

tile makers, and thirty-seven percent of machinists. While German-American craftsmen and skilled workers fueled Chicago's industrial growth, German art, music, and literature also helped mold the cultural developments of the city.

After the Great Fire of 1871, German-Americans took an active role in rebuilding Chicago. Their efforts can be seen even today in the city's world renowned architectural beauty. The Chicago Symphony Orchestra was founded by a German-American violinist and flourished due to talented German musicians who made Chicago's Symphony Orchestra into one of the world's greatest musical institutions. In addition, German theater introduced the classical works of Schiller and Goethe as well as many other European works.

While the contributions of German-Americans have shaped American cultural and industrial development, they are easily overlooked, largely because they have been overwhelmingly embraced by Americans and are now thought of as simply "American." October 6, 1999 once again calls attention to all Americans of German descent and their contributions to the vibrancy and strength of the United States.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BARON P. HILL

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 4, 1999

Mr. HILL of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I want to offer my full support of H.R. 1451, the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission Act.

This bill would authorize the creation of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, a group charged with the responsibility of recommending to Congress activities to celebrate the bicentennial of President Lincoln's birth.

I am particularly pleased that the bill has been amended to include commission members from my home state of Indiana.

This is important because many people don't realize President Lincoln spent 14 years of his life on a small farm in Lincoln City, Indiana. There he helped his father on the farm and developed his love of reading. It was in Lincoln City that he also lost his mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, when he was nine years old. These events during his formative years in Indiana contributed greatly to the development of President Lincoln's extraordinary character.

Mr. Speaker, the residents of Indiana are proud of this heritage. H.R. 1451 will help highlight the extraordinary life of our 16th president. No commemoration would be complete without noting southern Indiana's part in the Abraham Lincoln story. I encourage all Americans wishing to learn more about this American hero to visit Lincoln City, Indiana, and the Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial.

I am pleased Congress is taking the initiative to promote and support the commemoration of such a remarkable figure in our American history.

RAY SAUL HONORED

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 7, 1999

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a distinguished journalist, community leader, and close friend from my District in Hazleton, Pennsylvania—Ray Saul. This month, the Sons of Italy Lodge 1043 will honor Ray as "Italian American of the Year." I am pleased to have been asked to participate in this event.

A native of Hazleton, Ray is a graduate of Hazleton High School and Penn State, where he earned a Bachelor's degree in journalism. He was the editor of his college yearbook and was cited by the All College Board for outstanding achievement as a student leader. A Navy veteran of World War II, Ray entered the service as an apprentice seaman and retired as a Lieutenant Commander after a combined 21 years of active and reserve service.

Ray is best known to the community for his 47 years of dedicated journalism at the Hazleton Standard-Speaker newspaper. Ray was sports editor at the Standard-Speaker for twenty-seven years and managing editor for the last fifteen years. Since his retirement in 1997, he continues to write sports columns and other features for the newspaper. As a journalist, Ray was an active member of the Associated Press Sports Editors Association and the Managing Editors Association.

In 1995, he was honored by the Department of Defense for his feature stories of various Hazletonians serving in World War II. Ray received an Associated Press Citation for a story on a local basketball team's success. In recognition of his writing and participation in sports, he was honored by several chapters of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame and the PIAA District 2.

Ray Saul has always recognized the unique responsibilities inherent in leading a local newspaper which is truly the voice of its community. Under his leadership, the Standard-Speaker could be relied on for fair and accurate reporting of stories important to the Greater Hazleton area. Ray always put the interests of the community first.

Ray's accomplishments are far reaching into the community as well. He is an active Kiwanian and has been awarded the International Tablet of Honor once and the Kiwanian of the Year twice. He has been an active Penn State alum, helping to raise funds for new buildings on the Hazleton Campus. In 1984, he was the fifth person in the then-50 year history of the Hazleton campus to receive the Penn Stater Award, for outstanding service to the university.

Mr. Speaker, Ray is the son of the late Santo Saul and Genevieve DeJoseph. All four of his grandparents were Italian immigrants. From his distinguished Navy career his beloved journalism career, Ray is a true example of an American success story. Even in retirement, he and his wife Nell are respected, active members of the community. I applaud the Sons of Italy for their choice of this year's honoree and am proud to congratulate Ray on yet another prestigious award. I send him my heartiest best wishes for continued health and happiness.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 7, 1999

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, October 4, I was unavoidably detained and missed four votes on the House floor. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall votes 470–473.

