

Madison Meloy, 13, Leawood Middle School—Over 120 hours.

From childcare to coaching to working with the homeless, Madison is on a roll with her community service. According to Madison, "After doing community service once you don't want to stop." She certainly has remained busy! When she's not busy helping the teachers at school, Madison is sacking lunches for a shelter, sorting clothing donations.

Maranatha Deanna Wall, 16, Shawnee Mission North—Over 30 hours—Good Samaritan Project.

Few individuals could muster the tact and maturity that Deanna does in order to answer here peers' questions on the topic of teen sexuality. Deanna volunteers eight hours a week for the Good Samaritan Project, an organization devoted to HIV/AIDS prevention and education. She has worked with teens to help them understand the importance of self-respect when it pertains to safe sex and spends time on hotline calls answering panicked questions from her peers. Deanna says that she enjoys being able to clear up confusions on what may be very difficult issues for teens. She is convinced that youth volunteers are the catalysts for community change. "It's beautiful to see what other youth are doing to set off some new ideas," Deanna says. "It's important to be recognized for good especially when teens sometimes receive negative recognition." Deanna plans to assume many different roles as a volunteer, and with "a kazillion things to do" she promises to never be boring. Deanna was nominated by Elizabeth Spaur.

Bethany Meola, 14, Shawnee Mission West—Over 100 hours.

Bethany's volunteer experiences began at church, where she was inspired by the woman running a program there. Working with the children there has been challenging, but volunteering has allowed Bethany to learn the skills of patience and leadership. She enjoys being a role model for the younger kids she teaches and knows that they enjoy being able to look to her for encouragement. Her volunteering has taught her to recognize the potential in herself and in the children with whom she works and Bethany encourages other youth to take the volunteer plunge. "I know I have a better understanding about different things that I never would without community service. It really does change your perspective." The kids in church will be glad to know that Bethany plans to help out more, but that won't be enough for her! In Bethany's words: "Whatever looks interesting to me I will probably do; if I find any way to help the community, I will."

Christine M. Murray, 18, Blue Valley North High School—Over 165 hours—Shawnee Mission Medical Center, Phi Theta Kappa.

Christine believes that individual gifts mean everyone has something to offer as a volunteer. "While we might not be great in every area," Christine says, "we all have that one special talent and can use it to help others." This ambitious young lady takes

her inspiration from her family members who have "always considered community service to be part of the normal course of their lives." Growing up in a family with such high standards to emulate motivated Christine into action at an early age. Through middle school, she volunteered

Amy Turek, 13, Leawood Middle School—50 hours.

Even when Amy was on vacation, she was still volunteering! For two years, Amy collected the samples of soaps, lotions, and shampoos hotels offer to guests and later donated them all to a local homeless shelter. "Just try it once and you'll know how great it is!" she exclaims. Amy's greatest inspiration to participate in community service came from the people at her temple. There, she has been able to participate in many service events with her family that have been organized by the temple. She frequently goes to homeless shelters to serve and cook meals for the needy, and enjoys playing games and teaching arts and crafts to the children at the shelters. Amy relays this story about her volunteer experiences at the shelter: "After giving a man his food, he came up to my sister and I with tears in his eyes, thanking us and telling us 'God bless you'. I could tell he really meant it from the bottom of his heart." Amy will continue serving the community through her Jewish youth community service program. Amy was nominated by Michelle Myers.

Eddie Mitchell, 16, Blue Valley North—100 hours—Villa St. Joseph.

Eddie is getting seniors on the move. For months now, Eddie and other volunteers he has helped to recruit have been transporting the wheelchair-bound residents of Villa St. Joseph Nursing Home to Sunday Mass every week and tending to the resident's needs with attentive compassion. He helps the facility transform a livingroom into a temporary Chapel and back again and also transports all the residents to lunch. Every Sunday, services with Villa St. Joseph go off without a hitch, thanks to Eddie and his friends' commitment. But Eddie will be quick to point out that he's benefitting from his service more than the residents because he is able to connect to the people for whom he volunteers. "Not only do I get to feel the joy of helping out my community, but I also learn a lot every time I go," remarks Eddie. "I feel truly honored to be able to offer my hand to such inspiring and caring people." Eddie's proof that he's making a difference? The smiles he receives from the residents week after week. Eddie was nominated by Debbie Mitchell.

Allison Steinbrueck 16, Blue Valley High School—Over 1,000 hours—Heart of America Humane Society, The Bea Martin Peck Animal Shelter.

