

pleasure of meeting the North Salem Middle School's 8th Grade Class on the steps of the U.S. House of Representatives.

This is not the first time I have met with the fine young men and women of the middle school. What makes this visit so extraordinary is that this year marks the 25th time Mr. John P. Vassak—a dedicated social studies teacher—has personally escorted his classes to our nation's capitol.

By investing his time year after year to bring his students to Washington, DC he excites their minds and instills in them a greater understanding for how our government works. He is able to show them the Capitol, the Supreme Court and the White House while he teaches the importance of the checks and balances in the three branches of our government. He is also able to point out the various monuments to our heroes who have served to protect the freedom we all enjoy.

Through his generosity of time and talents, Mr. Vassak has exemplified the pride for our nation and instills in these children the respect for our democracy it so deserves. These children will understand the foundation of our government and their rights and responsibilities in our democracy. Because of Mr. Vassak's dedication, they will forever be better citizens. Congratulations to you, Mr. Vassak.

CONGRATULATING THE BOWIE BLADE-NEWS ON WINNING NEWS- PAPER OF THE YEAR

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 1999

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of Maryland's most informative and well respected newspapers, "The Bowie Blade-News." The Blade-News was recently named Newspaper of the Year for its division, by the Maryland-Delaware-District of Columbia Press Association. In addition, Editor John Rouse and five other members of the editorial staff were recognized for their work in various categories for a total of 14 awards.

Blade-News photographer Sharon Tazelaar received a first-place award for the division in the category of Spot News Photo, beating out photojournalists from daily newspapers such as the Washington Post and the Baltimore Sun. Other Blade-News staff receiving awards were Sports Editor Christine Krapf, and staff writers Cheryl Allison, David Emanuel and Donna Reifsnider.

Having been involved in public service in Maryland for much of my life, I have had the distinct honor of working with John Rouse and his staff of reporters and photographers. Rouse, who has held the title of Editor at the Blade-News for 27 years has worked hard to ensure that the Bowie Blade-News upholds the Capital-Gazette Newspapers philosophy which is, "Every issue of every newspaper represents a battle for excellence." Under Rouse's leadership, the Bowie Blade-News has become a vital source of information for the community.

Mr. Speaker, the Capital-Gazette Newspapers, which owns and publishes the Bowie Blade-News, has a long and rich history of informing the people of Maryland and is one of the oldest newspaper publishers in the coun-

try. The company's original newspaper, the Maryland Gazette, was first published in 1727 and many of the reports published in the Gazette were copied by Benjamin Franklin and other Colonial editors for their own newspapers. This newspaper also has the distinction of having had the first woman editor and publisher of a newspaper in the American Colonies.

The Maryland Gazette also survived strong local sympathies for the Confederacy, all the while sharply criticizing the movement to dissolve the Union. In fact, the newspaper was saved by President Abraham Lincoln when he appointed the publisher as the federal paymaster for the state of Maryland, helping the publisher to subsidize his newspaper.

Under the guidance of John Rouse, the Bowie Blade-News is upholding this tradition of seeking out the truth and providing the information to the surrounding community. It plays a vital role in the daily lives of the people who rely on it for news and information about their neighborhoods. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have such an honorable news organization in my Congressional District and I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Bowie Blade-News on being named the 1998 Newspaper of the Year by the Maryland-Delaware-District of Columbia Press Association.

AUTHORIZING AWARDING OF GOLD MEDAL TO ROSA PARKS

SPEECH OF

HON. WILLIAM (BILL) CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 1999

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute today to one of our Nation's heroes. Rosa Louise McCauley Parks has been called the Mother of the modern civil rights movement. She was born in Alabama in 1913 and grew up in a racially segregated world. Rosa was forced to endure the horrors of white hooded racists who burned crosses and terrorized blacks. She was part of a generation of black children who were denied access to a public education and denied their basic human rights as equal citizens under law. But Rosa Parks was among those who championed the cause of right over might, for the sake of black Americans and all Americans. She overcame her fears of the segregated society in which she lived and faced down the racial hatred that clouded her childhood.

December 1, 1955, marked a turning point in the life of Rosa Parks. After a hard day of work, she claimed a seat on a Montgomery city bus and then she refused to give it up to a white male. Her actions inspired the Montgomery bus boycott that led to the Supreme Court ruling overturning the laws of Alabama. This simple act of courage changed her life forever. Her decision is now remembered as the spark that lit the path of the march for civil rights. In 1955 Rosa Parks stayed in her seat and stood up to scores of unjust and racist laws. She has spent the rest of her life working and struggling for justice and equality for all.

