

never provided the major Allied air fields envisioned, but its seizure had other, more important results. By electing to fight a decisive battle at Leyte, the Japanese had committed their fleet and a major part of their air arm, both suffering crippling losses.

Jack Selvian, Corporal United States Air Corps was wounded in the line of duty, while serving at Tacloban Air Base on Leyte Island. Jack was working near the flight line next to stacked aircraft engines, stacked two and three high. After dusk, work was being done under the illumination of artificial light, a Japanese fighter performed a low altitude bombardment in an attempt to destroy the stacked engines. There was a space of 6 inches between the crates, and debris was blown through this gap hitting Jack in the left wrist and the left knee. Jack was later released from duty on December 24, 1945. After four years away from his family, he left the U.S. Air Corps with an Honorable Discharge, yet no one ever submitted his name to receive the Purple Heart. The records have been corrected and Jack will receive the Purple Heart on January 2, 1999. This honor will be bestowed 54 years after being earned.

Jack was born in Fresno on June 21, 1921, and upon his return from the war he married the former Violet Shumavon, the couple have been married for 51 years. They have two daughters, Susan Millard and Betty Gross, and have been blessed with five grandchildren. Jack and Paul Shumavon were proprietors of a grocery store for 20 years, and later co-owned the Chestnut Avenue Disposal Site. More recently Jack has been involved in farming grapes for raisin production.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Jack Selvian, Corporal, United States Air Force. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Jack Selvian best wishes for the future and sincerest thanks for his wartime sacrifice.

HONORING DOROTHY T. LEGGETT

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 1999

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Dorothy T. Leggett for her tireless contributions to the Brooklyn community.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, Dorothy Leggett has truly made an indelible mark in her community. Throughout her tenure in the community, Dorothy has striven to create numerous opportunities for all. As President of the National Council of Negro Women, Brooklyn Section, she introduced many new programs including the recognition of Black men who positively contribute to the Brooklyn community. Later, she unselfishly devoted herself to numerous organizations such as Mary McLeod Bethune Day Care Center, where she served on the Board of Directors for over twenty years; Church Women Untied, where she served as past Secretary; Community Planning Board #3; Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce; and the Unity Democratic Club.

Dorothy is truly a Renaissance woman! As a former Executive of Brownsville Multi-Service Center, she currently owns her own business, Hats Galore, on Nostrand Avenue. She

also serves as Vice-President of the Chauncey Street Block Association, a community group that she helped reorganize.

Despite her numerous activities, Dorothy has raised two daughters, Doranne and Carmen. She has also been blessed with four beautiful grandchildren, David, Patrick, Chantel and Darylyn.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Dorothy T. Leggett for her tireless and unwavering service to the community.

IN HONOR OF ST. ROCCO PARISH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 1999

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 75th anniversary of the Holy Family Sodality of St. Rocco Parish in Cleveland, Ohio.

The church was established in 1924 and one of the first acts of the founding Pastor, Father Sante Gattuso, was to institute the Sodality. Today, it is the largest organization in the Parish. Including the new members to be initiated this weekend, the membership numbers 225 people. Most of the members are second and third generation members and a few are even fourth generation members.

The members of the Sodality have made invaluable contributions to the Parish. Because of their efforts, church activities, dinners, and the annual St. Rocco Festival are always well-attended and very successful. The success of these events is essential to the financial stability of the church and the school, so the help of the members of the Sodality is invaluable.

In addition to participating in religious functions and helping at church activities, members also visit the sick and shut-in members of the parish, pray the Rosary at the funeral home for deceased members and accompany them to the cemetery after the funeral mass. Every year, the members fill two buses to make a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in honoring the ministry of love and service provided by the Holy Family Sodality of St. Rocco Parish.

WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS IN SOUTH DAKOTA

HON. JOHN R. THUNE

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 1999

Mr. THUNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 24,000 women business owners in South Dakota. Within the last decade, the number of women-owned businesses in South Dakota has grown by over 65%, and their annual revenue has increased by 237%. In fact, women owned firms currently account for 35% of all South Dakota firms, and generate over 14% of the state's business sales.

Additionally, I would like to recognize one of South Dakota's most prominent women's business advocates, Dr. Sandra Christenson. Dr. Christenson is the president of Heartland

Paper Company in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Heartland Paper Company is a family owned wholesaler of printing paper, packaging supplies, food service disposables, maintenance supplies, dilution control systems, and janitorial equipment. First founded in 1908, Christenson assumed the presidency of Heartland Paper Company in 1989.

