

the mayor was corrupt. Well, mayors of other cities have been corrupt. They were impeached, removed from office, and in some cases, legal action was taken. But the power of their office itself was not removed. Voters in their cities were not denied their right to elect their leaders because an outside body judged one of them to be corrupt. Things like this do not happen anywhere in America except in D.C.

Injustices in Washington, D.C. have gone on long enough. The Founding Fathers had good reasons for denying D.C. representation, but their reasons have outlived their time, and it is time to do something about it. It is time to rise above partisan differences and recognize that everyone living in the capital city, Democrats, Republicans, and all others are denied rights which are granted to all other Americans under the Constitution. It is time to exercise Article V of the Constitution and pass an amendment giving residents of Washington, D.C. their lawful rights as American citizens.

We do not dishonor the Founding Fathers when we say that one of their ideas has outlived its time. On the contrary, we honor their democratic ideals by extending liberty and justice to all. And we paraphrase the words of a man whose memorial you visited in Washington, D.C. that a government of the people, by the people, and for the people must and shall be restored to our capital city.

Thank you very much, ladies and gentlemen.

#### A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF CHARLES MILLER

#### HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 7, 2002*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Charles Miller has served as mayor of the village of Gnadenhutten for 30 years; and

Whereas, Charles Miller also served Gnadenhutten as a member of the Village Council; and

Whereas, Charles Miller has been a steadfast and hard-working leader and will continue to be an admired citizen of the State of Ohio; and

Whereas, Charles Miller has used his position as mayor of Gnadenhutten to help better the lives of hundreds of people; and

Whereas, Charles Miller must be commended for his professionalism and his ability to motivate those around him by establishing a superb example; and

Whereas, Charles Miller's dedication and service as mayor will be missed by the entire Gnadenhutten community.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the village of Gnadenhutten and the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in celebrating Charles Miller's years of service and retirement.

#### MEMORIAL RESOLUTION—MILA WILLIAMS BROOKS

#### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 7, 2002*

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a public servant of the highest

degree. Ms. Mila Williams Brooks, a former Peace Corps Country Director and economic development consultant for USAID, died in Washington, D.C., on September 4 after a long but spirited battle with cancer. She was 75. As a returned Peace Corps Volunteer, I wish to take this moment to express my sympathy to her family, and to pay tribute to her extraordinary life.

An independent woman of unsurpassed energy with a remarkable sense of adventure and fun, Mila was born in Topeka, Kansas. She graduated from the University of Kansas with degrees in Political Science and French. After college, she married and had five children. In the mid-sixties Mila drove to Mexico with four young children in tow to establish a new life and offer her children cross-cultural opportunities. In Mexico, she learned fluent Spanish, attended graduate school, and hosted a radio show. In 1969, she returned to the United States and began work with the Peace Corps. In 1973, she was appointed Deputy Peace Corps Country Director in Santiago, Chile. Before returning to the U.S. in 1977, she served as an economic development consultant for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and as the Southern Cone regional representative of the Young Men's Christian Association.

In 1985, she was appointed Country Director of the Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic, a post she held until 1988. In 1989, she was selected as one of two Americans to work in pre-election activities in Nicaragua. Following the 1990 elections, she was selected to run USAID's democratic initiatives program in Nicaragua, a post she held until 1993. That year, again stateside, she settled in Napa, California, and continued to consult internationally.

Mila was a fiercely devoted and loving mother. Throughout her life, she had the gift of loyal and loving friends who received the great gift of her love and friendship in return. She will be deeply missed and mourned by all who knew her, especially her four children Trent, Mia, Brad and Holly and her three grandchildren Tiffany, Maxwell, and Sophie.

#### CENTRAL NEW JERSEY CELEBRATES THE DEDICATED COMMUNITY SERVICE OF CATHERINE S. GRAHAM

#### HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 7, 2002*

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the commitment of Catherine S. Graham to the betterment of central New Jersey.

From her first call to public service in 1957 in the clerk's office of the Mercer County Court House, Catherine Graham began a pattern of commitment to her community that continues today as a general consultant in education and human services.

Her dedication to the people of central New Jersey can be seen in her battles for quality education in our public schools, which culminated in the position of Executive Director of the Trenton Educational Development Corporation, a nonprofit agency dedicated to the advocacy of quality education and continues

to this day in her chairpersonship of the Trenton Parent Involvement Committee.

