

Nursing into Mennonite College of Nursing, awarding a four-year baccalaureate degree, the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

The North Central Association awarded Mennonite College of Nursing institutional accreditation in 1986. Mennonite College of Nursing made nursing history as the first independent upper-division single purpose institution of nursing education in the U.S. to receive accreditation from the National League for Nursing.

In 1995, Mennonite implemented the Graduate program, with its first educational track for Family Nurse Practitioner. And in 1998, the Master of Science in Nursing degree program was awarded initial accreditation by the National League of Nursing.

The mission of the Mennonite College of Nursing is to educate beginning and advanced practitioners of nursing to go beyond academia and serve the citizens of central Illinois and the world. In keeping with the traditions of its roots, this fine institution has placed a particular focus on addressing the health care needs of both urban and rural populations, including those who are most vulnerable and under served.

In reviewing the work of the College's many graduates, it is clear they have been successful in not only teaching the technical skills of the nursing profession, but in instilling a whole philosophy of ministering to the sick. Unlike other schools, at the core of its curriculum, the Mennonite College of Nursing promotes four key values. They are: the affirmation of the dignity and worth of all persons; the recognition of the wholeness of life; the responsible use of nature; and the promotion of a life of peace.

Mr. Speaker, I am greatly honored to have this fine professional school in my district. With 83% of its graduates remaining in Central Illinois, I can affirm the fact that the quality of life in our communities has benefited greatly the Mennonite College of Nursing.

Mr. Speaker, the important work of the Mennonite College of Nursing needs to be recognized by this Congress, so that the school is forever acknowledged before the American people as it becomes the sixth academic college of Illinois State University. I am very proud to have the Mennonite College of Nursing in the 15th district of Illinois, and I ask all of my colleagues to join me in extending our heartfelt congratulations to this outstanding institution.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD D. REYNOLDS

HON. DAVID D. PHELPS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 7, 1999

Mr. PHELPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Richard D. Reynolds, a life long resident of Southern Illinois, who was born on April 13, 1938. I want to take this opportunity to recognize a true gentleman who stands firmly on his commitments. Richard has had a long history working for labor in southern Illinois and is retiring as business manager/secretary treasurer of Southern and Central Illinois Laborer's District Council at the end of this month. Richard joined the union movement in 1975, when he joined Southern Illinois

Laborers' Local Union 1330. Richard has dedicated many years of his life to protecting the rights of workers and laborers in Illinois. His tireless efforts have led to many improvements for a great number of Southern Illinoisans. He represents a group of people who do honest work and expect, and have received from Richard, strong and dedicated union leadership. He has contributed to nearly double the counties his union covers. The union staff has grown from 1 to 20, and he has helped the union raise thousands of dollars for charitable causes. Richard's service with the union is truly outstanding and has helped push the labor movement forward to a stronger level.

Richard's accomplishments will not soon be forgotten and I know that he will be greatly missed by many. When a man retires who has dedicated so much of his life to improving the lives of others, we all must strive to keep up the good work of that man and not forget the ideals and values which guided him. Mr. Speaker, I invite all of my colleagues to honor Richard Reynolds and to not only wish him the best in his retirement but also God's speed.

TRIBUTE TO THE EXPLORAVISION AWARDS PROGRAM

HON. GEORGE E. BROWN, JR.

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 7, 1999

Mr. BROWN of California. Mr. Speaker, my colleague, Mrs. MORELLA, and I are proud to announce the introduction of the ExploraVision Resolution, a concurrent resolution to honor the ExploraVision Awards Program and to encourage more students to participate in this innovative national student science competition.

This program, sponsored by Toshiba and administered by the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA), is the largest K-12 student science competition in the world. Working in teams of 3 or 4 with a teacher-advisor, students use their imaginations to envision a form of technology 20 years from now, and compete by sharing their vision through written descriptions and story boards.

ExploraVision is truly an innovative program that energizes students with a desire to learn and increases their interest in the world of science. We are pleased to see the role this competition takes in developing students' science skills to meet the challenges of the future. We commend the efforts NSTA and Toshiba put into making the competition meaningful and beneficial to the students.

On June 4, more than 40 students came to our Nation's capital to receive top honors in the 1999 ExploraVision Awards. We applaud the student winners for their hard work, creativity, and ability to function together as a team to explore innovative scientific work for the future. With their enthusiasm for learning and their commitment to scientific excellence, the future of our Nation is in good hands.

Mr. Speaker, we ask our colleagues to join us in cosponsoring this resolution to support the goals of the ExploraVision Awards Program, and to commend the student winners for their outstanding accomplishment.

