

women for their past and present accomplishments. Last Memorial Day, Miss Stevens was given the crown and title of "Miss Michigan American Coed 2001." She was judged on poise, appearance, and presentation during interviews and an evening gown competition.

Miss Stevens, a 2000 graduate from Troy High School, will now compete in the National Miss American Coed Pageant. Nationwide, State winners and State pageant finalists will be competing in the 18th annual national scholarship competition to be crowned "Miss American Coed for 2002."

Mr. Speaker, there is no doubt Miss Stevens will make Michigan proud by representing her home State. I congratulate Reneé and wish her continued success in all her future endeavors.

HONORING THOMAS J. SULLIVAN

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2001

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to pay tribute to an extraordinary citizen of California's Central Coast, Tom Sullivan. Because of his longtime dedication to the United Way, the organization honored him on November 9, 2001, in San Luis Obispo, CA.

Although Mr. Sullivan has been with the San Luis Obispo chapter of the United Way since 1988, he has served the United Way for over half a century, beginning in 1950 when he was living in Texas. Countless communities throughout the United States have benefited from Mr. Sullivan's dedication as a volunteer, and he recently received a lifetime appointment as the Director Emeritus of the Board of Directors.

In addition to the United Way, Mr. Sullivan has been a board member for numerous other organizations, including the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, the San Luis Obispo County Latino Outreach Council, the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Advisory Council, and the San Luis Obispo International Film Festival. He is also a member of the Cuesta College Cultural Diversity Committee, a member of the Community Advisory Group of the Grizzly Academy-CA National Guard, a member of the County of San Luis Obispo Economic Advisory Committee, a Director of the San Luis Obispo County Economic Vitality Corporation, and a Regent of the Newman Catholic Center. And I'm sure that, if possible, this list will only continue to grow until every last San Luis Obispo County organization has benefited in some way from Mr. Sullivan's remarkable community dedication.

Tom Sullivan is a truly extraordinary individual, and I am so proud to represent a citizen of his caliber. He has been a tremendous asset to his community, and I wish him the best of luck in his new position with the United Way. He has truly earned it, and will be an irreplaceable asset to the board.

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL SCHOOL
RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE

HON. LARRY COMBEST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2001

Mr. COMBEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend All Saints Episcopal School from my home town in Lubbock, TX, for their outstanding efforts to help those who were affected by the tragic events of September 11. Due to heightened security issues in Washington, DC, 25 students from All Saints were forced to cancel their school trip to our Nation's capital. Nonetheless, on September 24, 2001, the All Saints Episcopal school chapel held a service and donated the offering to the New York City Relief Fund. All Saints Episcopal was able to make a donation of nearly \$8,000 to the victims' families through the American Red Cross.

This U.S.A. Blue Ribbon School of Excellence is also participating in an ongoing endeavor to raise money for the Afghan Children's Relief fund. More than 10 million children in Afghanistan suffer from the effects of Taliban repressive policies. Over the past 20 years Afghan children and their families have faced war, earthquakes, drought, and poverty. Now, many of them live in refugee camps where there is not enough food and water, or warm blankets to protect them from the cold winds of the brutal Afghan winter. The students' donation to the American Fund for Afghan Children will help feed and shelter children living in this cruel environment.

The students' motivation set an inspirational path which should encourage Americans to continue this humanitarian effort. It is with great pride that I recognize All Saints Episcopal School for their tremendous accomplishments and dedication to the United States.

HONORING MOVSES JANBAZIAN

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Movses B. Janbazian for his prominent leadership in the nation's Armenian community. Reverend Janbazian died in his office on October 25, 2000, of a massive heart attack.

Janbazian was the executive director of the Armenian Missionary Association of America, a 30,000 member group that provides relief and missionary service around the world. Janbazian, a native of Anjar, Lebanon, had headed the group since 1987.

Mr. Janbazian was also an ordained pastor and served on the board of trustees at Haigazian University in Lebanon. His work was always done with the best interests of the Armenian community in mind.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Movses B. Janbazian for his life-long dedication to the nation's Armenian community. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of Movses B. Janbazian.

TRIBUTE TO LONG BRANCH ELKS
LODGE 742

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2001

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I call attention to the chair and my colleagues, a distinguished group of residents from the 6th district of New Jersey. Long Branch Lodge 742 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will celebrate its 100th anniversary on December 8, 2001.

