

Rincon's setting creates a relaxed and secure environment that welcomes students and staff. Since its inception five years ago, Rincon has been building strong connections between parents, teachers, and students, as well as partnerships within the business community. Rincon students are respectful, eager learners who strive to meet the high standards set for them.

Rincon's philosophy is that every student is a learner. The Rincon community values the social, physical, intellectual, and artistic development of all students. Portfolio Day, Americans on Display, 6th Grade Olympics, Living Historians, concerts, and art exhibits are some of the many traditions that foster the full development of the middle school student. These same activities unite parents and community with their school. Community involvement is important to Rincon. The students are emerging as service oriented young adults with a growing sense of community awareness. Students take part in many activities that foster a connection to their community such as: The Garden Project, School Buddy Readers, Park Clean-up Day, Peer Tutors, Natural Helpers, Guardian Angels, and student assistants for the severely handicapped. On Career Visitation Day Rincon students spend a day shadowing a professional and bring back experiences to share in their exploratory classes. Across the spectrum, students at Rincon experience a challenging curriculum appropriate to their academic level.

IN HONOR OF JUSTICE MARIE T. GARIBALDI, UNITED WAY'S CONGRESSWOMAN MARY T. NORTON MEMORIAL AWARD WINNER

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 2000

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Justice Marie Garibaldi for winning the United Way's Congresswoman Mary T. Norton Memorial Award. The award, which was initiated by United Way of Hudson County in 1990, recognizes those who exhibit a deep commitment to human service as exemplified by Congresswoman Norton during her 13 terms in the House of Representatives (1925–1950). The Congresswoman was a forward-thinker who advocated for government action to help address issues we are still grappling with today, such as day care, fair employment practices, health care for veterans, and inclusion of women in high levels of government service.

Justice Marie Garibaldi was the first woman to serve on the New Jersey Supreme Court, the State's highest court. She was also the first woman to serve as president of the New Jersey State Bar Association, and as director of the State Chamber of Commerce, New Jersey Bell Telephone Co., and the Washington Savings Bank. Justice Garibaldi was a Trustee of St. Peter's College, Honorary Trustee of the National Organization of Italian American Women, and a founding member of the Executive Women of New Jersey.

She is the recipient of several awards from her alma maters, including the Medal for excellence from the Columbia University School of Law. She has received Honorary Doctor

Degrees from St. John's University Law School, Seton Hall University Law School, and Drew University; and Honorary Doctor of Humanities Degrees from Upsala College, Caldwell College, College of Saint Elizabeth, and Saint Peter's College. In her honor, the American Inns of Court Foundation established The Justice Marie L. Garibaldi American Inn of Court for Alternative Dispute Resolution.

Justice Garibaldi retired from the Court on February 1, 2000. Since her retirement, she has been appointed to the Board of Directors of Crown Cork & Seal Company, Inc., and the National Italian American Foundation.

Justice Marie Garibaldi embodies the life work of Congresswoman Mary T. Norton. On behalf of my colleagues in the House of Representatives, I congratulate her for her outstanding service to the community and for carrying on the work of Congresswoman Mary T. Norton.

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS IN RECOGNITION OF THE 135TH ANNIVERSARY OF ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 2000

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, today I salute Zion Lutheran Church in their 135th year of service to the community of Gordonville, Missouri.

Zion Lutheran Church was organized in 1865 by a group of local farmers who were German immigrants. They secured their first pastor, Reverend Polack, who led the church through the early years. Their first church building was erected soon after the official organization of the church on August 13th. The earliest recorded minutes date back to 1870 where the evidence of the congregation's German heritage was strong. The founders often kept the church records in German or a mix between German and English. And why not, since the services were in German through the first 50 years, and the congregation was filled with mostly German immigrants.

However, even a church is affected by war, and the pressure to speak English during World War I caused the church to adapt. Until 1920, Zion maintained its strong ties to the German homeland, but the congregation knew times were changing when its first English confirmation service was held. Today, services are held in English, but the church seal and an inscription on the church bell, still in German, remind them of their long and storied past. In the neighboring cemetery, many of Gordonville's German immigrants were buried, and their descendants remain members of the church to this day.

I commend Zion Lutheran Church for its strength and longevity, and expect this church may be recognized sometime again in this body many years from now.

BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL WINNER

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 2000

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mt. Carmel High School in Scripps Ranch and its leaders, Principal, Joan Stewart and Superintendent, Dr. Bob Reeves. Mt. Carmel has been designated by the U.S. Department of Education as a National Blue Ribbon School for 2000. I am proud to inform my colleagues that my district had an amazing record of eleven schools selected for that prestigious honor this year. I would also like to note that the Academy of Our Lady of Peace right outside my district in San Diego County was also named a Blue Ribbon School. I applaud the educators, students and communities in each of the San Diego County schools who pulled together in pursuit of educational excellence.

Blue Ribbon Schools are recognized as some of the nation's most successful institutions, and they are exemplary models for achieving educational excellence throughout the nation. Not only have they demonstrated excellence in academic leadership, teaching and teacher development, and school curriculum, but they have demonstrated exceptional levels of community and parental involvement, high student achievement levels and strong safety and discipline.

After schools are nominated by state education agencies for the Blue Ribbon award, they undergo a rigorous review of their programs, plans and activities. That is followed with visits by educational experts for evaluation. Ultimately, those schools which best demonstrate strong leadership, clear vision and mission, excellent teaching and curriculum, policies and practices that keep the schools safe for learning, family involvement and evidence of high standards are selected for this prestigious award. I am pleased that they are now receiving the national recognition they are due.

As school and community leaders head to Washington for the Department of Education awards ceremony, I want to thank them once again for a job well done. More satisfying than any award, these leaders will have the lifelong satisfaction of having provided the best education possible and a better future for thousands of children. I am proud of what they have achieved, and want to share their achievements so that more people benefit from their accomplishments. I ask that a summary of Mt. Carmel High Schools' superior work be included in the record:

Mt. Carmel High School, located in San Diego, California, is the heart of the local community. Life on campus and in the surrounding community of Rancho Penasquitos centers on families and their involvement in the lives of young people. Mt. Carmel is a four-year comprehensive high school serving 3,506 students in the nationally recognized Poway Unified School district. At first glance, Mt. Carmel might appear to be a traditional public high school, but the vision, traditions, and culture make Mt. Carmel anything but ordinary. Mt. Carmel maintains a long tradition of academic excellence beginning with a rigorous college-bound curriculum, approximately 81 percent of

graduates enroll at institutions of higher education. Mt. Carmel teachers respond enthusiastically and capably to the high academic expectations set by the community.

Mt. Carmel offers a full range of academic, athletic and activity programs designed to meet the needs of all students. Particularly noteworthy programs include the on-line courses offered in Spanish, art and U.S. History, the fully integrated American Literature and U.S. History courses, and the partnership between the Animation Program and industry leaders such as Disney and Warner Brothers. Mt. Carmel is poised on the threshold of twenty-first century teaching and learning thanks to an investment of over \$2 million worth of technology infrastructure, hardware, software, and training over the past four years. To encourage all students to stay connected on such a large campus, Mt. Carmel offers over 80 clubs, organizations and enrichment classes. Mt. Carmel exemplary staff is committed to ongoing professional development, as is evidenced by a significant investment of time and financial resources. The dynamic new principal, along with the secretaries, custodians, teachers, administrator, parents, and students share a common vision of academic excellence and support one another in the endeavor to attain this vision. Yes, Mt. Carmel's outstanding programs make it a model school, but the people make Mt. Carmel a truly special place to learn.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN K. MCINERNEY

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 2000

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great Californian and a distinguished American, John McInerney, on the occasion of his retirement from the San Mateo County Bar Association.

On July 3, 1967, John McInerney began his career at the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office as a Deputy District Attorney I. He excelled in this position and was subsequently promoted to Deputy District Attorney II in 1968. John McInerney then joined the Law Office of Ragan & Maguire in 1969, where he continued to work as a dedicated attorney and as an advocate for his clients.

On July 3, 1971, John McInerney began his work for the San Mateo County Bar Association where he served as the Assistant Administrator of the Private Defender Program. He demonstrated his dedication, skill, and knowledge for the next nine years in this position and on October 1, 1980, he was promoted to the position of Administrator. He subsequently was appointed Executive Director of the San Mateo County Bar Association and Administrator of its Private Defender Program in 1983, and has held this position until his retirement on June 30th of this year.

