

glass windows and Gothic architecture, this church harkens back to the fine old churches of Germany where so many of those early settlers must have worshiped.

Churches, however, are much more than buildings. Over the years, the pastors and parishioners of Saint John Amelith have put their hearts and souls into helping us all lead better lives and move a bit closer to God. Clearly, there is no better evidence of the Christian love and neighborly spirit so abundant at Saint John-Amelith than the fact that just 10 pastors have served its needs in 150 years, including the present pastor, Stephen Starke.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to bestow upon Saint John Lutheran Church-Amelith the congratulations of the United States Congress upon the occasion of the church's 150th anniversary. I have faith that it will continue to minister to the spiritual needs of the community for many years to come.

RUTH ANN STROZINSKY
RECOGNITION

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2002

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, on May 1, 2002, Ruth Ann Strozinsky of Tomah, Wisconsin, retired after serving the State of Wisconsin for 21 years as a member of the Board on Aging and Long Term Care. During this time, Ruth Ann worked diligently to protect and preserve the rights of the elderly and disabled consumers as she strived to assure that they have the knowledge and support necessary for them to make informed long term care choices. She has upheld the spirit and intent of the Older Americans Act as well as the public policy of the State of Wisconsin. She has been a leader in contributing to the success of the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program and the Medigap Helpline Program as they continue to meet the ever-increasing public need for information and advocacy services.

Ruth Ann has provided leadership and direction to officials at every level of municipal, county and state government on issues of importance to Wisconsin's senior citizens. She is a member of the Monroe County Services for the Elderly, has served as President of the Western Wisconsin Area Agency on Aging, and is a member of the governing board of the Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups. She has assisted in the development of legislative and regulatory proposals to identify and improve important public policy issues. In 1995, she was appointed by Governor Tommy Thompson as a Wisconsin delegate to the White House Conference on Senior Citizens and Aging. This was her second appointment to the Conference, the first being in 1981.

In addition to serving the elderly, she is an active member of her church, a life member of the National Education Association, a member of the Monroe County Teachers Association, a charter member of the Tomah Business and Professional Women's Club, and has served many years on the Tomah Housing Authority and Community Block Grant Committee.

Ruth Ann does not tell her age, although it is believed that she is close to 100 years old. She believes it isn't how old you are but what

you accomplish in your life that counts. She has certainly made her life count.

She is a retired high school English teacher who still gives of her time to help students earn their high school diplomas. Ruth Ann has also taught foreign students to improve their communication skills while they are in the United States. She has no children of her own, but has "adopted" many over the years—neighborhood children, her students and children from her church. She has shown a great love and concern for all these children.

Ruth Ann Strozinsky is a remarkable lady who is greatly admired by her colleagues and the people she serves. Her energy and caring efforts have been an inspiration to many. I consider it an honor and a privilege to know her. It is fitting that she receives recognition and praise for her achievements and successes and for the service she has rendered to her community and the State of Wisconsin.

IN REMEMBRANCE: TIFFANY
TAYLOR OF ROSEVILLE, MICHIGAN

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2002

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Tiffany Taylor. Fifteen-year-old Tiffany was killed by random gunfire as she rode home with her friends after an evening at a Roseville roller skating rink. I am truly saddened and offer my deepest condolences to Tiffany's family and friends.

It is hard to understand why this senseless act of violence has occurred. Even the strongest faith can be shaken when a young life is cut short. But at a recent gathering of Tiffany's family, friends, classmates and neighbors, it was clear that this community has not lost its faith. They came together to honor Tiffany's memory, and pledged to work together to end violent crime in our community so that nothing like this ever happens again.

All of us have to do our part to end violence in our communities. Parents, teachers, clergy, community leaders, students, police officials and counselors are all part of the solution. We need to support the efforts of community groups like Citizens of Macomb Behind All Teens (COMBAT) to stand up for our youth and work with them to offer positive ways for them to be involved in the community. We need more counselors in our schools so that young people have caring adults to turn to in times of distress or crisis, and prevent violence before it occurs. We need more places for our youth to go to stay out of harm's way, like the community center planned for Mount Clemens, and afterschool programs so that they will not become victims or perpetrators of crime.

Our hearts are heavy with loss. But as we look back and remember Tiffany, we must also remember to look forward—and to work toward a community without violence. I stand with Tiffany's community ready to do what is necessary to protect our children and youth from violence.

IN RECOGNITION OF
CONGRESSWOMAN PATSY MINK

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2002

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge my great appreciation for the work done in Congress by my colleague from Hawaii, Congresswoman PATSY MINK. Recently, I came across an article published in Outlook magazine in connection with the American Association of University Women, titled Title IX at 30: Making the Grade? written by Patrice Gaines. The article observes Title IX's 30th anniversary as part of the Education Amendments of 1972. As a co-author of this law, Congresswoman MINK desired equal opportunities for women in comparison to their male counterparts in all education programs receiving taxpayer dollars. While there has been significant progress for women in the past thirty years, there are still many obstacles to overcome. Some of the barriers were addressed in the article, provided below.

