

heard of the great accomplishments in fighting cancer during the past decade, and ACS has played a key role. Raising millions of dollars to research cancer treatments and cures are perhaps the most well known of its efforts. There is also the Society's important work to prevent cancer through education and other efforts.

Its assistance to those struggling with the disease is perhaps most closely felt. Cancer victims and their families turn to the American Cancer Society for support when the fight against cancer become all too personal. There are countless survivors who know what a difference the Society can make.

An effective, national organization, the American Cancer Society derives its greatest strength from its volunteers and activists across the nation. I wish to just highlight one of its many local groups, the Bay Area American Cancer Society in the southeast of Texas. Stretching from Friendswood, to Pearland, through Webster and Nassau Bay, the Baytown Chapter encompasses more than a dozen small towns. These diverse communities across the Clear Lake area of Texas join together in their fight against cancer.

The educational work of the Bay Area American Cancer Society doesn't stop in Clear Lake, or even in Texas. We hear their message even here in the nation's Capitol. Whether it is the call for critical federal research funds or to support coverage of routine patient care costs for Medicare beneficiaries with cancer, it is the local activists who alert me to the key issues in the fight against cancer.

I applaud their efforts, I applaud their accomplishment, and I join in their dream to end the disease of cancer that touches too many lives and families.

HONORING HELEN McDOWELL

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Helen McDowell, a nurse, a parent, and a pillar of her community. Her motto is: "Lots of talk and activity don't impress me; results are what really counts." I honor her today because she has an impressive history of achieving results and serving the needs of others.

Helen McDowell was born in Montclair, New Jersey, the daughter of the late George McDowell of Birmingham, Alabama and his wife, Mary, of Halifax, North Carolina. After living several years in New Jersey and Queens, New York, Helen McDowell moved with her mother and two brothers to Stuyvesant Avenue in Brooklyn, New York.

In her new home in Brooklyn, Helen attended the Holy Rosary School and Catherine McAuley High School. These distinguished institutions prepared her well for college, and she began her college career at St. John's University. After spending some time at St. John's, Ms. McDowell pursued a course of study at the Bellevue School of Nursing at New York University. Public Nursing was her forte, and her interest in it led her to continue her studies at Teachers College at Columbia University.

"Ms. Mac," as her friends know her, began an illustrious teaching career in San Fran-

cisco, California. Through her teaching position in San Francisco, she got the opportunity to travel to Africa, Haiti and the Eastern Caribbean with the United Nations' World Health Organization. As you can imagine, during her seventeen years away from her community in Brooklyn, Ms. Mac had the good fortune to combine her work, travel and, sometimes, play on several continents.

Ultimately, Ms. Mac returned to us in Brooklyn, reestablishing her roots in Bedford Stuyvesant. However, she continued to fulfill her commitment to lifelong learning, a cornerstone of her philosophy of life. So, at the age of 50, she enrolled in a graduate program in Business Administration, which she completed with distinction.

An early retirement enabled Ms. Mac to become deeply involved with non-profit organizations in her local community. She eventually established Marimac Services, Inc., a corporation that enabled her to invest in and assist others with tenant and building management services. Many local professional organizations benefited from her dedication, expertise and professionalism.

While she is too shy to admit her many talents, like her fluency in French, her family and friends know how remarkable she is. Whether she is spending her time overseeing building renovations, home repair or decorating, her energy and resources seem endless. Ms. Mac is more than worthy of receiving this honor, Mr. Speaker, and I hope that all of my colleagues will join me today in honoring this truly remarkable woman.

TRIBUTE TO COCHISE CASH

HON. MARTIN FROST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Cochise Cash. For many years now, Mr. Cash has been a leader in our Fort Worth community. He is a groundbreaking journalist, being one of the first African Americans to work as a television reporter in the Dallas/Fort Worth market. He has also given an enormous amount of his time to various charitable and community activities.

In recognition of his dedication to his fellow citizens, this past September Cochise Cash was elected as President of the prestigious Southside Optimist Club of Fort Worth. Mr. Cash is the first African American president in the club's history.

This is a high compliment to Cochise Cash and a fitting recognition of his many years of good work. Your family and friends must be proud of you. Mr. Cash, I'd like to thank you on behalf of all of my constituents, good luck in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF KALEIDOSCOPE 2000—THE 20TH ANNUAL NAPA VALLEY WINE AUCTION

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Napa Valley Vint-

ners Association's 20th Annual Napa Valley Wine Auction to be held on June 3, 2000 at Meadowood Resort in St. Helena, CA.

