

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 1997

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 1997

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

Sterling's historical sites for fifth graders studying American History, the installation of interpretive signs at eight historical sites in town, and the production of a video documentary of these sites. Copies of the video have been donated to the Sterling Education Association, Houghton and Chocksett Schools, Conant Public Library, Clinton Continental Cablevision, the Sterling Historical Commission, and other community groups.

Martha Douty of Worcester developed an activity program called Creative Arts for Autistic Children for her Gold Award final project. Working with the students and staff at the New England Center for Children, she established and conducted a weekly interactive program for the residents which the center plans to continue.

Gold Award recipient Margaret Felis of Worcester organized and founded a local chapter of the Maids of Athena, a social and community service organization for girls of Hellenic descent. The Saint Spyridon Cathedral-based group works to assist the Orthodox Food Pantry and to support the needy within the Greek-American community in central Massachusetts. The group plans to expand their service project to include the wider Worcester community.

For her Gold Award final project, Katherine Hebert of Holden designed a training program to revitalize the outdoor skills of older girls, who then became mentors to younger girls. She designed and managed an event where girls between 5 and 17 years of age learned outdoor skills together, increased their ability to live comfortably in the out-of-doors, and experienced the program possibilities of a local conservation area.

Patricia Anne Owens of Holden chose to address the needs of the Holden Recreation Department for nature education resources at Trout Brook Park for her Gold Award project. She collected, cataloged, and presented to the department a wide range of resources that will be used as program ideas and aids for groups using the Trout Brook facility. Among the materials she helped to have donated are a microscope, ponding equipment, nature guides, and other hands-on equipment and materials.

The Montachusett Girl Scout Council serves over 10,000 girl members from the age of 5 through 17 and 2,600 adult members in 61 cities and towns in central Massachusetts. They are a member agency of the United Way.

TRIBUTE TO INDIANA LT. GOV.
JOSEPH E. KERNAN

HON. JULIA CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 1997

Ms. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I want to take a brief moment to share my pride and admiration for our Indiana Lt. Governor, Joe Kernan. Today, May 7, marks the 25th anniversary of when Joe Kernan was shot down by the enemy over North Vietnam and held prisoner of war for the succeeding 11 months.

Joe Kernan, a 1968 graduate of Notre Dame, had never set foot in Vietnam until he was shot down by the enemy while serving as a Naval flight officer in the Vietnam war. He was repatriated in 1973 and continued on ac-

tive duty with the Navy until December 1974. The Combat Action Ribbon, two Purple Heart medals, and the Distinguished Flying Cross are among the military awards that the Lieutenant Governor has received.

Joe Kernan was elected to the office of mayor of South Bend in 1987. He served as the city's mayor for 9 years, longer than any other mayor in South Bend's history. In 1996, he and Governor Frank O'Bannon were elected to the top two positions in Indiana government. Joe and his wife, Maggie, have a home in South Bend.

Twenty-five years today, May 7, 1972, the life of Joe Kernan was turned upside down. He was flying over Vietnam at 4,500 feet, conducting bomb damage assessment, when his plane was hit with anti-aircraft fire.

Lest we forget the courageousness and dedication of our Vietnam veterans on behalf of all of us. Lest we forget in the words of Joe Kernan, " * * * hope and faith played an important role."

And in recalling the prose of the poet, "Joe Kernan exemplifies the true meaning of the land of the free, and home of the brave."

CONGRATULATIONS TO MY GOOD
FRIEND SAMMY DAVIS, AN
AMERICAN HERO

HON. GLENN POSHARD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 1997

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge my good friend, Sammy Davis, an American hero and a proud citizen of Robinson, IL.

On May 9, 1997, a new Federal building in St. Louis will be named after Sammy Davis. Let me tell you about this brave man. He is a local Congressional Medal of Honor winner. He was awarded this prestigious award after fighting off a Viet Cong attack and rescuing three wounded men west of Cai Lay, in South Vietnam on November 18, 1967. Sammy, a private first class in the Army, served as a cannoneer with Battery C, Second Battalion, Fourth Artillery, Ninth Infantry Division at a remote fire support base. Around 2 a.m., the base was under heavy attack by the Viet Cong. Sammy, just newly turned 21, provided cover for a gun crew trying to direct artillery fire on the enemy. But their howitzer was directly hit, throwing him into a foxhole. Rather than heeding warnings to take cover Sammy bravely ran back to the howitzer, which was on fire, loaded and fired it. The recoil knocked him off his feet, but he valiantly climbed back on under heavy fire. He was injured when a motor round exploded just a few yards away, however, he again loaded the howitzer and fired four more times.

Even though Sammy was injured and unable to swim, he used an air mattress and a machine gun to rescue three wounded soldiers on the opposite bank and fired his gun into the dense vegetation to prevent the Viet Cong from advancing. During this intense battle Sammy kept firing away and protected the two soldiers remaining. Because of his courageous effort there were only casualties, no deaths. Sammy refused to be medically treated and jumped on another howitzer, continued firing, breaking off the Viet Cong attack, enabling him to escape with his life.

Not long after this battle Sammy was medically discharged and returned to the Indianapolis-Mooresville, IN area, where some of his family resided. While Sammy was in Vietnam his family moved to Robinson, IL. He then met his wife, Peggy Martin, and they have raised three children, two sons, Beau and Blue, who attend Lincoln Trail College and Vincennes University, and a daughter, Nicole Newkirk. Sammy is also blessed with a 21-month-old granddaughter, Stevie Raye, who is very much the "light" of his life.

Mr. Chairman, the Medal of Honor is the highest award given for the heroic deeds Sammy dared to accomplish in his youth, and it is a great pleasure for me to celebrate the dedication of the Federal building to Sammy Davis for his outstanding service to the U.S. Army. It is due to people like Sammy, who put their lives on the line to save others, that have truly made the United States the symbol of freedom worldwide. I am sure Sammy does not see himself as a hero and felt he was just doing his duty, but he is a hero in my eyes, and in the eyes of his family and the community of Robinson, IL.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM WOODROW
CARTER: ALABAMA'S SMALL
BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR

HON. TERRY EVERETT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 1997

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a distinguished businessman and outstanding citizen of my congressional district, Mr. William Woodrow Carter of Brundidge, AL. Mr. Carter has been honored as Alabama Small Business Person of the Year for 1997 by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Woodrow Carter is one of 53 honorees selected from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico/Virgin Islands and Guam based on criteria stability, financial strength, leadership resulting in business growth, ability to overcome adversity, response to changes in the market, and community and business citizenship.

Woodrow, together with his brother Charlie, founded Carter Brothers in 1936 with 10 employees. Today, his business has grown to employ 200 people and has diversified from the production of agricultural equipment to lawn mowers and garden equipment to go-karts. But that's not the real award winning story.

After Woodrow's business suffered extensive damage in a 1989 tornado, he didn't choose to close it down, but rather enlisted the support of his family and employees to rebuild. Remarkably, portions of his business were up and running within a few days.

Today, Carter Brothers Manufacturing of Brundidge is an example of a prosperous, ever adaptive small business, which continues to provide quality to the customer and solid employment to the community. This is quite a feat when you consider the financial, market and government-driven obstacles which often block small business development.

Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to congratulate my constituent, Mr. William Woodrow Carter for