

trucking industry and third party communications to Congress in order to generate opposition to the OMC transfer provision in [Congressional legislation].” In short, OMC contacted the industry it is charged with regulating to solicit support to defeat a proposal to move the OMC to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). OMC officials have effectively gotten in debt to the very people they are supposed to regulate.

SOLUTION: CONSOLIDATE OMC FUNCTIONS IN ANOTHER SAFETY AGENCY

In my opinion, the rising number of deaths and the poor oversight of the trucking industry by OMC is partially a result of OMC’s location at FHWA. FHWA is skilled at building and maintaining roads, but has done a poor job at monitoring the trucking industry. This task has not been high on the priority list. Therefore, I have suggested a reorganization where OMC will become a part of an existing or new managerial structure whose primary mission will be safety. I have suggested NHTSA, and I recognize the possibility that a better structure may exist. The legislation I introduce today, if not the answer, is a good place to start.

The dispatch with which this proposal is implemented becomes critical when we consider that on January 1, 2000, less than a year from now, the Northern American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) will permit trucks crossing the border from Mexico to travel anywhere in the United States. Anywhere. Currently, Mexican trucks are permitted to travel in border commercial zones which range from three to 20 miles. A recent DOT IG report, which is also enclosed, found that of the 3.7 million trucks from Mexico crossing in 1998, only 17,332 were inspected, and of this number, 44 percent were found to be in such disrepair that they were immediately taken out of service. These unsafe trucks could be in your state next year. These trucks could be on every road in America—most uninspected and many grossly unsafe. We need to address this problem now.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, which I chair, will be holding hearings on this important issue Tuesday, February 23.

HUNTINGDON FIRE COMPANY, NO. 1, 125 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

HON. BUD SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 1999

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 125th Anniversary of the Huntingdon No. 1 Fire Company located in my District in Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania.

Most people take fire protection for granted, yet don’t realize the intensive undertaking involved in training and maintaining a fire department. Huntingdon No. 1 Fire Company has shouldered this responsibility well, as evidenced by their solid record of outstanding service. Created by an ordinance passed in 1801 making bare provisions for the town’s fire protection, Huntingdon No. 1 Fire Company has evolved into a sophisticated and flexible department capable of managing a wide variety of emergencies.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in commanding each member of the department, past and

present, on a job well done. They have helped safeguard Huntingdon for the past 125 years and will continue to do so far into the future. I am indeed very privileged to serve such a distinguished group of individuals in the U.S. House of Representatives, and I wish them the best in their future endeavors.

IN MEMORY OF JUDGE JAMES P. KILBANE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 1999

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Judge James “Seamus” P. Kilbane, who dedicated his life to serving the public.

Judge Kilbane graduated from St. Ignatius High School, where he was an avid athlete, in 1941. He then attended John Carroll University before he served in Europe during World War II as a first lieutenant in the infantry. Following his service in the Army Judge Kilbane earned his Bachelor’s degree from John Carroll University in 1948, working as a boilermaker and salesman while he was in school.

In 1951 Judge Kilbane received his law degree from Western Reserve University Law School and in 1968 he earned a juris doctorate. While attending Western Reserve University he also served as a patrolman for the Cleveland Police Department. He resigned from that position in 1952 to practice law.

From 1955 until 1962, Judge Kilbane served as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives, and in 1963 and 1964 he served as a member of the Ohio State Senate. As a legislator Judge Kilbane fought for legislation that established state nursing home standards as well as legislation that supported labor and welfare.

In 1972 Judge Kilbane was elected judge of the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court, where he served full-time until 1990. Judge Kilbane, however, continued judging cases on a part-time basis after 1990. He was known as a well-prepared, hard working judge who always stuck to his convictions.

Judge Kilbane and his outstanding, life-long commitment to public service will be greatly missed.

IN HONOR OF THE DALE CITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 1999

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a group of outstanding citizens from Dale City in Prince William County of the Eleventh Congressional District of Virginia. These remarkable individuals have been selected by the Dale City Civic Association in recognition of their many achievements and their dedication to serving their community. These award-winners are people who have gone above and beyond the call of duty on a daily basis. They are members of the Dale City community who gave of their time in order

to serve others and encourage others to be leaders. These citizens will be recognized on January 31, 1999, by the Dale City Civic Association, one of the largest, most active and accomplished Citizens Associations in the Commonwealth of Virginia. I would like to offer my congratulations to these award recipients.

The Dale City Civic Association was created over thirty years ago. Since that time, it has grown into a strong organization that has encouraged its members to volunteer their time and efforts to make their neighborhood a better place to live and work. The Association has an outstanding record of service to the community. Their work includes awarding a number of scholarships to college-bound students from Dale City, as well as monitoring development in the region and serving as a sounding board for citizens and businesses.

