

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 Orthox 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

his contribution to Alabama's economic well-being. He deserves the mantle of Alabama's Small Business Person of the Year.

ADOLPH KOEPPPEL HONORED BY
THE TILLES CENTER FOR THE
PERFORMING ARTS

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 1997

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join with my constituents of the fifth congressional district, the overseers of the Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, and the countless friends and supporters of the arts as they gather on May 10 to honor Adolph Koepfel.

Adolph Koepfel has served as a distinguished and dedicated member of the Tilles Center since its inception. This week, he will receive the first Gilbert Tilles Lifetime Achievement Award, in recognition of Mr. Koepfel's ongoing sponsorship of the annual Tilles Center engagement of the New York City Opera National Company. Beginning next fall, a Tilles Center Scholarship Award will be made annually in honor of Adolph and Rhoda Koepfel to encourage the development of young artists and of new audiences for the arts.

Adolph Koepfel's devotion to the cultural life of Long Island is matched by his dedication to his profession. As the founding partner of Koepfel Martone Leistman and Herman, Mr. Koepfel has emerged as a leading tax certiorari attorney, and has gained wide recognition for his legal prowess among those practicing law in New York, the District of Columbia, and Florida. Indeed, Mr. Koepfel has established a reputation that readily emerges as a yardstick by which countless future legal efforts must be measured. His published works are voluminous and are used by practitioners as guideposts to addressing complex tax-law issues.

Mr. Speaker, there are few individuals with a career so intense and demanding as Adolph Koepfel's who can readily take a hobby and make it into a second career. Yet Adolph Koepfel has turned his love of philately into a professional endeavor. He has produced four books on the tax revenue stamps of India, and will soon be publishing a fifth volume that will serve as the definitive work on Italian fiscal stamps.

Yet of all his accomplishments and achievements in a career so diverse and time-consuming, Adolph Koepfel's personal achievements are his crowning success. He and his wife, Rhoda, are the parents of two exceptional daughters, Pamela and Lesley, who have in turn blessed the Koepfels with three granddaughters, Melissa, Jennifer, and Tara.

Mr. Speaker, it is at a time such as this, when our country eagerly searches for heroes

who readily bring forth those strong values so endearing and meaningful, that we are enriched by Adolph Koepfel's enormous contributions of leadership, scholarship, and family love. I, therefore, ask my colleagues to join with me in this most deserving salute to Adolph Koepfel.

CONGRATULATING FIFTH WARD
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT
CORP. AND BANK UNITED FOR
SELECTION AS OUTSTANDING
COMMUNITY INVESTMENT
AWARD

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 1997

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Fifth Ward Community Redevelopment Corp. and Bank United for their selection as one of the Nation's outstanding community redevelopment partnerships. They are being recognized this week by the Social Compact as recipients of the Outstanding Community Investment Award. This award is given to partnership-based organizations and individuals for exceptional achievement and leadership serving and investing in the future of American neighborhoods. This partnership is the first Texas-based initiative to be recognized by the Social Compact, a coalition of leaders from throughout the financial services industry who have joined forces to increase investment in America's lower income neighborhoods.

The Fifth Ward is one of Houston's poorest neighborhoods, but it has a rich history and great potential. Home to the late Barbara Jordan and Mickey Leland, as well as George Foreman, Joe Sample, and the Jazz Crusaders, it is located in close proximity to downtown. Once the vibrant heart of Houston's oldest and largest African-American community settled by freed slaves at the end of the Civil War, it is a community with a rich heritage and an indelible tradition of strong religious leadership. But hard numbers conjure up a different image: median income is just \$7,600; 62 percent of the residents live in poverty; and 800 vacant lots and abandoned houses litter the community.

In this environment of opportunity and challenge, the Fifth Ward CDC and Bank United Partnership has ventured to help the community reclaim its heritage as a neighborhood of choice. In an area that has not seen any new construction in 50 years, the partnership has built 77 new homes. Their strategy has been to construct high quality homes that will attract both middle-class families drawn to the neighborhood's rich history and downtown location, while also creating affordable home ownership

opportunities so minimum-wage families can begin building an equity stake in the community. The Fifth Ward CDC has established their own construction company, which has allowed them to limit housing cost to about \$10,000 below what commercial developers would charge. It has also provided 27 full-time jobs for neighborhood residents.

The Fifth Ward CDC and Bank United have formed a truly exceptional partnership that can serve as a model for other communities. They should be commended for their vision, their readiness to take risk, and most of all, for investing resources to help this community reclaim its heritage as a vibrant neighborhood of choice.

HONORING HEBREW HOSPITAL
HOME

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 1997

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, the Hebrew Hospital Home has had as its mission, since its founding, the care and nurturing of the chronically ill and frail elderly. It has succeeded splendidly at this and celebrates its 20th anniversary of moving to its present location by announcing the good news that it will break ground on a 16,000 square foot addition adjacent to its building.

The Hebrew Hospital Home has expanded from its original 50 beds since its founding in 1928 to a capacity of 480 beds, an expansion made possible by the 1977 move to its present facility in Co-op City. The range of medical aid offered by this non-sectarian home includes on-site medical, dental, laboratory, radiology, ophthalmology, podiatry and pharmacy services. There are also specialized rehabilitative services such as physical and occupational therapy and speech and hearing services.

It has a highly trained professional staff of 650 persons of which 20 per cent live in the community. The Hebrew Hospital Home also has two state of the art outreach programs which recognize the desire of many elderly to stay in their own homes. It also developed the first and most innovative program to deal with Alzheimer's disease or dementia, a program providing services in the evening, the most difficult time for many of these patients. The Home also provides social work services and recreational services which range from on-site beauty salons and barber shops to trips to Broadway and other locations.

A society is truly valued by how it treats its elderly. The Hebrew Hospital Home is a shining example of how it should be done. I salute them on their anniversary and their expansion.