

Established in 1941, Local 889 was the first office and clerical amalgamated local in the United Auto Workers. Located in the city of Warren since 1957, the offices of Local 889 have spanned from Mound Road to Dequindre Road, and decades later, with hard work, sacrifice and dedication, Local 889 continues to provide a center of solidarity and activism for the entire community.

With 1,600 active members and more than 2,300 retired workers, Local 889's expansive membership includes Daimler Chrysler office and clerical workers of all Chrysler plants in the metropolitan area, units at Delta Dental, Detroit Marriott, Detroit Medical Center, as well as Union Friendly Systems, Washington Township, M.C.C.S.E. Family Court, Juvenile Court, Specialized Offices, and Animal Control of Macomb County. With Local 889 International Representatives serving at the International Union and Region I of the U.A.W., the loyalty and outstanding leadership members have truly brought this organization to new heights.

Active with many organizations, Local 889 has worked hard through the years to reach out to its surrounding community with Community Action Programs, the Women's Committee, and so many recreational activities for all ages. With its Educational Session, Civil Rights, and Leadership Development programs, Local 889 has proven its commitment to promoting civic education and service for its entire community. Additionally, Local 889 has truly led the way in press and publication, as award winners from the Labor Union Press Association for quarterly issues of the Local 889 White Collar Newspaper as well as winners of 13 Marshall Recipient Awards since 1994 from the joint Chrysler-UAW National Training Center.

Although history and time have changed the Local, the spirit of Local 889 has remained strong. I would like to personally congratulate Local 889 on their 60th Anniversary, and I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing them on this landmark occasion.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CAPTAIN JEROME BALIUKAS

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2001

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Captain Jerome Baliukas for his untiring service to the United States Naval Reserve. On 8 December 2001, he will end a successful two year tour as Commanding Officer of the Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center (NSAWC 0194) at Naval Air Station (NAS) Fallon, Nevada.

Captain Baliukas was born 31 March 1952 in Miami Beach, Florida. He attended Florida International University and the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Florida where he graduated in 1974 with a Bachelor Degree in Forensic Science and a degree in Criminal Juris Prudence. He reported to Pensacola, Florida for Aviation Officer Candidate School and was commissioned an Ensign in June of 1975. Captain Baliukas was designated a Naval Aviator in Beeville, Texas in July 1976.

Orders followed to F-4 transition training at VF-121 in NAS Miramar, California. He then

reported for Fleet Operational Training with Fighter Squadron One Fifty Four (VF-154), as a "Black Knight." He was then designated for Landing Signal Officer Training and completed LSO School in Pensacola, Florida. In addition, he held the positions of Power Plants Branch Officer, Aircraft Division Officer, Assistant Safety Officer, and Assistant Operations Officer, in addition to completing Naval Fighter Weapons School.

Following his fleet tour, Captain Baliukas was assigned to Fighter Squadron One Hundred Twenty-One Fleet Replacement Training Squadron as an F-4 instructor and Training Landing Signal Officer. In addition, he was designated to head the Tactics Training Department and the Weapons Training Department. While attached to VF-121 he was also assigned to the Aircraft Acceptance and Carrier Suitability of the F-4S, where he assisted in the fleet transition from F-4J/N to F-4S while delivering 26 fleet ready aircraft to NAF Atsugi, Japan. Captain Baliukas was then assigned to Fighter Squadron One Hundred Twenty-Four for F-14 transition and assignment as an instructor and Training Landing Signal Officer. He then rotated back to the fleet as a Airwing Landing Signal Officer with Carrier Airwing Two at NAS Miramar where he made two more additional Westpac Tours.

Captain Baliukas affiliated with VF-302 in 1984, as a "Stallion." He held numerous positions of responsibility including Department Head tours as Maintenance and Operations Officer. He served as the Squadron Executive Officer from 1991 to 1993. After the disestablishment of Carrier Air Wing Thirty, he was selected to become the Executive Officer and Commanding Officer of the "Hunters" of VF-201 at NAS Dallas and NAS Ft. Worth, Texas from 1994 to 1997. In 1997 Captain Baliukas was selected to join the staff of NSAWC 0287 as a Tactics Instructor and Evaluator. He became Executive Officer of the NSAWC unit in October 1999. During his career, he has accumulated over 3,700 flight hours in tactical jet aircraft and has completed over 680 day and night aircraft carrier landings.

Captain Baliukas is a captain and flight instructor for American Airlines and currently flies the Boeing B737-800 series aircraft. He and his wife Kelley reside in Yuma, Arizona.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Captain Baliukas for his dedicated service to the United States Naval Reserves and sincerely wish him well in his future naval career.

