

Nicholas Cathedral in Los Angeles. During his five years of service he had oversight responsibilities on many committees and activities. Jameel was instrumental in the refurbishment of the exterior of the cathedral, the celebration of the visit of Patriarch Ignacious IV in 1999, the organization of the 50th Anniversary of the cathedral in 2000 and host to the Antiochian Convention held in Los Angeles in 2001.

Dr. Hourani is a Board Certified Physician in Internal Medicine, Pulmonary Medicine and Critical Care Medicine. He is also a member of the American College of Physicians, the American College of Chest Physicians, the American Medical Association, the American Osteopathic Association and the American Thoracic Society.

He has established his credentials through many years of Service. Jameel is credited with numerous articles, lectures and participated in over 24 clinical research studies in the last five years. Dr. Hourani's expertise has extended internationally as he participated in the first kidney transplant in Morocco. In the United States Dr. Hourani has been inducted into the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels by the Governor of Kentucky for his relief work in the flood-ravaged area in the late 1980's.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to personally thank Dr. Hourani for his service to both the community and the cathedral. Jameel Hourani is a dedicated man of his community and I wish him the best of luck in the future.

CONGRATULATING 3M FOR 100
YEARS OF INNOVATION

HON. LAMAR S. SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 7, 2002

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, for the past century 3M has been a leader of innovative products. The company's achievements in technology, medicine and safety, have improved lives around the world.

In 1925, a young researcher by the name of Dick Drew, acting on his own initiative, developed the Scotch Tape Product line.

In 1937, the first traffic sign of 3M Scotchlite Reflective Sheeting went up in Minneapolis. In addition, the first electrical tape with vinyl plastic backing was introduced and Scotch Magnetic Tape (which was later designed to use in the first recording of television pictures) was introduced.

Other innovative ideas include Scotch Magic Transparent Tape, Tartan Track (the first synthetic running track), and the introduction of Dry Silver technology.

As the decades went by, the success of 3M only increased with the discovery of medical x-ray film, fire barrier sealant, and the introduction of the 3M Pollution Prevention Pays.

In 1985, the first successful optical disk for information storage, video, and audio reproduction was implemented.

A few years later, 3M Fibrok Fiber Optics Splices reduced splicing time drastically. And the first commercial automatic book check-out systems for libraries, known as the 3M Self-Check Automated Library System, was introduced.

In closing, I commend the employees at 3M's Austin, Texas, facility, which is in the new 21st Congressional District. Their work

has contributed much to America's technological innovations and to Austin's economy.

TRIBUTE TO BENJAMIN GILMAN

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 7, 2002

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a dear friend, colleague, and fellow New Yorker, Congressman BENJAMIN GILMAN, on a successful 30 years of leadership. Let me begin by personally thanking him. For his vision, for his forceful leadership, for his compassion under the most challenging circumstances, and for his tireless dedication to the state of New York.

Together Congressman GILMAN and I teamed up to introduce our bipartisan bill, H.R. 253, the "Tax Relief for Families with Children Act." It was a pleasure to be able to work with him and to put partisanship aside to create a bill that would benefit families in New York and nationwide.

In his tenure in Congress he has fought endlessly to support legislation that will improve the quality of education received by all children in our country. He has also introduced legislation to help fight the increase in juvenile violence and has been a longtime advocate of foreign aid programs to reduce hunger and support family planning.

The House of Representatives is losing a great force by the departure of Congressman GILMAN. I appreciate all that he has done for the state of New York and the nation as a whole and wish him the best of luck with his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO BENJAMIN GILMAN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 7, 2002

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I am saddened by the action that we take here this afternoon, honoring one of the house's greatest gentlemen, BENJAMIN GILMAN, upon his retirement after 15 terms in Congress.

BEN has been a friend and supporter of many of us on the other side of the aisle. His compassion for serving others is legendary. Whether it was fighting for the creation of the select committee on hunger or freeing political prisoners in Cuba, BEN was a stalwart in protecting the rights of others. He brought that same concern for others to his role as the ranking member of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee from 1989 to 1993 which had oversight over civil service and postal employees. BEN has continued to be a voice of reason on the successor to this committee, the House Government Reform Committee. Having traveled with him on several anti-drug Codels, I know how committed he has been not only in fighting drug trafficking but also in working for the resources necessary to assist those affected by drug abuse.

