

their outstanding performance in the games of the XXVIIth Olympiad, which began on September 15, 2000 in Sydney Australia. The majority of the San Fernando Valley lies within the 25th Congressional District. If the Greater San Fernando Valley was its own country, it would rank 14th in the gold medal count, just behind Hungary.

The Olympians exemplify all that is right with America. To become a member of the United States Olympic Team, the athletes needed tremendous discipline to maintain grueling training schedules. They made personal sacrifices in order to reach their goals and have continually displayed outstanding sportsmanship. They are truly a credit to our country.

Olympians who call the 25th Congressional District home include Adam Setliff, who placed fifth in the men's discus throw; Crystl Bustos, member of the women's softball team which won the gold medal; Anthony Ervin, winner of a gold medal in the men's 50-meter freestyle and a silver medalist in the men's freestyle relay; Mark Crear, winner of a bronze medal in the men's 110-meter hurdles; and Maurice Greene, who won a gold medal in the men's 100-meter race as well as a gold medal in the men's 100-meter relay.

The efforts of these athletes are reflected not only in their collective medals but in the respect of every American. I would like to thank the Olympians for their tireless effort, dedication and contribution to America.

THE GRAND OPENING OF THE MICHAEL A. GRANT BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB IN AUSTELL, GEORGIA

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2000

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the Boys and Girls Club of Cobb County, Georgia for its hard work, and congratulate this organization, and the many men and women who constitute its work force, on the grand opening of the Michael A. Grant Boys and Girls Club located in Austell, Georgia.

The Boys and Girls Clubs of America is an outstanding organization which provides children, particularly disadvantaged children, with programs and services that promote and enhance the development of boys and girls by installing a sense of competence, usefulness, belonging and influence.

In 1956, the Boys Clubs of America celebrated its 50th anniversary and received a U.S. Congressional Charter. In 1990, the national organization's name was changed to the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. Accordingly, Congress amended and renewed the charter.

I commend the Boys and Girls Club for its dedication and commitment too positively influencing the lives of boys and girls every day, and for its outstanding leadership throughout our community and the country.

NATIONAL CHEMISTRY WEEK

HON. ROBERT A. BORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2000

Mr. BORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the week of November 5th to November 11th in Pennsylvania as "National Chemistry Week". During this week the American Chemical Society volunteers should be commemorated for their efforts to increase public awareness about the crucial role chemistry plays in everyday life. It is vital to recognize that this science gives us the power to understand and to use the elemental building blocks of all material things.

The American Chemical Society is the largest organization of its type in the United States. The Philadelphia branch of the organization is not only the largest section in Pennsylvania, but also one of the most active in the entire nation. This is quite an accomplishment for our state, as there are nearly 200 sections across the United States.

During National Chemistry Week, many local companies and universities in the Philadelphia area will be involved and volunteer their time to celebrate and make an impact among the community about the benefits and necessity of chemistry. Their commitment to spreading the values of chemistry is of great importance, as the science of chemistry provides the fundamental understanding required to deal with many of society's needs, including several that determine our quality of life and economic strength.

People involved in the chemistry field use the science and their knowledge to help feed the world's population, tap new energy sources, clothe and house humanity, provide renewable substitutes for dwindling or scarce materials, improve health, conquer disease, strengthen our national security, and monitor and protect our environment.

Mr. Speaker, National Chemistry Week should be honored for directing our attention to the myriad contributions of their science to the service of all humanity. I congratulate all who participate in this field and who dedicate themselves to creating a week for the entire nation to learn from and enjoy.

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY RECOGNIZES THE NEW JERSEY SHADE TREE FEDERATION FOR 75 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2000

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the New Jersey Shade-Tree Federation and its on-going dedication to preserving our communities. I applaud the work of the Federation in striving towards a delicate balance between our community's desires to expand, and our environment's need for smart, sustainable growth.

The roots of the Shade Tree Federation can be traced back to September 27, 1910. For it was on this date that the State Forester, with the approval of the Forest Commission, called on the executives of 124 municipalities. Some

30 delegates from 24 cities, towns and boroughs gathered to discuss ways to advance and protect the interests of shade trees throughout New Jersey. At the conclusion of this conference, the attendees unanimously voted to form a permanent association to protect and foster the interests of Shade Trees.