HONORING BILL WALTERS

HON. WILLIAM F. GOODLING

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 7, 1999

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Bill Walters, who holds the office of Registrar of Wills in York, Pennsylvania. Mr. Walters has never lost an election, primary or general, and has been on the ballot 38 consecutive times as either a candidate for Springettsbury township, Register of Wills, or Republican Committeeman. After years of committed service to the people of York and York County, he will be retiring at the end of this term.

Bill Walters came to York, Pennsylvania from Connecticut, but regards York as his home and plans to remain here after retirement. He has always been a big supporter of mine as well as good friend.

Mr. Speaker, I salute Bill Walters as he steps down from his position with the City of York, and wish him well in his upcoming retirement from a life of public service.

IN HONOR OF GEORGE LYKOURETZOS, 1999 CHARLES E. PIPER AWARD RECIPIENT

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 7, 1999

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. George Lykouretzos, a business owner in Berwyn, Illinois. Mr. Lykouretzos will be receiving the Charles E. Piper Award for Business Achievement.

The Charles E. Piper Award is named for one of Berwyn's original developers. Each year, the Berwyn Development Corporation honors business men and women from the community who contribute to the growth and economic development of the community. This year, George Lykouretzos has been chosen because of his commitment to the community.

George Lykouretzos is the owner of Skylite Family Restaurant and the Skylite West Banquets located in Berwyn, Illinois. Because of his outstanding business practices and his commitment to the investing back into the community, the Berwyn Development Corporation chose to honor George Lykouretzos with the Charles E. Piper Award on October 23, 1999.

I would like to commend George Lykouretzos and his family and staff on their excellent service to their customers. I would also like to extend my personal congratulations on Mr. Lykouretzos' achievement and

wish him and his family well with their future success and their commitment to the community.

20 YEARS OF AFFORDABLE
HOUSING

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 7, 1999

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the San Diego Housing Commission on the occasion of its 20th anniversary. During these two decades, the Housing Commission has helped to provide approximately a half million San Diegans with quality housing opportunities. In the process, neighborhoods have been revitalized and the economy vastly improved.

The Housing Commission has invested billions of dollars in San Diego, resulting in the development of 10,000 apartment units—including nearly 5,500 designed for lower income San Diegans—and in the stabilization of rents for thousands of San Diegans through rental assistance.

The Housing Commission has been a leader in our nation. Its approach to developing and managing its 1,860 public housing units has earned it acclaim and national awards. The awards recognize the Commission for the design and maintenance of its properties and for the Commission's philosophy of distributing public housing throughout the city.

The residents in San Diego public housing benefit from the Housing Commission's programs that have set national standards in helping residents achieve self-sufficiency. The six learning opportunity centers at the Commission's sites provide a way for residents to escape dependence on welfare.

The residents are active partners with the Commission in improving their lives—the Small Business Administration and San Diego Chamber of Commerce Welfare-to-Work Entrepreneur of the Year in 1998 was won by a Housing Commission resident, Yohannes Miles, who became a painting contractor. Needless to say, Mr. Miles is now a former client of the Commission—he has moved into his own home!

The Housing Commission has improved our whole City. It has helped more than 8,000 families rehabilitate their homes and has paved the way for 3,100 low- to moderate-income people to purchase their first home.

The Housing Commission employees are dedicated—15 have been with the agency since its founding. In its 20 years, Commission employees have helped the agency win countless national awards and honors, including high performance ratings each year from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the first Award of Excellence for Enduring Design from the National Association of Redevelopment Officials, and an award for consensus building in developing public housing.

I want to wish the employees and the officials of the San Diego Housing Commission, and the forward thinking city leaders who started the agency, a happy anniversary. May you provide many others with the basic opportunity and right of housing in San Diego in the years to come.

CALVARY CHILDREN'S CENTER

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 7, 1999

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor today to recognize an exceptional organization that has made a significant difference in the lives of hundreds of Georgia's children. That organization is Calvary Children's home.

