

good. In addition to leading the growth of KWBU, Dr. Noel Smith is an ordained Baptist minister, and certainly appreciates the many blessings in his life, including a long marriage to his wife Judy, his three wonderful daughters and numerous grandchildren.

This story does not end on the expected happy note. At this writing, Noel is very ill. But something of Noel Smith will always be a part of KWBU and public broadcasting in Central Texas.

I ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating the life and accomplishments of an unsung hero, Dr. Noel Smith of Waco, Texas. The people of my District are better off today because of his commitment to turn his vision for public television into reality.

HONORING FRESNO CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Fresno City Fire Department for their devotion to protecting the citizens and community of Fresno. The year 2002 marks the 125th Anniversary of the Fresno City Fire Department, which will be celebrated at the 4th Annual Fresno City Firefighters' Chili Cook-Off on September 14th, 2002 at California State University of Fresno.

In 1877, Leopold Gundelfinger and other citizens formed a Hook and Ladder Company in order to protect the city from fires. Unfortunately, in 1882, fire destroyed the original Hook and Ladder Company, but was replaced by dedicated volunteers who were named "Fresno Alert No. 1." The Fresno Fire Department was officially created in 1902 and has protected a large portion of the Central Valley ever since. In 1984, a grant was established to create a community volunteer fire prevention program called "Burn Aware." The goals of the volunteers were to implement and create a wide spread network of fire prevention programs.

In 2002, the Fresno City Fire Department received national praise for its inventive and advanced approach to alternate methods of providing municipal fire protection. This fire protection agency has the highest ideals in providing fire protection service and is a leader in California. The special occasion will include a chili-tasting contest among fire departments from throughout the Valley, live rescue demonstrations, and fun for the entire family.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to honor the Fresno City Fire Department for their dedicated and selfless service to the Central Valley. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing this organization many more years of continued success.

HONORING LEVITTOWN'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JAMES C. GREENWOOD

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. GREENWOOD. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to commemorate

the golden anniversary of a community in my district that revolutionized suburban living in America: Levittown, Pennsylvania. In honor of this anniversary, I would like to submit the following proclamation for the record:

Whereas Levittown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, was created fifty years ago, beginning with twenty families who moved into their homes on June 23, 1952;

Whereas this benchmark in American housing resulted from the collaboration of attorney Abraham Levitt and his sons, architect Alfred S. Levitt and businessman William J. Levitt;

Whereas William Levitt's innovative mass-production technique resulted in 17,000 affordable homes that were constructed at a record pace;

Whereas these new and vibrant neighborhoods were spread among the Bucks County municipalities of Falls, Middletown, and Bristol Townships, and Tullytown Borough;

Whereas Levitt created not only the prototypical suburban home with its spacious interiors and fully landscaped exteriors, but he also designed entire neighborhoods that grew into coherent communities;

Whereas Levittown became the realization of the American Dream for thousands of families, many of who served their country during the Second World War;

Whereas Levittown has evolved into the quintessential example of America's melting pot middle class, as it houses a diverse population of ethnicities and religious traditions;

Be it resolved, therefore, that the U.S. House of Representatives recognize the fiftieth anniversary of Levittown, an anniversary that marks an epochal achievement in American housing.

HONORING ANTHONY A. LUCIANO WITH HUDSON FALLS ITALIAN-AMERICAN CIVIC CLUB ANNUAL RECOGNITION AWARD

HON. JOHN E. SWEENEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a distinguished constituent of the 22nd District of New York; Mr. Anthony A. Luciano. Mr. Luciano's lifelong dedication to his family, his profession and his community have rightly earned him the Hudson Falls Italian-American Civic Club Annual Recognition Award.

Over the past fifty years, as a husband, a father, a teacher, a coach and a mentor, Mr. Luciano has been an exemplary contributor to his community. As a devoted faculty member of the Hudson Falls Central Schools from 1948-1983, he victoriously led the cross country team to four Boys Northern Conference Titles and three Section 2 Class B Championships. In addition to achieving seven Northern Conference Championships with his basketball team, he remains a respected member of the Section 2 Basketball Committee since 1955. His skills and dedication to his players further continued in track. In this sport Mr. Luciano successfully coached his team to fifteen Northern Conference Dual Meet Championships, nine Northern Conference Invitation Meet Championships, seven Section 2 Class B Championships and five Washington County

Invitation Championships. I am proud to mention he has since been inducted into both the Glens Falls Heritage Hall of Fame and the New York State Basketball Hall of Fame for his outstanding achievements.

