

make a major move without first consulting him. They have come to realize that the value of his advise is worth far beyond any fee that he may charge.

A confessed workaholic, Al usually works 7 days a week taking time off only on Christmas, Thanksgiving and an annual 2-week vacation. Not one to miss a day of work, Al claims never to have had a sick day. He is usually at his desk by seven in the morning.

Although he usually works eleven-hour days, Al is usually home at around six in the evening for his daily run. Begun in 1976 to cure chronic headaches and chest pains, Al's preoccupation with this activity led to the formation of the Guam Running Club. On behalf of the club, he has organized marathons—participating in more than a dozen. Nowadays, he usually participates in 10K's and hill climbs.

Always one to foster community involvement, Al has been a pervading presence in the island's many civic and community organizations. Among others, Al served as charter president of the Guam Society of Certified Public Accountants, member and charter vice-president of the Guam Chapter of the Association of Governmental Accountants, chairman and director of the Guam Chamber of Commerce, charter chairman of the Guam Business Hall of Fame and president of the Rotary Club of Guam, the Air Force Association and the Navy League of Guam. He is also president emeritus of the St. John's School Board of Trustees and founder of Junior Achievement of Guam. For his achievements he merited mention in the 1988 Who's Who in America and in the 1984/1985 Who's Who in the West.

The distinguished professional career and expansive community involvement of Allen A. Pickens has endeared him to the people of Guam. I congratulate him for his outstanding achievements and commend him for all the good work he has done for the local community. I wish him and his family the best for his retirement. On behalf of the people of Guam, a heartfelt "Si Yu'os Ma'ase" to a distinguished business and community leader.

TRIBUTE TO FELIX "TITO"
TRINIDAD

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 1999

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Felix "Tito" Trinidad, an outstanding Puerto Rican athlete, and a very successful boxer. On Saturday, September 18, 1999, in the dramatic end to the welterweight showdown nicknamed the "Fight of the Millennium," Trinidad scored with his punishing right hand and won by a majority decision, taking the WBC title from a very talented and worthy opponent, Mr. Oscar De La Hoya. The result was a joyful outpouring in Puerto Rico and in my Bronx Congressional district.

Mr. Speaker, on Monday government workers in Puerto Rico were given the day off to welcome Trinidad, and entire families turned out, with many children kept from school to celebrate. Pounding his heart with this fist,

Trinidad stood atop a white truck wearing a floppy hat that read in English "Peace for Vieques."

The success added the WBC welterweight title to the IBF crown Trinidad already holds. Trinidad has now won 36 consecutive professional fights. He has held a world title since 1993, making him the longest-serving currently active world boxing champion.

Through his dedication, discipline, and success in boxing, Mr. Trinidad has served as a role model for millions of youngsters in the United States and Puerto Rico who dream of succeeding, like him, in the world of sports.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Felix "Tito" Trinidad for his contributions and dedication to boxing, as well as for serving as a role model for the youth of Puerto Rico and America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MAX SANDLIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 1999

Mr. SANDLIN. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, due to unforeseen business in my district, I was unable to be present for seven votes regarding H.R. 2684, VA-HUD-Independent Agencies Appropriations for FY 2000. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: Rollcall vote 390: "nay"; rollcall vote 391: "yea"; rollcall vote 392: "nay"; rollcall vote 393: "nay"; rollcall vote 394: "nay"; rollcall vote 395: "yea"; rollcall vote 396: "nay".

COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF LEXINGTON CEMETERY

HON. ERNIE FLETCHER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 1999

Mr. FLETCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the 150th anniversary of the Lexington Cemetery. "The Athens of the West", as Lexington was once known, serves as a resting place for such notable residents as Senator Henry Clay and General John Hunt Morgan. This cemetery has a national reputation as being one of the most beautiful in America and the people of the sixth district of Kentucky are very proud of it.

The Lexington Cemetery, which spans over 170 acres, serves as a memorial to the lives of folks who meant so much to so many people. These grounds tell a story of those who walked the hills of central Kentucky as far back as 1849. However, these grounds also tell us a story of those who came over the years to grieve the loss of a loved one, of the memories they left behind and many contributions made throughout their lives.

It represents the cord that binds families to their roots and connects them to past generations. For 150 years, the Lexington Cemetery has honored those lives whose contribution and value will always be remembered. These

hallowed grounds offer a place to preserve the memories of those who have passed on but left behind many who will always mourn their loss.

So, as folks from throughout central Kentucky gather on Saturday to commemorate the beginning of the historical and sacred grounds of Lexington Cemetery, they will experience the beauty this special resting place has offered so many families for the past 150 years. It is an honor to stand before the United States House of Representatives to acknowledge this historic day for the Lexington Cemetery.

