

IN HONOR OF ISAIAH THOMAS AND
THE AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN
SOCIETY

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 12, 1999

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Isaiah Thomas, a colonial patriot, printer and publisher on the 250th anniversary of his birth and in tribute to the American Antiquarian Society in Worcester, Massachusetts, an internationally recognized library of American history and culture.

Isaiah Thomas was a leading publisher of his day and was credited with more than 400 titles. The quality of his work received commendation from none other than fellow printer and patriot Benjamin Franklin. Thomas began his career as a printer's apprentice and established a printing operation in Worcester, Massachusetts in 1775 when the British occupation of Boston drove him from that city. He served actively in the War for Independence at Lexington and Concord. Through his newspaper, "The Massachusetts Spy", and numerous other publications, the colonists of New England learned of the events of their day. Through his writings and publications, Isaiah Thomas played an important role in the revolutionary movement by informing and inspiring fellow patriots. Thus, on the occasion of the 250th anniversary of the birth of Isaiah Thomas, we gratefully acknowledge the contributions of this great colonial patriot, printer and publisher.

I also rise to acknowledge the proud history and valuable contribution of the American Antiquarian Society in Worcester, Massachusetts founded in 1812 by Isaiah Thomas. The American Antiquarian Society is both a learned society and a major independent library which is internationally recognized as one of the finest repositories of early American printed materials in the world. The American Antiquarian Society library today houses the largest and most accessible collection of printed media and graphic arts materials printed through 1876 in what is now the United States, as well as manuscripts and other reference materials related to all aspects of American history and culture before the 20th century. As the American Antiquarian Society launches a capital campaign to make possible its continued mission, I rise to gratefully acknowledge its history, valuable contributions to scholarly research and the preservation of our history, and to commend its efforts to make possible similar resources for future generations.

IN RECOGNITION OF
OPERATIONSMILE

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the efforts of a humanitarian and medical relief organization that is in the midst of the largest-ever worldwide surgical relief—a mission that will enable some of the world's neediest children to smile for the very first time. At the same time, I would like to recog-

nize four members of one of New Jersey's leading associations that have helped to make this mission possible.

The humanitarian organization is OperationSmile, a group of volunteer surgeons and others who focus on correcting cleft lips, cleft palates, and other facial deformities. Their World Journey of Hope '99 is nine-week international mission for 18 developing countries that will transform the lives of more than 5,000 children.

The trip is made possible through the generous contributions of many companies, including four member companies of the Health Care Institute of New Jersey, an organization that promotes awareness of the research-based pharmaceutical and medical technology industry in New Jersey. Two of the companies, Johnson & Johnson and Warner Lambert, are charter sponsors of this mission. Two other companies, Becton Dickinson and Wyeth-Ayerst, contributed surgical supplies for the mission.

Founded in 1982 by cosmetic surgeon William P. Magee, Jr., MD, OperationSmile volunteers have provided free surgery to more than 45,000 children in 17 countries, including the United States. In addition to free medical treatment and aftercare, OperationSmile trains local medical professionals and provides vital medical equipment. Doctors and nurses in these countries continue the efforts after the volunteer team has left.

In addition to performing the miraculous task of transforming lives of children who would often otherwise be doomed to a lifetime of rejection and social cruelty, OperationSmile transform the live of volunteers who receive the gift of knowing that they have truly made a difference and have brought people together around the world.

Similarly, the four companies mentioned earlier who have contributed to this effort have gone beyond the scope of "business as usual" to achieve a larger mission, improving the health and well being of people the globe. They are to be commended for their support of this shared vision: the right of every human being to receive necessary health services.

I am proud to recognized the work of OperationSmile, and I thank Becton Dickinson, Johnson & Johnson, Warner-Lambert, and Wyeth-Ayerst for their role in continuing the work of this wonderful organization.

A TRIBUTE TO FATHER
MARCELLIN CHAMPAGNAT

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 12, 1999

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and achievements of Father Marcellin Champagnat (1789-1840), Founder of the Marist Brothers of the Schools.

Born in France in 1789, Marcellin Champagnat grew up in an isolated rural area, where education was in a sorry state. Remembering his own intellectual deprivation as a child, he insisted to his companions, "We must have Brothers, to catechize poor children and give them a basic education!" That conviction became the driving force in his life and led to the foundation of a new teaching congregation in the Catholic church, the Marist Brother of the Schools.

He began his dream in 1817, with two young parishioners, one that was illiterate and the other only fifteen years old. Dividing his time between his parish duties and his two new disciples he began to succeed little by little and by 1824, he had been released from parish duties in order to devote all his time and energy to the Brother and to the rapidly growing network of Marist Schools in France.

