

INEOA and is even more dedicated to this cause than he was in the past.

John previously retired from the position of Director of the New York State Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement, having worked under six Governors. In that position, John earned the respect of all of us who had worked with him. I vividly recall during my tenure in the State Assembly the dedication John brought to his fledgling crusade against drugs.

John Bellizzi is a product of the New York City school system, having graduated from Stuyvesant High School. He obtained his degree in pharmacy from St. John's University, and received an LL.B. from Albany Law School and his Doctor of Jurisprudence from Union University. John has also studied on the graduate level at New York University and at Fordham University.

John was also a police officer with the New York City Police Department. In that capacity, he was assigned to some of the most critical neighborhoods in the city, including Harlem, Bedford-Stuyvesant, and the south Bronx. During World War II, John was an undercover agent, investigating and reporting on some of the subversive organizations which were working against our nation.

John utilized his unique background in both pharmacy and law enforcement to help spearhead the fight against illegal narcotics. He is the author of many articles on pharmacy, narcotics, and the law. He also served on the faculty of several schools, including Albany Medical School, the University of Southern California, and St. John's University.

John Bellizzi served as a consultant on drug abuse to the White House and served on the Narcotics Commission of two successive Mayors of New York City—Robert F. Wagner, Jr., and John V. Lindsey. He also advised Mayor Sam Yorty of Los Angeles and Governor Jerry Brown of California as a member of their narcotics commissions.

Mr. Speaker, the awards and recognitions John Bellizzi has received over the years are too numerous to fully enumerate here. Suffice to say that he was presented the Honor Legion Medal from the New York City Police Department, the Papal medal from Pope Paul VI in 1965; the very first Anslinger Award for combating international narcotics trafficking presented in 1979; and was honored by the Columbia Association of New York State Employees and the Italian Pharmaceutical Society of New York for distinguished service to the community by an American of Italian ancestry. John also was awarded a gold medal by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

With all these honors, there is no doubt that John's pride and joy is his wife of 57 years, Celeste Morga, who has been his co-partner and confidant in all of his endeavors. They are the proud parents of two sons, John J., Jr., and Robert F.

This weekend, the International Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association is conducting its 40th Annual Conference. A special awards ceremony will honor drug enforcement officers from throughout the world. A special program will spotlight the remarkable career of John J. Bellizzi and his achievements throughout the past half century.

Mr. Speaker, I invite all of our colleagues to join with me in saluting John Bellizzi, a champion of our war against drugs.

IN HONOR OF THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LAKEWOOD

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 1999

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 75th anniversary of the Faith Lutheran Church of Lakewood.

Faith Lutheran Church was established in 1924 by the Home Mission Board of the Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio. Services were first held in a storeroom at 15635 Madison Avenue next to Scherzer's Bakery. Reverend Edward W. Schramm served as the first pastor. The Madison School Building, now known as Harding Middle School became a second place of worship until the current church was dedicated on Easter Sunday, March 27, 1932. An additional educational building and chapel were dedicated October 6, 1957.

Faith Lutheran Church was designed in the Gothic style by Cleveland Architect William E. Foster. Especially noteworthy is the Reuter pipe organ designed specially for the church by the Reuter Organ Company. With 1,439 speaking pipes ranging from eighteen feet to one-fourth of an inch, the organ is recognized for its tonal richness.

Today, Faith Lutheran Church has a 582-member congregation. Reverend Richard G. Schluep serves as pastor. Upholding a long-standing tradition of goodwill, the people of Faith Lutheran Church work together to serve local community charities and agencies. Congratulations to Faith Lutheran Church for 75 years of service and religious celebration.

My fellow colleagues, join me in honoring Faith Lutheran Church, a community that has dedicated their lives to God, freedom and the well being of all people.

BIRTHDAY TRIBUTE TO FRAN BANMILLER

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 1999

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the birthday of a dear friend of mine. On Saturday, October 2, 1999, Mrs. Fran Banmiller, celebrated her 50th birthday. Fran was born in South West Philadelphia and moved to Gloucester City, N.J. She attended Rutgers-Camden School of Finance where she earned her CPA and later went on to earn her masters in tax accounting.

Fran, and her husband Jerry, are the proud parents of three beautiful children, Liz, Sarah and Rachel.

I would like to wish her a happy and healthy 50th birthday.