Mr. Luciano has truly set standards for excellence in his profession and service to the community. For forty years, he remained a trusted member of the Washington County Children's Committee, serving two 2-year terms as co-chairperson with his wife, Mary. In 1983, he received the Prestigious Private Sector Initiative Commendation from President Ronald Reagan in recognition of his exemplary community service in the finest American tradition. His extraordinary charity and kindness has not gone unnoticed locally. Mr. Luciano received awards from the Hudson Falls/Kingsbury Chamber of Commerce, Hudson Falls Rotary Club and the Fort Edward Historical Association, to name a few.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to honor Mr. Luciano's selfless contributions to his community before Congress. He is truly a role model for future generations to emulate and I wish him the very best in all his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEBORAH PRYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I was regrettably absent on June 17, 24, and 25, 2002, and on September 9 and 10, 2002. Consequently, I missed the following recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on roll call votes no. 230, 231, 232, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, and 380.

HONORING CHESTERFIELD SMITH

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a friend and distinguished citizen of Florida, Mr. Chesterfield Smith. Chesterfield Smith's inspiring dedication to our judicial system, social commitment to the legal profession, and remarkable personal and professional accomplishments serve as a model of American achievement. I rise today to congratulate him on his most recent accolade, the 2002 Justice Award from the Judicature Society.

Founded in 1913, the American Judicature Society (AJS) is a prestigious national, non-partisan organization of judges, lawyers, and non-lawyers dedicated to promoting the effective administration of justice. This award serves as AJS's highest distinction, recognizing a lifetime of dedication to the improvement of the administration of justice at a national level.

Chesterfield Smith's dedication to the legal profession embodies the underlying principles upon which this country was founded with his dedication to justice and his desire to help others, bringing us closer to the ideals outlined in

the U.S. Constitution—justice, equality and true brotherhood. His distinguished career includes service as President of the American Bar Association and the Florida Bar Association. He demonstrated his faithfulness to the legal profession as a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and as a member of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers.

After graduating with honors from the University of Florida College of Law, he went on to become a principal architect of Holland and Knight, LLP, one of the nation's largest and most respected law firms. As chair of the Florida Constitution Revision Commission, he accepted the challenge of revising and redrafting Florida's Constitution for the first time in fifty years.

Mr. Speaker, I come to the House floor today to pay tribute to Chesterfield Smith and his many lifetime achievements. I congratulate him on receiving the distinguished 2002 Justice Award. His remarkable life's work as an accomplished public servant is deserving of such notoriety, and I consider him to be a true leader of the 21st Century.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, on September 11, I was in the 4th Congressional District to honor the heroes and victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

I take my voting responsibility very seriously and would like the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to reflect that, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on recorded vote number 384.

CELEBRATING THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. ELPIS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate St. Elpis Greek Orthodox Church of Hopewell, Virginia on its 85th anniversary.

In 1914, Dupont Chemicals decided to expand their plant in Hopewell in support of WWI. Consequently, ads were posted throughout Europe to recruit immigrants as laborers and engineers for this plant. About 6000 Greeks responded to this ad with the promise of a new future in America. Upon arrival in Hopewell, these Greeks sought to preserve their heritage and religion by building the first Greek Orthodox Church in Virginia.

The tremendous sacrifice made by these early parishioners to establish St. Elpis was great. Their devotion and commitment to preserving their Greek heritage and religion enabled the parishioners to overcome great obstacles over the years and has enabled the church to continue to thrive. This spirit is as vibrant today as it was 85 years ago.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate St. Elpis and its parishioners, as they celebrate the 85th anniversary of the founding of their church and I wish them continued success and prosperity in

the years to come. It is truly an honor and a privilege to recognize St. Elpis in the United States House of Representatives this day.