Since its inception in 1981, the Napa Valley Wine Auction has become the world's largest charity wine auction contributing more than \$20 million to local nonprofit organizations.

Last year, the auction raised over \$4 million, which was allocated to area health care providers, and youth and housing programs. Organizations that have benefited from these funds include Napa Women's Emergency Services, Hospice of Napa Valley, Planned Parenthood, the Boys and Girls Clubs of American Canyon, Napa Valley, and St. Helena, and Healthy Moms and Babies.

The auction weekend kicks off on Thursday, June 1st with the opening of the display auction lots at newly remodeled Silverado Vineyards with a trio of joint venture lots and concludes on Saturday, June 3rd with a family-style dinner on the Meadowood fairway.

The three-day event includes a tasting of foods prepared by dozens of Napa Valley restaurateurs and caterers as well as a Vintners black-tie dinner Gala.

This year's event features soul diva Patti LaBelle, who agreed to perform a 40-minute show after learning that last year's monies went to farm worker housing, youth at risk, and health care.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate that we acknowledge the 20th Napa Valley Wine Auction and the Napa Valley Vintners Association's efforts to improve the quality of life in our community.

IN CELEBRATION OF KANSAS CITY'S SESQUICENTENNIAL

HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Kansas City, Missouri's 150th Birthday. The sesquicentennial marks an era of growth and prosperity in the Midwest. John Calvin McCoy, the father of Kansas City, created a small trading town on the banks of the Missouri River. It was a link from the stunning East to the sprawling West. Truly in the Heart of America, this City was destined to become a great metropolitan area as it is today.

The innovation of bridges allowed travelers and goods to move through Kansas City to complement the Missouri River's movement of commerce. Soon railroads aided this cause and Kansas City flourished. It became a metropolis known for its stockyards and wheat. The 1900's brought growth.

The citizens of this distinguished and lovable city have seen the building of the Liberty Memorial, the only World War I monument dedicated by the five allied leaders; the development of the Country Club Plaza by J.C. Nichols, the first outdoor shopping venue now visited by travelers from all over the world for its elegance; the Pendergast era in which Kansas City's own political machine ruled for years; a Convention Center rebuilt from fire ruins in less than 90 days for the 1900 Democratic National Convention; and the birth of Kansas City Jazz which can still be heard throughout our country. We became a Major

League sports city supported by the Kansas City Royals Baseball team, the Kansas City Chiefs Football team, and the home to the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum. Unfortunately it is impossible to cover the entire expansive and rich history my City has displayed.

Kansas City is now the second largest rail hub. We are second only to Rome in fountains and have more miles of boulevards than Paris. Kansas City is first in greeting card publishing as the home to Hallmark Cards. We have more freeway miles per capita than any major metro area and are 25th in U.S. population. Kansas City is adored for its 24 public lakes and 200 public parks. We stand 1.6 million people strong in the metropolitan area.

We highlight our rich history through events and activities that enliven the culture of our community and celebrates its diversity and sense of unity. This year Kansas City was blessed with events such as "Arrivals and Departures—Union Station" a Kansas City symphony performance to highlight the importance and the memories shared at our newly renovated Union Station; Benjamin Ranch Celebration Picnic allowing our youth to experience the wild outdoors with horse rides, stagecoach and hayrides; the 18th and Vine Vintage Vine afternoon at the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum recreated the excitement of a Monarchs game; and finally the Kansas City Zoological Park brings our community 150 new animals. The grand finale will be held at Arrowhead Stadium where Walter Cronkite, Kenny Rogers, Little Richard, Oleta Adams, and the biggest fountain and pyrotechnic special effects show ever seen in the Midwest will swing us into the next incredible 150 years.

Throughout the 150 years of Kansas City we have been known for our hospitality, strong work ethic, fairness, and ability to develop a consensus. These attributes of our community are constantly enhanced by our citizens' commitment to continue to grow and expand upon these inherent traditions.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating the City of Kansas City's 150th Birthday.

IRANIAN JEWS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join several of my colleagues in condemning the actions of the Iranian government against 13 members of that nation's Jewish community. These Jews, arrested over a year ago, have been accused of spying for Israel. In Iran, a country where Jews enjoy virtually no freedoms and are under constant government scrutiny, one of the world's most effective intelligence organizations, Israel's Mossad, has allegedly chosen to use Jews to collect state secrets. Not only is this assertion preposterous, it is offensive. A shoe salesman, a candy store owner, and a 16-year-old boy, are being portrayed as agents of espionage.

