

of the Juvenile Aid Planning and Training Bureau, Administration Division Commander, and Patrol Division Commander.

Chief Pawlowski is a member of the New Jersey Police Chiefs Association, the National Police Chiefs Association, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and is currently Vice President of the Hudson County Police Chiefs Association. In addition, for his remarkable efforts and commendable achievements, Chief Pawlowski has received two departmental commendations for outstanding police work and two excellent police service awards.

Both the Bayonne Family YMCA and this year's award dinner honoree Chief Pawlowski exemplify leadership and dedication to the Bayonne community. For these tremendous contributions to New Jersey and the incredible examples set as public servants, I am very happy to honor and congratulate the Bayonne Family YMCA and Chief Pawlowski.

A TRIBUTE TO O. LEWIS HARRIS

HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 1999

Mr. WEINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to invite my colleagues to pay tribute to O. Lewis Harris on the occasion of his 20th Anniversary as the Executive Director of the Forest Hills Community House.

Lewis Harris joined the Forest Hills Community House in its fourth year of operation. With a small budget and staff, he worked with the agency board, community leadership and elected officials to define the service role and mission for the organization, a task that continues to this day. A strong believer in community and coalition building, Lew Harris quickly became involved with Community Board #6 and was appointed as a member in the spring of 1979.

Lew Harris' strong interest and focus on community service led him to join the Queensboro Council for Social Welfare, the Queens Interagency Council for Aging, The Non-Profit Coordinating Committee of New York; The Council of Senior Centers and Services of New York City, and the New York City Coalition for the Aging on whose Boards of Directors he continues to serve.

Under Lew Harris' leadership, the Forest Hills Community House has developed a broad array of services for people of all ages. Today, the Forest Hills Community House operates more than thirty-five programs through nineteen different locations in Queens and provides services to more than 15,000 people annually. In the last twenty years, the Forest Hills Community House has gained a reputation for developing innovative and high quality services. Several Community House programs have also been identified as models for replication throughout New York City and beyond.

O. Lewis Harris has long been known as an innovator and beacon of good will to all those with whom he has come into contact. Through his dedicated efforts, he has helped improve my constituents' quality of life. In recognition of his many accomplishments on behalf of my constituents, I offer my congratulations to O. Lewis Harris on the occasion of his 20th Anniversary as the Executive Director of the Forest Hills Community House.

CELEBRATING THE OPENING OF THE ALLAN HANCOCK COLLEGE LOMPOC VALLEY CENTER

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 1999

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to bring to the attention of my colleagues the opening of the Allan Hancock College Lompoc Valley Center in Lompoc, CA. For years Lompoc and the Santa Ynez Valley have been in need of a permanent site for a campus and now that need has become a reality.

The Lompoc Valley Center of Allan Hancock College will serve 2,000 students and will offer courses in the sciences, business, technology, and the fine arts. Students will work in computer labs networked with fiber optic cable and will learn in classrooms that have multimedia presentation systems. The center also includes a high-tech computer graphics and animation lab. As we all know, the jobs of the 21st century will demand high-tech and computer related skills. Allan Hancock has the resources and the expertise to teach these important skills, so that students, regardless of age, can take on quality, well-paying jobs on the central coast when they graduate.

I am pleased to tell my colleagues that in the spirit of public/private partnerships, almost 80 percent of the onsite construction bids were awarded to local contractors. The developing and building of the center has been a community-based effort which stands as a model for our nation. I commend the countless people who contributed their time, energy, and vision to create this campus.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to join Allan Hancock College and the people of the central coast to celebrate the opening of the Lompoc Valley Center. I congratulate the college and all who worked tirelessly to establish the center. I wish Allan Hancock College and the Lompoc Valley Center many years of success and prosperity.

TRIBUTE TO E. JAMES MONIHAN, USA DIRECTOR TO THE FEDERATION OF WORLD VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 1999

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a hero in the firefighting community. E. James (Jim) Monihan. Jim Monihan is an outstanding, dedicated, and caring Delawarean with an abundance of accomplishments in this field. On behalf of the citizens of the First State, I would like to honor this outstanding individual and extend to him our congratulations on receiving the National Volunteer Fire Council's Mason Lankford Fire Service Leadership Award.