TRIBUTE TO THE MITRE CORPORATION IN HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the MITRE Corporation in celebration of twenty years in Huntsville, Alabama. As you know, the MITRE Corporation is a private, independent, not-for-profit organization that provides government agencies with technical support that is not available through the government or contractor community.

For 2 decades, the Army, NASA, and Department of Defense programs headquartered at Redstone Arsenal have relied on the MITRE Corporation's Huntsville Site Office for objective technical expertise. Since the MITRE Corporation cannot manufacture products or compete with the industry, the support it provides Redstone Arsenal is in alignment with the government's objectives and free from competitive pressures.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the MITRE Corporation for 20 years of excellent service to the North Alabama defense and NASA community. In 1982, this Site Office began with one person and now employs a staff of 33. On this milestone anniversary celebration, I send the employees of the MITRE Corporation my thanks and wish them many more years of success in Huntsville, Alabama.

IN RECOGNITION OF LAWRENCE LIVERMORE NATIONAL LABORATORY ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and its staff for their outstanding contributions to science and to the security of our Nation throughout the past 50 years.

The Laboratory was established in 1952 to help meet an urgent national security need and has made numerous advances to keep the Nation at peace and secure.

Lawrence Livermore, Los Alamos, and Sandia National Laboratories developed the nuclear weapons that have deterred world wars. The labs are ensuring the continuing safety, security, and reliability of our Nation's nuclear weapons stockpile in the absence of nuclear testing.

Breakthroughs at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory led to the development of the high-yield warheads that greatly contributed to strategic deterrence throughout the Cold War.

The Laboratory has provided technical support to arms control negotiations and treaty implementation, including negotiations and treaties to reduce the size of nuclear arsenals, prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons

and technologies, and limit nuclear weapons testing.

The Laboratory has greatly contributed to efforts of the United States intelligence community to understand nuclear weapons-related activities worldwide, and today is using its capabilities to defend our nation against terrorism.

The Laboratory is also a leader in science and has worked on technologies to provide us with long term energy security.

The Laboratory has developed environmental restoration technologies that are being used to rapidly clean up groundwater contamination at Superfund sites and is developing simulation capabilities to better understand changes in the earth's climate.

The Laboratory is identifying the source of genetic diseases and developing improved detectors of biological agents.

Livermore scientists produced work that won a Nobel Prize for Physics in 1998 and numerous advances in astrophysics.

Technology development at the Laboratory has broadly contributed to the Nation's technical prowess and the competitiveness of United States industry, as evidenced by the winning of 85 prestigious R&D 100 awards.

Lastly, the Laboratory contributes broadly to higher education, as well as elementary and secondary educational efforts throughout Northern California and educational outreach directed at minority groups nationwide.

On its 50th anniversary, I would like to congratulate the Laboratory, its staff, and former employees for their dedicated service to our Nation, outstanding contributions to national security, a strong tradition of scientific and technical excellence, and continuing efforts to make the world more secure and a better place to live.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO: SALVADOR A. LOPEZ

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct privilege to recognize Mr. Salvador A. Lopez of Glade Park, Colorado for the selfless act of courage he displayed last March of 2002. On September 18, Mr. Lopez will be awarded the prestigious Special Carrier Alert Award from the National Association of Letter Carriers, and as he receives his award, I would like to pay tribute to his extraordinary act of courage. Mr. Lopez is a letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service in Grand Junction, Colorado, where he has worked for the last 28 years. Not too long ago, while he was busy delivering mail along his route, Mr. Lopez noticed a runaway car with a child inside who was too young to take control of the vehicle. Mr. Lopez hurriedly ran alongside of the car, jumped into the car window, and pulled the emergency break. Fortunately, Mr. Lopez was able to stop the vehicle before the car drove into a busy intersection which could have brought certain injury to himself and the child. Due to Mr. Lopez's quick thinking and heroic actions, the child only suffered minor bruises, while Mr. Lopez escaped with three broken ribs. Last April, the Carnegie Hero Fund honored Mr. Lopez with one of its 23 nationally recognized awards for