Born and raised in Sioux Falls, Dr. Christenson is currently a member of the National Women's Business Council, the Congressional advisory panel that works with Congress and the President to promote the growth of women owned businesses. Dr. Christenson has been a prominent member of the South Dakota business community for 20 years. She has also been an active member of her industry and community serving on the advisory boards of the National School Supply Association, the National Paper Trades Association, the United Way, and South Dakotans for the Arts.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I believe that women-owned businesses have played an integral role in the economic well being of South Dakota and the nation. As such, I strongly encourage my colleagues to actively support the women business owners in their districts.

SIKHS OBSERVE 300TH BAISAKHI BY MARCHING FOR FREEDOM

HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 1999

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to join some of my colleagues in wishing a happy 300th Baisakhi Day to the Sikh Nation. The contributions that Sikhs have made to American life have been significant. They have added to almost every walk of American life.

On April 10, the Sikhs marched in celebration of the 300th Baisakhi anniversary of the day of the last of the 10 Gurus, Guru Gobind Singh, initiated the Khalsa Panth. I understand that it was a glorious event for the Sikh nation, and I would like to congratulate the Sikhs of America and my friend Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, who was the march coordinator, on its success.

I understand that the parade looked like a sea of saffron (the Sikh color of freedom) as it moved from the Lincoln Memorial to the Capitol and that the grounds outside here on the West Front were filled with over 40,000 enthusiastic Sikhs. It must have been something to see!

It is appropriate that the march began at the memorial to Abraham Lincoln, issuer of the Emancipation Proclamation. The Sikh Nation struggles for their freedom, as instructed by the Sikh Gurus. Sikhs are instructed to oppose tyranny wherever it occurs.

The Sikhs are a proud people, and justifiably so. They are a people dedicated to living a holy life, working hard, sharing with those in need, and to the equality of all people and freedom for everyone. Unfortunately, in their own homeland, Sikhs do not enjoy freedom. They have been subjected to tyranny. The Indian Government has also oppressed other minorities, such as Christians, Muslims, and Dalits (the so-called "untouchables"). Yet India proudly proclaims itself a democracy.

We cannot make India behave like a truly democratic country, but we can apply pressure by withholding aid and by publicly declaring our support for a democratic vote in Punjab, Khalistan, and other Indian states on the subject of self-determination. If India is truly democratic, this is the way it should settle these issues.

The Governors of New Jersey and Texas have declared the "Year of the Khalsa." Numerous Members of Congress from both parties have saluted the Sikhs on this historic anniversary. The new Mayor of Washington, D.C. sent congratulatory remarks. As Sikhs move into their fourth century, they should celebrate their next anniversary in freedom in their own sovereign, independent country. Let us honor their history and their struggle by supporting their effort to be free.

I would like to add Mayor Williams' letter of congratulations to the RECORD.

CONGRATULATIONS, COUNCIL OF KHALISTAN—
"RECOGNIZE YE ALL THE HUMAN RACE AS ONE"

300TH ANNIVERSARY, APRIL 10, 1999

As Mayor of the District of Columbia, it is my distinct pleasure to extend warm greetings and congratulations to the members, guest and friends of the Council of Khalistan as you celebrate your 300th Anniversary of the initiation of the Khalsa Panth.

This is a significant milestone in the history of the Sikh Nation as you celebrate this Vaisaakhee Day. Sikhism is the youngest of the world's religion, and it is humility and service to mankind that are regarded as most important. Religion plays an important role in our daily lives, and you are to be commended for your efforts to provide spiritual enhancement to your membership, service to the community and commitment to the principles of peace, progress, dignity, integrity, human rights and justice for all.

On behalf of the residents of the District of Columbia, thank you for making a difference in our lives and best wishes in your quest for holy fulfillment.

ANTHONY A. WILLIAMS,
Mayor, District of Columbia.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 1999

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, due to my wife having a medical procedure in Alabama, I was unable to cast rollcall votes on April 13, 1999. Had I been present I would have voted "aye" on rollcall No. 81, H.R. 46 the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Act; and I would have voted "aye" on rollcall No. 82. H. Con. Res. 35 commending the people of Qatar for recent elections and commitment to the principles of democracy.

