

Direct FPS to work closely with other federal agencies in gathering and analyzing intelligence.

Direct the FPS commissioner to provide assistance, upon request, to other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies.

Mr. Speaker, the Federal Protective Service Reform Act of 1999 is an urgently needed piece of legislation that will allow this country to better protect itself from a terrorist attack. This legislation should be an integral part of our counter-terrorism strategy. I urge all Members to support this bill.

TRIBUTE TO BROTHER GEORGE
SYNAN

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 1999

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to someone I have known for over 40 years—a man who has been an inspiration to the many people he has taught and nurtured through the years. Brother George Synan, who is celebrating his 70th anniversary as a Christian Brother, has left an indelible mark on the metropolitan Detroit community and, in particular, DeLaSalle Collegiate High School in Warren, Michigan, where he has served as a teacher, coach, administrator, and mentor. Although Brother George semi-retired in 1974, he still taught occasionally at DeLaSalle into the early 1990's. Today, he resides at the Christian Brothers retirement home in Lincroft, New Jersey.

I first met Brother George when I was eleven years old. I used to play basketball at the old DeLaSalle Collegiate which was across the street from the Detroit City Airport. A few years later, as a member of the Notre Dame High School Basketball Team, I used to visit Brother George when my school played DeLaSalle Collegiate. In the last few years, I have had the good fortune to see Brother George occasionally when he returns to Michigan.

Born in New York City in 1911 of Irish parents, Brother George, who celebrates his 88th birthday on April 5th, took his first vows as a religious brother in 1929. A member of the Class of 1932 from the Catholic University in Washington, D.C., he was sent to DeLaSalle in Detroit in 1936. Immediately, Brother George was an innovator. He started an intramural program that involved more than half of the student body. Sunday open gym at DeLaSalle attracted so many students that commando basketball was invented, something like today's team handball, with fifty players on a team. He even began a midget basketball program for boys weighing less than 105 pounds. He was assistant athletic director and coached baseball, football and basketball in his first assignment at DeLaSalle which lasted for eight years.

In 1944, with first hand knowledge of the operations of the Detroit Catholic League, Brother George returned to New York City and eventually became president of the New York Catholic Schools Athletic Association. In time, the New York league began to play its baseball playoffs at Ebbets Field and the Polo Grounds and also started football playoffs. I can't say for sure who started the New York

Catholic League, but what they are today is because of a Christian Brother from Detroit. His nine years in New York were at Bishop Loughlin High School where Brother George began a track meet known as the Bishop Loughlin Games, which to this day is the largest indoor track meet in the United States.

In 1957, Brother George returned to DeLaSalle Collegiate. He was sub-director of the DeLaSalle Christian Brother's community, taught five classes, was vice principal and athletic director until 1964 and then continued to teach full time for the next ten years. He was a member of the Catholic League's Executive Board for several terms during the 50's and 60's. It was in 1961 that Brother George became moderator of the Christian Brother's Auxiliary, a post he held with great pride for over thirty years. When St. Joseph High School, the first Christian Brothers High School in Detroit, closed its doors in 1964, he became moderator of their Alumni Association, a post he continues to hold to this day. Later, he also became moderator of the St. Joe's Dad's Club. He firmly believes that keeping the memory of St. Joe's alive at DeLaSalle Collegiate, the school the St. Joe Alumni founded, is very important.

It was in the early 1970's when the teacher, coach, and former administrator at DeLaSalle saw the football field named after him. Throughout the Catholic League, it was known no longer as DeLaSalle Field, not even needing a last name, it was simply and quickly accepted across the Catholic League as the Brother George Field. He touched more lives than just those individuals who came to play or watch a game at the field. His interests went way beyond athletics, and it was first and foremost young people, both boys and girls, and their futures.

He is known for a remarkable memory of DeLaSalle and St. Joe Alumni, their families and their lives. His rapport with alumni and friends is itself legendary in the Christian Brother schools. Countless families benefited from regular visits to those in the hospital or in need of comfort. Brother George never drove a car and had to rely a great deal on public transportation when the weather or distance prohibited walking. So regular were his walking rounds throughout the Metropolitan Detroit area, that he was constantly picked up by alumni or friends, or even strangers who recognized his familiar stature and walk.

People who work in the field of athletics and education get great satisfaction from teaching and coaching young men and women who make their mark in society. They get an even greater thrill when a young person they taught or coached enters their profession. Brother George can be proud to say he taught teachers, coached coaches, and was an administrator of many administrators. Brother George has left each of them a strong legacy to follow.

For 70 years, Brother George Synan touched the lives of thousands of our citizens. On behalf of each and every one of them, I rise to publicly thank Brother George for living a life of untiring and unselfish dedication to the Christian principle of serving others. Well done good and faithful servant!

