

Children, Teachers And Community," won the State historical research category. Lauren also won three special recognition awards and two historical groups would like to publish her paper in their official publications.

Lauren's outstanding accomplishments were undoubtedly guided by the leadership of her teacher, Mrs. Irene Sorensen. Irene is a past winner of the Richard Farrell Award from the National History Day as the 1996 Teacher of Merit.

Irene retired this month after 19 years of teaching at Home Street School and leading students to statewide and national recognition. The town of Bishop, and Home Street School are 200 miles from the closest university library or other academic research facility. Yet under Irene's direction, Home Street students have won at the State level and qualified for National History Day nine times during the 13 years of History Day competition. Clearly, the dedication of young students like Lauren, and the guidance of teachers like Irene Sorensen, make our public school system the finest in the world.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me and our colleagues in recognizing Lauren Pollini for her fine accomplishment. To say the least, her fine work is admired by all of us. I'd also like to commend Irene Sorensen for her fine leadership and her devotion to such remarkable educational standards, and wish her well in her new endeavors. Students like Lauren and instructors like Irene set a fine example for us all and it is only appropriate that the House pay tribute to them both today.

IN HONOR OF WISCONSIN STATE SENATOR GWEN MOORE, RECIPIENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHILD ADVOCATE'S ANNUAL LEADERSHIP IN GOVERNMENT AWARD

HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2000

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have this opportunity to honor Wisconsin State Senator Gwen Moore. She is a remarkable citizen, and I salute her for being recognized today as the recipient of the National Association of Child Advocate's [NACA] Annual Leadership in Government Award.

The NACA initiated this awards program nearly 5 years ago to recognize excellence in the field of child advocacy. The Leadership in Government Award is given to city, county or State government leaders who have demonstrated consistent leadership, creativity, and courage in their political arena speaking out for and securing legislation that has a positive impact on the lives of children.

There is no one more deserving of this award. Senator Moore has served in the Wisconsin Legislature since 1989, and she has distinguished herself in the field of child advocacy. She is considered to be one of the most vocal, powerful and respected advocates working to improve the lives of children in Wisconsin. She worked hard to negotiate changes to Wisconsin's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families [TANF] program in a highly partisan political environment. In addition, she has successfully obtained funds for community

health centers and nutritional outreach activities through the WIC program, the school breakfast program and child immunization efforts.

As government leaders, we all have a responsibility to act in the best interests of our children. Hubert Humphrey once said that, "the moral test of government is how that government treats those who are in the dawn of life, the children; those who are in the twilight of life, the elderly; and those who are in the shadows of life, the sick, the needy and the handicapped." Senator Moore is a shining example of what good government is all about, and we should all follow in her footsteps.

Again, I am pleased to have this opportunity today to honor Senator Gwen Moore. I am thankful that our community has been represented strongly through her leadership. And I know that she will continue to play an important role in our community for decades to come and that America will continue to benefit from her service, dedication and hard work.

HONORING MAESTRO RAFFI ARMENIAN

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2000

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Maestro Raffi Armenian on the occasion of his visit to Fresno, on April 15, 2000.

I want to welcome Maestro Raffi Armenian to the Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church, where he will conduct Verdi's "Il Trovatore", featuring Fresno's Edna Garabedian in the role of Azucina. The people of Fresno are happy to have the chance to see Maestro Raffi Armenian conduct.

Maestro Armenian's passion for the human voice has manifested itself with conduction appearances at such illustrious companies as the Canadian Opera Company in Toronto, the Michigan Opera Theater, L' Opera de Montreal, Opera Hamilton, and Opera Columbus.

While living and working in Canada, Maestro Armenian garnered numerous awards for his work including an Emmy Award for Menotti's "The Medium", a Juno nomination for a recording a Ravel and Schoenberg with Maureen Forrester and the Canadian Chamber Ensemble. Over the years he has composed some twenty-four albums.

Mr. Speaker, I want to honor Maestro Raffi Armenian, as he visits Fresno. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Maestro Raffi Armenian many more years of continued success.

HONORING CHARLES GALLAGHER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker it is with personal privilege and honor that I enter this tribute in acknowledgment of Charles Gallagher, a friend, a philanthropist and humanitarian.

On June 1, Mr. Gallagher was recognized by the Mizel Museum of Judaica as the recipi-

ent of the Community Cultural Enrichment Award. The award publicly notes Mr. Gallagher's commitment to education as well as his deep commitment to the State of Colorado, its people and its future.