The Calvary Children's Home was founded in 1966 by Reverend Ben F. Turner, and has been located in Cobb County, Georgia, for 33 years. Rev. Turner's first vision of Calvary took place on the streets of Jerusalem, when a poor woman offered to sell her baby to his tour group for money to support her other children. Then, in 1965 a local father and mother of six were returning from shopping when both were killed in an automobile accident. However, as much as the children were disturbed by the loss of their parents, they were equally upset with the prospect of being separated from each other in the foster care system, especially after such a great loss.

In September 1997, Rev. Turner's ultimate dream was finally realized, as the Calvary Children's Home moved from its original dormitory-style complex into three beautiful homes located on 13 acres of land near Powder Springs, Georgia. In January a new administrative center featuring a dining hall, library, and counseling center was completed on the property under the direction of Administrator Snyder Turner. The home has always been funded entirely by generous private funding from churches, businesses, organizations, and individuals dedicated to giving children in need a second chance.

The Calvary Children's Home presently houses 26 children, and has housed more than 400 children since first opening its doors 33 years ago. The center is a nonprofit, charitable organization providing long-term residential care for children who are victims of broken homes, abuse, neglect, or abandonment. The majority of its residents are brothers and sisters who otherwise would have been separated from each other and placed into separate homes through the foster care system.

The Calvary Children's Home is an excellent example of private individuals reaching out and making a difference in the lives of our youth, without public mandates or tax dollars. It speaks well of Georgia's Seventh District that such an organization can survive. I wish Administrator Turner, the staff, residents, and donors well in continuing their commitments to love, spiritual values, and improving the lives of our young people.

IN HONOR OF YOLANDA'S ACADEMY OF MUSIC AND DANCE ON ITS 25TH ANNUAL RECITAL AND ITS FOUNDER, MS. YOLANDA FERNANDEZ-QUINCOCES

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 7, 1999

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Yolanda's Academy of Music and

Dance on the celebration of its 25th Annual Recital and its founder, Ms. Yolanda Fernandez-Quincoces, for her many accomplishments. She has made every effort to provide a forum in which the young people of Hudson County, and particularly of Union City, NJ, are able to express their interest in the arts.

Born in Havana, Cuba, Ms. Fernandez demonstrated tremendous artistic ability at a very young age. After moving to the United States with her family, Ms. Fernandez begun taking lessons in ballet and piano at the age of five. She continued her training at the New Jersey Ballet, Oneida's Dance Studio, and the American Ballet Theater, where she also excelled in Flamenco dance and piano while attending classes with renowned leaders in the fields of study.

Ms. Fernandez, since receiving her bachelor's degree in Music Education from New York University, has served as a music and dance educator at the Woodrow Wilson School for the Integrated Arts in my hometown of Union City, NJ, where she is known for her remarkable commitment to her student's education.

Ms. Fernandez has demonstrated her dedication to the arts and education through her involvement in such associations as the Dance Educators of America, the Dance Masters of America, the National Guild of Piano Teachers, and the National Education Association. Her participation in the advancement of the arts includes making personal appearances at the New Jersey Opera and on various television broadcasts. In addition, she produced and hosted her own television program called "Art Beat."

Ms. Fernandez's artistic contributions to the community and her unwavering commitment to promoting the arts in our schools have not gone unnoticed. In 1996, she was named "Teacher of the Year" by Union City, Hudson County, and the Governor of the State of New Jersey. In 1996 and 1997, she received the prestigious "Outstanding Choreographer" Award from the Dance Educators of America in New York City.

In recognition of Ms. Fernandez's impassioned devotion to promoting the arts in our schools and communities, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating her, as well as Yolanda's Academy of Music and Dance, on this occasion, the 25th Annual Recital, and wishing Ms. Fernandez continued success in her endeavors.

IN TRIBUTE TO SENIOR MASTER
SERGEANT ALBERT M. ROMANO,
JR.

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 7, 1999

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Senior Master Sergeant Albert M. Romano, Jr., one of 12 U.S. Air Force Outstanding Airmen of the Year.

"Buddy" Romano hails from Oxnard, California, in my district, where he starred in varsity football and baseball at Santa Clara High School and was ranked 32nd in California for motocross racing.

He married his high school sweetheart, the former Jennifer Suytar, also of Oxnard. The