

swift placement of children in permanent homes is essential to their positive development and well-being.

Adoption allows people the opportunity to extend their homes and their hearts to people in need. I commend Lauran Howard for her work to break down the barriers that stand between foster children and their adoptive families. She is truly worthy of the Angels in Adoption recognition.

#### RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF GLORIA WISE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

#### HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 2002*

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of The Gloria Wise Boys & Girls Club of the Bronx, New York. I congratulate them on their recently awarded \$218,500 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice.

This grant will fund the Juvenile Mentoring Program (JUMP). JUMP is a one-on-one mentoring program that takes at-risk youths from the Bronx neighborhoods of Co-Op City, Baychester, Edenwald, and Williamsbridge, and gives them the kind of activities they want and need. The goals of this program are to reduce gang participation, promote academic achievement and school attendance, and promote positive social behavior. The activities include college campus visits, outings to sporting events, and reading time with caring adult mentors.

That is precisely what is so wonderful about Gloria Wise—it recognizes the needs of this community and it provides services that serve this community. That is the mark of understanding, seasoned leadership—leadership provided by Gloria Wise's Executive Director, Charlie Rosen. Mr. Rosen has proven his commitment to the neighborhood for decades. And he continues to respond to the needs of this varied and diverse community.

Under his leadership, Gloria Wise has grown into a model community center, serving the young, the old, those in need of assistance, and those who long to help, this center serves all of us.

This Federal grant certainly speaks to the quality of Mr. Rosen's leadership. It also speaks to the quality of the Gloria Wise programs and staff, people like the Jeff Aulenbach who is the Deputy Executive Director who actually wrote the grant application—an application that was successful in a very competitive year where only three of these awards were given out in New York State.

This program has a lot of people behind it, including myself. This center has been blessed with incredible staff and an incredible leader. I am glad that the Federal Government and the Department of Justice has recognized how exceptional this Boys & Girls Club is to the Co-Op City community.

For all of their work, I thank them.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO HOLLY COORS

#### HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 2002*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to an individual who has contributed selflessly to the betterment of her community, Holly H. Coors of Denver, Colorado. It is my pleasure to honor Holly as a pillar and a pioneer to the advancements of our society.

Holly Coors was born and raised in Philadelphia by a caring charitable family. She moved to Colorado where she nurtured her own family with her example of humanitarian service. Holly has donated countless hours of service at St. Luke's Hospital and Spalding Rehabilitation Hospital in Denver Colorado in addition to serving as the Colorado State Chairman for Reagan/Bush in 1980 and 1984. Holly's appointment as the United States Ambassador to the National Year of Americas by President Reagan highlights her ability to represent her country and her willingness to reach out. Holly has also helped found and fund the organization Women of Our Hemisphere Achieving Together to help women improve their lives through entrepreneurship. Through this organization and her support of Latin American schools and clinics, Holly has economically uplifted many developing communities and received numerous awards for her dedication to educational and health care issues.

Holly's humanitarian legacy extends to the Caribbean where she helped rebuild the fire ravaged Parliament House in the commonwealth of Dominica. When Hurricane Mitch wreaked havoc along its destructive path, Holly sent five plane loads of diapers to hospitals there. Appointed to serve as Ambassador-at-Large to Latin America by President George H. W. Bush, Holly moved throughout the western hemisphere standing out as a determined advocate and mentor to the women in every country she visited. She continues to tirelessly serve her country as an advocate on many health care issues at home and abroad.

With such a distinguished list of accomplishments, it is no surprise the Jefferson Symphony Orchestra has chosen to honor Holly at its 50th Anniversary Gala in December. It is our chance to give her the recognition she deserves for her years of volunteer service and philanthropic assistance she has given to her community, her state, and her nation.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration that I extend my praise to Holly Coors before this body of Congress and this nation. Holly brings great care and sincerity wherever her mission takes her and she is truly an individual of great character and conduct deserving of the honors and awards bestowed on her throughout her career.

#### REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11, 2002

#### HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 2002*

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, as we reflect on the tragic attacks on America on Sep-

tember 11, 2001, and the remarkable heroism of those who responded selflessly to those attacks, the weapon we have most, that we need most, and that we need now more than any time in the history of the Republic is prayer.

