

For the past 50 years, Security Federal Credit Union has been an integral part of the financial community in the Flint area. Since signing the organizational charter in 1949, Security Federal Credit Union is committed to supplying the best service to its members. The staff and officers have forged a relationship with the over 40,000 members based upon respect, understanding and cooperation.

Security Federal Credit Union has helped families realize their dreams of new homes, and college educations for their children, through the savings program and the extensive loan program. The Credit Union has issued a billion dollars in loans since 1949. To help its members purchase the vehicles they make, Security Federal Credit Union offers a special loan rate for automobiles made in Flint.

The Credit Union has grown from one office in Flint to three locations in Flint and Saginaw. It now serves Buick employees and their families, Saginaw Metal Casting Operations employees and their families, members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Genesee County Bar Association and numerous other businesses and groups.

Striving to provide the most current technology to its members, Security Federal Credit Union now maintains a web-site. This enables the members to access information and make transactions through electronic media from anywhere in the world.

Mr. Speaker, Security Federal Credit Union has reached a milestone this year. I ask the House of Representatives to rise and applaud their achievement. This Credit Union has made my hometown and mid-Michigan a better place to live through its commitment to the men and women it serves.

TRIBUTE TO ST. MARCELLIN
CHAMPAGNAT

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 25, 1999

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to a great man of God, a visionary who founded the order of the Marist Brothers of the Schools and a Saint-to-be, Marcellin Champagnat.

Born in France in 1789, Marcellin Champagnat acquired a deep and unshakeable faith in God and in the protection of Mary. Remembering his own educational deprivation as a child, Marcellin made a sincere commitment to catechize poor children and provide them with a basic education. During his time in the major seminary of the Archdiocese of Lyons, Marcellin spread his contagious fervor, forming the nucleus of what was to later become the Society of Mary, or Marist Fathers.

As the Marist family continued to grow, the Marist Sisters, the Marist Missionary Sisters, and the Third Order of Mary were formed in addition to the Marist Fathers and Brothers. Today, there are over 6,200 Marist Brothers worldwide doing God's work in 75 different countries and 14 states which continue to carry out educational ministries in the Marist tradition.

On Sunday, April 18, as the Roman Catholic Church canonizes Marcellin Champagnat at a

ceremony in St. Peter Basilica in Rome, the Cuban Maristas Alumnae Association, of my Congressional district will be preparing a mass at St. John Vianey Seminary and a reception at Christopher Columbus High School in my Congressional district to pay homage to Father Marcellin Champagnat.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PAUL
ROBESON COMMEMORATIVE
POSTAGE STAMP

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 25, 1999

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to join with several of my colleagues, to introduce a Concurrent Resolution urging the U.S. Postal Service's Citizen Stamp Advisory Committee to issue a commemorative postage stamp honoring Paul Leroy Robeson.

This bill marks an important step towards the Federal Government acquiescing additional African-Americans for all their contributions in this country. Paul Robeson throughout his career has left this country with a legacy that is unchangeable.

Paul Robeson was a famous African-American who inspired the spirit of millions of people in his lifetime. Robeson made significant contributions in many areas of academics, sports, entertainment, and politics. Paul Robeson, was born in Princeton, New Jersey, on April 9, 1898. He sojourns even after his death for his magnificent abilities as an athlete, actor, and advocate for the civil rights of people around the world. The youngest of five children, Robeson emerged to illustriousness in a time when people were being oppressed around the world, black individuals were being lynched by whites, especially in the South and segregation was legal in America.

Paul Robeson became even more celebrated because of his role as a world notable singer and actor with exquisite performances that included Shakespeare's Othello and Showboat. In counting, outfitted with the appreciation of twenty-five languages, Paul Robeson sang for peace and justice throughout the world.

Last year marked the 100th Birthday of Paul Robeson. It is only fitting that we celebrate Robeson's legacy by issuing a commemorative postage stamp is his honor.

CLARIFICATION OF THE HI TAX

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 25, 1999

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation to clarify that the employees of a political subdivision of a State shall not lose their exemption from the hospital insurance tax by reason of the consolidation of the subdivision with the State.

This issue has arisen because in 1997 Massachusetts abolished county government in the State, assumed those few functions which counties had performed, and made certain county officials employees of the State. Specifically, the law provided that the sheriff and

all his personnel "shall be transferred to the commonwealth with no impairment of employment rights held immediately before the transfer date, without interruption of service, without impairment of seniority, retirement or other rights of employees, without reduction in compensation or salary grade and without change in union representation."

