

Floyd Elementary School by establishing a pen-pal club 13 years ago for her 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders.

Every September the students of Ms. Cioffi's classes send letters to the residents of Cedar Lodge Nursing Home in Center Moriches, New York and have the opportunity to meet with their pen pals later in the year. This program has served to enrich the lives of both students and seniors alike.

The value of bringing lives together has been rich and fulfilling. Students have the opportunity to speak and listen to seniors who have much to give of themselves. Students provide company and friendship to the residents of Cedar Lodge, friendship they might not otherwise have received in their day to day lives.

Ms. Cioffi has shown a commitment to excellence and a spirit of ingenuity that has fostered a thriving relationship between her students and residents of Cedar Lodge Nursing Home. She has planted and nurtured the seeds of friendship and virtue within the budding minds of her students. I am truly touched by her devotion, and wish her success in all of her future endeavors.

**CENTRAL NEW JERSEY HONORS
MR. ALLEN M. SILK, ESQ.**

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2002

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize, honor and thank Mr. Allen Silk, a dedicated advocate for abused and neglected children and their families in the Trenton/Mercer County area since 1976.

Over four separate decades, Mr. Silk has been active in helping children and families through the Mill Hill Child and Family Development Corporation. Established in 1971 as a child care center and safe haven for babies ages 2–12 months, Allen has helped to expand the center's reach tremendously. Specifically, Allen Silk has helped to expand the services of the Mill Hill Center from just sixty children to over one hundred and forty children at any given time.

Mr. Silk has also played an integral role in forming the Mill Hill Foundation, and in doing so he has aided in raising awareness and funds for the abused and neglected children at the Mill Hill Center. By increasing awareness, Mr. Silk has helped many Americans to come to terms with the reality of child abuse and neglect.

I commend Mr. Silk on the work he has done to help children and families. Mr. Silk has helped those children who do not have a chance to defend themselves from the ravages of abuse and neglect, and I am sure that Mr. Silk has helped to improve the lives of thousands of children.

Allen Silk has truly been a champion for those children and families served by Mill Hill. I am very pleased to be able to recognize his passion and devotion to helping so many people.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, again, I rise to celebrate and honor this true New Jersey treasure. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Allen M. Silk, Esq. of the Mill Hill Child and Family Development Corporation.

**HONORING THE CENTENNIAL OF
THE OHIO BURGEE**

HON. DAVID L. HOBSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2002

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the adoption of the Ohio state flag, which is officially and affectionately known as the Ohio burgee because of its unique swallowtail design. The Buckeye State is the only state in the union to have a flag that isn't rectangular, which is fitting, since Ohio is unlike any other state.

Cuyahoga County resident John Eisenmann designed the burgee and then transferred his rights and interests in the flag to the State of Ohio. He received a U.S. patent for his design in 1901 and the Ohio Legislature officially adopted it on May 9, 1902. Mr. Eisenmann, an accomplished architect, may have been inspired by the shapes of the guidons carried by the U.S. cavalry. The flag was intended to be first flown from the Ohio building at the Pan-American Exposition of 1901, a circumstance which also may have contributed to its unusual shape. Mr. Eisenmann also designed the Cleveland Arcade; was instrumental in the effort to construct the Perry Victory and International Peace Memorial at Put-In-Bay, and authored Cleveland's first comprehensive building code.

The flag's large blue triangle represents Ohio's hills and valleys, and the stripes represent roads and waterways. The 13 stars grouped about the circle represent the original states of the union; the 4 stars added to the peak of the triangle symbolize that Ohio was the 17th state admitted to the union. The white circle with its red center not only represents the "O" in Ohio, but also suggests Ohio's famous nickname of "The Buckeye State."

For 100 years, the Ohio burgee has been one of the most instantly recognizable symbols of the State of Ohio. It has flown beside Old Glory on thousands of flagpoles and been carried in parades celebrating our independence, noteworthy events in state history, even at the head of columns of Ohio troops returning from conflicts overseas.

As we look forward to the upcoming Centennial of Flight celebration in Dayton and the state Bicentennial in 2003, I encourage all Ohioans to proudly display their Ohio burgee on its 100th anniversary.

**A TRIBUTE TO REVEREND CRAIG
B. CADDY SR.**

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2002

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Rev. Craig B. Caddy Sr. and his spiritual service in the community.

Born to Lucille Atkins, Rev. Caddy began his ministry 19 years ago under the leadership and teachings of the late Rev. Dr. D.W. Batts in his native home of Bedford-Stuyvesant. He realized the needs of his community and saw the vital role that the church played in meeting those needs. In 1999, he was called to serve as the Pastor of the Friendship Baptist

Church. Since then, he has built the Friendship Baptist Church into a community centered institution that provides GED preparation and testing, computer literacy, computerized book-keeping, computer technology, introductory Spanish courses, as well as a partnership with Phoenix House of America.

Rev. Caddy is currently a board member of the NAACP, the Bedford Stuyvesant Legal Services, the State University of New York (BEOC), the Neighborhood Advisory Board, and the Community Action Board. In addition, he serves on the Chaplain Staff of the New York City Police Department and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

Rev. Caddy is not only a spiritual father to his community, but also the father of two children of his own, Nyesha Joy and Craig Jr.

The Bedford Stuyvesant community is blessed to have Rev. Caddy serving them. May God continue to bless him and the work that he does. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Rev. Craig B. Caddy Sr.

**A BILL TO AMEND THE TOXIC
SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT AND
THE FEDERAL INSECTICIDE,
FUNGICIDE, AND RODENTICIDE
ACT**

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2002

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, today I join my colleague Representative PAUL GILLMOR in introducing legislation submitted by the Administration which would implement three very important international agreements involving the distribution and sale of chemicals and pesticides in international commerce.

This legislation will amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, and the Toxic Substances Control Act in order to comply with our obligations under the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs Convention), the Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Persistent Organic Pollutants (LRTAP POPs Protocol), and the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade (PIC Convention).

Due to their unique characteristics, POPs, which include substances such as DDT, PCBs and dioxins, are chemicals of both local and global concern. POPs are toxic, persist in the environment for long periods of time, and accumulate as they move up the food chain. The United States, among the very first to call for a global POPs Convention, provided strong leadership throughout the negotiations to bring this important environmental treaty to a successful conclusion.

Likewise, the PIC procedure is designed to give participating countries in the developing world information about the risks posed by banned or severely restricted chemicals, as well as certain severely hazardous pesticide formulations.

Each of these conventions represent a well thought out and balanced approach at gaining international agreement on procedures to protect human health and the environment. I commend all of the negotiators from the

present and past administrations that worked on these agreements.

Mr. Speaker, the legislation we introduce today represents a starting point from which Chairman GILLMOR, working through his Subcommittee on Energy and Commerce, and I

through mine on Agriculture, will build bipartisan legislation under which the United States would be in full compliance with our international obligations under these conventions.

I look forward to working with my colleagues, the Administration, and interested

constituencies to develop this legislation and ensure that the United States continues to hold our position of leadership in developing effective, achievable and balanced international environmental policy.