

Ruth is a Life Member of B'nai Brith and has received awards from many organizations, including the Jewish Federation Women's Campaign. The Jewish Federation selected her as "Lay Leader of the Year".

In addition to her community work, Ruth Hyman worked for four decades on her own clothing business. The quality of her merchandise and her concern for each of her customers helped her gain a loyal base of customers, many of whom became her close friends.

Ruth Hyman has demonstrated dedication to our community. I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in recognition of her work.

IN RECOGNITION OF ALICIA
DENIHAN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 7, 1999

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate an outstanding young woman, Miss Alicia Denihan, on her graduation from Valley Forge High School in Parma, Ohio.

Her graduation is an achievement that took tremendous strength and determination. In December 1995, while walking home from a friend's house, Alicia was struck by a drunk driver, leaving her with multiple and critical injuries. She was in critical condition for days and suffered severe head trauma and injuries which included a broken hip, cheekbone and lacerated liver. Once involved in numerous athletic activities such as ballet, karate, ice skating, gymnastics and volleyball, Alicia lay comatose for two months.

Initially her prognosis was not promising. Doctors did not expect she would ever wake up, walk, talk, read or write. However, Miss Denihan far exceeded those expectations. After months of hard work in speech and physical therapy Alicia was able to return to school by April of 1996. This miracle young person used only a walker as an aid.

As a result of Alicia's courage and the support of her family members, teachers, doctors, and therapists, Alicia will attend her high school graduation ceremony on June 8. She plans to attend Cuyahoga Community college where she will major in creative marketing.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my fellow colleagues join me in congratulating this remarkable young woman on her accomplishments. I wish her continued success in her recovery and future endeavors.

THE NEED FOR EARLY DETECTION
OF PROSTATE CANCER

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 7, 1999

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, there has been a lot of discussion about the benefits versus risks of the Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) test in the early detection of prostate cancer. Some have opposed regular PSA testing for the general male population that falls outside of any high-risk category because they argue it will find many slow-growing cancers that

should not be treated. They say this is because the risk of serious side effects such as impotency or decrease in urinary function that may result from treatment is greater than the risk of dying of the cancer if it is slow-growing.

I recently raised this question with a good friend of mine, Arnold Palmer, who has been an advocate of increased education and awareness of the issue of prostate cancer due to his own personal experience. I would not that he strongly believes the early detection of prostate cancer due to a PSA test saved his life.

I would like to share with you his as well as his doctor's response to the question of whether to promote regular PSA testing. Their response supports what I have argued in promoting Medicare coverage of regular PSA testing: because it detects cancer early, it saves lives. I think that has to be the bottom line.

YOUNGSTOWN, PA,

May 11, 1999.

Hon. JOHN P. MURTHA,
*House of Representatives, Rayburn House Office
Building, Washington, DC.*

DEAR CONGRESSMAN MURTHA: I have just heard back from my medical specialists in the prostate cancer field at the Mayo Clinic with a response to your inquiry generated by the recent article in the New York Times on the subject of PSA testing.

Dr. Robert Myers, the surgeon who performed my prostatectomy, has given me his opinion, which was relayed to me by his associate, Dr. Ian Hay, with whom I have been in frequent contact over the last two years and who has been out of the country; hence the delay in this response to you. Let me quote directly from Dr. Myers' comments:

"Any prostate cancer no matter how small it is can be lethal if left long enough. There is no way to predict which ones will be life threatening in individual patients, especially younger men. Cure is certain in those patients who have cancer truly confined to the prostate and it is removed surgically. The smaller the cancer the better in terms of successful surgery.

"The PSA test allows discovery of the smallest cancers years before they can be detected any other way. Thus, it stands to reason that if PSA is detecting more small cancers and they are removed surgically, the death rate from prostate cancer will fall. This is exactly what is being recorded in the last few years. The surgery needs to be performed by surgeons who are highly skilled in removing the prostate without affecting either urinary control or sexual function.

"The best long-term survivals (more than 10 years) from prostate cancer death are associated with surgery as a solution to treating this cancer."

Jack, I hope that this provides you with the sort of expert opinion on this very important matter that you wished. I think that it is very succinct and to the point. It encourages me to continue to publicly urge men to submit to PSA testing on a regular basis as I have been doing since my surgery more than two years ago.

I trust that your Congressional duties are permitting you time to play some golf. I send you my best personal regards and good wishes.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD PALMER.