THE HILLSDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SAN MATEO CELEBRATES ITS FIRST FIFTY YEARS

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 1999

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, in a few days, the Hillsdale United Methodist Church of San Mateo, California, will celebrate fifty years of ministry to the San Mateo community. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Hillsdale United Methodist Church for its outstanding record of service to the people of my congressional district for the past half century.

The Hillsdale United Methodist Church's mission is to "celebrate God's gifts as an accepting community, inviting all people to explore and live out new beginnings and dimensions in faith." The church's devotion to this credo of acceptance is clearly demonstrated by its welcoming attitude and its numerous and active community outreach programs. Some of these many programs include a Tutor Learning Center, the sponsorship of Boy Scout Troop and Cub Pack 27, YANSY (Young and Not So Young—an adult social group with monthly meetings and activities), and Samaritan House, which collects food and monthly donations for low-income residents in the area.

The Hillsdale United Methodist Church has also sponsored two refugee families and, as a service to the immigrant community, holds a Tongan language service every Sunday afternoon. In fact, five years after Hillsdale United Methodist welcomed its first Tongan members in 1966, the Tongan Methodist Church began in the United States at the Hillsdale United Methodist building. In 1993 the Fale Hufanga United Methodist Church began in San Carlos. Hillsdale United Methodist Church's Tongan members are still active in this church and recently resumed a Tongan language service.

I would like to invite my colleagues to join me in extending congratulations for the manifold achievements of the Hillsdale United Methodist Church over the last 50 years. The church's generosity and exemplary civic virtues have favorably impacted the lives of innumerable people in my congressional district—men and women, children and adults, American citizens as well as immigrants and refugees. I would like to express my personal gratitude for the outstanding work of the church, and I anticipate with great pleasure all that the church will accomplish in the new millennium.

RECOGNITION OF FAIRFAX COUNTY URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 1999

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, my colleague, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, and I are honored to extend our deepest admiration and sincere thanks to the 92 members of the Fairfax County Urban Search and Rescue Team in their courageous response mission to help the people in Toulou, Taiwan, following the massive earthquake there on September 20.

Fairfax County is one of the few localities in our country which has trained and authorized a search and rescue team that can be deployed at a moment's notice to deal with crisis situations anywhere in the world. Less than an hour after the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance activated the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department's Urban Search and Rescue Team to assist in the international effort, the team was mobilized and ready for deployment; ready to leave their families, friends and loved ones. We understand that this was the team's ninth mission—nine times they have left their families and homes to answer the "International 911" call.

What's most remarkable is that the firefighters on this team volunteered to be part of this specially trained unit, which is on the front lines, working round the clock, going into perilous situations—whether natural disasters or terrorist-inspired—driven by self-sacrifice to help save lives. Each member of this team has shown extraordinary heroism.

We are very proud of each and every member of the Fairfax County Urban Search and Rescue Team. They truly are heroes and deserve to be recognized.

The U.S. Congress and all of America salute the following members of the Fairfax County Urban Search and Rescue Team:

Chris Bastin, James Bernanzani, William Bertone, Greg Bunch, David Conrad, Sean Evans, Thomas Feehan, Tom Griffin, Mark Guditus, Andrew Hubert, Matt Nancy, Clyde Pittard, Mark Plunkett, Scott Smith, Rex Strickland, Jim Walsh, Kent Watts, Robert Zoldos, Daniel Bickham, Edward Brinkley, Clyde Buchanan, John Chabal, James Chinn, Kevin Dabney, Kurt Hoffman, Joseph Kaleda, Joseph Knerr, Randall Leatherman, Evan Lewis, Craig Luecke, Glenn Mason, Joe Meritt, Gary Morin, Gery Morrison, Dewey Perks, Michael Regan, Michael Tamillow, David Taylor, James Tolson, Jack Walmer, Jerome Williams, Barry Anderson, Donald Booth, Gary Bunch, Carlton Burkhammer, Brian Cloyd, Michael Davis, Jeffrey Donaldson, Michael Istvan, Mark Lucas, John Mayers, Rich McKinney, Wayne Reedy, Bill Reedy, Michael Reilly, Charles Ruble, Mike Stone, Ruben Almaguer, Marilyn Arwe, Joe Barbera, William Barker, Tony Beale, Bill Berger, Jack Brown, Jennifer Brown, Mike Canfield, Paul Carlin, Steve Catlin, Carol Chan, Tom Cole, Robert Dube, Garrett Dyer, Dr. French, Sonja Heritage, Brooke Holt, Gerald Jaskulski, Mike Keeler, Anthony MacIntyre, Paul Majorowitz, Chuck Mills, Susan Mingle, Richard Owens, Dean

Sherick, Earl Shuggart, Dallas Slem, Jim Strickland, Nate Smith, Lorenzo Thrower, Dean Tills, Steve Weissman, Steve Willey, John Tung.