Through it all, Father Champagnat displayed the same attitude as had St. Paul: "We are often troubled, but not crushed; sometimes in doubt, but never in despair; there are many enemies, but we are never without a friend; and though badly hurt at times, we are not destroyed" (2 Cor 4:8-9).

Even after Father Champagnat's death, the Marist family continued to grow. In 1886 they came to the United States, where they now carry on their educational ministry in fourteen states and several overseas missions.

On April 18th, Marcellin Champagnat will be honored by the Catholic Church when he will be canonized in a ceremony at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

It is fitting and proper that we, too, honor Father Marcellin Champagnat.

A TRIBUTE TO JOE TORRE

HON. AMO HOUGHTON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 12, 1999

Mr. HOUGHTON. Mr. Speaker, today I'd like to recognize a hero. His team has won the World Series in two of the last three years (1996 and 1998). Last year he managed perhaps the greatest team in history, winning 114 regular season games (out of 162) and 125 overall. And after these victories, he said, "As far as the hunger and desire, I'll walk away from this game before I think I don't have to work hard." And that man is the New York Yankees' 31st Field Manager, Joe Torre.

But, Mr. Speaker, Joe Torre is a hero in another field as well, in the health arena, as a patient winning his fight against prostate cancer. Prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among men, with over 80% of all cases occurring in men over 65. African-American men tend to be diagnosed with the disease at later stages and to die from prostate cancer at a higher rate than do white men. Joe Torre was diagnosed by a screening exam that was conducted for the entire Yankee team.

Prostate cancer is the most diagnosed non-skin cancer in the US. In 1999, prostate cancer will kill an estimated 37,000 men in the US. In 1999, 179,000 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in the US.

The most important thing to do is to catch the cancer early. Generally, the earlier the stage of cancer at the time of detection, the higher the survival rate. Prostate-specific antigen screening PSA blood test and digital rectal examination (DRE) of the prostate gland are the most common of detection methods. The American Cancer Society recommends annual PSAs and DREs, to men aged 50 and older with at least a ten year life expectancy, and to younger men at higher risk, such as African-American men or men with a strong familial pre-disposition to prostate cancer.

Thankfully, for Joe Torre, this annual screening process detected the disease in its

early stages, so he has great chances of defeating this terrible disease. Doctors say they expect a full recovery. On behalf of the men who can be similarly helped, I encourage all men, starting around age 50, to have a regular exam annually. And I'd also like to encourage my colleagues to support the continuation of sufficient funding for research into the causes and cures for prostate cancer.

IN TRIBUTE TO REVA DAUER

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 12, 1999

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, South Florida lost a true "citizen" recently, someone who totally immersed herself in our community. Reva Dauer passed away on March 27, 1999, and she will be greatly missed.

A resident of Bal Harbour, Florida, Reva was active in many philanthropic organizations. Her most impressive achievement was the hospital that she and her husband, Maxwell, developed more than 25 years ago. Reva was involved in many aspects of the birth of the Florida Medical Center; she was even involved in the process of selecting the 47-acre site of the Center, which originally opened in 1973 as Lauderdale Lakes General Hospital. Throughout her life, Reva participated in various administrative and day-to-day functions of the hospital. A former owner of the hospital, she was also instrumental in the opening of Lauderdale Lakes General Hospital's open-heart surgery unit, where the first open-heart surgery in Broward County was performed in 1974.

Reva Dauer will also be remembered as someone who worked very hard on behalf of many charitable and civic organizations. She and her family were well known contributors to the University of Miami's Schools of Medicine, Music, and the Ryder Center for Athletics. Exemplary of her extraordinary commitment to the school, in 1993 she gave the University of Miami \$1.5 million for a library addition to be named the Maxwell and Reva Dauer Clock Tower. However, the University of Miami was not the only organization which was the beneficiary of Reva Dauer's generosity. In 1995, Reva and her family were instrumental in constructing the University School of Nova Southeastern University Middle School in Coral Springs. Reva also donated much of her time to the Aventura Turnberry Jewish Center in Aventura, as well as Temple Emanu-El in Miami Beach.

Life is very rarely complete without the benefit of having family. Reva Dauer was a loving wife, mother, sister, aunt, and grandmother. Mr. Speaker, I cannot imagine anything more important than that. Reva's family will undoubtedly miss her, and the entire South Florida community will miss her kindness and generosity as well. She was an extraordinary human being, but we are lucky to have so many wonderful memories of her life and work.