H.R. 3013: TO AMEND THE ALASKA NATIVE CLAIMS SETTLEMENT ACT

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 1999

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to introduce H.R. 3013, a bill to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to allow shareholders common stock to be transferred to adopted Alaska native children and their descendants and for other purposes.

This bill is very similar to H.R. 2803, however, the Alaska Federation of Natives and the Department of the Interior have agreed to delete Section 7, the Partial Section Selections from the original bill. Other provisions in the bill contains revised language recommended by the Department of the Interior to address some of their concerns.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I am introducing H.R. 3013 with language revision changes to three provisions of H.R. 2803. This is to allow our Committee to hold a hearing next Wednesday on a new and expanded version of H.R. 2803 which reflects changes recommended by the Alaska Federation of Natives and the Department of the Interior.

THE TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL: RECOGNIZING 75 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. JIM TURNER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 1999

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 75th anniversary of Toastmasters International, which since its conception on October 22, 1924, has grown to over 8,000 clubs and 200,000 members in 60 countries worldwide.

During the past 75 years, Toastmasters International has performed a valuable service for its members and those who hear its message of opportunity, initiative and good fellowship by assisting in the development of essential communications skills. One of the Toastmasters' most remarkable, yet challenging, efforts has been the formation of clubs within prisons to teach inmates how to effectively communicate to others and accept criticism. I am especially proud of the Sabine River Toastmasters in Orange, Texas.

One year ago, the Sabine River Toastmasters formed a club in the LeBlanc Prison, which is located in Jefferson County in East Texas. This club has been responsible for numerous success stories during the past year, and I am confident that the inmates of East Texas will continue to benefit from this encouragement and assistance in the development of improved communication skills for many more years to come.

The ability to speak in a clear and effective manner is a powerful and important skill that can help all Americans overcome barriers to effective performance in virtually every endeavor and line of work. With the guidance of Toastmaster members, inmates are becoming better communicators with a greater sense of confidence, self-esteem and self-respect, and they are therefore better prepared and qualified for employment after being released from

prison. Not only are the inmates encouraging and inspiring each other to become better citizens, but they are also taking active roles in the lives of our Nation's youth by discouraging them from repeating the same mistakes they made by joining gangs or using drugs and alcohol.

According to the Federal Bureau of Prisons, 35 to 40 percent of all released prisoners are re-arrested within the first 12 months of release. Of the LeBlanc Toastmasters' 55 released alumni, 2 have been re-arrested, which is one tenth of what the statistics would have predicted. I would like to applaud the Sabine River Toastmasters for helping these 53 men who have built new lives for themselves after being released from prison.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask that you join me and our colleagues in celebrating the week of October 17, 1999, as Toastmasters Week and recognizing the many opportunities in communication and public speaking that Toastmasters International, and specifically the Sabine River Toastmasters, have promoted and realized for East Texans and Americans all across the nation.

IN HONOR OF JOHN BIG DAWG
THOMPSON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 1999

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor John Big Dawg Thompson.

John Big Dawg Thompson, legendary Cleveland Browns superfan, is the heart and soul of the Cleveland Browns and the Cleveland Browns' Dawg Pound. Nationally recognized, Big Dawg's passion for the Cleveland Browns has touched the spirit of football fans everywhere. Members of Congress have even felt Big Dawg's devotion when he testified before a House committee as the Browns fan who could best convey the trauma to fans from the teams' sudden move to Baltimore.

Driven by heartfelt emotion and determination, Big Dawg served further as a crucial player in saving the team's name and colors and in bringing the Browns back to Cleveland. Big Dawg's big heart was never silenced throughout the years Cleveland was deprived of a team. Due in large part to his efforts, the Cleveland Browns are now back.

Celebrated as one of football's most famous fans, Big Dawg was inducted this year into the Visa Hall of Fans at the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. Big Dawg's role evolved back in 1985 when he donned a dog mask after Browns players Hanford Dixon and Frank Minnifield coined the term Dawg Pound to refer to the barking bleacher fans at the old Cleveland Municipal Stadium. Soon thereafter, the media discovered Big Dawg influencing Browns backers everywhere to wear, not only orange and brown, but dog masks and dog collars. With a new meaning to Cleveland's home field advantage, the Dawg Pound became an explosive force in leading the Browns to victory.