Allison has taken her love for animals further than caring for a family pet. When she discovered a volunteer opportunity at the Humane Society, she jumped at the chance to put her compassion to work. At the animal shelters, Allison helps animals to find a home and families to find a loving

Nathan Oliver, 18, Shawnee Mission East High School—1,500 hours—Ewing Marion

Kauffman Foundation Youth Advisory Board, Youth Volunteer Corps, SHARE Program.

Nathan is not a young man to mix words and certainly not one to shirk way from a challenge. "This world is full of followers and I challenge each and every individual to stand up and be a leader." Nathan has proven his leadership abilities through his experiences volunteering. His diverse talents range from support and counseling to fundraising and program development, but Nathan is ready for more. He points to his experience as a member of the Youth Advisory Board for the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation as an illustration of the impact of his service. He is part of a group of youth that help fund projects for up to \$10,000, for a total of \$200,000 every year. In the future, Nathan will continue to volunteer and develop his photography skills. Eventually, Nathan hopes to establish his own community foundation and put in place programs that give back to the community. Nathan was nominated by Bev Timmons.

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TRIBUTE TO RICHMOND BAKING COMPANY

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Biscuit & Cracker Manufacturer's Association. This leading cookie and cracker baking industry association is celebrating its 100th Anniversary this week.

The B&CMA's "Biscuit Boy" trademark is emblematic of the past 100 years of baking. It evokes memories of the nostalgic cracker barrels of 1901 and reminds us that its products still taste great in 2001. Every father knows the value of a well-placed cookie during important negotiations with his four-year-old.

The B&CMA has led the charge for rigorous and rapid growth throughout the century. Regional bakeries sprouted up all over the country. One that is especially important to me is our own Richmond Baking Company in East Central Indiana. It has been a leading manufacturer and employer for many Hoosiers in my district.

Richmond Baking ideally reflects the benefits of membership in the B&CMA. It has a working relationship with the community, offers delicious products and enhances our local economy. Richmond Baking is a good corporate citizen and their membership in the B&CMA is a part of that legacy.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating the B&CMA on a century

of outstanding service to the cookie and cracker industry. May the association continue to thrive and produce products that will delight families for years to come.

TRIBUTE TO JONA GOLDRICH

**HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

**HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

**HON. BRAD SHERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to join the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles' Real Estate & Construction Division in paying tribute to Jona Goldrich, for his generous service to a great variety of worthy organizations and causes and to the Jewish community worldwide. Jona has given tirelessly of his every resource, including the most cherished—his time—to improve the lives of his fellow citizens. He is to be saluted at a special dinner in his honor on May 31st in Los Angeles.

Jona is one of the most active supporters of the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles in its mission to provide a wide array of agencies and programs with funds for food, shelter, health care, education, counseling, rescue and resettlement for individuals in need.

Jona came to the United States as an immigrant and created a real estate company so successful that he is widely acknowledged to be one of the most important and successful developers and managers of housing in the state of California. His distinguished career in real estate has earned him honor and recognition from virtually every professional organization in his field, including the "Man of the Year" award from the National Housing Conference. He has received accolades from numerous charitable groups for his work on behalf of those in need of affordable housing. As a member of the Chairman's Council of the Weingart Center, he has worked tirelessly to provide leadership and to seek innovative solutions to break the cycle of homelessness in Los Angeles.

Jona was born in Lvov, Poland in 1927. Out of fear for his life, his parents smuggled him out of Europe in 1942. He was sent to refugee camps in pre-Israel Palestine and later served in the Israeli Navy and the Merchant Marines in the military actions of 1948 and 1949 that resulted in the creation of the State of Israel. In 1953, he immigrated to the United States, traveling by bus from Boston to California and settling in Los Angeles because its climate reminded him of Israel.

Teaming up with Sol Kest, he formed G & K Industries, an innovative leader in the Southern California real estate market. Among the great accomplishments of this important company is the development of the Marina Pointe Apartments in Marina del Rey.

The great energy that has made Jona so successful in his business endeavors also fueled his tireless work on behalf of the Jewish people and the cause of remembrance. He has been honored with the National Conference of Christians and Jews Humanitarian Award, the American Jewish Congress Civil

Achievement Award, and the President's Club Award of the B'nai B'rith, among many others. He is a member of the American Friends of Tel Aviv University and a great supporter of the Israel Philharmonic.