We need prayer for our brave men and women in the military who are fighting the war on terrorism and for those who will go, prayer for our President and our leaders as they chart our Nation's course, prayer for the families and friends of the more than 3,000 citizens who lost their lives in New York City, on the place that crashed in Pennsylvania and at the Pentagon, and prayer for the safety and security of our Nation.

We need prayer as well for the selfless and hardworking members of our police, firefighter and emergency response teams. The harsh reality of the danger of their jobs came crashing down on America on September 11 when 343 firefighters, 23 police officers and 37 Port Authority officers in New York City lost their lives at the World Trade Center.

With a year to ponder the terrible losses suffered that day and the threat of terrorism and evil still looming over our Nation, we realize now more than ever the debt of gratitude that we owe to those who place themselves in harm's way to protect our Nation and our citizens.

September 11 unified America and reawakened a spirit of determination and patriotism not seen since World War II. On that day we were reminded that freedom is not free—that there is a price that must be extracted to defeat tyranny and terrorism and to preserve the precious freedoms for which previous generations of heroes have fought so valiantly.

The war on terrorism will be a long war—but it is a war that we can and will win. So as we remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country and those still on the front lines in the battle for freedom, we are filled with renewed resolve that those who perpetrated these terrible acts will be brought to justice and that such a tragedy will never happen again in America.

May God bless the families of the victims of September 11, and may God continue to bless America.

#### STATEMENT ON POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

SPEECH OF

#### HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 19, 2002*

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to bring my colleagues' attention to POW/MIA Recognition Day, which is tomorrow. Designated by the President and observed every year on the Third Friday of September, we take this day to remember the sacrifices of armed service-members who were captured in wartime, and whose ultimate fate remains unknown. Over the course of the last century more than 142,000 Americans were taken captive when fighting for their country. Those unfortunate enough to be taken prisoner all too often suffered from the very worst human treatment. Let us remember the sacrifice they made for their country.

I would encourage my colleagues not only to remember those who were captured, but

also those who have never returned. I commend the Department of Defense's use of DNA sampling of living relatives to identify unknown remains. I have linked their website from mine and encourage other members to do the same to publicize this important step. We must also continue to encourage Korea, Vietnam and other countries to fully cooperate with our efforts to bring resolution to these cases.

Mr. Speaker, our missing heroes deserve much more than just a passive pledge not to forget, they deserve our active support. Let us all remember that fact on MIA/POW Recognition Day.

COMMENDING "SPIRIT OF AMERICA" AWARD RECIPIENTS PENNY FREDERICK AND KRISTIE BROUSSARD

**HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 2002*

Mr. JOHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the achievements of two of the staff members in my Lafayette, Louisiana Congressional District Office—Penny Frederick and Kristie Broussard.

On September 11, 2002, Penny and Kristie received the "Spirit of America" Award from the Diocese of Lafayette, Louisiana. They received this award in recognition of their dedicated service to those in need in our community.

As the commendation reads, both Penny and Kristie have "upheld the founding spirit of America, extending a helping hand to those in need of new homes and new hope. Migration and Refugee Services extends this commendation with warmest regards and deepest appreciation."

I applaud their patience and compassion for our constituents in Louisiana's 7th Congressional District. Their years of service to our community, and their dedication to their jobs is evidenced through this award.

Along with my outstanding team of staffers both in the district and in Washington, DC, I commend Penny and Kristie on this achievement.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING AMERICA'S SMALL BUSINESSES

**HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 2002*

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, today I am joined by 35 of my colleagues in introducing a bipartisan resolution supporting the issuance of a postage stamp honoring America's small businesses.

Small businesses make up a significant sector of our economy. The estimated 25 million small businesses in this nation bring new and innovative services and products to the marketplace and provide business ownership opportunities to diverse and traditionally under-represented groups. According to the Small Business Administration, small firms create

two out of every three new jobs in America. In fact, small businesses employ 54 percent of the national work force, and the men and women who own small businesses represent over 99 percent of all employers.

Many cutting-edge technologies which have become a part of our daily lives are the product of small business innovation. From the zipper and quick-frozen food, to the personal computer and high-resolution x-ray microscopes, small businesses have been a major force in shaping the last half century. In fact, it is estimated that small firms produce twice as many innovations per employee as large firms. Although small businesses receive a low percentage of federal research and development funds, they are responsible for a larger percentage of patents than big companies.