NEW JERSEY'S 11TH DISTRICT—
PRIME RECRUITING GROUND
FOR ACADEMIES

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 1999

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, every year, more high school seniors from the 11th Congressional District trade in varsity jackets for Navy peacoats, Air Force flight suits, and Army brass buckles than any other district in the country. But this is nothing new—our area has repeatedly sent an above-average proportion of its sons and daughters to the Nation's military academies for decades.

This shouldn't come as a surprise. The educational excellence of our area is well known and has long been a magnet for families looking for the best environment in which to raise their children. Our graduates are skilled not only in mathematics, science, and social studies, but also have solid backgrounds in sports, debate teams, and other extracurricular activities. This diverse upbringing makes military academy recruiters sit up and take note—indeed, many recruiters know our towns and schools by name.

Since the 1830's, Members of Congress have enjoyed meeting, talking with, and nominating these superb young people to our military academies. But how did this process evolve?

In 1843, when West Point was the sole academy, Congress ratified the nominating process and became directly involved in the makeup of our military's leadership. This was not an act of an imperial Congress bent on controlling every aspect of the Government. Rather, the procedure still used today was, and is, one further check and balance in our democracy. It was originally designed to weaken and divide political coloration in the officer corps, provide geographical balance to our armed services, and to make the officer corps more resilient to unfettered nepotism that handicapped European armies.

In 1854, Representative Gerrit Smith of New York added a new component to the academy nomination process—the academy review board. This was the first time a Member of Congress appointed prominent citizens from his district to screen applicants and assist with the serious duty of nominating candidates for academy admission. Today, I am honored to continue this wise tradition in my service to the 11th Congressional District.

The Academy Review Board is composed of nine local citizens who have shown exemplary service to New Jersey, to their communities, and to the continued excellence of education in our area—many are veterans. Though from diverse backgrounds and professions, they all share a common dedication to seeing that the best qualified and motivated graduates attend our academies. And, as is true for most volunteer panels, their service goes largely unnoticed.

I would like to take a moment to recognize these men and women and to thank them publicly for participating in this important panel. Being on this board requires hard work and an objective mind. Members have the responsibility of interviewing upwards of 50 outstanding high school seniors every year in the academy review process.

The nomination process follows a general timetable. High school seniors mail personal information directly to the Military Academy, the Naval Academy, the Air Force Academy, and the Merchant Marine Academy once they become interested in attending. Information includes academic achievement, college entry test scores, and other activities. At this time, they also inform their Representative of their desire to be nominated.

The academies then assess the applicants, rank them based on the data supplied, and return the files to my office with their notations. In mid-December, our Academy Review Board interviews all of the applicants over the course of 2 days. They assess a student's qualifications and analyze character, desire to serve, and other talents that may be hidden on paper.

Last year, the board interviewed over 30 applicants. Nominations included 12 to the Naval Academy, 11 to the Military Academy, 5 to the Air Force Academy, and 2 to the Merchant Marine Academy—the Coast Guard Academy does not use the congressional nomination process. The Board then forwards their recommendations to the academies by January 31, where recruiters review files and notify applicants and my office of their final decisions on admission.

It is both reassuring and rewarding to know that many of our military officers hail from our hometowns or close by. When we consider the role of these officers in peace or war, we can rest easier knowing that the best and brightest are in command. Wherever they are sent, be that Bosnia, Somalia, Haiti or Vietnam, many of these officers have academy training.

And while a few people may question the motivations and ambitions of some young people, the academy review process shows that the large majority of our graduates are just as highly motivated as the generation before them. They still seek guidance from loving parents, dedicated teachers and schools, and from trusted clergy and rabbis. Indeed, every time I visit a school, speak at a college, or meet a young academy nominee, I am constantly reminded that we as a nation are blessed with fine young men and women.

Their willingness and desire to serve their country is perhaps the most persuasive evidence of all.

ACADEMY NOMINEES FOR 1999—11TH
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT NEW JERSEY

AIR FORCE

Donald Cardell, Sparta, Sparta High School; Eric Dekelbaum, Basking Ridge, Ridge High School; Corrie Morris, Landing, Roxbury High School; Matthew Steenman, Mendham, St. Charles Prep; Sarah Willson, Rockaway, Morris Catholic High School.

MERCHANT MARINES

Patricia Larkin, Long Valley, West Morris Central High School; Matthew Sloodmaker, Lincoln Park, Mountain Lakes High School.

MILITARY ACADEMY

Joseph Barchetto, Rockaway, Morris Knolls High School; Jonathan Cozens, Basking Ridge, Ridge High School; Brandon Devlin, Livingston, Livingston High School; Radford Fagan, Basking Ridge, Ridge High School; Bryan Gallagher, Rockaway, Morris Knolls High School; Janet Howson, Madison, Madison High School; Michael Kay, North Caldwell, Newark Academy; Charles Larsen, Hopatcong, Hopatcong High School; Christopher MacDonald, Sterling, Watchung Hills

High School; Peter Steciuk, Convent Station, Oratory Prep; John Jiger, Basking Ridge, Immaculata High School.