Ten of the 13 have been imprisoned since their arrest last year. All have been brought before a court with no jury, in which the judge also serves as the prosecutor, to face accusations they have not heard, without the assistance of a lawyer or any contact with their fam-

ilies or friends. To add insult to injury, a Justice Ministry spokesman recently announced that "only one or two" of the 13 Jews were actually accused of espionage, the others were accused of the lesser crime of acting against national security. This after the Minister of Intelligence and Security said, in January, "if they are condemned to hang, they will be hanged." As if "one or two" deaths were any less despicable than 13.

This would not be the first time a show trial in Iran resulted in the deaths of members of the Jewish community there. Since the Islamic revolution in 1979, 17 Jews have been executed in Iran. I say it is time for this to stop. I ask those in Iran who represent fundamental Islamic faith to recall the centuries old Islamic tradition that protects strangers in Muslim lands. I call on those in Iran who represent reason and reform to intervene and prevent a brutal outcome to this trial. And I ask all Iranians to look at the changing world and recognize that by rejecting reconciliation with Jews, they are no longer on the fore of a unified Arab front, they are lonely outsiders who will never reap the benefits of the lasting partnerships being formed in the Middle East.

EVENT AT WEST END MEMORIAL SCHOOL

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, Who: 200 4th and 5th grade students from Woodbury Public Schools.

What: Will host Vice-president Lawrence Engel of the Battleship New Jersey Foundation.

When: May 24, 2000 at 1:30 PM.

Where: West End Memorial School, Woodbury, NJ.

Why: The fifth grade students from the three elementary schools engaged in a two month project of designing, making, and selling needlepoint bookmarks and stock certificates which resulted in raising \$1000.00 for the Battleship New Jersey Museum which is to be located in Camden, NJ. An assembly featuring Liberty, Uncle Sam, The Minuteman, Betsy Ross, and Franklin Delano Roosevelt will engage the students in the singing of patriotic songs, the presentation of the check to Col. Engel, and refreshments to celebrate their success.

Col. Engel will present the district with a print of the Battleship and certificates of participation to each of the three elementary schools. He will address the classes about the ship and its contributions to democracy, present a slide show, and bring a six-foot model of the ship with him. He will also comment on the significance of Memorial Day.

May 24 has been designated Red, White, and Blue Day at West End School in celebration of Memorial Day and the student's success.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE ILLINOIS PTA

HON. LANE EVANS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, today I honor the members of the Illinois PTA, and celebrate the 100th anniversary of this extraordinary organization. Tuesday, May 30, 2000, will mark 100 years of partnership between the dedicated parents and teachers from across the great state of Illinois.

The Illinois PTA is invested in improving the quality of education and opening the doors of opportunity for all students. From our largest cities to our smallest towns, the PTA is working to ensure that each student has the resources needed to succeed and is provided with a safe, healthy environment in which to flourish.

We must make a commitment to helping the members of the Illinois PTA and parents, teachers, and students from across the country, by providing them with the tools they need to do their jobs. We know that the greatest investment we can make in our youth is to provide them with a quality education. In this time of economic prosperity, we can afford to make a long overdue investment in public education. I hope you will join me in the effort to bring quality teachers, smaller class sizes, greater accountability, and modern schools to American communities. The time is now.

I commend the tireless efforts of the members of the Illinois PTA and express my deepest gratitude for their noble work. I wish them continued success in the years to come.

HONORING JUDGE VEL PHILLIPS

HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to honor Judge Vel Phillips, who was recognized on May 14, 2000, with an honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Vel Phillips has been my friend for many years and a friend to the people of Wisconsin for many years more. I first developed my admiration for Vel Phillips as a young paperboy, reading about her work in public office. I assumed two things about her: first, that she must be very important, and second, that she must be very old. I was obviously wrong about her age, because thirty years later, she is as active and vibrant a person as any I know. In fact, she's forever young.

The record of barriers she broke and accomplishments she attained is too long to list in full, but I am pleased to offer a few examples. Vel was the first African American woman to earn a law degree at the University of Wisconsin Law School. She was the first woman and the first African American elected to serve on Milwaukee's Common Council, and her incisive mind, great personal charm and deep sense of devotion to the needs of her constituents made her an effective and respected representative. After 16 years on the Council, Vel was appointed to Milwaukee