people. Real solutions. At no cost to the taxpayer. An answer to those never-ending issues leaders in government should enthusiastically endorse.

The Recovery Network is private enterprise helping to solve public problems through locally oriented programs created and supported by the national network. To do it, the Recovery Network must secure two hours of cable time each day on city-franchised cable systems. Within two years, this privately financed venture will seek a full-time, 24-hour-a-day link into every home to provide round-the-clock public education services to people in need of life-changing guidance to reclaim their lives.

For the first time, the Recovery Network offers a positive and innovative use of cable that provide daily programs to the homes of an estimated 88 million Americans affected by substance abuse and dependency.

30 million are children of alcoholics.

50 million are addicted to nicotine.

80 percent of all crime cases are alcohol- or drug-related.

The social impact is clear. The political advantage is positive.

In every local cable community, the Recovery Network is working closely with a partnership of local community organizations and foundations providing care to the people in need. Those care providers cannot reach all the people in need of their services. The Recovery Network expands that capability to every home wired to cable in their community.

This cable connection offers its viewers more than a presentation of the problem, more than direct involvement with real solutions but also a direct link to sources of information. The Recovery Network allows viewers to interact with others through a 24-hour crisis response hotline, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, as well as a support service offered on the Internet.

Support of the Recovery Network's search for a two hour link into every home through a cable system provides a real solution to the never-ending need to confront the problems of drug and alcohol addiction and provide real solutions through local government-franchised cable provider.

The Recovery Network gives political leaders, public officials, unions and the local recovery community a real tool to confront an issue of concern to every citizen at no cost to the taxpayer.

IN HONOR OF ITT AUTOMOTIVE

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

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Mrs. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to a distinguished company located in New York's 28th Congressional District: ITT Automotive.

ITT Automotive, which employs 3,800 workers at its electrical systems plant in Rochester, NY, was awarded the 1997 Quality Cup for manufacturing on May 2, 1997. ITT Automotive received the Quality Cup Award for creating an advanced modular windshield wiper system that met stringent quality and safety requirements for the Chrysler minivan and provided added value for the automotive industry supply chain. The employees heading the award-winning quality team include team leader Craig Hysong, Robert Price, Richard Fisher, Michael Kinsky, and Jeannine Marciano, all from ITT Automotive's electrical systems plant in Rochester.

No company could be more deserving of this award than ITT Automotive. The Quality Cup, given by the Rochester Institute of Technology and USA Today, honors companies and individuals who excel in the pursuit of quality.

In addition to the RIT/USA Today award, the ITT Automotive team members also were honored with Chrysler's Award for Excellence. These honors add to a long list of other awards that ITT Automotive has received in the past few years, including such prestigious honors as Ford's Q1, General Motors' Mark of Excellence, and Chrysler's Pentastar awards, as well as honors from Honda, Toyota, Mazda, Audi, and other international manufacturers. Last year the plant also received a Governor's Award from the State of New York for environmental protection programs that minimize hazardous wastes, reduced solvent air emissions, and improved energy efficiency.

These awards are a testament to ITT Automotive's workers and management, and I am delighted that RIT, USA Today, and Chrysler have chosen to recognize ITT Automotive for its strong record of quality. ITT Automotive represents the very best in American business: Putting its customers first, trusting its employees, and building quality into products and services. I am proud of its success, its achievement, and of the contribution it makes to our community. Congratulations to everyone at ITT Automotive who shares in this honor.

WORCESTER, WESTBOROUGH,
STERLING, AND HOLDEN SENIOR
GIRL SCOUTS EARN GOLD
AWARD

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

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Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, last Sunday, May 4, I was privileged to be present when six young women from the cities of Worcester and Holden, MA, received the Gold Award, the highest achievement a girl can earn in Girl Scouting. These awards are a demonstration of the high values, commitment and goals of these remarkable women. They represent the future leaders of our communities and Nation—indeed, I expect that one of them will one day serve in the U.S. House of Representatives or the U.S. Senate.

The requirements for earning the Gold Award are rigorous and demand a significant commitment of time, effort, and personal initiative. Typically a young woman will invest 3 or 4 years of personal development, leadership activities, community service, and career exploration in preparation for the Gold Award Project. In the Gold Award Project, each girl reaches out to serve some segment of the community—of her world—in a meaningful and long-lasting way. She must develop and execute a special project, at least 4 months in length, that is original, challenging, solves a need, incorporates outside experts, and can be sustained after she leaves. The project must be approved and evaluated for successful completion by the Montachusett Girl Scout Council's Gold Award Committee of Worcester, MA. The project is truly an express of each girl's creativity and individuality.

The six young women honored on May 4, 1997, are Angela M. Achorn of Westborough, GERALYN DION of Sterling, Martha Miriam DOUTY and Margaret ARIA FELIS of Worcester, and Katherine R. Hebert and Patricia Anne Owens of Holden.

For her Gold Award final project, Angela M. Achorn of Westborough compiled and distributed a 52-page book, "Preschools, Daycare, Activities and Other Services" for families of young children in the Westborough, Northborough, Marlborough, Hopkinton, Grafton, Shrewsbury, and Worcester areas. The book helps families new to the area know what programs are available for their children. Two hundred copies have been distributed and are available for reference in local libraries.

Working extensively with the Sterling Historical Commission, GERALYN DION's Gold Award project, "Historic Sterling," included a tour of