

the October 13, 2002, banquet of the Luzerne County Italian American Association. He has served as Sergeant-at-Arms for the last three years and on the board of directors of the Association.

Anthony is the son of the late August and Lucille Serignese Bianco. He is a graduate of the Pittston High School Class of 1954.

Over the years, he has participated in numerous civic and religious organizations. He is a lifelong member of the Holy Name Society of Mount Carmel Church, Pittston, where he is a volunteer assistant at all functions. He is also a member and volunteer of the American Red Cross, where he has participated for more than 21 years in community blood drives, which resulted in the Red Cross presenting him with the "21 Year Pin" recently.

He has also represented the Italian American Association at the Pittston Tomato Festival Parade and serves as a volunteer for the groundskeeping work at the Columbus statue in Pittston throughout the year. He has represented the 7th Ward, 3rd District in the City of Pittston as the Democratic Committeeman for more than 25 years and also serves as Judge of Elections for that ward.

Anthony has worked for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and for the past 32 years, he has been employed at the Luzerne County Veterans Affairs Bureau, where he has been responsible for delivering veterans' stone markers and flags to all cemeteries in Luzerne and adjacent counties of his jurisdiction.

He is a lifelong resident of Pittston. His family includes a brother, the late Philip Bianco, and a sister, Grace Bianco Nolan. He has three nieces and a nephew, along with several great-nieces and great-nephews.

Mr. Speaker, for all these reasons, I am pleased to call to the attention of the House of Representatives the well-deserved honor being accorded to Anthony Bianco, and I wish him all the best.

#### TRIBUTE TO MARY ANN SOLBERG

##### HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 10, 2002*

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to my friend Mary Ann Solberg of Troy, Michigan for her outstanding commitment to public service. On October 23, 2002, Leadership Troy will name her this year's Distinguished Citizen.

Mary Ann Solberg has become the leader in community anti-drug coalitions, not only in Michigan, but throughout the country. She served as Executive Director of the Troy Community Coalition for twelve years and also created and served as Executive Director of the Coalition of Healthy Communities—a consortium of community anti-drug coalitions in Michigan. Earlier this year, she was sworn in as Deputy Director for the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

During Mary Ann's tenure as Executive Director, the Troy Coalition grew from a group of concerned community members meeting around a kitchen table into one of the most respected anti-drug coalitions in the country—earning the "Best Coalition" designation from the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America in 1997.

Troy has become a model to other communities hoping to duplicate their success. Mary Ann traveled extensively as a lecturer and consultant helping communities from prevention coalitions and providing technical assistance to community's partnerships and coalitions. She also served as an advisor to the Department of Health and Human Services' Center for Substance Abuse Prevention and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America. President Clinton named her to serve on the Advisory Commission on Drug Free Communities, where she was elected by her peers as President of that Commission.

Mary Ann Solberg is an example of what makes the Troy community so strong. She has a tireless commitment to changing attitudes about drug and alcohol use and fighting abuse, especially by our youth. She has a passion for grassroots activism and a warmth of character that draws people to her and her causes. I am privileged to call her a friend.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mary Ann Solberg as she deservedly receives this year's Distinguished Citizen Award from Leadership Troy for all she has done for prevention and to strengthen the fabric of our community.

#### ON INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION CONCERNING NATIONAL RUNAWAY PREVENTION MONTH

##### HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 10, 2002*

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution that recognizes the goals and ideals of National Runaway Prevention Month, which is sponsored by two organizations that work with runaway youth: the National Network for Youth and the National Runaway Switchboard.

These two organizations have chosen the month of November to bring attention to the important issue of runaway youth. The prevalence of young people who leave their home is confounding, with one out of every seven youth in the United States running away at least once before the age of 18. Studies suggest that between 1.3 million and 2.8 million young people live on the streets of the United States each year.

Preventing young people from running away is a national priority, as today's young people are tomorrow's teachers, doctors, workers and leaders. The hardships that runaway youth face on the streets would be too much for an adult to face. The impact on the young person, as well as society, is staggering.

National Runaway Prevention Month will bring national attention to this important issue and remind parents of the importance of effectively communicating with their kids. All of the conditions that lead young people to leave their homes are preventable when families are strong and when young people can find the support they need.

I am hopeful that the recognition of this issue will prevent other young people from running away by stressing the importance of families and communities.

#### TRIBUTE TO ADRIAN AKER BRADFIELD

##### HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 10, 2002*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I recognize the life of Adrian Aker Bradfield of Dolores, Colorado. Mr. Bradfield passed away this July and, as his family mourns their loss, I would like to pay tribute to his life and the irreplaceable contributions he has made to his family, his friends, and the entire community of Dolores, Colorado.