MASAKOWSKI ANNIVERSARY

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 7, 1999

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my long time friend, Monsignor John C. Masakowski, who celebrated the 50th anniversary of his Ordination on June 4, 1999. It is my pleasure to have been invited to participate in this milestone celebration.

Monsignor Masakowski, or Father John as he is affectionately known to his parishioners, is the son of the late John and Stasia Gorney Masakowski. He was born in my hometown of Nanticoke in 1924 and educated in our local schools. Father John left the area to receive his degree in philosophy at St. Mary's College in Orchard Lake, Michigan and his degree in theology from SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, also in Orchard Lake. He was ordained at St. Peter's Cathedral of Scranton by the late Bishop William Hafey.

Father's first assignment was at St. Mary's parish in Swoyersville, where he served for ten years. Father John, along with the help of Judge Bernard Brominski, established the Assumpta Council of the Knights of Columbus and served as the Council's chaplain.

Father John served as secretary to Bishop Henry Klonowski at Scranton's Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary parish for the next several years before serving at St. Mary's Church in Wilkes-Barre. He was assigned as the administrator of St. Mary's Church in Wanamie and later as administrator of St. Joseph's Church in Hanover, where he oversaw the extensive remodeling and repairs of the church building.

In 1971, Father John became the twelfth pastor of his present church, Larksville's St. John the Baptist Church. Father John has had the church remodeled and refurbished during his tenure at St. John's and built a chapel in the parish cemetery in 1985. He reorganized the parish societies and reinstated the locally-famous parish picnic. Not long after he came to St. John's, he organized the construction of a grotto to Our Lady of the Pines. In 1983, he organized the Fourth Degree Assembly in honor of Our Lady of Czestochowa.

Mr. Speaker, the beautiful St. John's Church is a landmark in Larksville due to the labors of the church's dedicated parish leader. His church and parish have always remained his top priority. On July 10, 1990, Father John was rewarded for his dedication with his designation as Monsignor Masakowski.

I have always considered Monsignor Masakowski to be a close family friend and have appreciated the warm welcome I always receive when visiting. Father John's extraordinary sensitivity was demonstrated to me when he offered me great comfort by participating in my mother's funeral mass. I will always be grateful for the warmth and kindness of that gesture.

As St. John the Baptist Church celebrates its Centennial Celebration this year, I am pleased and proud to join with all of my friends at the parish in congratulating Monsignor Masakowski on his milestone anniversary. I send my very best wishes to this beloved and respected man.

IN RECOGNITION OF C. WILLIAM
HOWLAND

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 7, 1999

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of C. William Howland, Principal of Rice Elementary & Chaffins Elementary Schools in Holden, Massachusetts.

Mr. Howland has served the parents and children of Holden from 1961 until today. He will be enjoying a well-deserved retirement upon the completion of this school year. The career of this talented and respected teacher and administrator began with graduation from North Brookfield High School in 1957. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Education from Worcester State College in June 1961. And in the Fall of 1961 until 1966 he taught Grade 5 at the Rice Elementary School. During this period he received a Master of Education Degree from Worcester State College in August 1964.

In 1966, Mr. Howland was appointed Assistant Principal of the Dawson Elementary School where he served until 1969. He returned to Rice Elementary as Principal in 1969 where he remained until 1997. In 1997, he was appointed Principal of the Rice Elementary and Chaffins Elementary Schools.

It will be my privilege to visit the Rice Elementary School on June 1, 1999, to highlight the importance of summer reading. And with great pleasure I will honor Mr. Howland for his dedication to the children past and present who have profited from his commitment to education. I wish him all the very best in his future endeavors.

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY
RECOGNIZES RICKY FLETCHER

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 7, 1999

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the accomplishments of Richard Fletcher and his contributions to his community. Ricky has been awarded the Boy Scouts of America's Eagle Scout Award—the highest award in Scouting.

Ricky is assistant senior patrol leader with Troop 1776 from Titusville. He has been a Boy Scout since 1997 and had his Eagle Scout Board of Review in February of this year.

Ricky, who is 12 years old, is one of the youngest Eagle Scouts in the United States. Fewer than 2 percent of all Boy Scouts receive the Eagle Scout Award, making Ricky's age in relation to his achievement all the more impressive.

Ricky's accomplishments and contributions to his community are many. In addition to his Eagle Scout Project, which consisted of building benches, boardwalks, and a handicapped picnic table for a local park, Ricky has earned 41 merit badges. Only 21 are required to attain the Eagle Scout award.

Ricky is an honor roll student who is involved in several clubs at school. He has received awards and honors from numerous or-

ganizations. Ricky also participates in his church youth group, volunteers his time for litter pick up, and plays ice hockey.

Ricky Fletcher has demonstrated dedication to his goals and to his community. He has worked to improve himself and his environment. I urge all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ricky's accomplishments.

