

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

Southern Colorado and is one of Pueblo's largest and most successful businesses.

In his spare time, Red spent innumerable hours as a Pueblo sports booster, helping to raise money for numerous youth sports programs. He was also responsible for co-founding the Old Timers Baseball Association. Through Mr. LeMaster's generosity of time and money, countless numbers of Pueblo boys and girls have been given the opportunity to play organized sports.

Mr. Speaker, it is with deep respect that I recognize the life and passing of Mr. Raymond Earl "Red" LeMaster before this body of Congress and this nation. I extend my sincere condolences to his son Clarence, his daughter-in-law Kay, and his four grandchildren. The contributions Red LeMaster made to the community of Pueblo through his good works, generosity, and friendly demeanor have touched the lives of countless individuals throughout the region and have contributed greatly to the betterment of the Pueblo, Colorado community.

JIM PAISLEY HONORED AS 2002
OUTSTANDING ITALIAN-AMERICAN OF THE YEAR

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the attention of the House of Representatives to the long record of service to his fellow citizens of James Paisley, former mayor of Hazleton, Pennsylvania, who will be honored as "Outstanding, Italian-American of the Year" at the October 13, 2002, banquet of the Sons of Italy Lodge 1043, members of the Columbus Club and UNICO.

Jim was born July 1, 1928, to John and Frances LaRocco Paisley. He is a lifelong resident of Hazleton, was educated in the public school systems and graduated with the class of 1946. Following his graduation, he worked as an apprentice mechanic for the Hazleton Ford dealership.

He entered the Army in November 1950 as a private with the 43rd Infantry Division and was discharged with the rank of sergeant first class on November 1, 1952. The 43rd Infantry served in Germany, with its primary function to patrol the border with the Communist nations in Europe during the Cold War.

After returning to the United States, he met and married the former Irene Bonomo in 1953. They are the parents of a daughter, Francine, owner and operator of Francine's Beauty Shop, Hazleton; a son, the Very Rev. James J. Paisley, pastor of St. Maria Goretti Church, Laffin; and a daughter, Carmela, a clinical instructor at the School of Radiology, Greater Hazleton Health Alliance, Church Street Campus.

In 1954, Jim was appointed patrolman with the Hazleton Police Department. He was promoted to lieutenant in 1964, and then promoted to captain of detectives in 1969. He retained the position as captain until retirement in 1974. After retirement from the Police Department, he worked as a drapery installer for Bonomo Decorators from 1974 to 1978.

In 1978, he was elected mayor of Hazleton and served two four-year terms. He was ap-

pointed to the position of field investigator with the Pennsylvania Treasury Department, where he was responsible for the investigation of fraud cases in 12 counties through August 1989.

After passing the required state civil service examination in 1989, he was employed by the Hazleton Housing Authority as a project manager, and was promoted to administrative officer and grant coordinator in 1995 after successfully managing the Vine West Family Community. He was also named contacting officer for the authority. After 11 years of outstanding, exemplary and faithful execution of his duties, he was appointed in 1999 as executive director of the authority, in which capacity he continues to serve.

Jim is a member of the Most Precious Blood Roman Catholic Church, where he serves as an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist and as a lector. He has also served two terms as president of the Hazleton UNICO club.

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 James Paisley, and I wish him all the best.

RECOGNITION OF THE DISABILITIES AWARENESS FAIR HELD IN WARREN, MICHIGAN

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the City of Warren's Commission on Disabilities as they host the Disabilities Awareness Fair, held in conjunction with National Disabilities Awareness Month this October.

This community-wide event will bring together a variety of service and support agencies in one location to provide information on services and programs available to the citizens of Warren.

The Commission on Disabilities for the City of Warren was established by the Mayor and City Council in February 2002. The Commission's purpose is to advise the city on compliance with federal and state regulations, and legal developments affecting persons with disabilities. The Commission will also review and recommend to the Mayor and the City Council development practices that will improve access to city services and facilities to persons with disabilities.

The impact of the work of the Commission has already been felt in Warren as they have addressed many accessibility concerns including curb cuts in sidewalks, handicapped parking and accessibility at the new Community Center.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the Warren Disabilities Commission. There work is promoting better communication and greater understanding of persons with disabilities among, the community and city employees, officers, boards and commissions. Their efforts will improve the quality of life for those with disabilities and, in the process, strengthen the fabric of our community.

ON INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION CONCERNING A U.S. POSTAGE STAMP COMMEMORATING THE VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST

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 expresses the sense of Congress that the United States Postmaster General should issue a postage stamp commemorating the victims of the Holocaust.

Many of the victims who survived the Holocaust have built their lives and raised their families in the United States. They have contributed significantly to American culture and society. They are examples of strength and steadfastness, and serve as an example for other Americans.

U.S. postage stamps have honored other well-respected and influential people, and I believe that the survivors of the Holocaust deserve recognition. I believe it is time that we honor them in this very unique way.

The stamp will also recognize those who perished in the Holocaust. I am hopeful that this stamp will encourage all Americans to remember this unspeakable action unparalleled in world history. I agree with the philosopher George Santayana, who wrote, "Those who do not remember the past are doomed to repeat it." The stamp will serve as another reminder to people why there is a need for tolerance, sensitivity, pluralism and democracy.

It is time we commemorate all of the millions of victims, those who survived and those who died. I encourage all my colleagues to co-sponsor this important resolution.

TRIBUTE TO THE POMONA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S FOURTH GRADE CLASS

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great enthusiasm that I recognize the children of Heidi Nadiak's fourth grade class at Pomona Elementary School in Grand Junction, Colorado for the outstanding contributions they are making toward the advancement of environmental science. The Pomona fourth grade was one of ten classes around the country to be selected as part of a nationwide study that is using razorback suckerfish to monitor the health of the Colorado River.

The fish are raised by the Colorado Division of Wildlife and are part of a public outreach program providing Ms. Nadiak's fourth grade class with the opportunity to use scientific methods to conduct real life experiments. The fish will be living in an aquarium in the fourth grade classroom, and the students will make daily observations by measuring pH levels and monitoring the water temperature.

The Pomona students are studying the fish as part of a larger project to assess the current health of the Colorado River. The razorbacks once thrived in the Colorado River but became nearly extinct. By studying the fish and assisting in the effort to reintroduce them