Mr. Bradfield was born April 29, 1917, and grew up in a ranching family, acquiring a deep love for the land and the cowboy lifestyle at an early age. He worked for many years on the Bradfield Ranch in Cahone, Colorado until the ranch was sold in 1969. In 1938, he began working in partnership with his father Harold, where they spent many enjoyable days working side by side with one another. Perhaps one of Mr. Bradfield's fondest memories was the annual brandings up on Glade Lake when family and friends would all come together for the big event.

Mr. Bradfield always made people his number one priority and liked to spend his free time in the company of family and friends who loved listening to his countless stories. Although Mr. Bradfield was very busy with his ranching operation and growing family, he always found time to be actively involved in his community. Mr. Bradfield served a number of years on the Dolores County School District Board and as a Dolores County Commissioner. He was also a member of the Southwest Colorado Cattlemen's Association and Farmers Union of America. Mr. Bradfield loved working on the many issues that confronted his community and served the people of Dolores with distinction and honor.

Mr. Speaker, it is with deep respect that I recognize Mr. Adrian Aker Bradfield before this body of Congress and this nation for all he has done for Dolores and the entire State of Colorado. My sincere condolences go out to his wife Nellie, his sister Janice, and his children Charles, Wilson, Kenneth and Nancy. Mr. Bradfield was one of Colorado's true American cowboys, his strength, character, and way of life have helped shape our state's culture and heritage throughout his life and has made a lasting impression upon our nation's history.

#### TRIBUTE TO GILBERT "GIGI" ZIMMERMAN

##### HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 10, 2002*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my good friend and former schoolmate, Gilbert "Gigi" Zimmerman. Despite significant challenges, this extraordinary man is an award-winning community activist, scholar, educator and an advocate for the disadvantaged.

I met Gigi when we were students at South Carolina State College (University) in Orangeburg. We were both active in the civil rights

activities, often getting arrested together during sit-ins. He also found time to preserve the collective memory of those turbulent but heady days as the editor of our yearbook during his junior and senior years.

He was one of the scholars among our group, earning a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. But he was not content to stop there. In 1970, Gigi received a prestigious Ford Foundation Fellowship in Leadership Development, and studied at the University of California at Santa Cruz under the mentorship of noted Sociologist, Dr. Herman Blake. That experience led him to earn a Master's Degree in Education Guidance and Counseling from South Carolina State. He then went on to round out his education with a Master's in Human Resources Management at Pepperdine University in California.

Gigi is a former high school teacher, who now serves as an Adjunct Professor of Business Management at Limestone College. He is truly committed to helping shape the minds of future generations. He also serves as a consultant to the U.S. Department of Education. But his role as scholar and educator, are just a small part of this larger than life character.

Gilbert Zimmerman is best known for his compassion for others and his dedication to improving the quality of life for the disadvantaged. He has worked primarily in the areas of community organization and development for very low-income citizens. Most of this community work experiences were gained from working with Mexican-Americans in depressed communities in California, Alabama, Mississippi, and South Carolina. Today he serves as the Director of Operations and Planning for the Beaufort-Jasper Economic Opportunity Commission.

Gigi's contributions have been recognized locally and nationally. In 1982, Ronald Reagan appointed him to the United States Commission on Civil Rights. He was reappointed by Governor Dick Riley in 1991, and served as Chairman from 1992–1996. He is a member and past President of the South Carolina Association of Human Service Agencies. As a young adult, Gigi was recognized as one of the "Outstanding Young Men of America." He is a past recipient of the "South Carolina Volunteer of the Year" award by the Joint Action in Community Service. His community service activities include membership on the S.C. Low-Income Housing Coalition, the Port Royal Community Residence for the Developmentally Disabled Board, the Partners for Healthy Community Steering Committee, the Prudential Youth Leadership Institute Advisory Board, and the Executive Committee of the Burton-Dale-Beaufort NAACP Branch.

All of this from a man whose stature among his peers is unequalled—physically and emotionally. "Gigi" stands less than four feet tall, but I am proud to say I look up to him for the enormous courage he continuously demonstrates, and the tremendous accomplishments he has achieved.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me honoring Gilbert "Gigi" Zimmerman for the inspiring example he sets for all of us. I wish him continued success and Godspeed.

## CHILD ABDUCTION PREVENTION ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. LEE TERRY**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 7, 2002*

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 5422, the Child Abduction Prevention Act.