TRIBUTE TO TERESA JACKSON

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 1999

Mr. GARY MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor seven young women

in my district who have earned the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouting.

The Gold Award requires the greatest achievement in career exploration, service to other people, and acquisition of skills. This award is a strong reflection of these youngsters' ability to set goals, to put value into action, to plan, and to relate to the needs of the community.

I wish to recognize Teresa Jackson of Troop 1325 in Anaheim, CA.

Mr. Speaker, I also wish to congratulate and thank Karin Carlson, Director of Program Services for the Girl Scout Council of Orange County for notifying of their achievements. On behalf of the people of the 41st Congressional District of California, let me say that we are all proud of you.

IN HONOR OF OHIO TRAILS AND GREENWAYS DAY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 1999

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Ohio Trails and Greenways Day on Tuesday, April 20, 1999, and the work of the Ohio Field Office of Rails-to-Trails Conservancy.

Rails-to-Trails Conservancy's Ohio Field Office (RTC-Ohio) has three main goals: awareness, potential and sharing. RTC strives to promote awareness of trail and greenway projects in local communities, surrounding regions and throughout the state. The organization also seeks to explore the possibilities that trail and greenway projects offer to both transportation and recreation opportunities for the citizens of Ohio and visitors to the state. Their third goal is to create an atmosphere where information about trails and greenways is easily understood and accessible by everyone.

RTC has completed over 300 miles of rail-trail and is currently working on over 500 additional miles. In recognition of the importance of conservation and the efforts of RTC Ohio Governor Taft will officially declare April 20, 1999 at Ohio Trails and Greenways Day.

I am pleased to join in celebration of Ohio Trails and Greenways Day and wish the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy continued success in their environmental protection efforts.

HONORING PEGGY HASKINS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 1999

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Peggy Haskins for her tireless contributions to the Brooklyn community.

Although she was born in Tams, West Virginia, Peggy Haskins has truly made an indelible mark in Brooklyn, New York. From her volunteer work with the Society for Seaman's Foster children where she teaches arts and crafts to I.S. 364 and P.S. 346 where she provides classroom and yearbook support, Peggy Haskins unselfishly shares her time and energy.

As the youngest of 11 children born to Louis and Sarah, Peggy's family spirit has also benefited the Women's Caucus for Congressman Edolphus Towns. She is a loyal, committed and inspiring member who prefers being in the background rather than in the forefront.

Peggy's concern for the Brooklyn community-at-large is also apparent in her professional life. She presently works for the New York City Board of Education. She is also working closely with her mentor, Dr. Ivan Bodis-Wollner, M.D., D.Sc., Director of Parkinson Disease and Related Disorders at Kings County Hospital Center. Peggy has degrees from both Chubb Institute and Kingsborough Community College.

Despite her numerous activities, Peggy maintains quality time with her 14-year-old son, Adam, and enjoys worshipping at St. Paul's Community Baptist Church.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Peggy Haskins for her tireless and unwavering service to the community.

TRIBUTE TO LARRY SHEHADEY

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 1999

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Larry Shehadey for receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award at the Institute of Family Business conference. Mr. Shehadey is in his 50th year with Producers Dairy Foods, Inc.

Larry Shehadey, 91, remains chairman of the board for the Fresno based Producers Dairy Foods which has a full line of dairy products, fruit punches and orange juices. Producers Dairy was not Larry Shehadey's first career. He began a successful soap business and sold it to Safeway, Shehadey then bought half interest in Producers as an investment. He became general manager and began controlling the company. Today Larry Shehadey presides over a family business that expanded from 25 to 300 employees, sells milk products from Eureka to Santa Barbara, operates a chain of convenience stores and farms 7,000 acres of land on the west side of the Valley that provides feed for the company's 7,000 head of cattle.

Producers is capable of milking 2,500 cows, twice a day. Shehadey is proud to be one of the few remaining locally owned independent businesses in the Central Valley. He has served on many dairy boards, including the Dairy Council of California; Dairy Institute of California as president, California Growers Association; and The All Star Dairy Association, where he held the position of charter member.

Larry Shehadey was married for 63 years to wife Elayne, who passed away recently, and has two sons, Richard and John and eight grandchildren. Richard, president of Producers, runs the company with his father.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Larry Shehadey on his Lifetime Achievement Award. Mr. Shehadey's service to the community is commendable. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Larry many more years of continued success.