Family, friends and fellow firefighters can now take a moment to truly appreciate the contributions Jim Monihan has brought to the firefighting community. Since moving to Lewes, DE, in 1963, he has proven his ability to advance the quality of fire and emergency

services throughout the country. This dedication to public service is rare among individuals. As President of the Lewes Fire Department, Jim arranged the purchase of nearly \$250,000 in fire apparatus. He also chaired every committee within the department and served as the in-house ambulance instructor of 10 years. He later earned a statewide reputation in Delaware for his service as president and 1st vice president of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association.

These local accomplishments were just the first steps for Jim along his road to success. His next advancement was to become the chairman of the National Volunteer Fire Council. During his tenure he orchestrated the growth of the NVFC from 18 states with 130 associate members to 44 delegate States with over 1,500 associate members. For the first time the NVFC received over \$500,000 in Federal grants to help volunteer fire services nationwide. Since retiring as chairman of the NVFC, Jim has committed himself to being the legislative chairman for the NVFC to help devise their policy priorities.

Known for his expertise and excellence in his field, Jim has been asked to provide testimony for numerous congressional committees in support of such issues ranging from the environment to fire prevention. In addition, Jim has served on the Broad of Visitors for the National Fire Academy and has chaired the Joint Council of National Fire Service Organizations. Currently, Jim serves as the USA Director to the Federation of World Volunteer Firefighters, which helps to unite fire service personnel from over 100 countries. Showing his continued dedication and commitment to his community, Jim still leads the local Junior Firefighter Club activities and still responds to calls today.

Mr. Speaker, I salute E. James (Jim) Monihan for implementing many of the important policies and procedures that help guide fire personnel worldwide today. His selfless commitment to the cause of volunteer firefighters will have a permanent place in Delaware's volunteer fire service history.

The example Jim has set for volunteer firemen is one we hope all future volunteer firemen will strive to emulate. His dedication to the development of fire departments, volunteer and emergency services is truly commendable. As Delaware's Congressman, I would like to personally thank him for a tremendous job well done and for 40 years of exemplary service.

A TRIBUTE TO HEIDI CUYLER, AMBER LARRISON AND SARA TRUDEAU

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 1999

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention today the fine work and outstanding service of three wonderful and gifted young ladies from California's beautiful high desert. Heidi Cuyler, Amber Larrison and Sara Trudeau have made remarkable contributions to the Vista Campana Middle School in Apple Valley as 3-year members of the Associated Student Body (ASB).

When Heidi, Amber and Sara decided to run for ASB 3 years ago, they were required to complete a rigorous process; the election, itself, is far from a popularity contest. Candidates must maintain a 3.0 grade point average, get letters of recommendation, write a statement explaining why they want to serve, and complete a personal interview. In addition, each candidate must give a speech in front of their peers before they are selected.

For most students between the ages of 10 and 13, let alone many adults, this would seem like much too much work just to plan student activities at the school. Most remarkable is that Heidi, Amber and Sara completed this process three straight years and were successful. According to Patti Stueland, the activities Director at Vista Campana Middle School, "They are my first and only officers up to this point to be a bulldog ASB Officer for all three years they have attended V.C.M.S."

In the 3 years that they served, these young ladies helped create and develop school assemblies, noon-time activities, school dances, spirit rallies, staff appreciation days, sold dance tickets, served as tour guides for school visitors, and publicized school events through the school bulletin. In addition, they have presented student body activities to the Parent, Teacher, Student Organization, at monthly staff meetings, and school board meetings. In these, and many more activities, Heidi, Amber and Sara all demonstrated tremendous leadership skills through public speaking and working with the local community. As a result of the work of these students, Vista Campana Middle School is recognized for having one of the most outstanding student activity organizations in the high desert.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me and our colleagues in recognizing the remarkable commitment and tremendous contributions of these three fine young ladies. Heidi Cuyler, Amber Larrison and Sara Trudeau have made a wonderful difference in the lives of those in their school and local community and it is only fitting that the House of Representatives recognize them today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 1999

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, April 22, I was unavoidably detained during rollcall vote No. 96, the motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1141 offered by Mr. OBEY. Had I been present for this vote I would have voted "aye."

DONALD EDWARD WATSON

HON. ROBERT A. BORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 1999

Mr. BORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of a truly dedicated public servant and my good friend, Mr. Donald Edward Watson. Donald Watson's commitment to his country and community in Philadelphia spans over four decades.