TRIBUTE TO JOAN K. ELAM

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 12, 1999

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Joan K. Elam, Principal, James Monroe High School, North Hills, CA., one of ten educators selected from more than 500 applicants to receive the 1999 Readers Digest American Heroes in Education Award.

Joan has dedicated her life to her students. She began her career as a school teacher in the Newhall area and later transferred to the Los Angeles Unified School District where she taught science. She was a school counselor at Holmes Jr. High, Assistant Principal and Counselor at Dorsey High School, and Principal at Sepulveda Middle School prior to coming to James Monroe High School, where she has been the Principal for the last 10 years.

Joan understands the need of students to have stability and was responsible for reopening the school only one week after it sustained severe damage in the 1994 Northridge earthquake. She manifests Readers Digest's challenge of finding new ways to meet the fast-changing needs of students today. She launched ingenious programs at James Monroe High School which serves 4200 students in the Northeast San Fernando Valley. She initiated many vocational classes, including aviation lessons, a class that builds race cars, and police and fire academies approved by the Los Angeles Police and Fire Departments. A day-care center that bears her name provides baby sitting services for the children of students.

Among the school's most creative programs is the Law and Government Magnet, the first of its kind in California, which holds mock trials in the state of the art courtrooms and provides opportunities to explore many professional careers related to the fields of law and government. I am proud that my office has participated in this program for the last eight years. Each semester two students from the program serve for two days a week in my district office assisting my staff with various tasks involving constituents, district projects and federal agency inquiries.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join her students, family and members of the community in saluting Joan Elan. Her dedication and selflessness are an inspiration to us all.

PARKLAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

HON. PATRICK J. TOOMEY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 12, 1999

Mr. TOOMEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to deliver a Report from Pennsylvania's 15th District.

All across the Lehigh Valley there are so many good people doing good things to make our communities better places to live. So many good people are working day and night to help others.

In my book, these outstanding individuals are Lehigh Valley heroes. Their hard work and dedication have made a difference in lives of thousands of individuals in the Lehigh Valley.

Today, I would like to recognize the dedicated volunteers at the Parkland Community Library in Allentown, Pennsylvania as Lehigh Valley Heroes. I would like to share their efforts with my colleagues and the American people.

In 1973, Parkland Community Library first opened its doors as a grassroots or solely volunteer library. Through twenty-five years of service to the community, the library has truly relied on the efforts of dedicated volunteers.

These hard-working volunteers help everyone in the community who visit the library. Volunteers are at the front desk when you walk through the front door. They are there to help when you need to find a book. They help with the children's programs, assist with book-keeping, help with data entry, make copies and help with computer work.

All the volunteers at Parkland Community Library have done so much to make a difference. These volunteers are Lehigh Valley Heroes.

Mr. Speaker I would like to single out and commend the following volunteers who have dedicated more than one thousand hours of service at the Parkland Community Library.

Georgia Baldrige, Priscilla Baxter, Alice Bergstein, Gloria Boyer, Cathy Brockington, Carol Caliguiri, Patricia Crawford, Viola Crouthamel, Fredia Csencitz, Mary Jean Doelp, Audrey Elison, Arthur Farrell, Nancy Farrell, Inger Fisher, Brook Fulford, Sherry Geiger, Faith Gensler, Richard Gobrecht, Carrie Gorman, Betty Hallman, Isabel Heffernan, Margaret Krause, Elizabeth Marsden, Elaine Miller, Clifford Moyer, Elaine Moyer, Marie Platner, Ruth Rees, Miriam Romig, Betty Scharfenberg, Barbara Schmidt, Reba Seidel, Eleanor Sheldon, Sally Shelly, Fan Shoemaker, and Doris Vogelsong.

RECOGNITION OF THE LUVERNE, AL, ROTARY CLUB ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TERRY EVERETT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 12, 1999

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, this month marks the 50th anniversary of "Service Above Self" for the Rotary Club of Luverne, AL, in my congressional district.

Over the years since the establishment of the Luverne chapter of Rotary International, its Crenshaw County members have served their community and fellow man in the best tradition of Rotary: To Encourage and Foster the Ideal of Service as a Basis of Worth Enterprise.

Luverne Rotarians continue to embody this noble tradition of community service through many local outreach projects including annual contributions to Operation Santa Claus to benefit local needy children; and, their annual fishing rodeo for young area honor students.

In their golden anniversary year, I wish to congratulate club president William Bell, vice president Chris Johnson, treasurer Ann Tate, secretary Pat Folmar, and all the members of the Luverne Rotary Club. Their many positive contributions to our community and its youth are making a difference in south central Alabama.