CHESANING HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2001

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Chesaning High School Varsity Football Team, who recently won the 2001 Michigan Division 4 state title. In their heart-stopping championship game played at the Silverdome, located in Pontiac, Michigan, the Chesaning Indians defeated the Orchard Lake St. Mary's Eaglets 14-7 in overtime.

Led by Head Coach Jim Szappan and Assistant Coaches Steve Tithof, Dan Yates, Scott Menard, Gary Gerken, Mike McGough, and Joe Bogar, members of the 2001

Chesaning Indians include: Jacob Smith (1), Steve Korf (2), Tyler Alden (3), Justin Schneider (5), AJ Guerrero (6), Matt Breier (7), Jason Strachota (8), Tracey Baryo (9), Chris Anderson (11), Matt Ferry (12), Brent Bassham (17), Jacob Righi (20), Gordon McKinnon (22), Mark Jungerheld (24), Craig Welsenberger (32), Chris Barancik (33), Jason Lentz (40), Paul Tithof (41), Jason Croucher (42), Andrew Hasse (50), Joshua Gosselin (52), Brent Conklin (53), D. Shawn Plonsky (54), Jarod Hughes (55), Dan Reed (56), Juanito Escamilla (57), Jonathan Bishop (58), Nicholas D. Weigold (59), Jacob Devereaux (61), Adam Orth (62), Jacob Henige (63), Scott Schneider (68), Randy Coole (70), Justin Maxa (71), R. Michael Adelberg (75), Brandon Brainerd (80), Blake Cottrill (84), and Dennis Winkelman (99).

The dedication that these players put forth throughout the entire season is one of which the entire district can be proud. Their victory not only brought the team together in great spirit, but their family, friends, and community as well.

Once again, on behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Michigan, I would like to congratulate the coaches and members of the Chesaning High School Varsity Team on their achievement. I wish them the best in their future football seasons.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2299, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2001

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my most sincere appreciation to the Transportation Appropriations conferees for their outstanding work in preparing the FY 2002 Transportation Conference report. In recent years, Sacramento has become one of the fastest growing regions in the country. This sudden surge in population has led to massive traffic congestion and severe air quality problems. Ensuring that Sacramento's infrastructure can simultaneously accommodate this growth and improve the region's air quality is absolutely essential.

I am grateful for Chairman ROGER's and Ranking Member SABO's commitment to providing appropriate funding levels for several ongoing programs that are of vital importance to maximizing efficiency in the greater Sacramento region. These funds will provide much needed transportation options to lower-income individuals, improve the region's air quality and improve traffic flow in impacted corridors.

In addition, the inclusion of first time funding for the Interstate 5 Freeway Decking Project represents a tremendous boost for the Sacramento Riverfront Redevelopment Master Plan. Once complete, this decking project will allow the downtown Capitol Mall area to be reconnected with the waterfront, helping Sacramento to realize its long-term goal of linking its major recreational, entertainment and cultural districts with its major employment center.

The beneficial effects of these projects are endless. I could not be more pleased with the outcome of this conference report and remain grateful for the unwavering support of this committee.

CONDEMNATION OF HUMAN CLONING

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2001

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express in the most serious terms my opposition to the recent acts of Advanced Cell Technology in Massachusetts to create the first cloned human embryo. Most scientific discoveries are a step forward for human kind, but ACT's announcement over the Thanksgiving holiday does not pose such promise. Instead, it signifies a sick and perverted experiment that will result in the destruction of hundreds of lives and the devaluing of all human life.

We all remember Dolly the sheep, the first cloned animal in the world. Well, Mr. Speaker, Dolly was the result of 277 attempts at creating a cloned sheep. Sheep numbers 1–276 didn't make it. They all died in different stages of development and were discarded. Do we want to allow such experimentation to be conducted on the human race? If we allow such a mad science to occur, we will be permitting the same kind of immoral practices as the human eugenics experiments in Nazi Germany.

Mr. Speaker, Congress must act now to ban human cloning before America becomes host to another holocaust. In July of this year, our colleagues in House acted in a timely and responsible manner to pass legislation banning human cloning. The bill passed in a bipartisan manner by more than 100 votes.

Since that time, Majority Leader of the opposing house has demonstrated an utter disregard for human life by preventing the bill from going forward at the other end of the Capitol. I now urge the majority leader of the other body to follow this House, the President and the will of the American people to bring H.R. 2505 to an immediate vote. The time is short as groups like ACT are pushing forward to create the first cloned human being. We must stop these crimes against humanity before it is too late.

IN HONOR OF TAMMY BLANCHARD

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2001

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Tammy Blanchard for winning an Emmy in her portrayal of the young Judy Garland in "Me and My Shadow: Life with Judy Garland." The Bayonne Public School System will recognize her outstanding accomplishments by declaring Wednesday, December 5, 2001, as "Tammy Blanchard Day." On December 5th, Ms. Blanchard will be honored during a fundraising party at Chandelier Restaurant in Bayonne, New Jer-

sey. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Bayonne High School Vocal Music Program.