Don Watson graduated in 1953 from North Catholic High School and attended the University of Missouri. After his graduation from college he began his career in public service by enlisting in the U.S. Army. In 1962, he was honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant.

After departure from the military, Don became active in both the politics and community of the City of Philadelphia. He was the committee person in the 35th ward for 35 years and also worked as the ward chairman. He dedicated 25 years of service to the office of the Register of Wills where his work showed high quality, attention and diligence. In the area of community public service, Don Watson excelled for 20 years as the president of the Summerdale Boys Club. He also dedicated 10 years of his time to Northeast Mental Health as a director on the board.

Despite his many commitments to public service, Don is deeply involved and dedicated to his family. Together, with his wife Carol, Don has two children, Terri and Joseph. Also, he has two beautiful granddaughters Lauren and Lindsay.

Don Watson is the type of citizen that strives to improve the city he is in, this not only has helped Philadelphia to prosper, but also the nation. I sincerely hope that Don enjoys his move into retirement and realizes how deeply his many years of dedicated service are appreciated.

IN RECOGNITION OF BILL ERWIN

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 1999

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise in recognition of a very special person to Bryan-College Station, Texas—a unique leader, Mr. Bill Erwin.

Not only recognized as a significant contributor to the community of the Eighth District of Texas, Bill is somewhat of a celebrity in the Bryan-College Station area. In fact, he has been supporting volunteer services in the Bryan-College Station area for thirty-five years. It is for these efforts that the Governor of the State of Texas awarded Bill with the Lonestar Achievement Award for his volunteerism and community service last month. I think his own words speak volumes for the attitude that won him this recognition. Upon hearing the news, Bill said, "this will be great for the community"—and great for the community he is.

Elected as the Volunteer of the Year and the Citizen of the Year by the Bryan-College Station Chamber of Commerce, he remains dedicated to bettering the community in which he lives, thus bettering the world. His list of credentials include serving as president for a number of non-profit organizations in the area, such as the United Way, Chamber of Commerce, Better Business Bureau, the Boys' and Girls' Clubs of the Brazos Valley, the Brazos Chapter of the Texas Manufacturers Association and the St. Joseph Foundation. It was said by Christine Shakespeare of the Texas Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service that the judges said "it was so amazing that whenever he identified a need he went to work to resolve it and that he didn't

stop to wonder who was going to get credit for it" and that they were "honored to give this award to him because of the amount of work he has done."

Mr. Speaker, I commend Bill Erwin and those like him that take the time to give back to their communities more than they take for themselves. I, as well as the citizens of Bryan-College Station, applaud Bill for his tireless dedication and perseverance to serving this remarkable community. He has set an example for us all to follow.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DIGITAL SIGNATURE ACT OF 1999

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 1999

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, today I am pleased to introduce the Digital Signature Act of 1999. The purpose of this legislation is to require the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to develop minimum technical standards and guidelines for Federal agencies to follow when deploying digital signature technologies. In addition, the legislation authorizes the Under Secretary of Commerce for Technology to establish a National Policy Panel for Digital Signatures to explore the factors associated with the development of a National Digital Signature Infrastructure based on uniform standards to enable the widespread utilization of digital signature systems in the private sector.

I want to make clear that this legislation is technology neutral. Rather it encourages federal agencies to use uniform criteria in deploying digital signature technology and to ensure that their system are interoperable. It also encourages agencies to use commercial-off-the-shelf software (COTS) whenever possible to meet their needs.

By now, we are all aware of how the Internet is revolutionizing telecommunications and the business world. In less than ten years, the Internet has grown from a network linking a small, self-proscribed group of scientists to a telecommunication network linking millions of people around the world. The potential uses of the Internet seem unlimited. One of the most rapidly growing areas in electronic commerce. Statistics indicate electronic commerce was an \$8 billion industry in 1998. Analysts now expect electronic commerce to explode into a \$108 billion industry by 2003.

When the Internet was first developed, virtually all users were known to each other or they were easily identifiable. However, with the rapid growth of the Internet we have lost the ability to actually "know" who we are communicating with is who they say they are. In order to exchange sensitive documents or to do business transactions with confidence it is important that an electronic authentication system is developed through which both the sender and recipient can be uniquely identified. One type of electronic authentication which is both secure and provides unique identification of the sender and recipient of messages is asymmetric cryptography, commonly referred to as a digital signature.

I am not alone in my belief that digital signatures are a key element in the continuing growth of electronic commerce. The European