

to place. A ger is most commonly moved by a team of camels or oxen, the strongest animals that can support a heavy weight. The placement of a ger has been influenced by Mongols' traditions. Throughout Mongolian history, the door of the ger has always faced southeast. Mongols believe that because winds gust from the southeast and the sacred sun rises in the east, gers that face in this direction are blessed.

The most common animal to be seen roaming the land of Mongolia is the yak. Mongols use the abundance of these animals to benefit their culture by herding them and using the animals as a source of trade. The Mongolian people also dine on meat from yaks and use their fat to fuel stoves. The Mongolian government trades yaks to other countries for oil, manufactured goods, and machinery, which are all conveniences that Mongols cannot process themselves.

The Mongols' land is a tangle of many different environments. A portion of Mongolia includes a vast mountain range locking in bleak and rocky grasslands. The most prominent mountain range is the Altai. This cluster of mountains holds the only glaciers in Mongolia, which makes for a nipping, frigid climate. The Mongolian grasslands also border the Gobi Desert, where the climate is arid and hot. Mongol culture, therefore, has adapted to living among extreme temperatures, but it revolves mostly around the more temperate grasslands. The Mongols have proven, in the survival of their culture, that to this day they still have the spark and the strength that the great Genghis Khan possessed.

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF HARMONY MASONIC LODGE

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 1999

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I wish to call to the attention of our colleagues and the American people the achievements of the Brothers of the Masonic Harmony Lodge #199 F.&A.M. of Sparkill, New York, on their 150th anniversary of fraternity and service to their community. The Harmony Lodge has continued the Masonic tradition of promoting "morality in which all men agree, that is, to be good men and true." Together with the nineteen other Masonic Lodges of the Manhattan District, the Harmony Lodge has continued to support the charitable endeavors of the Masons by raising and donating millions of dollars to hospitals, homes for widows, the elderly, and orphans as well as numerous scholarship funds.

The Harmony Lodge held its first meeting with nineteen Brothers on October 12, 1849, and ever since then the language of their meetings has always been German. The Brothers of Harmony Lodge have actively participated with the other Masonic Lodges of New York to raise funds to build the German Masonic Lodge in Manhattan, purchase land for a Masonic Park and Masonic home for the elderly as well as aiding in the foundation of two other Masonic Lodges in the state of New York. The brothers of the Harmony Lodge take great pride displaying German heritage, and do so by inviting thousands of visitors each August to the German Masonic Park to enjoy German culture, food and music entertainment in their annual "Oompah Fest and Steer Roast."

The Masons, officially titled the Free and Accepted Masons, are one of the world's oldest and largest fraternal organizations, dating back to its foundation in England in the early 1700's. Throughout history the Masons have sought to bring men together of all race, religions and political ideology under the ideas of charity, equality, morality and service to God. Today the Masons have millions of members worldwide, including more than 2.5 million in the United States. They have earned a reputation as highly respected businessmen, ministers and politicians. Great men such as American statesman Benjamin Franklin, Composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, French philosopher Voltaire and U.S. President George Washington have all been Brothers in the Masonic order.

My own association as a Brother with the Masons has been a great influence on me throughout my career and in public life. Their moral values and ethical code have been an immeasurable help to guide me in making fair and just decisions in my responsibilities as a Member of this chamber.

Mr. Speaker, it is my hope that under the leadership of Worshipful Master Arnold Geisler, Secretary Jack Williams and Treasurer Reinhard Kabitzke that the Harmony Lodge will continue its good works as a model organization and will continue to help those in need as well as continue to be an exemplary example of fraternal service to community for another 150 years.

TRIBUTE TO THE BELLARMINE COLLEGE MOCK TRIAL TEAM

HON. ANNE M. NORTHUP

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 1999

Mrs. NORTHUP. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to honor constituents from Louisville, Kentucky. Recently, the Bellarmine College Mock Trial Team competed in the American Mock Trial Association's National Championships in Des Moines, Iowa and brought back to Louisville the National Championship. The Knights of Bellarmine overcame the efforts of Stanford and Rhodes in their march to victory.

This was a redeeming victory for Bellarmine which had finished second in the competition the previous four years. While compiling a record of 7-0-1 during the competition all of the members of the championship team were named All-Americans. Meanwhile, the second team for Bellarmine gained valuable experience, several individual awards and finished in fifth place overall. I also am pleased to honor one of team's coaches the James Wagoner, who was honored for his outstanding service to the American Mock Trial Association and the legal profession outside of mock trial.