Her dedication to the people of central New Jersey can be felt in her passion for delivering quality services in welfare, public health, and social services when she was the Director of Health and Human Services for the City of Trenton.

Her dedication to the people of central New Jersey can be witnessed by her efforts in the African American community on the Board of Directors of the Trenton Branch of the NAACP, on the Board of Directors of the New Jersey State Conference of NAACP Branches and in the National Caucus of Black Women.

The service to Central New Jersey performed by Catherine S. Graham is impressive and commendable and I am proud to rise here today in her honor.

#### HONORING JOHNNY UNITAS AND EXTENDING CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY ON HIS PASSING

SPEECH OF

#### HON. ROBERT L. EHRLICH, JR.

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2002*

Mr. EHRLICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 538, honoring Johnny Unitas on his passing.

Like a lot of kids growing up in Baltimore in the 1960s, I always imagined myself playing alongside Johnny Unitas on Sunday afternoon at Memorial Stadium. Never did I imagine that, later in life, I would count the greatest quarterback of all time as a dear friend.

I first met Johnny Unitas when I served in the Maryland State Legislature. He was larger than life; an institution in Baltimore. But he never lost his unique sense of humility and kindness. He always took the time to sign a few autographs or help a young quarterback tighten his spiral.

I played linebacker at the Gilman School in Baltimore and later at Princeton University. The Chicago Bears' Dick Butkus set the standard for how to play linebacker, but Johnny Unitas set the standard for how to play the game.

He defined leadership and sportsmanship for my generation. He made the game of football what it is today. It is no surprise that the career of Johnny Unitas coincides with the popular ascendancy of professional football.

The list of his on-the-field accolades is incomparable. He won three league championships, three MVP awards, and made ten Pro Bowl appearances. He retired from the NFL in 1974 as the owner of 22 NFL records, most notably throwing at least one touchdown pass in 47 consecutive games. No player since has even come close to surpassing that feat.

Johnny Unitas is best known for his golden arm, but his greatest gift was a golden heart. He never stopped giving back to his community and his country. He established the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Educational Foundation to help low-income kids get a college education. He was a tireless supporter of cystic fibrosis research. He and his wife Sandra fought admirably to help victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. Through charitable efforts that are bound to thrive even after his passing, his spirit of compassion lives on in the City of Baltimore and the nation.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to introduce House Resolution 538 in honor of my friend Johnny Unitas. The indelible impression he left on the City of Baltimore, my home state of Maryland, and the nation is deserving of today's recognition. He will be missed, but not forgotten. I ask my colleagues to join me in support of this important resolution.

IN HONOR OF REPRESENTATIVE  
FRANK PALLONE, JR.

**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 7, 2002*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, as a colleague and friend, to honor Representative FRANK PALLONE, JR. for his tremendous career and his accomplishments for the People of New Jersey. He has always fought the principled battles for the progress of American society. For his efforts, Mr. PALLONE was awarded the Justice for Cyprus award at the Cyprus Federation of America's annual Awards Gala on Saturday, October 5th.

The Honorable FRANK PALLONE was officially sworn in for his seventh term in the US House of Representatives on January 3rd, 2002, winning his reelection with 68 percent of the vote. He has been a very active and dedicated Member of the House throughout his tenure. He is Vice-Chairman for the Communications of the Democratic Policy Committee, a Member of the Democratic Steering Committee, Co-Chairman of the Democratic Task Force on Health Care Reform and the House Democratic Environmental Task Force.

FRANK PALLONE has been recognized time and again for his commitment to the advancement of many issues, including expanding health care access and affordability, protecting the integrity of Medicare and Medicaid, ensuring food safety, protecting the environment and strengthening environmental laws. For his efforts, he was recognized as Legislator of the Year in 2001 by the New Jersey Association of Broadcasters, and Outstanding Legislator of the Year in 1999 by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

A native of Long Branch, New Jersey, Mr. PALLONE earned an academic scholarship to Middlebury College. After he graduated cum laude, PALLONE received his master's degree in international relations at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

FRANK PALLONE and his wife, Sarah, have three children, daughters, Rose Marie and Celeste Teresa, and son, Frank Andrew.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Congressman FRANK PALLONE, JR. for his remarkable leadership in promoting peace and justice in Cyprus.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 7, 2002*

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to participate in the following votes. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows:

October 3, 2002, rollcall vote 437, on approving the journal, I would have voted "yea".