HONORING THE COLORADO CLASS
3A STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONS—LAMAR HIGH SCHOOL

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 7, 1999

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my heartiest congratulations to the Lamar High School boys baseball team on their impressive Class 3A state-championship. The 10–2 victory over Eaton School was a superb contest between two talented and deserving teams. In championship competition, though, one team must emerge victorious, and Lamar proved themselves the best in their class—truly second to none.

The Class A state-championship is the highest achievement in high school baseball. This coveted trophy symbolizes more than just the team and its coach, as it also represents the staunch support of the players' families, fellow students, school personnel and the community. From now on, these people can point to the 1999 boys baseball team with pride, and know they were part of a remarkable athletic endeavor. Indeed, visitors to this town and school will see a sign proclaiming the Class 3A champions, and know something special had taken place there.

The Lamar baseball squad is a testament to the old adage that the team wins games, not individuals. The combined talents of these players coalesced into a dynamic and dominant baseball force. Each team member also deserves to be proud of her own role. These individuals are the kind of people who lead by example and serve as role-models. With the increasing popularity of sports among young people, local athletes are heroes to the youth in their home towns. I admire the discipline and dedication these high schoolers have shown in successfully pursuing their dream.

The memories of this storied year will last a lifetime. I encourage all involved, but especially the Lamar players, to build on this experience by dreaming bigger dreams and achieving greater successes. I offer my best wishes to this team as they move forward from their Class 3A state-championship to future endeavors.

THANKS TO "FRAU" JANE EMPEY-
THEEP

HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 7, 1999

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate this opportunity to share with my colleagues my appreciation for the dedicated service of Ms. Jane Empey-Theep. On June 8th, her family, friends and colleagues are gathering in Milwaukee to celebrate her career and wish "Frau" Empey-Theep well as she retires as Principal of the Milwaukee German Immersion School.

Milwaukee German Immersion School (MGIS) is one of several schools in the Milwaukee Public Schools system offering total language immersion programs that attract children from all over the city. Its success directly reflects the determination and ingenuity of Principal Jane Empey-Theep.

Ms. Empey-Theep began her career with Milwaukee Public Schools over 20 years ago, and when she became MGIS' Principal in 1989, she brought a wealth of experience to the job. She knew that, to truly excel, MGIS needed to involve and empower students and their parents. Under her direction, that is exactly what MGIS has done. Last year, the Milwaukee PTA chose an MGIS teacher as Teacher of the Year and an MGIS parent as Parent of the Year. The school also won recognition from Redbook Magazine and several other distinctions, including what is perhaps the highest honor: designation by U.S. Department of Education as a Blue Ribbon School.

Jane Empey-Theep has been actively and personally involved in leading MGIS toward excellence. She hasn't spent her time firmly seated behind her desk. She has been out interacting with the students and the staff, meeting with parents and educators and students. She has worked not only to execute troubleshooting, but also to identify and implement strategies for improvement, and she has empowered the educators, staff, parents and students of MGIS to do the same.

Now, after over two decades of service to Milwaukee Public Schools and 10 years as Principal, Jane Empey-Theep is hanging up her hall passes. Along with many others in our community, I commend her for the work to push the boundaries of educational excellence and admire her efforts to cultivate the talents of the students at MGIS.

As the parent of two MGIS students, I thank Jane Empey-Theep for making school a place where all kids can learn, grow and excel, and a place where they look forward to going. I am proud to join her friends and admirers in expressing appreciation for her career of dedicated service to our community, to our schools, and to our children.

A TRIBUTE TO THOMAS L.
CONLAN, JR.

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 7, 1999

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the achievements of a distinguished constituent and friend, Thomas L. Conlan, Jr. Tom is retiring as co-founder, President and CEO of Student Loan Funding Resources, Inc., which is headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio. Tom has helped to open the doors of college opportunity to hundreds of thousands of young people throughout Ohio and the nation during his nearly two decades of dedicated service in education.

In so many areas of his life, Tom's commitment has been to access and opportunity. He has played an important role in the development of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati. A newly-created Ohio foundation, named for his father, Thomas L. Conlan, made a leadership gift to support and advance the Freedom Center's educational programs for both students and educators. The grant funds will be used to help develop a curriculum for school children focusing on the Underground Railroad, as well as highlighting struggles for freedom across the globe.