TITLE IX AT 30: MAKING THE GRADE?

It was just 37 words, attached without fanfare to an education amendment.

"In the dark of night, we stuck in this language," recalls U.S. Rep. Patsy Mink (D-Hawaii) (pictured above), who authored the law with the late Rep. Edith Green (D-Oregon). "I don't think my colleagues had any idea that language hitched to funding could make such a difference."

The law was Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. Its existence illustrates what can happen when women are in positions of power. Of course, Mink and Green needed the support of their male colleagues. At the time, women held just 12 congressional seats. But history was altered because these two women beat the odds to be elected to Congress and then took strong leadership roles.

"I knew of this terrible disparity in education long before [I came to] Congress," says Mink, who had applied to 13 law schools and found that only one would accept women. In 1949 the University of Chicago admitted two female law students in Mink's class of 200.

In the last 30 years, Title IX has dramatically changed many aspects of society, most notably the sports arena. Young women who once could only shoot hoops in their driveways now earn sports scholarships to college and have opportunities—though limited—to become professional athletes. And nearly 50 percent of law school students and lawyers are women.

Yet progress under Title IX remains mixed. While we can watch WNBA games on TV, in some less visible aspects progress is slower or has even come to a screeching halt.

PINK VS. BLUE EDUCATION

"There is a lack of progress in career education—vocational training at the high school and postsecondary levels," says Leslie Annexstein, senior counsel at the National Women's Law Center and vice chair of the National Coalition for Women and Girls in Education, which is publishing a report (available late June 2002 at www.aauw.org) marking the status of Title IX on its 30th anniversary. "We still see female students clustered in traditional occupational tracks that lead to jobs that make a lot less money."

On the high school level, that means females still take cosmetology classes while males fill trade and construction programs.

Statistics show that across the board, blue-collar jobs pay more than pink. While the gender gap has narrowed in math and science, engineering and physics remain male domains, and the gap yawns in technology.

"Technology is the key to the future, but women have been left behind," says AAUW Director of Public Policy and Government Relations Nancy Zirkin, who co-chairs the coalition with AAUW Government Relations Manager Jamie Pueschel. According to statistics in Tech-Savvy: Educating Girls in the New Computer Age (AAUW Educational Foundation, 2002), boys take computer advanced placement classes and pursue information technology degrees. Girls tend to use computers for data entry and e-mail. That leaves men with more than 80 percent of high-tech—and high-paying—jobs.

Other post-Title IX hurdles remain: As you move up the career ladder in prestige or rank, you find fewer and fewer women. The coalition report highlights the second-class status of women working in educational institutions. While women account for almost three-fourths of school-teachers, for example, they make up only about 20 percent of high school principals and 12 percent of superintendents. In higher education, women are only 21 percent of full professors and 19 percent of college and university presidents.

And persistently, on all educational levels, the learning environment remains uneven. Male students attract more attention—positive and negative—than do females. "That means females receive less encouragement and stay in secondary roles throughout their education," says Annexstein. This can condition females to accept a back seat in school as well as in career and adult roles.

That's not just bad for girls. Boys hear that they are trouble-makers and problem students and may find the heat of the added attention uncomfortable.

Sexual harassment, too, continues to plague young women and men. Eight in 10 students in grades eight to 11 experience harassment during their student lives, according to Hostile Hallways: Bullying, Teasing, and Sexual Harassment in School (AAUW Educational Foundation, 2001), and more than a quarter say they experience harassment often. Girls are more likely to experience harassment than boys—83 percent versus 79 percent—but boys today are more likely to be harassed than were their counterparts in 1993.

Compared to this backslide, there is a standstill in progress in the treatment of pregnant and parenting students. Before Title IX, high school students were automatically expelled if they became pregnant, and parenting typically signified the end of their formal education. Title IX now prohibits discrimination based on parental status, making automatic expulsion illegal. Yet while these young women may be allowed to stay in school, without more programs and assistance to help them, the results remain the same: A young woman is often forced to drop out. Traditional schools encourage pregnant students to leave or to attend one of the newer programs established specifically for young parents. But these newer schools generally lack academic quality.

PUSH FOR CHANGE

Still, Mink remains hopeful. She's seen how far women have come, though progress may be slow. A member of AAUW's Puna, Hawaii, Branch, she began taking a lead role in advancing equity on the House Education and Labor Committee when she and other members summoned publishers to address the lack of female images in schoolbooks. With that congressional nudge, in a few years the texts changed.

