

service. They open their doors to assist those brave Americans that have served our country and instill a warm sense of pride in our nation that these men and women fought so hard to defend.

In honor of Flag Day, I rise to extend my appreciation to thank all the brave veterans, and the men and women in our Armed Forces for serving and protecting our nation from assaults on our freedoms and liberties. Because of your tireless efforts, this truly is the land of the free and the home of the brave, and I am honored that we can share and enjoy the peace and prosperity of this great nation.

TRIBUTE TO CHESSEY BAUGHMAN POWELL

HON. FLOYD SPENCE

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 13, 2001

Mr. SPENCE. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, April 30th, Chessye Baughman Powell retired from the United States House of Representatives, after thirty-four (34) years of devoted service. Chessye began her service to the people of the Second Congressional District of South Carolina in the Orangeburg Office of my predecessor, Congressman Albert Watson, on March 11, 1967. When I became a Member of Congress, in January 1971, I was glad that Chessye wanted to continue to assist the constituents who were being served through my Orangeburg Office.

From 1967 to 2001, Chessye dedicated herself to the various needs of the constituents of the Second Congressional District, as well as to those of persons from throughout our State. Chessye mastered the bureaucracy of the Federal Government and she was very adept at contacting the appropriate officials to address the many situations that were presented to her. Also, I was always proud of her representation of me at meetings and events in the Second Congressional District. In a 1997 profile in the (Orangeburg) TIMES AND DEMOCRAT, Chessye reflected on her career and the changes that have taken place over the more than thirty (30) years that she has served the citizens of the Second Congressional District. Chessye noted that, during her career, the UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MANUAL has become "probably ten (10) times the size that it was twenty-five (25) years ago." Chessye also observed that she has been guided by the motto: "When duty calls, you have to rise to the occasion." Chessye has always risen to the occasion, whatever the circumstances have been.

Chessye attended Newberry College, in South Carolina, and she began working for the (South Carolina) State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) at the time that it was being developed by Chief J.P. "Pete" Strom. Chessye later was employed by SCM, an industry in Orangeburg, South Carolina, where she met her husband, Roy. Chessye and Roy have a son, Greg, who is a health care executive in Atlanta, and a daughter, Allyn, who is a graduate student at the College of William and Mary. In 1990, Chessye became a District Administrator on my staff, based in my Orangeburg Office.

Chessye has dedicated thirty-four (34) years of her life to helping others. She can be justifi-

ably proud of her many accomplishments, and I am pleased to join her many friends in wishing her much happiness in her future endeavors.

B'NAI B'RITH INTERNATIONAL
HONORS DAN S. WILFORD

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 13, 2001

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true leader in the field of health care, Mr. Dan S. Wilford. On Monday, June 18, 2001, Mr. Wilford will be recognized by B'nai B'rith International for his leadership and commitment to the public in the field of health care.

For the past 17 years Mr. Wilford has served as the President of Memorial Hermann Health Care System and its nine subsidiary corporations. He also serves as the Chief Executive Officer of a community-based, non-profit hospital system, comprised of thirteen hospitals in the greater Houston area and two hospitals in Beaumont and Orange, Texas. The system also includes an outpatient center, two nursing homes, and a retirement community. Mr. Wilford's involvement in these organizations has set him apart as a leader and an activist in the health care community.

Dan Wilford is involved in many different professional organizations. He is active in the Texas Hospital Association, American Hospital Association, and serves on the Board of Directors of the Voluntary Hospitals of America, the Hospital Research and Development Institute, the United Way of Texas Gulf Coast, and the Greater Houston Partnership.

As a member of the University of Mississippi's class of 1962, he was inducted into the University's Alumni Hall of Fame in 1995. In 1966, Mr. Wilford received a Masters Degree in Hospital Administration from Washington University, in St. Louis, Missouri, and later was awarded the University's Distinguished Alumnus Award. He has countless recognition for his devotion to the health care industry, but the award he receives tonight truly stands out.

B'nai B'rith International's National Health Care Award is given to a health care professional who embodies their commitment to making our communities a better place to live. Through his community involvement and multiple leadership roles Mr. Dan Wilford exemplifies the goals B'nai B'rith sets to achieve. Mr. Wilford's sense of community activism helps to make the city of Houston a better place to live and I am proud to join B'nai B'rith in recognizing him for all that he has done.

TRIBUTE TO MS. JOYCE M. HAYES

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 13, 2001

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, as a former teacher, I am happy to rise before you today to recognize Ms. Joyce M. Hayes, who is retiring from Flint Community Schools after 33 great years of teaching.

