

ownership. Peeling and frying the potatoes by hand, the Ballreichs turned the love of making potato chips into a fledgling business. Soon after the start of this small operation, Fred persuaded his brother Carl to join the venture, and thus, the Ballreich Brothers partnership began.

As demand for these snack foods began to grow so did the Ballreich Brothers' business. To meet that demand the Ballreich's moved into the age of technology and began to mechanize their means of production. Today, a multitude of conveyors and industrial size machinery allow the company to produce over 2,000 pounds of the famous potato chip in one hour.

The Ballreich Company is a brand name within the northwest Ohio region, and is becoming nationally recognized. As individuals venture out from the region and take this regional tradition with them around the country, it allows others to become familiar with this beloved Ohio product.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize this company for all of its contributions to Ohio, including its commitment to all of the employees and their families who diligently work to keep this Ohio tradition alive. Also, it is appropriate to recognize the 150th anniversary of the potato chip, an institution within itself that has engrained itself into the American culture. In addition, I want to wish all of the Ballreich Company family the best. You are an example that not only is the American Spirit stronger than ever, but that the American Dream is alive and well.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR GOALS AND IDEAS OF DAY OF TRIBUTE TO ALL FIREFIGHTERS

SPEECH OF

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2002

Mrs. MORELLA. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Con. Res. 476, legislation Expressing Support for the Goals and Ideas of a Day of Tribute to All Firefighters. When I recently visited the Bethesda Fire Department, the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad, the Glen Echo Volunteer Fire Department, the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department, the Rockville Fire Department, and the Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Department, I witnessed an amazing bond of brotherhood among the firefighters, the Auxiliary Team, and the Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's). Fire Departments are much more than just buildings that house employees. They are truly places of community. Firefighters are much more than colleagues to one another. They are truly members of an extended family. At many of the firehouses, I saw married couples, their parents, and their children at their monthly meetings brought together by a sense of tradition, honor, family, and love. Tradition and honor is so apparent, any volunteer or career firefighter can tell you the history of their department and the history of their community.

Many would tell you that the last fallen firefighter in Montgomery County, Maryland was Jim Nicewarner. In 1977, as he was transporting an individual to George Washington

Hospital, the medic unit he was riding in was tragically struck by another car. Many say he wasn't supposed to be working that night. He was substituting for another medic from another department. The overwhelming consensus among the firefighters in Montgomery County is that's what is done for one another.

I am very proud of my Hometown Heroes of Montgomery County. It is important we recognize that these firefighters, as well as all firefighters across the Nation, were heroes long before September 11. They will continue to be heroes each day they risk their lives to save our own. It is time we pay tribute to those who are ready in a moment's notice to make the ultimate sacrifice, so that our community and our nation is a safe place to live.

HONORING THE CITY OF SHELLEY, IDAHO, AND THE SHELLEY SPUD DAYS ACTIVITIES

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 2, 2002

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, as the autumn nights get crisp and fall descends in eastern Idaho, the harvest of potatoes begins. So today, I rise to honor an Idaho tradition: Shelley Spud Days.

Shelley, Idaho, located in Bingham County, produces more potatoes than any other place in the world. Idaho farmers harvest 400,000 acres of spuds each year equaling more than 14 billion pounds. With worldwide fame, it's only fitting that Idaho's most famous commodity is commemorated each year in the heart of potato country USA.

So, for 74 years the closeknit community of Shelley has celebrated the harvest season with Shelley Spud Days. What started in 1927 when a handful of farmers gathered for a harvest party has transcended to one of Idaho's largest community celebrations. With only 3,500 residents, Shelley puts on a premier party. This year more than 10,000 people took in a day's worth of activities including wrestling in a mashed potato pit, shaking hands with Mr. Potato Head and eating a free baked potato with sour cream and butter.

As any non-profit organization understands, these events could never function without dedicated volunteers who spend countless hours ensuring its success. I especially want to thank Raylene Johnson, coordinator for the event, for her hard work.

I'm proud Shelley has continued this community event to celebrate what Idaho is famous for—potatoes. It's a celebration that hopefully will continue for years to come.

EXPRESSING SORROW OF THE HOUSE AT THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE PATSY T. MINK, MEMBER OF CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF HAWAII

SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2002

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to join with my colleagues in paying a

richly deserved tribute to the memory of our esteemed and devoted colleague here in the Congress, Congresswoman PATSY MINK.