Parents across the nation have been alarmed by recent high-profile child abductions, such as 14-year-old Elizabeth Smart, who was taken from her own bedroom at gunpoint in front of her younger sister, and 5-year-old Samantha Runnion, who was abducted while playing with her friend in her own front yard, then found molested and murdered the next day. Congress has a responsibility to take tough and effective steps to combat the increasing boldness of sexual predators, kidnappers, and murderers who prey on children.

According to law enforcement officials, the best chance of saving a child's life lies within the first few hours after an abduction. H.R. 5422 would expand the AMBER emergency alert broadcast system to give children the best chance for rescue during these critical hours. This system has already helped rescue 27 children across the nation from criminals intent on harming them. My home state of Nebraska recently implemented this system to aid police in quickly recovering missing children; establishing a special coordinator at the Department of Justice and providing \$25 million will encourage the remaining 18 states to do likewise.

Other vital provisions in H.R. 5422 include mandating lifetime sentences for second-time child molesters, allowing judges to order lifetime supervision of child sex offenders, increasing electronic surveillance authority for child exploitation cases, and criminalizing international "sex tours" involving children. The House of Representatives has already approved these important measures by overwhelming majorities; I hope the Senate will follow suit to protect the lives and innocence of children, and urge my colleagues to join me today in supporting H.R. 5422.

## TRIBUTE TO PREBEN MUNCH-NIELSEN

**HON. TOM LANTOS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 10, 2002*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to my dear friend, Preben Munch-Nielsen, who passed away a few days ago in Denmark.

Preben Munch-Nielsen was born in 1926 to a Protestant family in a small Danish fishing village, Snekkersten. He was only 14 when German troops occupied Denmark in 1940. Munch-Nielsen soon became a courier in the Danish Resistance movement, and began helping Danish Jews flee persecution and certain death at the hands of the Nazi's.

He continually risked his life by hiding Jewish refugees in churches and houses near the shore of the North Sea. At night, he would lead them to fishing boats, which took them

across the sea to safety in neutral Sweden. Twelve at a time, the Jews would sail in 21-foot boats to freedom. The four-mile boat ride to Sweden could take hours, as Munch-Nielsen and other Resistance members evaded German ships at sea.

Munch-Nielsen personally helped to transport 1,400 refugees, and of the country's 7,200 Jews, the Resistance movement saved all but 60 people. The Resistance also saved 700 people of non-Jewish decent, who could not bear to part with Jewish relatives. Munch-Nielsen himself had to take refuge in Sweden when the Germans replaced the Danish government in 1943. He returned home in May 1945.

Munch-Nielsen did not speak publicly about the rescues until 1985, when a friend asked him to share his story with a group of Jewish travelers in Denmark. He did not understand why people would make such a fuss over simple acts of decency, yet he knew his deeds should no longer be kept in secrecy. At age 59, his speaking career began, educating masses of people in Denmark, Israel and the United States about the hardships of perseverance and the atrocities of war.

He emphasized that Danish Jews were considered as neighbors, friends, and schoolmates, and not as a separate group or as criminals. "This is our history. We have no scapegoats. No pogroms. No Holocaust. It's so simple; we didn't recognize Jews as Jews, but as Danes," Preben Munch-Nielsen said. "They were victims of an insane movement created by lunatics."

Preben Munch-Nielsen was also a successful Danish businessman who was honored for his wartime heroic actions by President Bill Clinton in 1997.

## TRIBUTE TO RAYMOND EARL "RED" LEMASTER

**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 10, 2002*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I recognize the life and passing of Mr. Raymond Earl "Red" LeMaster of Pueblo, Colorado for the many contributions he has made for the City of Pueblo. Mr. LeMaster has recently passed away and, as his family mourns their loss, I would like to pay tribute to his life and memory before this body of Congress.

Mr. LeMaster was born on July 2, 1910 in Springfield, Illinois. He was an exceptional athlete throughout his life and played both football and baseball for Centennial High School. After graduating in 1931, Red attended Colorado College, where he was an All-American football player. Upon graduating from college, he pitched for several semi-pro baseball teams in the old Cotton States League. In 1973, Mr. LeMaster was inducted into the Greater Pueblo Sports Hall of Fame.

After his baseball career, Red returned to Pueblo and managed the local Steel City YMCA while working in sales for Walter Brewery and playing for its baseball team. It was at the YMCA that Mr. LeMaster first got the idea to open Pueblo's original Janitor Supply Company. Today, LeMasters Janitor Supply Company provides service to customers throughout