

Steering Gear plant in Saginaw, Michigan. He became a member of UAW Local 699. Drafted into the Army in 1953, he served his country for two years. Upon returning to his job in Saginaw, he actively pursued leadership posts within the UAW. During those first few years he served as alternate committeeman, committeeman, shop committeeman, local union vice-president and financial secretary.

He was appointed as a UAW international representative in 1972 for region 1D and assigned to the UAW Education Department and the Michigan UAW Community Action program (CAP). He was serving as CAP coordinator for Region 1D when he joined the Michigan UAW-CAP legislative office in Lansing, Michigan as a lobbyist in January 1976. That July, he became legislative director for the UAW.

In 1982, Frank was appointed executive director of Michigan UAW-CAP, a position he held for four years until he was elected president of the Michigan State AFL-CIO on December 12, 1986.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that all of my colleagues salute Frank and his leadership, hard work and caring heart. He has devoted much of his life to others and in some way I know he will continue to be involved. He is a dear friend who has always worked to make the world a better place for everyone. I wish him the best in his retirement: many peaceful days fishing, golfing and spending time with his lovely wife Dora, his daughters and grandchildren. He has worked hard and deserves the best in his retirement. Frank, best of luck to you.

FAMILY FRIENDLY TELEVISION PROGRAMMING

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 1999

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my distinguished colleague from Massachusetts, Representative MARKEY to introduce a concurrent resolution which recognizes the importance of family friendly television programming, and the contributions that the Family Friendly Programming Forum is undertaking to make this goal a reality.

Recent events have caused a national debate on child development and the influences of our popular culture on our children. In particular, we cannot overlook the role that television plays in shaping the attitudes and outlook of our nation's young people. Studies show that, each week, the average child will watch 22-28 hours of television, which is more time he or she will spend on any activity other than sleeping.

Television is not only a powerful influence, it is too often a negative one. While parents have the final responsibility for regulating their children's viewing habits, the simple fact remains that the number of family-friendly programs available—particularly during prime time—has been steadily decreasing.

Thirty-three of our country's largest companies have recognized this unmet need in the marketplace. And they have joined together to establish the Family Friendly Programming Forum.

The argument is often made that family-friendly programs don't draw big ratings, advertisers won't support them and, therefore,

networks cannot afford to carry them. One of the goals of the Forum is to change this perception. The major advertisers who are members of the Forum are taking a number of specific steps to encourage more family-friendly programs, including a new annual awards program the first of which is being held in California today. The Forum is also establishing a development fund for family-friendly scripts, a television scholarship program and a public awareness campaign to promote viewing options for families.

Mr. Speaker, family-friendly programming does not mean dull shows. Successful programming over the years, including such television classics as "The Cosby Show" and "Home Improvement," demonstrate that entertaining programming can be produced that is appropriate for the entire family. There is a market for good family-friendly programming. The advertising community represented on the Forum should be commended for working proactively to improve the content and quality of programming for America's families.

Our families deserve more viewing choices and options. As a Member of Congress and as a parent, I commend the Family Friendly Programming Forum for working to provide more suitable programming for all Americans.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. AND MRS. JIM SCRIVNER ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 1999

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this opportunity to congratulate my friends Honey and Jim Scrivner on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Honey and Jim Scrivner were married September 3, 1949, in the United Methodist Church in Versailles, MO. The Scrivners have served as model citizens of Versailles, dedicating their lives to the betterment of their community.

Jim and Honey have owned and operated Scrivner-Morrow Funeral Homes in Versailles, MO, for 47 years. In addition to the undertaking business, in 1978, Jim Scrivner was elected Mayor of Versailles and served three consecutive terms. During his tenure as Mayor, Scrivner made great industrial improvements to Versailles, including constructing a new sewage treatment plant and sewage lines. He also implemented street upgrading, city park improvements, and housing projects for low-income and elderly persons. In addition, Honey and Jim ran a 24-hour volunteer ambulance service from their house for over 30 years, and helped countless people within Morgan County. Together, the Scrivners have saved lives, delivered babies, and rushed the injured and sick to area clinics and hospitals.