The character of the life she lived could be summed up in just a few words: she was compassionate, dedicated, strong-spirited, a tireless worker, a real trailblazer, and an inspiring leader. Congresswoman MINK was self-sacrificing and sincerely devoted to her constituents and to this House.

After becoming the first Asian-American woman elected to Congress in 1964, Congresswoman MINK won a reputation for taking the lead on issues involving civil rights, education, the environment, poverty, as well as opposition to the Vietnam War. She was one of the first legislators to call for the impeachment of President Richard M. Nixon over Watergate, and her pioneering campaign for equality for women was credited with helping to make the issue a focal point of Democratic politics.

Congresswoman MINK was extremely proud of the leading role she played in 1972 in the passage of Title IX of the Education Act which as a result opened many doors and provided opportunities for young women in athletics. More recently, she opposed the toughening of welfare laws signed by former President Bill Clinton.

MINK has served in the U.S. Congress for 24 years. She was a "voice for the voiceless" and worked diligently for those who are oftentimes forgotten such as the poor and the disenfranchised.

Congresswoman MINK was a petite woman with a big heart and great intellect. It was a privilege to serve with her in the House and observe as she combined charm with an unlimited energy and the highest integrity. Her leadership and passion for justice will be missed not only by those who served with her, but by her constituents which she proudly served.

In closing and to sum up the impact which I believe PATSY MINK has had, I would like to paraphrase the words of Abraham Lincoln who stated in a memorable address: "The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but can never forget what they did here."

My deepest condolences to her husband John and daughter Wendy, and to the constituents to the second district of Hawaii.

HONORING ED AND NANCY FELDMAN AND DRS. GUS AND BECCA GALANTE

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 2, 2002

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to commend four of Northwest Indiana's most distinguished citizens, Ed and Nancy Feldman and Drs. Gus and Becca Galante. On Sunday, October 6, 2002, these couples will be honored for their exemplary and dedicated service to Northwest Indiana and to the State of Israel. Their praiseworthy efforts will be recognized at the annual Northwest Indiana-Israel Dinner of State, as they receive the prestigious Jerusalem Medal. The State of Israel Bonds presents the Jerusalem Medal to worthy recipients who demonstrate

their dedication and outstanding service to Israel and their community.

The State of Israel Bonds is an international organization offering securities issued by the government of Israel. Since its inception in 1951, Israel Bonds has secured \$25 billion in investment capital for the development of every aspect of Israel's economy, including agriculture, commerce and industry. Throughout its history, Israel has maintained a perfect record on the payment of principal and interest on the securities it has issued.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Feldman, are two of the most caring, dedicated, and selfless citizens of Indiana's First Congressional District. The Feldman's are very active members of Congregation Beth Israel in Hammond. Ed teaches Bar and Bat Mitzvah students, serves as chairman of the Ritual Committee, acts as Cantor for Shabat and holiday services, and is a member of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors. He is the immediate past president of the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana and serves on the Endowment Fund Trustees Committee as well as the Building Legal Finance Committee. Nancy is also a member of the Board of Directors and serves as co-chair of the Chevra Kedisha, is a member of the Mitzvah Committee, and coordinates projects for Bar and Bat Mitzvah students. Along with Gus Galante, she is co-chair of the Federation's annual fund-raising campaign, where she serves on the Executive Committee and Board of Directors as vice president.

Drs. Gus and Becca Galante are the other recipients of the Jerusalem Medal. Gus was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina and is the descendant of Jews who migrated from Lithuania, Russia, Gibraltar and Morocco. He is an active member of the Northwest Indiana Federation Board and is the current co-chairman of the general campaign. In addition, he participates in Chevra Kedisha and is the recipient of the Emanuel Marcus Leadership Award for community participation. Becca is descended from Jews who migrated from Russia, Poland and Austria and was born in Lafayette, Indiana. She serves on the Board of Directors of Congregation Beth Israel, on the Sisterhood Board and is a member of the Chevra Kedisha. She is a past co-chair of the Federation's general campaign, co-founder of the Jewish Future Forum, and recipient of the Hurst Family Leadership Award, as well as the Gevurah Award from the Jewish Federation.