I would note, Mr. Speaker, that Mr. Gallagher's wife Diane is a critical element of her husbands success and that she shares the commitment to Colorado and dedication to education.

Mr. Gallagher serves on the board of the Metropolitan Denver Area Chamber of Commerce, the Metro Denver Network Board of Governors, the University of Colorado at Denver Graduate School of Business Administration, the Metropolitan State College of Denver Foundation, the National Jewish Medical and Research Center, Denver Art Museum, Denver Area Council Boy Scouts of America, Colorado UpLIFT, The Denver Foundation, The Catholic Foundation for the Archdiocese of Denver, Irish Community Center, and Xavier University in Cincinnati. Mr. Gallagher is also a member of The Colorado Forum, Colorado Concern, and a Regent for Regis University. He and Diane have four married children and nine grandchildren.

The people of Colorado have every right to be proud of Mr. Gallagher and his family. On behalf of the people of Colorado, I thank the Gallagher's for their involvement.

CONGRATULATING THE STUDENTS AND STAFF OF CORAL SHORES HIGH SCHOOL

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2000

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the accomplishments of Coral Shores High School in Tavernier, Florida, congratulating the school for having been named a Service-Learning Leader School by the Corporation for National Service. This prestigious award recognizes the service-learning program that Coral Shores H.S. has integrated into its curriculum, a program that has promoted civic responsibility, strengthened community activism, and improved student performance since its inception.

This year, the Corporation for National Service has recognized 66 schools nationwide for promoting the benefits of service in the community. Community service cultivates generosity and gratitude in the lives of all parties involved—enlightening volunteers and providing those who receive help with a sense of hope. I firmly believe in the benefits of community service, and I am quite pleased to see that Coral Shores H.S. in Monroe County, Florida, is setting such a wonderful example for schools across the nation.

One of five Florida schools that were named a Service-Learning Leader School, 71 percent of the students at Coral Shores H.S. are involved in voluntary service programs. Integrating service-learning into a variety of courses including environmental science, English, history, art, and television production, students interested in virtually any area of study have had the unique opportunity to relate community service to their course work. With over 750 students currently enrolled at Coral Shores High School, this integrated experience has greatly benefitted the community

while enabling the school's students to master a particular subject through accompanying field work. The National Service-Learning Leader School Program will be instrumental in opening up the door for Coral Shores to assist other schools in the advancement of nationwide service. Over the course of the next two years, Coral Shores students and teachers will serve as mentors to other schools in the South Florida community. Through presentations and peer exchanges, the Coral Shores High School methodology that promotes a life of service will be shared with other schools. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Coral Shores High School for all of the wonderful work they are doing to benefit the community. I would like to thank the Monroe County School Board, the administrative team at Coral Shores High School, the teachers, and all of the school's students for their extraordinary efforts in bettering the South Florida community. Under the leadership of Principal Al Rother, Coral Shores High School has demonstrated that by starting with the individual we can make widespread change—change that will result in a nation dedicated to helping others.

SAN ANTONIO'S CITY PUBLIC SERVICE WINS COVETED EISENHOWER AWARD FOR SMALL BUSINESS

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2000

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, we all know the importance of small business to our economies and local communities. I am proud today to let my colleagues know that our municipally owned utility, City Public Service of San Antonio, TX (CPS), has put words into action in its efforts to increase small business participation. In recognition of these efforts, CPS this week is receiving the coveted Dwight D. Eisenhower Award for Excellence from the United States Small Business Administration. Competing against 2,500 utilities nationwide, CPS won this honor for its proven record of reaching out to and including small business in its contracting operation.

CPS has made the participation of small and historically disadvantaged businesses a central tenet of its operating policy. CPS conducted numerous seminars and individual interviews to explain the purchasing process and identify potential obstacles. By listening to the target audience—small, minority and women-owned businesses—CPS learned what was needed to make its outreach efforts most productive. Among other actions taken to increase subcontracting opportunities, CPS subdivided larger contracts into smaller ones, eliminated bonding, except in high risk areas, implemented longer contract terms in certain cases to allow small businesses the chance to amortize their capital costs, significantly reduced and sometimes eliminated insurance requirements, facilitated meetings with CPS personnel to foster communication, expanded the use of target businesses in professional contracting, lowered the subcontracting requirements for prime contractors to submit a plan for the use of small businesses from \$500,000 to \$100,000, and waived contract requirements on low-risk jobs under \$50,000.