The Scrivners have been involved in many community activities. Jim has been a dedicated member of the Lion's Club for many years, and he volunteers once a week at a hospital in Jefferson City. A very active member of the ABWA, Honey has chaired many fundraising projects that benefit girls scholarships. The Scrivners are also involved with the United Methodist Church of Versailles.

Not only have the Scrivners been outstanding citizens in their community, but they are also loving parents and grandparents as well. They have three daughters, Mona, Sherry, and Jamie; and two granddaughters, Carrie Jo and Hannah Kaye.

Mr. Speaker, the Scrivners have selflessly devoted their lives to help many people and improve their community. They are truly role models. I know the Members of the House will join me in extending our heartfelt congratulations to the Scrivners for their 50th wedding anniversary. I wish them the very best in all the days ahead.

CONGRATULATIONS, TOM O'HARA

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 1999

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I would like my colleagues here in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring a very special person whom I am proud to call a friend, Mr. Tom O'Hara, as he celebrates 30 years of service with the New Jersey-based Prudential Insurance Company of America. As a former executive at Prudential myself, I am very gratified that a person of Tom's caliber has rendered so many years of service to the company.

After graduating from Mount Saint Mary's College, Tom received his law degree from Georgetown Law School. First joining Prudential in 1969 as a tax lawyer, Tom's extraordinary interpersonal skills, exceptional problem solving ability and reputation as a "doer" led to his advancement to the position he holds today, Vice President in the Law Department of the company's Washington, DC office. Tom has served as President of the Business-Government Relations Council, Chairman of the Business Roundtable Washington Steering Committee and as Chairman of the American Council of Life Insurance's Legislative Strategy Committee.

An active member of his community who has contributed his time and talents to many worthy causes, Tom serves on the Board of Trustees of Mount Saint Mary's College, on the Board of Trustees of the United States Capitol Historical Society, and on the Board of Directors of Wolf Trap Associates. Tom and his wife Patti have four children. His close-knit family embodies the virtues of strength, compassion, faith and concern for others. In memory of their late daughter, Tom and his wife generously established the Kelly O'Hara Scholarship Fund to help deserving young people attain a college education.

A person who enjoys the outdoors, especially the shore, Tom has been a runner and is now a golf enthusiast. He is also an avid sports fan, and because I am a graduate of Seton Hall University, we enjoy a friendly rivalry as we root for opposing teams at sporting events such as the Seton Hall/Georgetown or Giants/Redskins game.

Mr. Speaker, the completion of 30 years of service is indeed a remarkable achievement based on hard work, loyalty and tenacity. As Tom marks this milestone, I know my colleagues join me in congratulating him for a job done and wishing him all the best in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE METROPOLITAN JEWISH GERIATRIC CENTER

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 1999

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, in 1907, a group of women in the Brownsville/East New York section of Brooklyn, concerned about the health and well-being of their elderly neighbors, joined together to organize the Brooklyn Ladies Hebrew Home for the Aged.

In 1913, the name of the institution was changed to the Brooklyn Hebrew Home for the Aged, and a year later the first Home for the Aged opened and the first residents were admitted. The total capacity, 70 residents.

Concurrent with the increased demand for services, the Home grew steadily over the years until, in 1968, it became an affiliated agency of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies and was formally renamed Metropolitan Jewish Geriatric Center (MJGC).

To more precisely convey its mission, MJGC is now known as the Metropolitan Jewish Geriatric Foundation—an organization that provides financial support for the 36 participating agencies and programs of Metropolitan Jewish Health System (MJHS).

Collectively, MJHS agencies and programs serve the health care needs of more than 20,000 chronically ill people. MJHS is acknowledged to be the premiere integrated health care delivery system serving the Greater New York Metropolitan Area.

The Adult Day Health Center; the Phyllis and Lee Coffey Boro Park Primary Care Center; the Hospice of Greater New York; the Jewish Hospice; Caregivers; the Center for Rehabilitation and Transitional Care; Elderplan, a Social/Health Maintenance Organization; and the Institute for Applied Gerontology, which is engaged in research, education, and service, are but a few of the programs and services in the MJHS consortium.