Among the greatest achievements, of Jona and his wife, Doretta are their two outstanding daughters, and among the greatest pleasures they enjoy is time spent with their grandson and granddaughter.

It is a great pleasure today to honor Jona Goldrich as a great champion of the Jewish Community in California and in Israel and to congratulate him on his philanthropic and professional service. We take pleasure in inviting our colleagues to join us in this salute to Jona.

IN HONOR OF CHIEF ROBERT E. LANGSTON OF THE U.S. PARK POLICE

**HON. CHARLES H. TAYLOR**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute Chief Robert E. Langston of the U.S. Park Police on his more than 35 year career to law enforcement to the government of the U.S. and the U.S. Park police. Chief Langston retired from public service on April 7, 2001. His exceptional career began from his graduation of Florida State University with a B.S. in Police Administration, where he began his U.S. Park Police Career in August 1965 as a patrolman covering foot, cruiser, and motorcycle beats.

Upon promotion to Sergeant in 1971, he was assigned to the Training Branch, then to the Operations Divisions as a patrol Sergeant, followed by duty as a Motorcycle Unit supervisor. Promoted to Lieutenant in 1973, he served as a Shift commander before assuming command to the Communications Section. In 1975 he was promoted to Captain, first serving as Watch Commander and then assigned to the National Park Service's Southeast Region headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, where he served as Law Enforcement Specialist. After 2 years he returned to Washington, D.C. to the Operations Division as Commander of the Central District. Upon promotion to major in 1982, he saw duty at the National Park Service's Headquarters until his 1984 promotion to Deputy Chief in charge of the Field Office Divisions. Prior to his promotion to Assistant Chief in 1988, Langston also headed the Operations Divisions. Then in September 1991, Chief Langston was appointed to the duty of Chief of Police of the U.S. Park Service.

As Chief of one of the Nation's oldest law enforcement agencies, he was responsible for a force of 700 officers and 135 civilian employees assigned to National Park Service lands, parkways, monuments, and memorials in the greater Washington, D.C. area, the Gateway National Recreation Area, including the Statute of Liberty in New York, and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, including the Presidio, in California. Members of the force are also detailed to the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Brunswick, Georgia.

Active in numerous civic and professional organizations, the Washington, D.C. native

was a member and past chairman of the Police Chiefs Steering Committee for the Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments, a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the D.C. Law Enforcement Executive Forum, the FBI National Executive Forum, the FBI National Executive Institute-Police Executive Research Forum, and a former president of the FBI National Academy Associates, District of Columbia Chapter. He was also a member and past president of the Board of Directors, Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Chapter. He is also a past member of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Board. He has received numerous awards and honors for his professional contributions.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that we will clearly miss an inspirational member of the U.S. Park Police like Chief Robert E. Langston. I am sure that I speak for many when I say that his tireless work for the U.S. Park Police will not soon be forgotten and that we are very thankful. I would like to personally wish him well in this new stage of his life and know that he will continue to be a presence in Washington. I am certain that my colleagues will join me in honoring this remarkable man.

Chief Langston and his wife, Beverly, have two children, a son Robert and a daughter Kellie.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SIKH NATION ON VAISAKHI DAY

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, April 13 was the anniversary of the founding of the Sikh Nation by Guru Gobind Singh, called Vaisakhi Day. It is the most important of Sikh holidays. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Sikhs on Vaisakhi Day.

Sikhs have made many contributions to American life in fields ranging from agriculture to law to medicine. One Sikh, Dalip Singh Saund, even served in the House of Representatives, representing a California district in the late 50s to the early 1960s.

Sikhs are suffering from significant persecution in India. Since 1984, according to The Politics of Genocide by Inderjit Singh Jaijee, over 250,000 Sikhs have been killed by the Indian government. A new report from the Movement Against State Repression—an organization that should not be necessary in a democracy—confirms that tens of thousands of Sikh political prisoners are being held in illegal detention in India without charge or trial, some for as long as 17 years! This confirms what Amnesty International had previously reported. 19 of us from both parties sent a letter to the President last month urging him to get involved in freeing these political prisoners.

This is part of a pattern of repression against religious minorities that engulfs India. In India, there has been an ongoing campaign of terror against the Christian community since Christmas 1998, which many of us have discussed in the RECORD. It has included killing priests, burning churches, raping nuns, and burning a missionary and his two young sons to death in their jeep while they slept. Muslims have also been subjected to fierce religious oppression. It is time for India to live up to the standards of a democratic state.