Mrs. Parks' peaceful defiance of racial segregation made her a legend in the history of this Nation. Today, children who understand little of the real horrors of racial segregation

know the tale of Rosa Parks and how she helped to lead our nation to the end of this truly terrible chapter in our history.

Today, Mrs. Parks is a legend who reminds us that though much has been accomplished since that cold December night in Montgomery AL, nearly 44 years ago, the struggle to end racism and inequality is far from over. I salute Rosa Parks for her innumerable contributions to our Nation—she is a woman whose story will inspire generations to come. I urge passage of H.R. 563, authorizing the President of the United States to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Mrs. Rosa Parks.

TRIBUTE TO DOROTHY AND OZZIE GOREN AND THEIR FAMILY

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 1999

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my good friends, Ozzie and Dorothy Goren, and their children, Jerry, Carol, and Bruce, who are all being honored this year by Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles. Every member of the Goren family gives tireless and selfless service to a wide variety of Jewish organizations and agencies. The Goren family is legendary for its generosity and commitment to human rights, civil rights and human relations.

The Gorens have not only served their community in Los Angeles, they have extended their benevolent service to many institutions in Israel as well. Since their first visit in 1962, Ozzie and Dorothy have returned 62 times. Like few other visitors, the Gorens have left their mark on Israel. If you are in Mitze Ramon, you can visit the Dorothy and Ozzie Goren Day Care Center, which serves children from infancy to 3 years old. Together with our mutual friends, Richard and Lois Gunther, the Gorens created a special park in Tel Aviv where Arab and Israeli children play together every day.

The Gorens taught their children well and the entire family is involved in philanthropic activities. Jerry Goren, (the Goren's oldest son) and his partner Julia Coley, have implemented a law and public school magnet program at Dorsey High School in southwest Los Angeles. Daughter Carol, together with her husband Rob Corn, volunteers at the Board of Hertz School, the Colorado Humane Society and the Jewish Family Service of Denver. Bruce, Dorothy and Ozzie's youngest son, met his future wife, Susie, during a leadership mission to Israel. Now a successful businessman, he is a past board member of Jewish Family Service of Santa Monica. Susie is active with the Stephen Wise Temple board, the Jewish Federal Council and is completing the Wexner Heritage Program.

Among Dorothy's notable achievements is service as past president of Jewish Family Service, as a member of the Board of the Jewish Home for the Aging, and as the first woman to chair the overall United Jewish Fund Campaign.

Ozzie has also chaired the United Jewish Fund Campaign and served as Jewish Federation President. His close work with the Southern California Human Relations Commission and the Urban League has benefitted

thousands of people, including those who received the 1,000 Christmas dinners he has provided annually to the poor for the past five decades.

He is dedicated to the causes of civil rights and human rights. I saw his devotion first hand in our work together to initiate a program which used Israeli institutions to train South African leaders of the anti-apartheid movement.

This listing is only a sample of the good works of the Gorens and so it is with enormous pride that I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Dorothy and Ozzie Goren and their family, and in recognizing their extraordinary spirit of charity and compassion.

DON CAMPBELL, DIRECTOR OF
NASA GLENN RESEARCH CENTER,
NAMED LABORATORY DIRECTOR
OF THE YEAR

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 1999

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call the attention of my colleagues to recognize the NASA Glenn Research Center Director Donald J. Campbell who has been named the 1998 Laboratory Director of the Year by the Federal Laboratory Consortium (FLC) for Technology Transfer.

The award, presented annually, honors federal laboratory directors who have made exemplary contributions to the overall enhancement of technology transfer for economic development.

Mr. Campbell was selected to receive the award in recognition of his successful efforts to broaden the commercialization of Glenn's technologies. In the last five years, at least 20 new products have been created due to Glenn-developed technologies.

Under Mr. Campbell's leadership, the newly created Garrett Morgan Commercialization Initiative helps to increase the competitiveness of disadvantaged and small businesses in Ohio and the Great Lakes region through the use of NASA technologies.

The Glennan Microsystems Initiative is another highly successful program which was launched under Mr. Campbell's direction. The Glennan Initiative, a public private partnership between NASA Glenn Research Center and Case Western Reserve University, will enable companies to capture significant market share in the area of miniaturized sensors and actuators.

In addition, the Lewis Incubator for Technology was established to help entrepreneurs and start-up companies gain financial and marketing assistance as they commercialize NASA-developed technologies.

Mr. Campbell also has been instrumental in providing a hands-on educational experience to African-American and Hispanic students each year through the Science, Engineering, Mathematics and Aerospace Academy (SEMAA). The program, a collaborative effort between Glenn and Cuyahoga Community College, in Cleveland, Ohio, has proven to be extremely successful. Since its inception, SEMAA has been replicated twice, with plans for seven additional sites in major cities.