Not just a football fan, Big Dawg also serves as a community leader and a devoted family man. As a kid-friendly fellow, Big Dawg has made numerous appearances at local schools and local events. He is also featured on the

box of his new Big Dawg Crunch cereal. Big Dawg has even earmarked royalties from cereal sales to go toward the American Diabetes Association and the Lomas Brown Jr. Foundation. Congratulations to Big Dawg for his charitable services, his devotion to his family, and for being the Cleveland Browns' number one fan. Keep the tradition alive!

My fellow colleagues, join me in honoring John Big Dawg Thompson.

TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL
TERRY LEE PAUL, UNITED
STATES MARINE CORPS

HON. FLOYD SPENCE

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 1999

Mr. SPENCE. Mr. Speaker, it is with pleasure that I rise to recognize Brigadier General Terry Lee Paul, the Legislative Assistant to the Commandant of the United States Marine Corps. General Paul retired from active duty on Friday, October 1st, after 30 years of exceptional service in the Corps.

For the last 10 years, General Paul has been in charge of the Marine Corps Office of Legislative Affairs. During this time, many Members of Congress and staff have come to know General Paul as a very reliable and articulate spokesman for the Corps. His straightforward approach and extensive knowledge of policy and programs has especially been of great benefit to those of us on the Armed Services Committee. Through the effective communication efforts of General Paul, the Congress has become familiar with the details of important programs, which are essential to the mission of the Marine Corps, such as, the V-22 Program, the Advanced Assault Amphibious Vehicle, the KC-130J, and the Maritime Pre-positioned Force-Enhancement, among others. General Paul has tirelessly endeavored to inform Members and staff on issues ranging from the capabilities, technological advances, concepts of operations, and funding requirements of necessary programs, to the basic needs of Marines in the field and of their families on base.

Although, General Paul is well known for his in-depth knowledge of the legislative issues and operational requirements of the Marine Corps, he is also greatly respected as a dedicated leader, who possesses a deep and abiding passion for what it means to be a Marine. General Paul is, above all, a Marine of unquestionable devotion to duty, impeccable integrity, absolutely sound character, and dedication to professionalism. Through his assignments as a Senator Liaison, a Special Assistant to the Commandant, and, finally, as the Legislative Assistant to the Commandant, General Paul has always effectively communicated the message of "making Marines and winning battles." Because of the efforts of General Paul, the United States Marines Corps is better equipped and more prepared to carry out its mission in these demanding times.

As Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services, I have a special appreciation for the outstanding work that General Paul has done. His involvement in briefings and hearings before the House, as well as in Congressional Delegation travel to points around the world,

has ensured that these activities were carried out in an efficient and instructive manner. General Paul has set a high standard for others to emulate. His total devotion to the Corps is evident in every action that he has taken, and he is to be commended on his more than thirty years of exemplary service to our Nation. I would like to wish General Paul and his lovely wife, Sharon, much continued success in their future endeavors.

HONORING LARRY PISTORESI

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 1999

Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Larry Pistori, Sr. for 50 years of perfect attendance at the Chowchilla Rotary Club.

Larry Pistori, Sr. has been a member of the Chowchilla Rotary Club since the day it was chartered in 1946. Pistori is an active auto retail salesman, but has been able to keep perfect attendance for 50 years. Perfect attendance did not mean that you had to attend all the local Rotary meetings. It you had to miss a local meeting, you could make that meeting up at another Rotary club in a different town. Through the years, Larry Pistori has attended Rotary meetings in 20 different states. In fact, planning a vacation for the Pistori's was quite an ordeal. Vacations were planned around Rotary meetings. Larry would get the Rotary director out to see where and when the Rotary meetings were to be held.

Pistori also has a family history of perfect attendance in the Rotary. His dad, Pete Pistori, a charter member of the Chowchilla Rotary Club, also received the perfect attendance award. Pistori said when he first joined, his dad kept after him to have perfect attendance. After the first two years of perfect attendance he was challenged to keep on going. The father and son team are the only tow in the local club to receive the award. The former president of the Chowchilla club said his goal is to keep his perfect attendance to the day he is forced to quit.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to honor Larry Pistori for his perfect attendance at the Chowchilla Rotary Club. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Larry many more years of continued success.

NATIONAL PARKS AIR TOUR
MANAGEMENT ACT OF 1999

SPEECH OF

HON. PATSY T. MINK

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 27, 1999

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my support for H.R. 717, the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 1999.

Although this bill does not go as far as I would like, particularly with respect to overflights in National Parks in Hawaii, H.R. 717 is a step in the right direction.

For years I have received complaints from people who visit National Parks in Hawaii