In 1924 the State promoted future growth of the Federation by passing the County Shade-Tree Act. Then, in 1925, the Department initiated the movement for closer collaboration among the shade-tree commissions in the State and organized the "New Jersey Federation of Shade-Tree Commissions."

Since its inception, the Federation has gathered to discuss the important issues of the times, ranging from the advent of chainsaws and bucket trucks to the devastation of Dutch Elm disease and Gypsy Moth outbreaks. One common thread has remained evident throughout the Federation's existence: trees are an important part of people's lives.

Once again, I applaud the efforts of the New Jersey Shade-Tree Federation and ask all my colleagues to join me in recognizing their steadfast commitment to preserving true assets of our communities for future generations.

TRIBUTE TO MARY RAINWATER

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2000

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, it's a great pleasure for me to pay tribute to Mary Rainwater, the executive director of the Los Angeles Free Clinic, for her tireless service to the Los Angeles community. Mary oversees the delivery of vital health services, including free medical and dental care, HIV education, counseling and testing, and prenatal care to tens of thousands of people each year. Her agency also provides job placement and training, low-cost legal assistance, and psychological counseling to support some of the most vulnerable members of our community.

Before coming to the LA Free Clinic, Mary served as an adult literacy tutor, a guidance counselor for inner city youth, and a psychiatric social worker for homeless mentally ill individuals.

In nearly eleven years as executive director, Mary's guidance has helped the LA Free Clinic double its budget and increase fourfold the number of patient visits its professionals provide. Without the LA Free Clinic, many of these patients would not have access to the cancer screening, family planning, and mental health services they need. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has recognized the Hollywood Center, which opened under Mary's watch, as a "Model That Works" to provide comprehensive services to at-risk youth.

In addition to her work with the LA Free Clinic, Mary serves the community through her memberships of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the Board of Directors of the Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County, Free Clinics of the Western Region, and the California Primary Care Association's Executive Committee.

The people of Los Angeles and our entire nation owe Mary a debt of gratitude for her tireless work and tremendous record of achievement.

RECOGNIZING INTERCONTINENTAL TERMINALS COMPANY AS THE DEER PARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2000 INDUSTRY OF THE YEAR

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2000

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate International Terminals Company for being honored as the Deer Park Chamber of Commerce 2000 Industry of the Year. The Intercontinental Terminals Company's commitment to building a better future for the Deer Park community has made it an example that all industry can follow.

Since 1974, the Intercontinental Terminals Company (ITC) and its employees have been responsible members of the Deer Park area, in my district. Originally formed as a grass-roots chemical and petrochemical storage and distribution terminal, ITC has grown to a capacity of over 7 million barrels. Today, ITC owns and operates on a world-scale, for-hire bulk liquid terminal. The company will store and distribute approximately seventy different chemicals, petrochemical, and petroleum products for over 100 customers including Deer Park manufacturers such as Rohm and Haas, Dow, Shell, all connected to the ITC via pipeline.

ITC is responsible for transporting over 2 billion gallons of various products safely, efficiency, and in an environmentally sound manner. Last year, they successfully loaded and unloaded over 600 deep water tankers, 2900 barge tows, 8900 rail cars, and 14,000 tank trucks.

Employing over 140 people, ITC is dedicated to worker safety and environmental performance. As a member of the East Harris County Manufacturers Association, ITC supports its initiatives to foster and maintain a productive relationship between industry and the community. They participate in the Responsible Care Programs and the Local Emergency Planning Committee, and the Deer Park Fire Department annual Toys for Tots campaign. In addition, ITC actively participates in the Deer Park Independent School District Annual Industry Awards Banquet and has financially supported several Deer Park baseball and soccer leagues.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Intercontinental Terminals Company, on being named the Deer Park 2000 Industry of the Year. This is a well-deserved honor for their hard work and dedication in expanding business, instituting initiatives to protect the environment, and a commitment to strengthening the community.

STATEMENT OF U.S. REPRESENTATIVE JERRY COSTELLO HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF CARPENTERS LOCAL 480

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 2000

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 100th anniversary of Carpenters Local 480.

Carpenters Local 480 had its charter issued to them on February 13, 1900. That year they listed John Dippel, John Hexter, Joseph Hester, Harry Merrick, Carl Ross, William Schaefer, Jacob Scheid, Louis Scheid, William Scheid, Edward Schiek, Henry Schiek and Henry Wilhelm as their first charter officers. The first elected officer of Local No. 480 was H. Geiger who was elected the Financial Secretary and was charged with the responsibility of collecting dues and assessments.