In the 1970s, prior to founding SLFR, Tom was Executive Director of the Ohio Energy Ad-

visory Committee, where he led the development of the Ohio winter heating assistance program. He also authored the Federal Home Assistance Program Plan for Ohio. In this work Tom testified before Congress and the Ohio General Assembly on energy assistance for low-income citizens.

His civic involvement over the years includes a founding membership in Ohio Concerned Citizens for the Arts; service on the City of Cincinnati's Energy Conservation Committee; the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Advisory Council to the Little Miami River; and co-chairmanship of the first Little Miami River (Cleanup involving 4,000 volunteers. In 1997, he chaired the Education Visioning Committee of the Greater Cincinnati Olympic Commission.

Tom is Vice President of the Hamilton County Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board. He is a former trustee of the Queen City Foundation; the Greater Cincinnati Tall Stacks Commission; and the Catholic Big Brothers Association of Cincinnati.

Tom is also devoted to his family—his wife and partner, Nan; his stepchildren, Kate and Matt; his granddaughter, Morgan Ann; his brother, John, John; five sisters, Gretta, Maureen, Mary Carol, Ginny and Chris; and his nieces and nephews. He also carries dear the memory of his parents.

Nowhere has Tom been more directly responsible for improving the lives of people in need than in this stewardship of the education loan financing company, SLFR, that he co-founded. During his tenure, SLFR has provided funds and support services to more than 600,000 students. Tom has been a national leader in fashioning education loan policy to benefit America's students and their families.

In 1993, he helped establish the Coalition for Student Loan Reform that has been a beacon for industry self-reform nationwide. He advocated the superiority of the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP), a long-standing public-private partnership involving private funds, localized administration and loan guarantees from Washington.

Under Tom's leadership, SLFR developed innovative education loan credit products in Ohio that represent affordable education financing options. The Supplemental Student Loan Program of Ohio, which provides low-cost loans for students and families whose financing needs exceed the amount of assistance available through federal and state financial aid programs, and the Jump Start Loan, which rewards borrowers with a sharply reduced interest rate, are examples of these options.

Perhaps Tom's most important legacy will be the Thomas L. Conlan Education Foundation. The Foundation was established in June of 1998 from the re-organization of the original Student Loan Funding Corporation, which was co-founded by Tom and his father in 1981. The Foundation helps many Ohioans obtain an affordable, high quality education.

All of us in Cincinnati wish Tom well in his retirement. We expect his retirement years will reflect the same civic spirit that he has carried throughout his life.

HONORING THE FUTURES ACADEMY OF BENTON HARBOR AREA SCHOOLS

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 7, 1999

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, it is a great pleasure for me to rise today to honor the Futures Academy of the Benton Harbor Area Schools in Benton Harbor, Michigan. This organization is dedicated to providing education, guidance and new opportunities for students in my hometown.

Now, more than ever, as random acts of violence in our schools terrorize our schools, we must look to our communities for creative ways to keep kids on the right path, giving them a hopeful, bright future.

For two years now, this highly successful program has given students a chance to learn many of life's essential lessons that cannot always be taught in the classroom. In weekly discussions, they meet to discuss morality, values, and responsibility.

They learn respect for each other, respect for the community, and respect for themselves. In short, the skills and lessons they will need for the future. If the future is in the hands of these young adults, I think we are all in good hands.

They are visiting Washington, D.C. this week to learn more about their government and civic responsibility.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues here in the House to take notice of this great organization. By working together, Benton Harbor has put in place a successful program that is helping children grow from students into responsible, motivated young adults. It is formula that I would encourage my colleagues to promote in their own districts and communities.

These are really terrific kids. I am so impressed to see how they have dedicated themselves and agreed to work hard toward some very important goals. Again, Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating the Futures Academy of Benton Harbor.

INTERNATIONAL TAX SIMPLIFICATION FOR AMERICAN COMPETITIVENESS ACT

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 7, 1999

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing along with my colleagues Representatives HOUGHTON, MATSUI, SAM JOHNSON, HERGER, ENGLISH, and CRANE to introduce our bill, "The International Tax Simplification for American Competitiveness Act of 1999." There has been general agreement that the current U.S. rules for taxing international income are unduly complex. This legislation addresses these problems by rationalizing and simplifying the international tax provisions of the U.S. tax laws by simplifying foreign tax credits; encouraging exports; providing incentives for performance of research and developing in the United States; enhancing U.S. competitiveness in other industrialized countries; and minimizing revenue loss.