However, the issue of whether or not these consolidated employees were required to pay the Medicare portion of the FICA tax needed to be clarified. Federal law creates an exemption from this tax from state and local employees who were employed on or before March 31, 1986 and who continue to be employed with that employer. The law is written so it is clear that consolidations between local entities, and consolidations between State agencies, do not in and of themselves negate the grandfather rule. However, the issue of a consolidation between a political subdivision and a State is not directly addressed and I doubt it was thought of during the Consideration of the federal law.

The Internal Revenue Service has taken the position that a State, and a political subdivision of a state, are separate employers for purposes of payment of the Medicare tax and therefore any grandfathered employees merged in a consolidation between a State and a political subdivision lose the benefit of the grandfather rule even if such employees perform substantially the same work.

In a Sixth Circuit Court case, Board of Education of Muhlenberg Co. V. United States, the court ruled on this general issue in terms of a consolidation of boards of education in Kentucky. The plaintiffs in this case argued that the consolidation of school districts did not create a new employer or terminate the employment of any teacher, and the Court agreed that Congress did not intend that exempt employees who have not been separated from previously excluded employment should lose their grandfather and be forced to pay the HI tax. While this case did not go to the issue of the consolidation between a State and a political subdivision, the logic indicates that this issue matters less than the overarching issue of whether the employees continue in the same of essentially the same positions. In Massachusetts this is clearly the case.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I urge the Congress to enact this legislation to clarify that local employees do not lose the benefit of the grandfather rule merely because they have been consolidated with a State government.

REPRESENTATIVE ROSEMARY
POTTER—MILWAUKEE NOW
WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 25, 1999

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate this opportunity to offer my congratulations to Representative Rosemary Potter. I look forward to joining Milwaukee National Organization for Women (NOW) on Saturday, February 27th, to honor Rosemary Potter as the Woman of the Year.

Rosemary Potter was elected to Wisconsin's Assembly in 1989, the year I moved over to

the State Senate. We worked closely on several occasions, and I was quickly impressed by her drive and her keen eye for policy analysis. She has a skill that every elected official wants: an ability to look at an idea and understand immediately whom it will help, whom it will hurt, and whether it will work at all.

Rosemary has applied her talents to making Wisconsin government more efficient and more responsive. She supported Wisconsin's Student Achievement Guarantee in Education class-size reduction program, and she challenged the administration and her colleagues in the legislature to fully fund the program and fulfill the state's promise to our children. She also played a leadership role in efforts to modernize Wisconsin's electric power production and delivery system.

Rosemary's colleagues recognized her leadership ability by electing her chair of the Assembly Democratic Caucus in 1993. She was the first woman to lead the Caucus while the Democratic Party controlled the Assembly. As Caucus Chair, she earned the further respect of her peers.

I share that respect for Rosemary and admire her for her many talents. Rosemary Potter has consistently raised the bar for Wisconsin government. She has challenged our leaders to expect more of themselves and encouraged our constituents to hold us to a higher standard. She has also paved the way for a new era in Wisconsin politics, an era offering new leadership opportunities for women. Milwaukee NOW could have made no better choice for Woman of the Year, and I offer Rosemary Potter my congratulations on this well-deserved honor.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE SENATOR
TONY GRAMPSAS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 25, 1999

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with heavy heart that I now take this moment to recognize the remarkable life and extraordinary contributions of one of the leading statesmen in Colorado's proud history, State Senator Tony Grampsas. Sadly, Colorado lost this leading member of its political community to cancer on February 8, 1998. While his overwhelming presence will be missed greatly by friends, family and colleagues alike, Senator Grampsas' larger than life persona, and his multitude of personal achievements, will echo in the corridors of the Colorado General Assembly for many years to come.

After his election to the Colorado House of Representatives in 1984—a seat that he would hold until 1998, then Representatives Grampsas quickly became one of the most influential and beloved members in the Colorado legislature. As a legislator, Representative Grampsas rapidly moved through the thicket of the rank and file becoming chairman of two of the Colorado General Assembly's most powerful committees: the House Appropriations and Joint Budget Committees. In these positions, Representative Grampsas served distinguishedly, acutely balancing his fiscal conservatism with his deeply rooted support for social programs like child welfare and education.