HONORING ELAINE AND DAVID
GILL

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 7, 1999

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to my friends, Elaine and David Gill, who are being honored this year by The Brandeis-Bardin Institute. The Brandeis-Bardin Institute opened in 1947; Elaine and David began their involvement in the mid-1950s, when they were students at UCLA. More than 40 years later, the Gills remain devoted to Brandeis-Bardin. They have done much during that time to help Brandeis-Bardin in its quest to build a strong Jewish community for the present and the future.

The Gills' ties to Brandeis-Bardin are social, professional, and familial. In 1959, the year before they were married, Elaine and David worked at the Institute as head counselors. Elaine has subsequently served as a member of the Board, chair of the Women of Brandeis-Bardin, and co-chair of the Brandeis-Bardin Associates. David is currently a member of the Board and the Executive Committee.

The Gill children have in this case emulated their parents. Elaine and David have four sons; two of them, Michael and Larry, married women they met at Brandeis-Bardin's Camp Alonim. During a 23-year span, at least one and sometimes all four of Elaine and David's sons (the others are Daniel and Lawrence) were involved as campers or camp directors at Alonim. In addition, Larry currently serves on the Board of Directors.

I don't know of any husband/wife team more active in promoting Jewish causes and Judaism than the Gills. David has for many years served on the Board and Executive Committee of the Jewish Federation and is active in United Jewish Fund. He also served as Los Angeles Chair of the United Jewish Appeal's Young Leadership Cabinet.

Elaine was chair of the Young Women's Division of the Federation, a member of the Board of Jewish Family Services, and is now a museum docent at Skirball Cultural Center. Elaine and David have together led many missions to Israel.

Both of them are active at Valley Beth Shalom, where they served as parashabbat counselors and assisted in creating its *Havurah* program. Elaine is currently Vice President of Religion at Valley Beth Shalom.

This extraordinary partnership also includes a passion for music. Elaine and David have each been vocal accompanists for musical performances at Brandeis-Bardin.

I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Elaine and David Gill, whose selflessness and devotion to our community is inspiring. I am proud to be their friend.

CRISIS IN KOSOVO (ITEM NO. 7):
REMARKS BY LANDRUM
BOLLING, HARVARD UNIVERSITY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 7, 1999

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, on May 6, 1999, I joined with Rep. JOHN CONYERS, Rep. PETE STARK, and Rep. CYNTHIA MCKINNEY to host the third in a series of Congressional Teach-In sessions on the Crisis in Kosovo. If a peaceful resolution to this conflict is to be found in the coming weeks, it is essential that we cultivate a consciousness of peace and actively search for creative solutions. We must construct a foundation for peace through negotiation, mediation, and diplomacy.

Part of the dynamic of peace is a willingness to engage in meaningful dialogue, to listen to one another openly and to share our views in a constructive manner. I hope that these Teach-In sessions will contribute to this process by providing a forum for Members of Congress and the public to explore alternatives to the bombing and options for a peaceful resolution. We will hear from a variety of speakers on different sides of the Kosovo situation. I will be introducing into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD transcripts of their remarks and essays that shed light on the many dimensions of the crisis.

This presentation is by Landrum Bolling, a member of Harvard University's Conflict Management Group and a visiting Senior Fellow at the Center for International Policy. He was part of Rev. Jesse Jackson's delegation that freed the three American soldiers who were captured and imprisoned by the Serbs. Mr. Bolling addresses an important question: "Where do we go from here?" Based upon discussions that he and other members of the Jackson delegation had in Belgrade, Mr. Bolling predicts that Slobodan Milosevic will be prepared to accept a peace settlement that is quite close to NATO's central demands. He also emphasizes the critical importance of the refugees being able to return to their homes.

PRESENTATION BY LANDRUM BOLLING OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY'S CONFLICT MANAGEMENT GROUP

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Friends, I'm very pleased to be invited to be here with you and to share some thoughts about our present situation in Kosovo and the outcomes of it. Most of the provocative comments that have just been made by Ambassador Swartz are things that I very much agree with. We'd quarrel a bit about whether a Bosnian nation does, can or could ever exist. But I think that he is absolutely right. We've got to make up our minds whether we're going to win this war. If so, it has to be done quickly, or it will be an absolute disaster, not only for the Serb people and for the state of Yugoslavia, which will be destroyed, but we've also had a great many losses ourselves, and we will be made a kind of moral pariah country in the world. We cannot sustain this level of violence against people, many of whom are totally opposed to Milosevic, many of whom have no support whatsoever for the things the Milosevic government had done. But they're paying the price and we are not protecting any of the Kosovars who we said we were launching this campaign to protect.

Now, I think the central issue is this one, that the Ambassador has put forth very