Mr. Campbell's leadership and personal commitment to work with industry and our

community is exemplified in the highly successful programs described. I am happy to be able to recognize his contributions today. He has been a role model throughout his career. He is the first African American to win the FLC Director of the Year.

More than 600 of the largest federal government research laboratories and centers, representing 16 federal departments and agencies, are presently members of the FLC. The mission of the FLC is to promote and facilitate the rapid movement of federal laboratory research results and technologies into the mainstream of the U.S. economy.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me the opportunity to share this success story with my colleagues. Once again I commend the efforts and dedication of Mr. Campbell and the entire staff at NASA Glenn Research Center for a job well done.

THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN SERVICE OF OTHERS

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 1999

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, on Sunday, April 18, David McCall, Penny McCall and Yvette Pierpaoli died in a car accident while on their way to assist the refugees in Northern Albania. David and Penny McCall were on assignment for Refugees International. Ms. Pierpaoli was their Albanian driver. I insert into the RECORD a press release from Refugees International detailing their mission.

Having traveled the same road myself just weeks ago, I know how dangerous it can be. The road—the only route between Tirana and Kukes—is crowded and crumbling.

David, Penny and Yvette gave their lives to serve others and bring some desperately needed relief to the displaced Kosovar Albanians. Their death should serve as a stark reminder of the daily risks faced by aid workers and the heroic efforts of all those risking their lives to help the world's needy.

My sympathy goes out to the families of the McCalls and Ms. Pierpaoli.

REFUGEES INTERNATIONAL—APRIL 19, 1999

It is with deep pain that we must confirm the deaths of David B. McCall, his wife Penny McCall and Yvette Pierpaoli in a car accident Sunday on the road heading towards Kukes, Albania. Their Albanian driver was also killed. David and Penny were Board Members of Refugees International, and Yvette was RI's European Representative. The three were in Albania on a humanitarian assessment mission. They were heading from Tirana, the capital, to Kukes, the primary reception point for Kosovar refugees, when their car apparently slid off the mountain road in bad weather.

David, Penny, and Yvette gave their lives for refugees they never met, but for whom they cared deeply. Refugees International is an advocacy organization which seeks to identify failures or gaps in the refugee protection and assistance system and then presses for corrective action. David, Penny and Yvette had made numerous such missions in the past, including a humanitarian assessment mission to Albania last June. This time, a part of their mission was to explore the possibility of providing region-wide help through radio broadcasts to refugees

seeking to locate missing family members. The widespread separation of families is a problem with profound human consequences, and David, Penny, and Yvette wanted it solved as quickly as possible. It was not the first time these three took matters into their own hands for refugees around the world. David, Penny, and Yvette personally brought water pumps, sought to improve the system for clearing land mines and provided basic assistance for refugees in Thailand, Cambodia, and numerous countries in Africa. Their humanity was deep, abiding and selfless, and inspired us all. We will miss them terribly.

IN CELEBRATION OF TUFTONIA DAY

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 1999

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tufts University in Medford, MA, in honor of the more than 80,000 alumni who will turn their attention today to their alma mater in celebration of the university's 15th annual Tuftonia Day.

This special day marks the anniversary of Tufts University, the second oldest college in the Boston area. Tuftonia celebrates the day in 1852 when Massachusetts Gov. George Boutwell signed Tufts' charter. The celebration was established in 1985 as an opportunity for alumni to celebrate their thoughts of the institution and reminisce with old friends about the bonds made at the university. The gathering provides an opportunity for those connected with the school to celebrate the many achievements of the institution.

For these reasons, the focus of Tuftonia is once again, TuftServe, which centers on the school's volunteer alumni in community service. The alumni of the institution have logged over 350,000 hours of volunteer service ranging from a wide array of endeavors. The intent of the celebration is to allow the opportunity for current students, alumni, professors, administrators, and parents to join in a gathering commemorating the achievements of the college community.

Tufts University enrolls approximately 8,500 students representing all 50 states and 90 countries around the world. The campus community extends from Medford, Boston, and Grafton, MA, to the campus abroad in Talloires, France. The diverse student body and vast cultural experiences it reflects further instills Tufts' reputation as a formidable institution of higher education. Tufts has a reputation of excellence in academic achievement, and its commitment to volunteerism and contribution to the community serve as an integral part of the impressive reputation.

Tufts University should be applauded for instilling in its students, both past and present, the importance of voluntarism. Their contributions to the community on all levels should serve as an inspiration to us all. I commend the students, alumni and faculty of Tufts University for their hard work and commitment to the community.