After leaving the state House in 1998, Representative Grampsas became Senator Grampsas, again, swiftly rising to positions of great import within the state Senate. In his first session as a State Senator—the current legislative session, Senator Grampsas served as chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

Beyond his legislative accomplishments, Senator Grampsas also served distinguishedly in the private sector for 26 years as the director of national affairs for Coors Brewing Company. For 15 of those years, Senator Grampsas admirably balanced the significant time demands of his job with Coors with the weighty requirements of serving in elected office.

While the annals of Colorado history will likely remember Senator Grampsas for his multitude of legislative and professional accomplishments, for those, like myself, fortunate enough to know him as a friend, Senator Grampsas will long be remembered for his wit, wisdom and unyielding charity. In the final analysis, for those who have known him, Senator Grampsas was a genuinely kind and unassuming individual worthy of the proud legacy that he has left behind.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I say thank you to Senator Tony Grampsas for endeavoring tirelessly on behalf of Coloradans and for providing leadership and inspiration to many, including myself, I am hoping that Senator Grampsas' family—particularly his wife Sandy and children Lisa and Samuel—will find strength in this difficult time.

TEACHING AWARD RECOGNIZES
DR. BARRY TANOWITZ

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 25, 1999

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, it is with special pride that I share with my colleagues the recognition given to Dr. Barry Tanowitz, professor of Biology at the University of California, Santa Barbara for his teaching skills. The 1999 Teaching Award given by the UCSB Alumni Association recognizes university professors who are able to combine scholarly achievements with pedagogical talent.

Dr. Tanowitz, who received his Masters and Doctorate at UCSB, teaches three popular lower division biology courses, making difficult material both accessible and exciting for over a thousand students every year. In addition, he personally maintains a website in order to provide additional instruction.

We often hear that college professors do not pay enough attention to students or to teaching skills. Dr. Tanowitz is an active leader in efforts to improve university level pedagogy across the campus. And he is still able to find time to devote to his scholarly investigations and writings, and to his family.

Mr. Speaker, this award holds a special place in my heart as well. In 1998 the UCSB Teaching Award was presented posthumously to my husband, Walter Holden Capps. I can attest to the challenges of combining outstanding teaching with the rigors of research and scholarship which is faced by all university professors. I can also attest to its rewards, and the wonderful way in which these rare individuals have managed to touch so many

lives. I am proud to join my friends at UCSB in recognizing the wonderful achievements of Professor Tanowitz and with him many, many years of continued success.

HONORING REVEREND FRANK O.
HOCKENHULL

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 25, 1999

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for me to rise before you today to recognize the achievements of Reverend Frank O. Hockenull, of Flint, Michigan. On Friday, March 26, the congregation of Flint's First Trinity Missionary Baptist Church will honor Reverend Hockenull for the many contributions he has made over the last 30 years to both City and State in the name of the Lord.

It is difficult to imagine what the Flint community would be like today had Reverend Hockenull not been called to become Pastor of First Trinity on January 5, 1969. We have been truly blessed to have a man with his sense of dedication and selflessness among us. Over the years, Pastor Hockenull has become a national authority on stewardship, traveling across the country to speak on the subject. He is a constant teacher of the Lord's word, incorporating various Bible studies with his congregation as well as a Bible Clinic, designed to further people's understanding of the Word. The First Trinity family has grown considerably over the last 30 years under Pastor Hockenull's leadership. The church's congregation settled into a beautiful new facility in 1988, and six men have also entered the ministry as a result of Pastor Hockenull's influence.

Pastor Hockenull's time with the ministry has allowed him to develop a strong support network that extends outside the church. The pastor has been affiliated with and has held leadership positions in groups such as the Great Lakes District Congress, Wolverine Baptist State Congress, and the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education, to name a few. To further his personal growth, he has undertaken a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in March 1992.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I ask you and my fellow members of the 106th Congress to join me in saluting Pastor Frank O. Hockenull. Self-evident is his lifelong journey to enhancing the dignity and nurturing the spirits of all people. I am grateful that there are people like that who serve as examples of what we all should strive to be.

IN HONOR OF THE WORLD FEDERATION OF FORMER CUBAN POLITICAL PRISONERS

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 25, 1999

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, an organization located in my Congressional district, the World Federation of Former Cuban Political Prisoners, represents an organized effort of commitment and action of former political