Next, Mink recalls, Edith Green wanted to add the category of "sex" to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination in the workplace.

"The Justice Department kept saying it couldn't [legally] be done," says Mink. "The only thing left was to attach it to the education bill." In the end, Congress did outlaw sex discrimination in Title VII, but Mink and Green still pushed the change in Title IX.

Sen. Ted Stevens (R-Alaska) immediately added his support.

"I was a Little League coach in Anchorage," he recalls. "I had three boys and two girls. When it came time to pick a team, I had to tell the girls they couldn't play."

His oldest daughter suggested the sue, but Stevens didn't have the time or money to invest in a lengthy court case. Yet he never forgot his daughters' disappointment and his feeling that the playing field was not fair. So when he got to Congress, he joined forces with Mink, Green, and others. He remains a staunch supporter of Title IX.

So does Dot "Doc" Richardson, captain of the softball team that took home the gold from the 1996 and 2000 Olympics. Richardson says that title IX helped her become not just a world-class athlete but a surgeon, too.

"Through Title IX we got the chance to learn that people appreciate athletic talent no matter the gender," she says. "That's the kind of respect every athlete wants: to just be treated as an athlete—not as a male or female athlete." But that's just the beginning. "Title IX is all about education," says Richardson, a surgeon at Ray-Richardson Orthopedic Associates in Clermont, Florida.

"It amazes me that people believe that Title IX means if you have a college football team for men, you have to have a football team for women," says Richardson. What it says is that female students must have equal opportunities to participate in educational programs and activities.

In a way, Richardson says, Title IX taught her to dream, creating opportunities she never imagined possible. The young Dot who longed to play Little League baseball with her brothers never dreamed that one day the best-selling Louisville Slugger bat would bear her name.

KEEPING TITLE IX ALIVE

Mink and Green's short amendment has created opportunities while making equity issues a part of the general consciousness of many men and women, especially those who have grown up since the amendment became law.

Consider the children of ABC News reporter and commentator Cokie Roberts: "My daughter went to Princeton and had a varsity letter in water polo. That would not have been possible without Title IX. But it would never occur to her that she would not have equal education and access to everything. And her brother is appalled at the notion that things would be any different for her than they are for him."

Yet, warns Mink, people must be vigilant in guarding the law that passed so quietly.

"Most of the young people around today don't understand what it was like in the 1940s and '50s," says Mink. "As the older women pass and the younger ones do not have the knowledge, there may be an attempt to water down Title IX."

I ask my colleagues to rise today and recognize our colleague, PATSY MINK; a woman who has dedicated much of her time and efforts advocating the significance and achievements that women can and do contribute to this country.

TRIBUTE TO DR. JAMES HOWARD LARE

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2002

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. James Howard Lare, an outstanding citizen and resident of California's 27th Congressional District, which I am proud to represent.

Dr. Lare, who lives in Pasadena, California, is retiring from the faculty of Occidental College in Los Angeles after 51 years of service. Dr. Lare began at the college as a student, and this year, the school celebrates the entirety of his 51 years of services as an undergraduate, alumnus, and distinguished member of the faculty.

Dr. Lare has been an active faculty member, serving numerous committees, as well as establishing and directing Occidental's Master of Arts in Urban Studies Program. He chaired the Political Science Department, as well as the College Task Force on Relations with the Adjacent Neighborhoods, each for five years.

His expertise includes American National Government, European Comparative Politics, Public Administration, Urban Politics, and Public Policy. As a professor, he sent his students to City Hall, Sacramento, and Washington, D.C. to participate in and absorb the processes of government. His legions of internship students set a standard for community-based learning at Occidental College.

Dr. Lare has been an exemplary citizen by serving as a Colonel in the Civil Affairs Branch of the U.S. Army Reserve from 1957–1989, and as an Administrative and Technical Assistant in the U.S. Civil Service Commission from 1955–1956.

He has also been a committed civic leader participating in a myriad of community-based organizations such as the Pasadena Men's Committee for the Arts, the Los Angeles World Affairs Council, the Sierra Club, the Northeast Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, the Town Hall of California, as well as other organizations dealing with urban planning, education, the environment, and the arts.

Dr. Lare has also written, co-authored, and edited numerous books and articles including, "The Essential Lippmann," "The New Democrat: Reassessment of the Democratic Ideal in American Political Thought," "The Five Public Philosophies of Walter Lippmann," "The Civic Awareness of Five and Six Year Olds," and "The Child's Political World: A Longitudinal Perspective."

Dr. Lare's hard work and dedication to his community and our country is to be commended, as is his teaching students the value of political action and involvement, thereby helping to nurture hundreds of aware and active citizens.

I would like all the Members of the United States House of Representatives to join me in commending Dr. James Howard Lare for his outstanding leadership as a faculty member of Occidental College and as a community leader.