For his entire congressional career, BEN was known as someone from "upstate New York". Within the New York delegation, that simply means that BEN is not from New York

city. While he may not hail from "the big apple", he is one of "New York's finest" and it has been an honor and a pleasure for me to serve with him and to call him my friend. BEN, please know that you will be sorely missed even by those of us who are not from your side of the aisle or from upstate New York. I can only wish you well and to thank for your years of service to the people of New York and this nation.

IN HONOR OF JAMES CHAPIN

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 7, 2002

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, my colleagues, and friends, it is with deep sorrow that I address our distinguished body today to announce the passing of a devout patriot, committed citizen of the world and a good friend, James Chapin.

Jim was exceptionally brilliant. His political mind and his strong character impacted on our local, national and international community. A long time political advisor, James Chapin was involved in many endeavors. In addition to his work in politics, he earned a doctorate in history from Cornell University and went on to teach at Yale and Rutgers. Since 2000 he worked for the United International Press and sat on the board of the Queen's Public Library for over 22 years.

In the 1970's the problems of world hunger and malnutrition was brought to my attention by Harry Chapin, the late brother of James. As a result I became involved in bringing this issue to the international political forum and eventually, I served on the Select Committee for World Hunger. It was during that time that my longstanding, relationships with both Harry and Jim Chapin took root.

It was in his capacity as Chairman of the World Hunger Foundation, that I personally remember Jim best. As a true citizen of the world, he took his role as Chairman seriously throughout his tenure in that position. He was instrumental in the fight for social justice and human rights. His contributions in that arena were truly inspiring and we shall long remember him as a true patriot and a generous man.

My wife, Georgia, and I are deeply saddened by his passing. Along with his many friends in the House of Representatives, in New York and around the World, we extend our deepest condolences to his mother Elspeth, his wife, Diana, his two brothers, Tom and Steve and his two sons, James and David.

God Bless you, Jim and may you rest in peace recognizing your many contributions to our way of life.

We thank you for your companionship.

IN HONOR OF MR. HARRY
MAITLAND, JR.

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 7, 2002

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a special individual in my community who recently passed away.

Mr. Harry Maitland, Jr., 76, of Middletown, Pennsylvania, was a celebrated police reporter and editor for my hometown newspaper, the Delaware County Daily Times. Mr. Maitland's 52 years on staff at the Daily Times was the longest in the newspaper's 126-year history.

Mr. Maitland was born in Chester and was a resident of Aston, Pennsylvania until moving to Middletown 48 years ago. A 1944 graduate of Chester High School, he attended the Pennsylvania Military College, now known as Widner University.

Mr. Maitland was only a sophomore when his long run at the Daily Times began. Starting his career as a sports correspondent, he was hired full-time in 1950 where he worked in a variety of positions. During World War II, Harry served in the communications section of the Air Force during the occupation of Germany. Drawing on his experiences in the military, Harry was put in charge of interviewing and writing stories of local Vietnam War survivors. A veteran and active member of the American Legion Post 926, he always maintained a special place in his heart for veterans. Harry was the author of a column called "In the Military" for many years.

Although writing about the hardships of war was not always a pleasant aspect of his life, war did provide him the opportunity to meet his wife, Ilse. During his military service in Germany, Mr. Maitland was stationed near Wiesbaden in January 1946 when he rescued a young German woman from under a tree during a heavy rainstorm. Out of touch for seven years after the incident, Harry found her again by writing to several newspapers in Wiesbaden. He flew back to Germany and married her. A devoted husband, 40 years later he could be heard ending phone conversations with her with a kiss into the phone.

Mr. Maitland was a decorated reporter and writer. He received a first place award for local government news writing in the 1972 statewide Keystone Press contest for his story on former Special County Prosecutor Richard A. Sprague's raid on county Republican headquarters. He was also honored by the Fraternal Order of Police and the Philadelphia Citizens Crime Commission, which recognized him for outstanding police reporting. Finally, in 1985, the Delaware County Police Chiefs Association named him Citizen of the Year.

Mr. Maitland also served his community as a fireman. He was one of the first junior members of the Green Ridge Fire Co. in Aston. In 1990, I presented Mr. Maitland with a special award from the Delaware County Firemen's Association.