Armed with a desire to teach, Joyce Hayes began her college career in Marshall, TX, where she graduated in 1967 from Wiley College with a Bachelors Degree in English and a minor in History. In 1968, she worked as an English teacher at Terrance Manor Middle School in Augusta, GA. Later she moved to Flint, where she began teaching Adult Education courses at C.S. Mott Adult High School and Beecher Community High School. She later became an English and Speech teacher at Jordan College in Flint, and at Longfellow Middle School, also in Flint.

In 1981, Joyce began a term with Flint Northern High School, one that has lasted to this day. In addition to English, Joyce taught World, American, and Modern Literature, Mythology, Grammar and Composition, and Successful Writing and Reading to hundreds of students from ninth to twelfth grades. She also served as the Instructor for the school's Honors/Gifted Student Program, Class Advisor, and Student Council Advisor. In 1992, Joyce became English Department Head, a position she has also held to this day. The same year, Joyce successfully completed her Masters Degree in Education from Eastern Michigan University. Two years later, she completed another degree from Eastern Michigan, this time a Masters in Guidance and Counseling.

For many years, Joyce has been dedicated toward working to improve our schools, not just in Flint, but also throughout the state and the nation. She is a member of the Michigan Education Association, National Education Association, and the National Council of Teachers of English, among many other groups. She has been an important part of many citywide and statewide committees designed to further educational and emotional growth among our students. Joyce has been recognized for her efforts by inclusions in Who's Who Among High School Teachers, American Educators, and American Women, and was recently chosen as the 2001 Saginaw Valley Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Speaker, Joyce Hayes is a tremendously respected individual. Many of her students, past and present, have greatly benefited from her insight, as has the entire Flint community over the course of the last 33 years. She has always been a fighter for education, for she believes that a strong educational background is the basis toward improving the quality of life, I ask my colleagues to please join me in congratulating her on her retirement, and wishing her the very best in her future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO THE CARPENTERS
LOCAL UNION NO. 845

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 13, 2001

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Carpenters Local Union No. 845 in Delaware County. Founded a century ago, three Local Unions from Pennsylvania united to form the Delaware County District Council. Over the next 75 years, Local Union No. 845 evolved to become the largest of the three locals in Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

Carpenters Local Union No. 845 has established itself as one of the most distinguished

organizations of its kind. The members of this organization, and their families, have made innumerable sacrifices in order to help future generations of Americans. Furthermore, many of the members of Local 845 have served in the armed forces for our great nation. These individuals have demonstrated impeccable American values, and have participated in countless works of charity. The Union has stood as the backbone of thousands upon thousands of its members by providing decent wages, and a better standard of living for themselves and their loved ones.

Mr. Speaker, as a carpenter myself, I know that Local No. 845 has benefitted the Philadelphia community, and will continue to do so for years to come. On its 100th anniversary, members of the Local 845 are leading through example by hard work and dedication. They have been the pioneers for the working class, and will continue to make new advancements and achievements through their endurance, commitment, and leadership.

TRIBUTE TO BOB AND GAY
SMITHER

HON. NICK LAMPSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 13, 2001

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate my constituents, Bob and Gay Smither, on receiving the Texas Young Lawyers Association Liberty Bell Award on behalf of their work with the Laura Recovery Center Foundation. I couldn't think of two more worthy people to receive this award.

I met the Smithers just over four years ago, after the disappearance of their daughter, Laura Kate. Sadly, Laura's body was recovered a couple of weeks later. The Smithers chose to turn this terrible tragedy into something positive, the founding of the Laura Recovery Center. It is because of Laura and her parents' inspiration, that I founded the Congressional Caucus on Missing and Exploited Children.

Through this harrowing experience, we have learned of thousands of families who suffer this same tragedy every year in this nation. Bob and Gay have dedicated their lives to protecting our children and keeping our families safe. So many in their community worked so hard to bring Laura home that I can't imagine a stronger outpouring of love and support by a community.

The Smithers have told me that they intend to accept it on behalf of all of their volunteers. This is just one more indication of their commitment to their community and their selflessness—they choose to share this honor rather than accept it only on behalf of themselves.

The Foundation has recently received Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education certification for their training program on rapid response to child abduction and have been invited to present monthly training courses at the Houston Police Academy and Galveston County Sheriff's Department.

I am honored to call Bob and Gay Smither my constituents, and am honored that they have been selected to receive the Liberty Bell Award.