CPS has been a leader in developing programs for small business. For example, in July 1998, CPS launched the first Mentoring/Protege year-long program for small, minority and women-owned businesses. The goal of this program is to enhance business skills for start-up businesses and to assist in the development of firms in operation from 4 to 7 years. In 1999, CPS joined with the city of San Antonio and other local governments to establish the South Central Texas Regional Certification Agency to centralize, and thereby simplify, the process for certification as a small, disadvantaged, or woman-owned business. CPS has also found success in its one-stop Supplier Diversity Program, which now has 3,800 certified vendors.

CPS works with local chambers of commerce to increase local and small business participation in contract bidding. Through educational programs and one-on-one meetings, the utility has been able to identify potential business partners. As a result, millions of dollars in contract awards have gone to businesses owned by women, Hispanics, and African-Americans.

The SBA's Eisenhower Award is a great tribute to the years of hard work by CPS leadership and its small business team. I welcome the CPS Chairman of the Board, Clayton Gay, and the Director of Purchasing, Contracts and Small Business Development, Fred Vallasenor, to Washington, and I congratulate CPS General Manager and CEO Jamie Rochelle for her leadership and vision. As you accept this award, I hope that it will be for you and the company an inspiration to continue your leadership in small and minority business contracting. You and all of CPS have made us proud.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF ROSELLA COLLAMER BAUMAN

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2000

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mrs. Rosella Collamer Bauman on her retirement from the Michigan Women's Studies Association. Rose has truly led a unique and inspiring life, and one which will leave an indelible mark on her community, and the entire state of Michigan.

Born in 1920 to Edna and Ward Smith, Rose's family moved around quite a bit during her childhood, sometimes more than once in the same year. Determined to graduate high school, she left home at 15 and worked for room and board. When she was 18, she met Max Collamer and the two were married when Rose was 18. The couple would have three children, Larry, Jerry, and Mary, in the next 10 years.

After raising their three children, which is no small feat in its own right, and at a time when "nontraditional" students were uncommon, Rose went back to school to further her education. She earned an associate degree from Delta College, a bachelor of arts degree at my alma mater, then called Saginaw Valley State College, and a master degree in English at Central Michigan University. Rose appreciated the value of her education and the hard work it took to achieve it, so she founded the

Chrysalis Center at Saginaw Valley to help women like herself have access to higher education. The center is thriving today, as Saginaw Valley State University awarded its first Chrysalis Scholarship to a student for this coming fall.

Rose continued to be a pioneer in the field of Women's Studies by being a founding member of the Michigan Women's Studies Association in 1973, and, in 1979, the association began the development of the Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame to honor the achievement of Michigan women. And today, on the occasion of her retirement, I am proud to honor her years of service on the center's board and as editor of the newsletter.

Mr. Speaker, I could go on about Rose's service to the community, her impressive leadership in advancing women's studies, her career as an educator (with which I have had the honor of having firsthand experience), or her unparalleled commitment and dedication to her family. But I wanted to wish her well and hope that the days ahead are filled with all the good fruits of a well deserved retirement. I know that she will spend even more time with her second husband, William Bauman, and her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Rose Collamer Bauman has lived a truly incredible life, and serves as a role model and an inspiration to everyone who has ever met her.

IN HONOR OF ALICE McGRATH

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2000

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Alice McGrath, whose six decades of devotion to disadvantaged and oppressed people here and abroad will be recognized this weekend at the Interface Children Family Services' Tribute Dinner, in my district.

Alice McGrath's life and efforts on behalf of others have been memorialized in a play, documentary film, and two books. She began her life of humanitarianism in the early 1940s as Executive Secretary of the Sleepy Lagoon Defense Committee. The committee was formed to protect the rights of a group of young Mexican-Americans who were falsely convicted of murder.

Her efforts on their behalf were depicted in the well-known play *Zoot Suit*, and the documentary about her, *From Sleepy Lagoon to Zoot Suit*.

Since 1984, Alice McGrath has organized and led delegations of United States citizens to observe conditions in Nicaragua and to facilitate academic research in its political processes. In 1990, she began to deliver donated pharmaceuticals to the children's hospital in Managua. Alice McGrath has made more than 80 trips to Nicaragua.

At home, Alice McGrath developed and managed the Pro Bono Program of the Ventura County Bar Association and coordinated volunteer services at the Ventura County Superior Court.

Not surprisingly, Alice McGrath has received numerous honors for her work on behalf of others, including the Woman of Distinction Award from Soroptimist International of the