Citizen of the Year: David H. Dell, Sr. Mr. Dell, a twenty-two year resident of Dale City, has made a career of giving back to the community. In addition to being a Life Member of the Dale City Civic Association, Mr. Dell is also a long-time member of the Dale City Volunteer Fire Department and volunteer driver for hospital personnel, doctors, nurses and staff to get them to and from work during inclement weather. Not only does Mr. David Dell, Sr. see to the safety needs of Dale City, he is also dedicated to fostering the City’s cultural well-being as Staging Director for the Dale City 4th of July Parade for the past three years. Mr. Dell has demonstrated exceptional community spirit over the past twenty-two years and is certainly deserving of the honor bestowed upon him by the Dale City Civic Association.

Young Citizen of the Year: Rachel J. Bryant. Miss Bryant is an extraordinary young citizen who has already become a strong role model to her peers. Rachel is currently a senior at Gar-Field High School. At Gar-Field, Rachel is a member and facilitator in the Gifted Education Enrichment Seminar Program for the past four years. Additionally, Miss Bryant is Vice President of her class, a member of the National Honor Society and has attended Virginia’s Governor’s School for Mathematics, Science and Technology where she was awarded the Macy’s Scholar Award for Minorities in Medicine. Rachel is Gar-Field High School’s shining star and demonstrates that our next generation is caring, selfless and dedicated.

Community Service Award: Dorothy Holley. Mrs. Holley is a volunteer who works with the elderly, local service organizations, and the less-fortunate. She spends much of her volunteer time arranging for food donations to be made to the PW Homeless Shelter, Senior Center and the PERTC Thermal Shelter. Throughout the community she is described as always willing and able to lend a hand in her community.

The Kathy Feeney Nurse of the Year: Eileen J. Yetter, RN. Mrs. Yetter has served the Dale City community at Potomac Hospital for the past eight years and is now one of the senior staff members in the Emergency Department. She is clearly dedicated to administering excellent quality care to her patients. In particular, Mrs. Yetter has helped design the state of the art Emergency Care Center at Potomac Hospital. Some of her design innovations have been duplicated in other emergency rooms across the nation. She also has worked to make the senior communities in Dale City

more aware of their specific health risks, and how to react if they recognize them. The patients and community at Potomac Hospital have truly benefited from her work.

Police Officers of the Year: Officer Ruben D. Castilla and James C. Virgil. Officers Castilla and Virgil have been instrumental in making Dale City's streets more inviting and safe for community residents. Specifically, Officers Castilla and Virgil were commended by their department for the thorough investigation of the vandalism cases which led to the closure of twenty-one cases and the clearance of an unreported attempted armed robbery. These two officers are also credited with removing two area juveniles who had been harassing residents. Their efforts have provided protection to the residents of Dale City, so they can sleep peacefully at night.

Deputy Sheriff of the Year: Sergeant William O'Connell, Jr. Sergeant O'Connell is an individual who cares deeply about the people he serves. As a member of the Sheriff's Department and resident of Dale City for eleven years, Sergeant O'Connell is credited with developing an innovative Mentoring Program for middle school students in Prince William County and the cities of Manassas and Manassas Park, bringing together a variety of criminal justice agencies. Sergeant O'Connell also serves as the Sheriff's office representative to the Northern Virginia chapter of the Virginia D.A.R.E. Association. Sergeant O'Connell has proven his dedication to making Prince William County safer for all residents.

Firefighter of the Year: Todd Zavash. As a Battalion Captain with the Dale City Volunteer Fire Department he has been instrumental in the personal and professional growth of over eighty firefighters whom he has supervised in two Battalions. His leadership has allowed the residents of Dale City to know that firefighting personnel are ready to respond to all calls for assistance. Captain Zavash is recognized by his peers as an individual who is always willing to lend a helping hand or a sympathetic ear.

Emergency Medical Technician of the Year: John Dooley. Mr. Dooley has served as a volunteer EMT with the Dale City Volunteer Fire Department for the past eight years, and is currently the lead paramedic on Battalion 1. Mr. Dooley being awarded this honor is the culmination of years of dedicated service to the people of Dale City. Mr. Dooley is highly respected for his professionalism and dedication as a senior staff member by his peers and the community. He is truly a remarkable person who has provided excellent medical care to those who call in need.