John McInerney has worked tirelessly to assist the lawyers of the Private Defender Program in providing excellent and uncompromising legal assistance to all residents of San Mateo County. John McInerney's life of leadership is instructive to us all. His dedication to the ideals of democracy and community service stand tall. It is fitting that he is being honored upon the occasion of his retirement from

the San Mateo County Bar Association, and I ask my colleagues, Mr. Speaker, to join me in honoring this great and good man whom I am proud to call my friend. We are indeed a better County, a better Country and a better people because of him.

IN HONOR OF THE GUTTENBERG HOUSING AUTHORITY, CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SERVING THE PUBLIC

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 2000

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Guttenberg Housing Authority for 50 years of dedicated service to the public. To commemorate a half-Century of serving the community of Guttenberg, the Housing Authority will hold its 50th Anniversary Jubilee on September 16, 2000.

The Guttenberg Housing Authority was founded on April 5, 1950, and the first residence, Guttenberg Towers, was completed in 1952 and renamed Joseph P. Macaluso Towers in 1966, after the late executive director. Centennial Towers, the second residence, and Golden Gardens, the third, were completed in 1960 and 1961, respectively. The final residence, Herman G. Klein Towers, was completed in 1961 and is the only senior citizen building.

From 1966 to 1981, John R. Macaluso served as the executive director, followed by Robert F. Sabello, who served until 1994. Currently, the executive director is Barbara J. Venezia.

In order to provide meaningful support for its residents, the Housing Authority has implemented programs such as the Residents' Initiative Program, which consists of computer training for residents and an after-school program for children. The Housing Authority is not only dedicated to continuing such programs, but to expanding them, as well.

Today, the Guttenberg Housing Authority serves 450 families, in 251 public housing units, utilizing 199 Section 8 Certificates and Housing Vouchers.

On behalf of my colleagues, I congratulate the Guttenberg Housing Authority for its exceptional and compassionate service to the families of Guttenberg, New Jersey.

TRIBUTE TO SUPERVISOR MARY GRIFFIN

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 2000

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a proud American and distinguished Californian, Supervisor Mary Griffin, on the occasion of her retirement from the San Mateo County, California Board of Supervisors.

Mary Griffin began her public service career in 1976 when she was elected to the Millbrae City Council. She served two terms as Mayor of Millbrae, from 1980 to 1981 and from 1984 to 1985. Mary Griffin continued her service to the people of Millbrae until she was elected to

the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors in 1987. In 1988 and 1992, Mary served as Vice President of the Board, and in 1989 and 1993 she served as President of the Board.

Mary Griffin has represented San Mateo County as a member of the Association of Bay Area Governments which works to solve problems in such diverse areas as transportation, housing, economic development, and infrastructure. Her leadership skills led to her being elected Vice President and President of ABAG in 1989 and 1991. She has worked on numerous Commissions to improve the state of transportation in San Mateo County, including the San Mateo County Transportation Authority Board, the Service Authority for Freeways & Expressways, the Regional Airport Planning Commission, and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

Supervisor Mary Griffin is known for her dedicated work on issues relating to aviation and the airports of San Mateo County. She is a representative on the Airport/Community Roundtable where she was instrumental in securing \$650,000 in federal funds to insulate 45 homes against airport noise generated by San Francisco International Airport. She has also served as a member of the Airport Land Use Committee which addresses airport and land use compatibility for the Half Moon Bay Airport, the San Carlos Airport, and San Francisco International Airport.

Supervisor Mary Griffin has worked tirelessly on behalf of the children of San Mateo County, improving services and programs on their behalf. As the child of a widow who worked for minimum wage, Mary Griffin has been unswerving in her advocacy to ensure that every child receives good healthcare, childcare and an improved quality of life. In 1987 she founded the Share-a-Bear Program which benefits abused and neglected children. She founded and chairs the Children's Executive Council, a first in San Mateo County history.

Mary Griffin is the loving wife of Walter Ramseur, a retired United Airlines Pilot. They are the proud parents of three and grandparents of four. Mary Griffin is widely admired for her boundless energy, her effective work and her broad knowledge of every aspect of local government.

Supervisor Mary Griffin's life of community leadership and public service is instructive to us all. Her dedication to the ideals of democracy and community service stands tall. It is therefore fitting that she is being honored on the occasion of her retirement from the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors. So today, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues, to join me in honoring this great and good woman whom I'm proud to call my friend and my colleague. We are indeed a better County, a better Country and a better people because of her.

GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT ACT OF 2000

SPEECH OF

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 12, 2000

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 3632, the Golden Gate