RECOGNITION FOR CHIEF DENNIS  
COMPTON OF MESA, ARIZONA

**HON. CURT WELDON**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 7, 2002*

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Chief Dennis Compton of the Meza, Arizona Fire Department who is retiring after 30 years of dedication and commitment to the fire and emergency services.

Among Congressional Fire Services Caucus leaders, Chief Compton is highly regarded for his character and integrity. He is an individual who has lent an enormous amount of time to the Congressional Fire Services Institute, serving as Chairperson of its National Advisory Committee. Many of the recent successes enjoyed by the fire service bear his imprint.

Chief Compton possesses many outstanding attributes, perhaps none more important than his skills as a coalition builder. We tend to think of the fire service as a unified service. As a former fire chief, myself, I can tell you from personal experiences that it is not. The fire and emergency services must often address internal conflicts that can disrupt progress at both the local and national levels. In either case, I cannot think of anyone more qualified and effective in resolving differences and building coalitions than Chief Compton.

Fortunately, he has reassured the fire service that he will remain an active advocate for public safety causes upon retirement as chief. I will hold him to that promise. At this critical juncture as we discuss proposals for defending our nation against potential acts of terrorism, we need to heed the advice of knowledgeable individuals who can offer sound judgment and guidance on such a critical issue. Chief Compton is such an individual.

However, I have it on good authority, Mr. Speaker, that the reason for Chief Compton's retirement has to do with two passions: his grandson and his Diamondbacks. Apparently he would like to spend more time with both.

In closing, I extend to Chief Compton my congratulations on his retirement and thanks for his immeasurable contributions to our nation's fire and emergency services.

HONORING DONALD BOTT

**HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 7, 2002*

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to honor a dedicated and accomplished educator in Northern California, Mr. Donald Bott. Don was recently named the 2002 National High School Journalism Teacher of the Year by the Dow Jones Newspaper Fund.

When the Newspaper Fund began in 1958, it focused on helping high school journalism teachers achieve their potential in teaching the skills to make their students first-rate journalists. The tradition continues to this day with the Fund's recognition program for outstanding teachers. This year, the Newspaper Fund concluded that Don Bott, who teaches at Amos Alonzo Stagg High School in Stockton, California, represents the nation's best in scholastic media advisers.

Don, who was previously named as one of only five Distinguished Advisors by the Newspaper Fund in 2000, will now have the opportunity to travel to conferences throughout the year, speaking about the importance of offering journalism as a core part of school curriculum.

Don's academic background is exceptional. Over the years, he has earned various degrees and certificates, including a Journalism Educator certificate, a Language Development Specialist certificate, a Single-Subject Secondary Teaching Credential, a Master of Arts degree in English from California State University, Sacramento, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Literature, with honors, from my alma mater, the University of California, Santa Cruz.

Furthermore, Don has excelled professionally as an educator. Aside from teaching at both the high school and college levels, he has worked to develop standards and curricula in the field of secondary school journalism studies. His peers have recognized his excellence by naming him as a Special Recognition Adviser, San Joaquin A+ Educator, and 1994-95 San Joaquin County Teacher of the Year.

Despite the accolades he has received personally, Don Bott views his work with a measure of modesty. He is quick to point out that the success of Stagg High School's newspaper, The Stagg Line, is a reflection of the talent and commitment of the students who produce it. Not surprisingly, one of his recent students has also received national acclaim. Together, Don and his students have created an award-winning newspaper. Among the honors it has garnered are: eight consecutive NSPA All-Americans, three National Pacemakers, two CSPA Gold Medalists, a Quill and Scroll International First Place, a first-place state JEANC Best of the West, three first-place NSPA National Best of Show awards, a Journalist Impact Award, and numerous regional awards.

While he is humble about his own role in the newspaper's success, Don is very proud of what his students have achieved in light of their school district's circumstances. Whereas many of the acclaimed student newspapers in the country are produced in affluent schools, The Stagg Line has been a bright spot in a high school that underperforms on standardized tests. This, indeed, is a tribute to a great teacher, inspired students, and hard work.

I congratulate Don Bott for the outstanding work he has done to touch young lives and advance the quality of news journalism. May he and his colleagues continue their great success.

MULEGÉ AND THE FIGHT OF  
PINEDA

**HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 7, 2002*

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, the relationship between Mexico and the United States of America is stronger than ever before. This relationship has been tested and strengthened throughout their shared history, a history typical of two close neighbors. There have been disputes and agreements, conflicts and truces, all of which have led the two countries to where they stand today: united, both in their