NAVAL ACADEMY

John Ascione, Whippany, Whippany Park High School; Guy Budinsak, Jr., Bridgewater, Bridgewater/Raritan High School; Katherine Comer, Basking Ridge, Academy of Saint Elizabeth; Monica Haba, North Caldwell, West Essex High School; Damien Harder, Sparta, Sparta High School; Thomas Kennedy, Pompton Plains, Pequannock High School; Edana Kleinhans, Long Valley, West Morris Central High School; Thomas Mancinelli, Pompton Plains, Pequannock High School; Erin Marshall, Kinnelon, Kinnelon High School; Christopher McFadden, Chatham, Chatham High School; James Poggio, Long Valley, West Morris Central High School; Brian Ritter, Florham Park, Bayley-Ellard.

IN HONOR OF ZULIMA FARBER
AND JOAN VERPLANCK, WIN-
NERS OF THE BARBARA BOGGS
SIGMUND AWARDS

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 1999

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Zulima Farber and Joan Verplanck for being awarded the Women's Political Caucus of New Jersey's Barbara Boggs Sigmund Award for their outstanding contributions to New Jersey and their trailblazing efforts on behalf of women.

For over 20 years Zulima Farber has faithfully defended and been an advocate for New Jersey's neediest citizens. From 1992 to 1994, Ms. Farber was appointed Public Advocate and Public Defender for the State of New Jersey. As a member of Governor Florio's cabinet, she faithfully advocated the interests of the public in all policy matters. Specifically, she led efforts to regulate utility rates and protect the developmentally disabled, consumers of mental health services, and abused children. She also oversaw a major overhaul of the management of Public Defender Offices.

Being New Jersey's Public Advocate was Ms. Farber's most public position, but many are not aware of the other aspects of her remarkable career. As a young woman, her family fled Castro-controlled Cuba and settled in New Jersey. In order to support her family and fund her college education, Ms. Farber got a job as a secretary in a law firm of my hometown of Union City, New Jersey. After completing an undergraduate and masters degree from Montclair State, Ms. Farber received her JD degree from Rutgers Law School in Newark. At Rutgers Law she became a founding member of and vice-president of the Association of Latin American Law Students.

After law school Ms. Farber pursued a successful career as a prosecutor in Bergen County, was named Assistant Counsel to Governor Byrne and then became the first female partner of the renowned firm Lowenstein, Sandler.

Zulima Farber is a member of the State Court Advisory Committee on Ethics, the Fairleigh Dickinson University Board of Trustees, the Meadowlands Hospital Board of Trustees and the State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

Joan Verplanck was elected the first ever female president of the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce in December, 1994. In this position she has served as a powerful advocate for our state's business interests and through her leadership, local and regional chambers of commerce have coordinated their efforts to form a grass-roots network in support of business issues.

Ms. Verplanck was also instrumental in the creation of the State Chamber Education Foundation which is facilitating science and technology training for New Jersey's schools. Prior to her election as president of the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce, she accumulated 18 years of experience managing local chambers of commerce, including 8 years as the president of the Morris County Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Verplanck is also a member of the board of directors of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to her outstanding service through the Chamber of Commerce, Joan Verplanck also twice chaired the State's conference on women and she currently serves on the Board of Advisors for Management Education at Rutgers University, the New Jersey Employment Security Council and the Dredging Project Facilitation Task Force.

These women, Zulima Farber and Joan Verplanck, exemplify the principles which Barbara Boggs Sigmund stood for as a Mayor, a freeholder and a public servant. For these tremendous contributions to New Jersey and their incredible example as public servants, I cannot think of two people more deserving of the Women's Political Caucus of New Jersey's Barbara Boggs Sigmund Award. I salute them and congratulate them on this accomplishment.

IN HONOR OF MAYOR KARL KUBB

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 1999

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of Mayor Karl Kubb for his dedication and commitment to the people of Fairview Park, Ohio.

Karl Kubb has dedicated his life to helping people. He served as Ward 4 Councilman for four years and Council President for six years. Mayor Kubb has also served on various political and civil committees during his career. He has served as Community Council President and initiated and became the first president of the Chamber of Commerce in Fairview Park. Mayor Kubb was the President and Vice President of the Democratic Club and an Executive Commander of the American Legion.

Mayor Karl Kubb is a proven public servant. He has dedicated his life to improving the lives of the citizens of Fairview Park. He is a man of enormous talent and vision. His contributions to the citizens of Fairview Park have been noteworthy.

My fellow colleagues, join me in saluting a man who has dedicated his life to improving the lives of the people of Fairview Park.