HONORING CENTRAL
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 13, 2001

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 150th Anniversary of "The First German Evangelical Lutheran Church," presently known as Central Congregational Church, located at 1311 Holman, Houston, Texas. In 1851, Pastor Casper Braun arrived in Houston to help German speaking settlers transition to their new home. He was responsible for founding the congregation in September of 1851.

Over the years, the church has built three permanent facilities; a white wooden colonial style structure, a red brick building with a Gothic style white sandstone trim, and its most recent structure, built in 1927, a tan brick with red terra cotta roof directly from northern Italy. The church currently houses the Houston chapter of Habitat for Humanity and the Houston Graduate School of Theology, and is also responsible for financing five new Lutheran churches in the Houston area.

The 87 members of the Central Congregational Church, under the leadership of Pastor Dr. W. Clark Chamberlain have been involved in many community outreach programs in hopes of attracting new parishioners. Since 1975, Central Congregational Church has participated in the Christian Community Services Center of Houston. This service organization is an interfaith alliance of more than three dozen congregations, who work together for betterment of the community. The alliance provides job training, job placement, emergency relief, clothes, back-to-school programs, a thrift shop, day care services, and delivers meals to senior citizens who are shut in. Currently, the church prepares more than 100 meals a day for home-bound individuals.

Mr. Speaker, the Central Congregational Church has a long history of faithful service to the Houston area. The tireless efforts of the leaders and parishioners at Central Congregational Church has made them a shining example for other community groups to emulate. I applaud the parish and its members for their commitment to the community and wish them success in the forthcoming years.

TRIBUTE TO MARCEL GROEN

HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 13, 2001

Mr. HOFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Marcel Groen of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Marcel has been awarded the first Mark E. Goldberg Memorial Award which recognizes individuals for their commitment to Jewish culture and civic life and also for participating in the Israel Bonds Program. The Mark E. Goldberg Memorial Award was established in memory of Mark E. Goldberg and his strong devotion to the Jewish community.

Marcel is a founding partner in the law firm of Groen, Laveson, Goldberg & Rubenstone in Bensalem, Pennsylvania. He is extremely active in his community as a former chairman of

the Bucks County International Trade Council, a board member of the Bucks County Male Teen Conference, and he was former counsel to the Lower Bucks County Chamber of Commerce. Marcel has served as a special counsel to numerous municipalities and their agencies.

Marcel has long been an active supporter of the Democratic party. He is the Chairman of the Montgomery County Democratic Committee and is a member of the Pennsylvania Democratic State Committee. He was also the former Finance Chairman of the Bucks County Democratic Committee.

Marcel has dedicated much time and efforts to Jewish causes. He is an officer of the board of Beth Shalom Congregation, served as past-president of the Philadelphia ORT and the Bucks County Jewish National Fund, and a former vice president and board member of the Philadelphia Solomon Schechter Day School.

Marcel and his wife Bernice are the proud parents of four children: Marlon, Jennifer, Rachel, and Justin. Their family also includes son-in-law Ami Dolev and future son-in-law, Elad Yagur.

Marcel is my close friend. He is a good man committed to public service and civic leadership. I am pleased to congratulate Marcel for this distinguished award.

THE SAVINGS FOR WORKING
FAMILIES ACT

HON. JOSEPH R. PITTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 13, 2001

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, the last decade has seen some of the greatest prosperity in American history. This has provided new opportunities not only for the savvy Wall Street investor, but also for those who are gainfully employed for the first time. And while some economic indicators are down a bit, we still have a great opportunity to help those who once had few opportunities. We have the chance to help them find new ways to gain a permanent foothold in the financial mainstream.

Today, Congressman Charlie Stenholm and 33 other bipartisan cosponsors are joining me to re-introduce The Savings For Working Families Act. This legislation will provide tax credits to banks providing matching funds for Individual Development Account (IDA) savings. IDAs are savings accounts that may be used for education, housing, or to start a small business.

IDAs are a proven success in my home state of Pennsylvania. For example, Jacqui Fulton, a 66-year-old woman from Philadelphia told the Philadelphia Daily News recently that when she used to get depressed about her circumstances, she would raid the cookie jar where she kept her money and go buy herself a manicure. It made her feel better for a short time. But now, she goes to the bank every week and deposits another twenty dollars into her IDA account. She now says that she "almost skips to the bank"—it makes her feels so good. Jacqui started saving in her IDA account in July of 1997. She saved over 12 hundred dollars and received her saving match of six hundred dollars in August of 1999. She