And while MJHS applies its knowledge and experience toward serving patients of all ages, it has not lost sight of the mission of its founders nearly a century ago.

The Phillip and Dora Brenner Pavilion in Boro Park and Shorefront Jewish Geriatric Center Weinberg Pavilion in Coney Island together provide comprehensive health care, social support and recreational and cultural services and programs for some 1,000 residents and patients. Both are part of the "continuum of care" that is the hallmark of Metropolitan Jewish Health System.

On September 7th, at the Waldorf-Astoria, the Metropolitan Jewish Geriatric Foundation held its Annual Gala Dinner, an event that celebrated 92 years of service to the community, and paid a well-deserved tribute to Mark L. Goldstein, immediate past chairman of MJHS and a distinguished community leader. The event also honored Arletha Andrews, Herman Frazier, Pastor Roman, Murray Scherer, Willie Simpkins, and Gene Simpkins, each of whom has given dedicated service as an employee of an MJHS participating agency for 35 years or more.

MJHS excels not only in the quality and scope of its care programs; it is recognized also for its vision, its innovative spirit, and the skill, the dedication and the compassion of all those involved in meeting patients' health care needs.

If past is prologue, I am confident that MJHS will continue to burnish its leadership role, with the support of MJGF, record even more impressive accomplishments in the service of the community in the new millennium.

CONGRATULATING THE TEAM FROM KAHUKU HIGH & INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL ON ITS PERFORMANCE AT THE WE THE PEOPLE . . . THE CITIZEN AND THE CONSTITUTION 1999 NATIONAL FINALS

HON. PATSY T. MINK

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 1999

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to congratulate the team of students from Kahuku High & Intermediate School of Kahuku, Hawaii, on their participation in the We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution national finals held in Washington, DC, May 1–3, 1999.

The team members—Syreeta Ho, Sarah Lautaha, Alvin Law, Tanya Ludlow, Kimberlee Maeda, Matthew Marler, Lea Minton, Kaitlin Palmer, Jessica, Preece, Siulia Purcell, Darren Salomons, Kimberly Smith, Bruce Walker, and Nadine Zettl—competed against 50 other classes from throughout the nation and demonstrated a remarkable understanding of the fundamental ideals and values of American constitutional government.

The We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution competition simulates a congressional hearing on an issue requiring application of constitutional principles. Students must succinctly present their positions and then answer unscripted questions.

The Kahuku High & Intermediate School team won at the Congressional District level and the State level before making it to the national finals. I join the people of Hawaii in expressing my pride in their impressive achievement.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
CARL J. LATONA

HON. DEBBIE STABENOW

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 1999

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. Speaker, today Carl J. Latona will retire after 25 years of outstanding leadership and commitment to improving the community through his work with Highfields. During those years, Carl Latona has touched the lives of countless young people and their families—encouraging, advising, inspiring and serving as a role model.

As President and Chief Executive Officer of Highfields, Inc., he was actively involved not only in the administration of the many excellent services offered by Highfields, but also program development, fundraising and public policy in the field of child welfare. He has been a tireless advocate for youth and always could be counted on to speak about the importance of prevention. He has served on countless committees and boards and continues to give his time to many community efforts.

Carl Latona persevered with his message of caring for youth despite roadblocks along the way. When one door closed, he would look for other doors until he found an opening. I have the utmost respect for his commitment to youth and his belief that any person can turn their life around with the proper support and caring attitude. He has always been an excellent resource whenever I have made public policy decisions on issues involving youth.

I would like to thank Mr. Latona personally for his contribution to improving this community and offering support to families in need. It is largely through Mr. Latona's vision and direction that Highfields has grown, constantly developing innovative new ways to reach out to young people through schools, the community and when necessary the courts.

On behalf of Michigan families, I thank Carl for his commitment to the community and his service to so many important family organizations. His courage, vision and friendship mean a great deal to me and many others in Michigan.