Elementary School Teacher of the Year: Miss Bella Raphael. Miss Raphael is a Second Grade teacher at Kerrydale Elementary School. In addition to her regular teaching duties, Miss Raphael volunteers in support of a number of school activities. She is well-known for her work with the Special Needs Committee which is a community outreach program to assist families during special holidays and emergency situations. As part of her work with this group she spends the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays preparing and delivering baskets of toys and food for families in need. Miss Raphael is also active in the Prince William Alliance of Black School Educators, which is an organization that promotes academic achievements for minority students in Prince William County Schools through a scholarship

fund. Through her many varied activities Miss Raphael has certainly made a positive mark in Dale City's educational system.

Middle School Teacher of the Year: Suzanne Johnson. Mrs. Johnson is a seventh grade teacher of language arts at Stuart M. Beville Middle School. At Beville, she is involved in many extra-curricular activities, and was a charter faculty member of the school in 1990. Mrs. Johnson is known among the students and faculty alike as "An energetic and resourceful teacher", always willing to offer that extra help to a student in need. She brings tremendous caring and dedication to her work, and inspires her students to excel.

High School Teacher of the Year: Jeannine Turner. Mrs. Turner has been an AP English teacher at C.D. Hylton Senior High School for the past thirty-three years. She has encouraged her students to excel in their studies using innovative teaching technics and dedicating as much of her own time as necessary. Her work in this area has enabled the students at Hylton to achieve higher academic levels than ever before. Additionally, she volunteers her time to the alternative education program and works with at-risk students through the night school and summer school programs. Mrs. Turner is an individual who is able to unlock each student's desire and motivation to learn and gives completely of herself.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in congratulating these outstanding citizens for their tireless efforts to make Dale City, Virginia a better place to live. Through the untiring and selfless efforts to citizens like these, many others across the country are inspired to do likewise. Not only Dale City, but America is enriched by their accomplishments and dedication.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE GEORGE GOLDT

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 1999

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my good friend, the late George Goldt, a man known far and wide as "the gentle giant."

As Undersheriff of Ocean County, George met Michael Gillick, a young cancer patient, and took him under his wing, naming Michael "Honorary Sheriff." In fact, when Michael was honored, even standing on a chair, he only reached George's waist. It was his interest in Michael that led to George's wanting to learn more about kids with cancer.

George Goldt and Linda Gillick, Michael's mother, joined forces and began the organization, Ocean of Love, aptly named by George for Ocean County and for the love he felt for the kids. Starting with 12 children, Ocean of Love now helps over 200 afflicted children and their families.

A person who never had to be asked twice, George Goldt worked tirelessly in behalf of the young people he loved and cared so much for. In fact, his last earthly act was trying to obtain food for a needy family, when he was felled by a heart attack at a very young age.

He was instrumental in coordinating fund raisers, and always preferred to remain in the background, never seeking credit for his actions.

The spirit of George Goldt, the gentle giant, will always be a large part of Ocean of Love due to his efforts in behalf of kids in need.

I remember George best during the years he served as President of the Manchester Township Republican Club. During those years George and his wife Bev were among my most avid and energetic supporters. George knew what should be accomplished and made sure it was, and almost always without me even asking. The success of the club and the candidates it supported under his leadership speak volumes about George.

The recipient of this year's Ocean of Love Public Service Award, George Goldt is truly deserving of this posthumous honor, and of the love and gratitude of the community.

THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MORRIS CENTER YMCA, COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 1999

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the Morris Center YMCA, of Morris County, New Jersey.

Since January 2, 1874, the Morris Center YMCA has provided programs essential to the people of Morris County. The 172 founding members first gathered in meeting rooms located in the Old Post Office in Morristown. In 1889, the Board of Directors dedicated a new building which included a gymnasium, classrooms, bowling alleys and a game room. A second building was dedicated in 1912 which included a wing exclusively for women. By 1968, however, it became clear that a new building was needed and plans were made to begin construction.

On March 1, 1981, the grand opening of the newly completed Morris Center YMCA took place. The Center featured a 25 meter swimming pool, gymnasium, track, racquetball courts, weight rooms and a fitness center. Over the years renovations have been made to the building, bringing many more programs to people of all ages in Morris County. In 1985, the Center added an in-house After School Care program. Later, in 1988, the Center added the Y's Owl Care Child Center which provides care to approximately 130 children each day.

The Owl program received national accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Building on the reputation of the Y's Owl Child Care Center, the Morris Center YMCA was selected to create and manage the child care center of the Morristown Memorial Hospital, and opened the Children's Corner in the late fall of 1996.

The Center currently has over 400 volunteer members comprising the Board of Directors, all of its committees and program leaders. These volunteers are the heart of the Morris Center YMCA, working in all aspects of the organization. In short, the Center is people caring for people, not just buildings and equipment.

Mr. Speaker, for the past 125 years, the Morris Center YMCA has provided the citizens of Morris County with programs that benefit all those who participate. I ask that you and my