HONORING OLIVER BIRCKHEAD ON RECEIVING THE FIRST ANNUAL CINCINNATI BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION AWARD

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 1999

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Oliver Birkhead, who will receive the First Annual Cincinnati Brain Injury Association Award. Mr. Birkhead's community leadership on children's issues will be recognized on October 1, 1999, at a dinner that will benefit Cincinnati's Children's Hospital Medical Center.

Traumatic brain injury is the leading cause of acquired disability and death among children. Each year, more than one million children sustain brain injuries, most commonly from sports injuries caused by bicycling, skiing, diving, or playground falls. Brain injury is also the most common cause of mortality in young adult Americans under the age of 45. Depending on the type and severity of the injury, rehabilitation may restore crucial skills that are necessary to lead a more normal life.

Oliver Birkhead is well known for his distinguished career in banking. He was born in Brooklyn, New York, and graduated from Nichols College in Dudley, New Hampshire and Stonier Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers University. Ollie entered the banking business in 1937 with the Peoples National Bank and Trust Company in White Plains, New York. In 1942, Ollie entered the U.S. Army Air Corps, where he served until 1946. He then resumed his career in banking, and was appointed Assistant National Bank Examiner in the Second District of New York by the Comptroller of the Currency. Ollie joined Chemical Bank in 1948, and in 1951, he joined the Central Trust Company, now PNC Bank, in Cincinnati. Ollie rose to the position of Vice Chairman and Director of PNC until he retired from the Board in 1989. He has served as a Board Member of the Union Central Life Insurance Company; the Cincinnati Gas and Electric Company (now CInergy); the Manhattan Life Insurance Company; and the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland.

A committed community leader, Ollie has served on the Executive Committee of the Cincinnati Art Museum; as Vice Chairman, Advisory Board member, and Life Member of the Salvation Army; and as a board member of the Cincinnati Council of World Affairs, the Boys Club of Cincinnati, and the Cincinnati Association of the Blind. He also served in leadership positions with United Way of Cincinnati. Along the way, Ollie made many friends, and I am proud to be among them.

We congratulate Ollie Birkhead as he receives this prestigious honor.

HONORING JOANN WARD

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 1999

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to JoAnn Ward, executive director of the Fond du Lac, Wisconsin Convention and Visitors Bureau, who will retire this Friday, October 1 after more than 22 years of service.

As Bureau executive, JoAnn's job has included marketing the city of Fond du Lac and its environs as a desirable tourist and convention destination. It is a task she has accomplished so well, and with such creativity and leadership, that it can be said with no exaggeration that her stamp has left a lasting imprint on the character of the community.

The considerable economic impact from tourism and convention dollars on the Fond du Lac area during her tenure is a significant and tangible result of JoAnn Ward's efforts. But perhaps more telling than the bottom-line success story are the personal characteristics that engendered that success—JoAnn's gift for innovative ideas her keen sense of the public's tastes and preferences, and her amazing ability to enlist volunteers to share her vision and accomplish common goals.

Over 20 years ago, her imagination inspired the creation of Walleye Weekend, Fond du Lac's signature festival that draws hundreds of volunteers and tens of thousands of festival goers to the city's Lakeside Park each June. JoAnn has either originated or taken a lead role in developing and enhancing scores of other Fond du Lac area special events and festivals, including the annual Taste of Fond du Lac, the Fond du Lac Jazz Festival and the International Acrobatic Competition, which has been hosted by Fond du Lac the past 29 years.

She has built attractions centered around the natural beauty of the area and the unique assets of its residents, and has helped the many businesses that depend on conventions and tourism to capitalize on their strengths. A tireless worker and consummate promoter of both her community and the state of Wisconsin, JoAnn Ward has never accepted limits on her ability to try out new ideas or strive for new levels of achievement.

JoAnn's influence has extended beyond Fond du Lac to larger metropolitan areas and to national and international organizations. A recipient of the Wisconsin Tourism Federation's Award for Outstanding Contributions, she was appointed by Governor Tommy Thompson to the state's prestigious Sesqui-centennial Commission, which over a three-year period organized and oversaw planning for the huge, multifaceted 150th celebration of Wisconsin's statehood in 1998.

In 1995, she served as the Sixth District delegate to the White House Conference on Tourism. And in 1997, JoAnn was inducted into the International Festival & Events Association's Hall of Fame.

But it is at home where her impact has been most keenly felt. JoAnn has succeeded in making my hometown of Fond du Lac not only a desirable travel destination but a better place to live. It is testament to her stature in the Fond du Lac community that her retirement announcement was not only front page news, but the main headline in the daily newspaper. A later editorial stated, "It will take a