The Elks Lodge has occupied the same small building on Garfield Street in Long Branch since its founding in 1901. The lodge has served the community of Long Branch and hosted gala fairs and many important events in Long Branch's history.

Lodge 742, known as "the lodge by the sea" has served the elite lodge of south central New Jersey since its inception.

Lodge 742 has the distinction of being the lodge to host the first ever reunion of the New Jersey State Elks Association in June 1914. It has hosted a total of over 10,000 participants in events over the past 100 years.

The lodge is much more than a building, more than just a group for historical curiosity, and more than just an address on Garfield Street. The lodge is a representation of the people of Long Branch, its history, society, and longevity. The lodge has had 742 members over its history and has contributed so much to the grandeur and excitement of the city of Long Branch.

Now entering its second century of "Elkdom", I would like to congratulate the Long Branch Elks Lodge, its 372 current members, its city and its people on this momentous occasion.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2001

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, had I been present on Tuesday, November 6, 2001, the record would reflect that I would have voted:

On Roll 426, H.R. 768, On Motion to Suspend the Rule and Agree to Senate Amendments, Need-Based Educational Aid Act, "yea."

On Roll 427, H.R. 1408, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, Financial Services Antifraud Network Act, "yea."

On Roll 428, S. 1447, On Motion to Instruct Conferees, Aviation Security Act, "yea."

Had I been present on Wednesday, November 7, 2001, the record would reflect that I would have voted:

On Roll 429, H.R. 2998, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, Radio Free Afghanistan Act, "yea."

On Roll 430, H.R. 852, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, Nathaniel R. Jones and Frank J. Battisti Federal Building and United States Courthouse Act, "yea."

On Roll 431, H.R. 3167, Gerald B.H. Solomon Freedom Consolidation Act, "yea."

On Roll 432, H. Con. Res. 262, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, Negotiations to Be Held at Doha, Qatar, "yea."

I was unable to return to Congress on November 6th and 7th due to pressing matters in my district.

TRIBUTE TO BARBARA
YAROSLAVSKY

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2001

Mr. BERMAN and Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, we are honored to pay tribute to our good friend of many years, Barbara Yaroslavsky. Barbara is being presented the prestigious Tzedek (Justice) Award on December 2, 2001 by the Labor Zionist Alliance in Los Angeles. We cannot think of a more deserving recipient of this award.

Barbara has a long and remarkable history of philanthropy, community service and as a strong voice for education and health care rights. When Barbara volunteers to sit on a board or task force, she doesn't just show up. She actively participates and often finds herself leading the group, always compassionately and wisely.

Barbara has served for the last six years on the Mayor's Task Force on Volunteerism. Last year she also worked as a consultant on several successful educational projects for the Host Committee, which brought the Democratic Convention to Los Angeles.

Barbara is a fierce advocate for education and has served as vice president for the Bureau of Jewish Education. Barbara also serves on the board of LA's Best, a nationally recognized organization for after school programs in 101 schools throughout Los Angeles. She is a member of the task force of Koreh L.A., the literacy program of the Jewish Community Relations Committee (JCRC). She is active on the Undergraduate Student Scholarship Committee at the University of California at San Diego. She is committed to bringing every child a stimulating, challenging, and quality education.

Barbara is equally committed to access to health care, which she believes is a right, not a privilege. She is an active member of the Friends of the LA Free Clinic and co-chairs its president's council. The Los Angeles Free Clinic is a vital asset within Los Angeles' health care system, serving over 50,000 clients. Barbara has seen to it that the clinic maintain its strong presence in the community in this uncertain time of health care availability.

The Tzedek Award honors Barbara for her legacy of community service and her passionate work on behalf of the Jewish community. Barbara chairs the Jewish Public Affairs Committee of California and recently led an important mission to Sacramento to meet with elected officials on legislative issues including charitable choice, gun control and affordable housing. She is also a member of the administrative committee of the Jewish Labor Committee and participates in the Latino Jewish dialogue.

We are honored to call Barbara Yaroslavsky our friend, and we ask our colleagues to join us in recognizing her distinguished record of accomplishments.