The special guest at this gala event will be Ambassador Gvir. Ambassador Gvir was born in Shilde near Antwerp, Belgium, and escaped the Nazis as a child to Switzerland. He made aliyah in 1958 and has served as Israel's Ambassador to the Czech Republic, Switzerland and Liechtenstein. He was also the minister at the Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending the Feldman's and Galante's for their lifetime of service, success, and dedication to Indiana's First Congressional District and the State of Israel.

RECOGNIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR FOR SUCCESS OF COMMUNITY AND FAITH-BASED INITIATIVE

HON. JOHN R. THUNE

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 2, 2002

Mr. THUNE. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the Department of Labor for its efforts to integrate community and faith-based organizations into Federal employment and training services. The department is working with these local partners to deliver effective programs to some of our hardest to reach neighborhoods. Small community and faith-based organizations have already made significant human investments in communities throughout America and are known and trusted to deliver results.

The importance of this initiative is most evident among some of America's poorest families and individuals, where community and faith-based organizations are sometimes the only partners capable of delivering effective services. I commend the Department of Labor for creating several pilot and innovative grant programs designed to better utilize the unique skills of community and faith-based institutions in its employment and training efforts.

Given the department's growing record of success, I sincerely hope that Congress will pass and send legislation to the President's desk that ensures the Federal government will no longer ignore these critical partnerships. The House has passed H.R. 7 to make community and faith-based organizations eligible to receive federal program dollars, and again, I hope this legislation will pass both chambers before we adjourn.

Again Mr. Speaker, I want to commend the Department of Labor for its work to improve Federal services and encourage them to continue and expand their successful partnerships with community and faith-based organizations.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR GOALS AND IDEAS OF DAY OF TRIBUTE TO ALL FIREFIGHTERS

SPEECH OF

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2002

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I am very pleased to be here today to speak in support of H. Con. Res. 476, providing tribute to firefighters who have died in the line of duty.

This Resolution has special meaning to my home community in that last year Jeff Chavis, of the Lexington County Fire Service of Lexington, South Carolina, lost his life as he courageously fought a fire that destroyed a home on the shores of Lake Murray. Jeff was a dedicated twenty-two year old firefighter who will always be remembered in South Carolina as a symbol of devotion to protecting the public from harm.

Jeff's death, and then the murderous attack on the World Trade Center towers, have reminded all Americans of the courage of firefighters and the sacrifice they voluntarily pro-

vide. At no time in American history has this profession been more appreciated.

My family has a personal respect for the competence of firefighters. The West Columbia Fire Department, led by Chief Barry Anderson, has three times saved our family home from a faulty water heater, a stove fire, and an electrical short of a television. In each event the Department was prompt and thoughtful.

As a newcomer to Congress, I have been impressed by the quality of my colleagues in the House. One whom I have grown to truly respect is the author of this Resolution, CURT WELDON of Pennsylvania. I know firsthand of his appreciate for and his tireless work on behalf of our nation's firefighters.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF HAROLD W. JURGENA

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 2, 2002

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Harold W. Jurgena, from Irving, Illinois.

A graduate of Hillsboro High School, Mr. Jurgena went on to work at the Hillsboro Glass Company for nearly 40 years. He and his family have been involved in farming since his birth.

In 1962, Jurgena was appointed to replace John Walters' in his term as Village President. He has been re-elected as Village President for the last nine consecutive terms.

The Jurgena tenure has been marked by a number of achievements such as improvements in the city's water system, natural gas, sewage upgrades, cable television, modernizing the city police department, lighting the ball field, a new Fire House and City Hall and the construction of the Irving Century House.

As Village President or "Mayor" as he is known, Jurgena never overlooked the needs of his city. Yet he didn't stop with just elected public service. He has also served on the Hillsboro Board of Education, as a member of the Irving Volunteer Fire Department, a member of the Farm Bureau, past president of the Lutheran Brotherhood, member of the Ansar Shrine in Springfield, Adult Leader of the Montgomery county 4-H and Past Master of the Irving Masonic Lodge.

Throughout his life, Harold Jurgena has given selflessly for his community and those around him. He has been an inspiration to generations of Irving residents and I am proud to call him one of mine as well.

The people of our area have benefited greatly from Harold Jurgena and I believe it is proper for us to take the time to recognize him and say thanks for a job well done.