The Bellarmine championship team is made up of: William Armstrong, Amanda Bennett, Jason Butler, Nathaniel Cadle, Ryane Conroy and Vanessa Cox. The second team included: John Balenovich, David Chamberlain, Cheryl Danner, Heather Jackson, Matt Rich, Christi Spurlock and Sarah Wimsatt. These two fine squads were led by James Wagoner, Ruth Wagoner and Jason Cooper. Again, I am so proud to honor this team, as Louisville celebrates its National Champion.

CONGRATULATING BILL AND BEV FARNSWORTH ON THEIR SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 1999

Mr. RADANOVICH Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bill and Bev Farnsworth as they celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.

Bill and Bev Farnsworth were married on May 4, 1974 in Elgin, Illinois. They moved to Fresno, California in 1978 and reside there today. Bill owns Valley Drywall Systems, a construction company. Bev is a department manager at Gottschalk's department store in Fresno. Together they have raised four children, Sherrie, Bryon, Kelly and Larry.

Bill and Bev Farnsworth have exemplified true family values in their family and love for each other. They have been involved in their community with various volunteer organizations. Bev was a volunteer for the Clovis Community Hospital Guild. Both Bill and Bev were a part of the Fresno County Republican Central Committee.

Bill and Bev have a saying that they hold dear, "More than yesterday, less than tomorrow."

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Bill and Bev Farnsworth on their Silver Wedding Anniversary. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing them many more years of happiness.

BAY MEDICAL CENTER AUXILIARY: A VITAL PARTNER FOR VITAL SERVICES

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 1999

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, there are many organizations that make a huge difference in our lives, and their successes are made possible by their support mechanisms. Bay Medical Center in my Congressional District provides outstanding health care to my constituents, and its ability to provide this wonderful care is a direct result of the activities of the Bay Medical Center Auxiliary.

Since 1973, the members of the Auxiliary have consistently acted as ambassadors for the hospital. Their good will and confidence has been a key factor in the many successful fund-raising campaigns over the years. In fact, the Bay Medical Center Auxiliary has provided nearly one million dollars to the Health System since 1990 through Gift Shop profits, proceeds from the annual Charity Ball, and other fund-raising activities.

Proceeds provided by the Auxiliary have been used for many essential activities. Courtesy vans have been provided for patients convenience. Infant and adult ventilators, the first electric birthing bed-chair, state of the art mammography equipment, an advance life support ambulance, Life-Pac resuscitation equipment, fetal monitors, and cardiac rehabilitation equipment are only some of the medical devices provided by the Auxiliary's efforts that help maintain an outstanding quality of care. A number of facilities, including the women's resource library, waiting lounges in

ICU and surgery, and the main campus lobby have all been improved by the Auxiliary. Work on behalf of open heart programs, including support of surgery and the heart-lung bypass machine, has made a life-saving difference to many patients.

There are 213 members of the Bay Medical Center Auxiliary. They come from all walks of life, and work throughout the year. Many members have had personal exposure to the services of Bay Medical Center, and have joined the Auxiliary as their way of saying thanks for vital services. Each member appreciates the importance of the Center, and knows that it takes a network of caring people to provide quality health care. Each and every member wants to be a part of that network.

Mr. Speaker, as we look for champions around the nation, it is most fitting that we recognize the members of the Bay Medical Center Auxiliary as champions for their community. I urge you and all of our colleagues to join me in congratulating President Lucy Horak and Past President Linda Grube, along with all of the other most valuable members of the Bay Medical Center Auxiliary, on their success, and in wishing them many more productive years to come.

REPORT FROM SHELBY COUNTY

HON. DAVID M. MCINTOSH

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 1999

Mr. MCINTOSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give my "Report from Indiana" where I honor distinguished Hoosiers whom are actively engaged in their communities helping others.

Mr. Speaker, it has always been my strong belief that individuals and communities can do a better job of caring for those who need help in our society than the federal government. The wonderfully kind and committed Hoosiers whom I have met traveling around Indiana have not changed my view.

Ruthie and I have met hundreds of individuals who are committed to making our communities a better place in which to live and raise our children—we call them "Hoosier Heroes".

I recognized this genuine Hoosier Hero in Shelby County at a Lincoln Day dinner speech. He's Assistant Police Chief Bill Dwenger. His devotion to his community has been unfailing and why Bill epitomizes a "Hoosier Hero".

While serving as a detective, Bill pursued primarily on his own time the Shirley Sturgill murder case that had been hanging over Shelbyville for seven years. Due to his perseverance, the murderer was caught, tried, and convicted to a life term. His hard work allowed his neighbors to breathe a little easier knowing that their community was safe.