Tammy Blanchard has enjoyed an extensive and successful acting and modeling career that has included many awards and acclamations. She has appeared in numerous television commercials and has modeled for several teen magazines and catalogues. In addition to her acting role in "Me and My Shadow: Life with Judy Garland," Tammy Blanchard has also appeared in episodes of "Guiding Light" and "Law and Order." Future projects include acting parts in "The Promise," scheduled to be in movie theaters April, 2002, and the upcoming Lifetime television movie, "We Were the Mulvaneys."

A native of Bayonne, New Jersey, Tammy Blanchard is a 1994 graduate of Bayonne High School. She continues to reside in Bayonne, sharing a house with her mother, Ms. Patricia Rettig, and her brothers, William Blanchard III and Thomas Walters.

In light of her many accomplishments, I would like to extend my personal congratulations and my warmest regards to Tammy Blanchard for her many achievements.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Tammy Blanchard for her magnificent acting career and commitment to helping assist students in the Bayonne Public School System.

TRIBUTE TO DR. GENNARO J. DIMASO "2001 MAN OF THE YEAR" COLUMBUS DAY CELEBRATION

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2001

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, each year the Italian American community celebrates Columbus Day, with festivities including a weekend of food, music, and fun, as well as an annual Columbus Day Parade and Banquet. With organizations and committees dedicated to promoting and preserving the Italian-American heritage through language, culture, music, and social events, the Columbus Day Committee is no exception. Honoring distinguished Italian-Americans who have shown outstanding service in their local communities, each year the Columbus Day Committee selects individuals who demonstrate these qualities. On Sunday, October 7, as the families and friends gathered together at their annual Columbus Day Banquet, they recognized Dr. Gennaro J. DiMaso as their "2001 Man of the Year".

As past president of the St. John Guild and recipient of the Guild's Lifetime Achievement Award, Dr. Gennaro J. DiMaso has demonstrated outstanding dedication and commitment to both the Italian and American communities. Dr. DiMaso has truly dedicated his time and efforts to the care of generations of children. With an unconventional, but warm-hearted approach, Dr. DiMaso, "the doctor in blue jeans" has devoted his life and profession to providing patients with the highest standards of quality health care. Understanding that the "only treasure on Earth we have are kids", he has worked tirelessly for 44 years to meet the needs of his young patients, and never refused care to an impoverished child.

Dr. DiMaso instilled in his young eastside patients the importance of hard work and commitment to the community. As a young boy, he dreamed of becoming a doctor and helping others while he worked with his father to sell vegetables in their Brooklyn neighborhood, growing up in an area where going to high school, let alone medical school, was unheard of. He has passed along this tradition of perseverance and community service to his four children and six grandchildren.

I applaud the 2001 Columbus Day Committee and Dr. DiMaso for their leadership, commitment, and service, and I urge my colleagues to join me in saluting them for their exemplary years of leadership and service.

TRIBUTE TO SUE ELLEN PANITCH

HON. JOHN W. OLVER

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2001

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Sue Ellen Panitch of Holyoke, Massachusetts for her outstanding contributions to her community. Since 1965, Ms. Panitch has been somewhat of a "super-volunteer" in Holyoke, having served on numerous boards and commissions, including the Conservation Commission, the Holyoke Community College Foundation, The Therapeutic Equestrian Center, The Future Begins Here, the Council of Human Understanding and the Holyoke Taxpayers Association.

Sue Ellen began her long career as a volunteer at the gift shop at Providence Hospital, and continues to this day to be one of Holyoke's greatest civic champions. Just last month, through Sue Ellen's efforts, the "911 Fund," created by the Holyoke Firefighters union—Local 1693, became eligible to receive a portion of the proceeds raised at the 2002 The Future Begins Here charity event. The 911 Fund benefits victims of the September 11 terrorist attacks and their families.

Ms. Panitch's dedication to creating a better community has been so remarkable that the Holyoke Rotary Club recently honored her with its prestigious William G. Dwight Award. I can't think of a more deserving recipient of this award, and I hope that Sue Ellen will continue to contribute so selflessly to her city. Holyoke is a much better place due to her life's work. Thank you Sue Ellen Panitch.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CALIFORNIA FIVE MILE REGIONAL LEARNING CENTER TRANSFER ACT

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, today I am pleased to introduce legislation to transfer 27.1 acres of National Forest Service property from the Stanislaus Forest to the Clovis Unified School District. By so doing, this legislation will permit the school district to continue to operate the Five Mile Regional Learning Center on this National Forest land and, more to the point, it will now allow the school district