I urge my colleagues to join me and the 35 original bipartisan cosponsors of this resolution in honoring the real engine of our nation's economy by supporting the issuance of a postage stamp in commemoration of America's small businesses.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DON PARSONS

**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 2002*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with earnest respect that I recognize the life and passing of Mr. Don Parsons of Northglenn, Colorado. Sadly, Mr. Parsons recently passed away at the end of August and as his family mourns the loss, I would like to pay tribute to his life and to the wonderful contributions he made to the Northglenn Community.

For over fifteen years Don Parsons served diligently as Northglenn's mayor, prescribing effective solutions to many of the problems that confronted the city through out the years. Mr. Parsons served Northglenn's citizens honestly and faithfully and his reputation for fair dealing won him the bipartisan approval of his constituency. Don Parsons's ability to manage money and his overwhelming popularity throughout the community helped the mayor to resolve many of Northglenn's financial problems and place the city in a strong position fiscally.

Mr. Parsons believed and often said, "that those who are in charge should be those who are affected" and that is exactly how he made decisions for the City of Northglenn. He was always a citizen first and never lost touch with the real issues and concerns that affected his constituency with in the community. Mr. Parsons also contributed his time and expertise to a variety of regional boards and commissions, including the Regional Air Quality Council, the Metro Mayor's Caucus, and the Denver Regional Council of Governments.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I recognize Mr. Parsons before this body of Congress and this nation for the wonderful contributions he has made to the city of Northglenn, Colorado. My sincere condolences go out to his wife Jennifer, and his four children Julie, Jill, Doug, and Dirk. In life and in politics, Don Parsons always embodied the best of intentions. His loss will be deeply felt by the City of Northglenn and the entire state of Colorado.

CONGRATULATING EBBY HALLIDAY ACERS

**HON. RALPH M. HALL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 2002*

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of Texas's most respected and most successful businesswomen—Ebby Halliday of Dallas—on the occasion of her 91st birthday. Her countless community activities, successful business venture and endless enthusiasm make her truly a remarkable woman.

Ebby Halliday Realtors, the company that she founded 47 years ago, has grown from its infancy into a nationally known entity. This company that began with one office has now expanded to become one of the world's largest independently-owned residential realty firms. And at the age of 91, Ebby still works 9-hour work days. Ebby Halliday Realtors assisted some 17,500 home buyers last year, and Ebby's remarkable business acumen is evident in the many awards that she has received from her industry and peers.

In 1996 Ebby was introduced into the Texas Business Hall of Fame. She was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of Realtors and the International Real Estate Federation. Ernst and Young named her the regional Entrepreneur of the Year in 1997, and she was inducted into the Dallas Business Hall of Fame in 1999. In 2000, Ebby received the Lifetime Achievement Award in Real Estate from Texas A&M's Real Estate Center and was named Most Influential Woman in the Business and Professional Category by the Ft. Worth Business Press. Ebby was the first recipient of the Executive Women International's Executive Excellence Award—an award that will carry her name in the future—and she was conferred the Degree of Doctor of Humanities by Dallas Baptist University.

Aside from running a successful business, Ebby has selflessly devoted time and resources to local civic organizations. She has served as chairperson of the Thanksgiving Square Foundation, served on the boards of St. Paul Medical Foundation, the Communities Foundation of Texas, the Dallas Community College District Foundation, and the Better Business Bureau. She has also supported the Alexis de Tocqueville Society for the United Way, the Dallas Symphony Orchestra Guild, the Plano Symphony and the State Fair of Texas. She has been president of the North Dallas Chamber of Commerce and of the Greater Dallas Planning Council and served as a member of the Dallas Park and Recreation Board. In addition, the St. Paul Medical Center Foundation was dedicated to Ebby and her husband, Maurice Acers, in honor of their service.

Ebby's remarkable energy and philanthropy are a testament to her devotion to her career and to her community, and the State of Texas is grateful for her many significant contributions. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for me to recognize an outstanding citizen for her remarkable lifetime of achievement and philanthropy—my dear friend, Ebby Halliday Acers.