Bill also serves on the Board of Community Corrections as well as the Shelby County Youth Shelter which provides a safe haven for abused kids. Bill doesn't help children for the pay, which is zilch, he does it for the smiles and laughter. Bill's work has given so many people the most precious gift possible, hope and peace of mind. You are a true hero in my book doing good work for others with no other motive than Christian charity.

Bill Dwenger deserves the gratitude of the county, state, and nation, and I thank him here

today on the floor of the House of Representatives.

HELP GIVE PEACE TO THE FAMILY OF ZACHARY BAUMEL—SUPPORT H.R. 1175

HON. DAVID DREIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 1999

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, on June 11, 1982, Zachary Baumel, an American citizen serving in the Israeli army, was captured along with four other members of his tank battalion in a battle with Palestinian and Syrian forces near the Lebanese town of Sultan Yaqub. While two of the captured soldiers were later released, Baumel and two other MIAs remain unaccounted for, despite evidence that they were probably captured alive. Like any parents living through the nightmare of a missing child, Zachary's parents, Yona and Miriam Baumel, have been unrelenting in the search for their son.

The Baumels have met with officials around the world to follow up on leads provided by various individuals claiming to know of Zachary's whereabouts. Unfortunately, they have yet to reach any sort of closure. While I sincerely hope that their personal search reunites them with Zachary, I believe that the U.S. government should make every effort to determine Zachary's fate and help bring peace to the Baumel family. H.R. 1175, which would require the State Department to step up efforts in locating and securing the return of Zachary Baumel, as well as other Israeli soldiers missing in action, is a step in that direction. I have cosponsored this important legislation, and I urge my colleagues to support me in this effort.

PAMELA CRUZ RECEIVES THE PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT AWARD

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 1999

Mrs. WILSON. Mr. Speaker, I wish to bring to your attention a young woman in our community, Pamela Cruz, who has been named one of New Mexico's top youth volunteers for 1999 in The Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

Pamela's volunteer efforts truly reflect the spirit of community. She visits a local nursing home twice a week to arrange entertaining activities for the residents. Pamela recognizes that the residents have contributed to our community and should not be forgotten. By showing affection and being consistent with her visits, she has gained the trust of the nursing home residents. Further, Pamela has recruited other young people in Albuquerque to volunteer at the nursing home. She is a wonderful example of reaching out to others to make our entire community a better place to live.

Pamela is definitely one of America's top youth volunteers. Join me in thanking Pamela Cruz for her contributions to old and young alike in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

IN HONOR OF THE LATE MICHAEL MCGARVEY

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 1999

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a humanitarian, a true leader, and my personal mentor, Michael McGarvey, Jr., a veteran Long Island scout master and postman who passed away at the age of 80.

The first time I met Michael, I was impressed and impacted by his manner. He was such a gentle and instructive person, especially for me as a young kid attending Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) lessons at the Immaculate Conception hall in Westhampton Beach.

In our community he was known as the grandfather of scouting. Michael was an adult Scout leader for more than 47 years. He rose to the post of commissioner of the Suffolk County Council, Boy Scout of America, and regional chairman of the Catholic Committee on Scouting. He was so enthralled with scouting that he attend board meetings until a few months before his death last week after a long illness.

In his time with scouting he was recognized with numerous citations, including one for service to the Catholic youth of Long Island presented to him by Bishop John McGann of the Diocese of Rockville Centre. He also received a Pius X citation for teaching catechism to the Immaculate Conception Church Confraternity in Westhampton Beach, where I was his student.

Born in Akron, Ohio, he graduated from East Akron High School and came to New York in 1939 to attend the New York World's Fair in Flushing and visit with his sister, Margaret Kennedy. His sister introduced him to her friend, the former Lillian Langguth of Manhattan. They were married shortly thereafter and remained so for 56 years.

They moved to Westhampton, Long Island in 1955, where they expanded Bide-A-Wee Home, the animal adoption center which they managed for 18 years. They were especially known for taking in pets that were left over from the summer vacationers. After that, Michael worked in the Riverhead Post Office until he retired six years ago at age 74.

I was moved by the commitment I witnessed Michael and Lillian have for the children of our community. They also loved their church, and lived the daily example of charity and love for their neighbors. In this time of distance between our children and their parents and church, Michael was a breath of fresh air. In many ways, he has helped shape my own life and I wish I could emulate his wonderful example.

Michael will be remembered as the ultimate Scouter, where he brought to the position of commissioner a level of dignity and respect that could be used as the role model for all volunteer leaders. To the people of Long Island Michael will be remembered as a Scoutmaster, Postman, animal sanctuary provider, and a neighbor that was always willing to offer a helping hand regardless of the situation. To me he will be remembered as a person that had a profound effect on the way I conduct myself in my life.

Colleague, Michael's warmth and dedication to the youth will be surely missed.