IN HONOR OF AMERICAN
VETERANS

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2001

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the veterans of this great land. In 1918, on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day in the eleventh month, the world rejoiced and celebrated. After four years of bitter war, an armistice was signed. The "war to end all wars" was over. A year later, Armistice Day was declared in the United States, to remember the sacrifices that men and women made in order to ensure a lasting peace. Later this holiday was renamed Veterans' Day, and while it has traditionally been a day of parades and speeches by politicians, this year it means much more than that. This day is America's chance to thank those who have protected them, even when the threat against the homeland was not so clearly defined. This day is America's chance to honor those who lost their lives in service to our nation. This day is America's chance to unite behind the men and women who are now wearing the uniform that generations of heroes wore before them.

As our nation's 1.3 million active servicemembers fight this war, let us not forget that thousands of our nation's veterans are dying each day. Congress has made some great strides on behalf of our veterans this year. Since January, the House has passed legislation that will benefit the 2.3 million disabled veterans or survivors of disabled veterans, increasing their benefits by \$2.7 billion. We have expanded the available hours of the VA's toll free information service. We have expanded health and life insurance coverage for surviving dependants of veterans, and we have provided \$550 million over the next two years to repair and renovate VA medical facilities. Finally, we have increased GI Bill educational benefits to qualifying servicemembers by 70%.

We are on the right track, but we need to keep pressing forward. We need to make a real effort to make progress on remaining issues. Implementing concurrent receipt, making further improvements on military retiree health care, cutting the red tape for veterans claims. Our veterans sacrificed their lives and liberties. We should make every effort to show our gratitude by taking action on the issues that concern them. I appreciate all the hard work of our leadership and our Veterans Affairs Committee members, and encourage my colleagues to join in this important effort.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFELONG
DEDICATION TO CHILDREN OF
ANI "MICHELLE" TWITCHELL

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2001

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of one of my constituents, Ani "Michelle" Twitchell, who has used her life experience to impact the lives of numerous young people. In fact, it is safe to say that she has dedicated her own life to the improvement of all young lives.

Ms. Twitchell has recently composed a book, in which she assumes a necessary task in these troubling times. Her book, titled "What Happening," addresses the questions pre-school age children may be asking their parents and teachers in the face of the Nation's crisis. A press release reads, "[Twitchell] mentally imagines herself in the classroom telling stories about police sirens, fire engines and ambulances to her young pre-schoolers and answering their questions." Far from opportunities, the book's theme represents a profound love for children and a desire to inspire strength in the midst of confusion.

I am hardly surprised that Ms. Twitchell has taken on such a task. As I stated, her life's path has led her to an unmatched level of dedication to children's education. She grew up in Princess Town, Trinidad and Tobago, in a family of six children, where she was consistently called upon to act as a parent. At the age of 20, she was widowed with a five month old son. Seeking a better life for herself and her child, she came to this country wishing to raise all children as healthy and strong individuals.

At present, her story finds her as a teacher and Health and Safety Coordinator for the Kindercare facility in Germantown, Maryland, with three beautiful sons, aged five and seven and eighteen. She has long dreamed of establishing a boarding school for abandoned children. Perhaps her book will serve as a stepping stone to the realization of this dream.

War and terrorism are more than evils to be fought with intelligence and weapons. They are frightening strangers in the minds of young children, which we have disburbingly little ability to explain in terms familiar to pre-schoolers. Neither public condemnation nor news coverage provide meaning for our young. While we are all affected in these times of terror, only our children lack the life experience to help them through their fear.

I am proud of Ms. Twitchell, I am thankful for her words, and I believe we are all blessed by the love in her heart. Please join me in thanking Ms. Ani "Michelle" Twitchell for her unmatched contribution to our children's wellbeing.

GOVERNMENT GUARANTEE OF
GINNIE MAE AND FREDDIE MAC

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2001

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, as the Vice Chairman of the Capital Markets Subcommittee of the Financial Services, I wanted to join in the concern expressed by the Subcommittee Chairman RICHARD BAKER about a proposal to expand the government guarantee provided by Ginnie Mae (the Government National Mortgage Association) into the conventional mortgage market.

Last week H.R. 3206, "The Home Ownership Expansion and Opportunities Act of 2001," was introduced in the House of Representatives. While I strongly support the spirit and intent of this proposal, I am deeply concerned that the unintended consequence of the bill will be to make the American Taxpayer liable for unnecessary risk in the event of an economic downturn.