By 1907, Local 480's rolls increased to 16 members, which held until 1940. At that time, Local 480-Freeburg merged with Local 1559-New Athens, bringing the membership an additional 25 members. Dues at that time were set at \$1.25 a month for all inactive and pensioned members. Arthur Och was named the Business Representative for Freeburg, Illinois and Ed Knopp was named the Representative for New Athens.

In 1947, membership increased to 35 members. In 1966, with membership hovering around 38 members, the International Union had pressed all locals to hire full-time representatives to ensure jurisdictional issues were considered. Louis Geiger was named as the first full-time Business Representative. At that time, there were only 14 local unions in the Tri-Counties Illinois District Council of Carpenters, with only two that were large enough to hire full-time representatives. Remaining smaller locals were then merged into four. Local 480-Freeburg, Local 1361-Chester, Local 1997-Columbia and Local 1675-Breese.

Further consolidations of the locals occurred in the 70's. Many changes occurred after the consolidations, bringing with it new challenges and new opportunities. A full-time Financial Secretary position was created at this time to handle the growth in the membership and to handle the responsibilities of caring for the members well-being. Further growth in membership and an expansion of Local 480's area, necessitated the need for the creation of Field Stewart positions in each of the communities in the local.

With the phenomenal growth of the local and the expansion of their responsibilities, in 1975 the local opened their headquarters building in Freeburg. Since then, the members of Local 480 have contributed to the growth and development of the metro-east. Evidence of their handiwork is everywhere, from new schools, shopping and commercial centers, public buildings and fine residential homes.

I am proud of the history and accomplishments of Local 480 and I look forward to the future with the confidence that the facilities we work, visit and live in are the direct results of hard work of the members of Local 480.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Carpenters Local 480 on the 100th anniversary of their founding and to recognize the members of the local, both past and present, for the quality service that they have been providing to the people of our area for the past 100 years.

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 2000

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to voice my strong support for the families, friends and loved ones of the many, many children who pass away every year. Regardless of the cause of death, regardless of the location, regardless of the age, a horrendous void is created in the lives of those left behind. When a child dies, the effect is simply devastating to the family. For those of us who have not suffered this pain, it is incomprehensible and different for each person—a pain that may dampen in time, but which never fully goes away.

However, there is one thing that the families and loved one of the departed have to help them in their time of need—the support of others who have suffered a similar loss. Those in the healing process report that one of the most effective measures is simply to have a strong network of support and encouragement. And this is why I have sponsored, along with Mr. OSE of California and Mr. MCINTOSH of Indiana, this resolution recognizing the purposes and goals of a National Children's Memorial Day.

Such is the goal of the Compassionate Friends Organization—a national non-profit group that offers friendship and understanding to families grieving the death of a child at any stage of development and from any cause. As one example, Compassionate Friends offers comfort and assistance to families who suffer from the tragedy of stillbirth, miscarriage, and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (S.I.D.S.). Their web site identifies symptoms of grief, notes impacts on marriage, discusses subsequent pregnancy, and has remarks about coping with family and friends and lays out some helpful suggestions.

Compassionate Friends originated in England in 1969. Their first U.S. chapter was founded in 1972. They now have chapters in 24 countries and in every state in the nation—nearly 600 altogether. Their mission is simply to provide a supportive environment with no religious affiliation, no membership dues or fees, and services open to all bereaved family members. Compassionate Friends is the impetus for this resolution.

I would like to salute in particular their Executive Director, Mrs. Pat Loder, a resident of Michigan's Eleventh Congressional District, my district. She has been a driving force behind National Children's Memorial Day, this year and in years past. I encourage you to visit the Compassionate Friends website at www.compassionatefriends.org and learn more about their organization.

On December 10, Compassionate Friends will hold their fourth annual worldwide candle lighting event. Starting in New Zealand, candles will be lit for one hour beginning at 7 pm local time, creating a 24-hour observance around the globe. This simple act goes a long way to offer peace of mind and soul and goes a long way to help those who have lost a child, a grandchild, a sibling or a friend, particularly during the December holiday season, when the loss is often the most difficult to bear.