Mr. Speaker, I call on my colleagues to recognize the life of a good and honorable man. Harry Maitland, respected and admired by his colleagues and his readers was described by one of his co-workers as a "reporter's reporter". Mr. Speaker, Delaware County is a better place thanks to the life and contributions of men like Harry Maitland.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CLEAN AIR COMMUNITIES PROJECT PARTNERS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2002

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to The Clean Air Commu-

nities Project Partners for their commitment to implementing technologies that will ensure that the air that we breathe is cleaner.

In 1999, Clean Air Communities was created by Natural Resources Defense Council, Northeast States Clean Air Foundation, Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management, Con Edison, and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to promote clean energy strategies and to reduce pollution.

On October 7, 2002, this coalition of private and public partners announced the launch of New York City's largest commercial solar electric system in Brooklyn, New York. Clean Air Communities, New York State Energy Research & Development Authority, Greenpoint Manufacturing and Design Center, and PowerLight joined together to fund this exciting new project which will generate and store electricity while reducing the demand on New York's power grid.

In bringing together public and private partners around projects like this, Clean Air Communities continues to demonstrate that these collaborative partnerships work: to achieve better air quality; to increase our energy security and independence; and to provide real alternatives to the communities most in need in our city.

The solar panel array will convert sunlight directly into electricity, thereby generating clean electrical power. By relying on solar energy, some of the harmful emissions that pollute the air and cause health problems will be eliminated.

I believe that it is critical that we invest our resources in developing new technologies to expand the possible uses of renewable energy. We know far too well the dangers that climate changes can pose to the global environment. By utilizing renewable energies, we can help to reverse the negative effects that decades of reliance on fossil fuels have caused. Moreover, renewable energies will help to accommodate the growing demand that the increasing world population places upon the environment.

I commend Clean Air Communities for advancing air quality, renewable energy alternatives, and environmental justice in New York and applaud their efforts in creating model initiatives such as this.

TRIBUTE TO JACQUELINE ESMEIJER

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2002

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during National Disability Employment Awareness Month to honor Jacqueline Esmeijer of Santa Rosa, California. Born 27 years ago with cerebral palsy, Jackie has demonstrated throughout her life that the condition does not define who she is or what she can do.

Jackie recently completed a video, "Positively Enabled," that conveys just this message. A student at Santa Rosa Junior College, Jackie made the film as a psychology project. It shows the normal life that she leads and her many accomplishments at school including founding Tech Savvy, a club that takes students behind the scenes of Telecom Valley

companies. She also served as vice-president of the Petaluma Campus Council. She plans to produce a series focusing on how someone with a different physical or mental challenge can change preconceptions.

In Jackie's words, her life and her video make a statement that "people with disabilities accomplish much more than is often seen and deserve credit for doing so."

Mr. Speaker, President Bush has designated October National Employment Disability Awareness Month. It is with great pride that I salute Jacqueline Esmeijer during this time for showing us all that disabilities are only challenges and not the essence of a human being.

RECOGNIZING THREE GEORGIA SCHOOLS AS STATE CHAMPIONS OF THE PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND FITNESS AWARDS PROGRAM

HON. SAXBY CHAMBLISS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2002

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Allatoona Elementary School of Acworth, GA, Athens Academy, of Athens, GA, and New Testament Christian Academy of Stockbridge, GA, on being named a "State Champion" by the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. These schools were selected based on their high achievements in the President's Challenge Physical Activity and Fitness Awards Program.

Available to all schools around the country since 1958, the President's Challenge Physical Fitness offers recognition and awards for fitness to all participating students. The State Champion award is presented each year to schools with the greatest number of students scoring at or above the 85th percentile on the President's Challenge. In each state, three State Champions are chosen based on total enrollment.

It is my pleasure to honor these schools today in their attempt to battle a national health crisis among our Nation's youth. Mr. Speaker, please join me in promoting health to the young people of the United States by further stressing the importance of greater physical fitness. Again, I would like to commend these schools for accepting the President's challenge and helping create a healthier nation.

CHILDREN'S NETWORK OF SOLANO COUNTY CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2002

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, we rise today to invite our colleagues to join us in recognizing the Children's Network of Solano County as it celebrates its 20th anniversary.

Since its inception in 1982, the Children's Network has worked to improve the lives of children in Solano County. Once an organization that focused primarily on low-income and