

from which all could take a lesson, and though driven to achieve what he thought was right, still understood the art of compromise.

A man of great yet quiet faith who lived his beliefs, Mr. Rupp was a lifelong member of the Evangelical Mennonite Church. He was also a member of Gideons International and the Archbold Rotary.

Lowell Rupp and his wife Ardith celebrated nearly 53 years of marriage together. As deeply as he surely loved his family, words can do little to assuage the grief felt now by Mrs. Rupp, their children Beverly, Pamela, Bruce, Larry, and Leslie, sister, brother, and grandchildren. May the tangible legacy he leaves behind in what his public service gave to his community help them as they find their way now. Lowell Rupp's memory, his talent, his energy, and his service are the gifts he has left to his family, and to us. While we are saddened at his passing, we are grateful for his life.

TRIBUTE TO THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF THE RIVERSIDE VETERANS, INC.

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2002

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to take this opportunity to salute the Women's Auxiliary of the Riverside Veterans, Inc., from my hometown of Paterson, NJ. On Sunday, October 21, 2001 the post celebrated a proud moment, its 50th Anniversary.

Having spent my formative years in the Riverside section of Paterson, exercising my ability to honor this group in the permanent record of the greatest democracy ever known, is all the more special.

After our Nation's triumph in the Second World War, our heroes from the Riverside section of Paterson returned home and decided to form, under the guiding hand of founder Tony Tirri, the Riverside Veterans Inc., in 1946. Many of these brave men lived and fought together in the same combat units, forging unbreakable bonds that served as the base of this organization.

Mr. Speaker, everyone in this chamber knows it was the collective effort and resolve of our entire country that carried us to decisive victory in 1945. The Riverside Veterans were more than cognizant of this fact, as they took the initiative in rewarding the women who served their country on the homefront. In 1951, the decision was made to form a women's auxiliary.

Under the leadership of the first year officers—President Mary DeNova, Vice President Addie Pacilio, Secretary Dorothy Tirri, Treasurer Dorothy Malizia, Chaplain Pearl Plavan, Service Officer Rosa Palotta, Mistress-At-Arms Connie Barone, and Executive Board members Angie Tateo, Betty Natoli, Julie Cosgrove, and Delma Cuccinello—the highest standards of charity, family values, and community awareness were set for the Women's Auxiliary's of the Riverside Veterans, Inc.

As a lifelong resident and former Mayor of Paterson, I cannot think of another organization that better embodies its motto, "The Post That Cares," than the Riverside Veterans Auxiliary. My revered predecessor in Congress,

the Hon. Robert A. Roe, succinctly said it best stating. "It would be difficult indeed to find a more dedicated or hard working group of women than the auxiliary of the Riverside Veterans."

I would like to recognize the exceptional current leadership of this venerable institution: President Delma Cuccinello, whose husband Louis is the Commander of Riverside Veterans Inc., Vice President Janet Rigamonti, Secretary Catherine Spina, Treasurer Ruth Gallo, Chaplain Jean Carini, Service Officer Irma Cantilla, Mistress-At-Arms Ann Cirasuolo and Executive Board members Clover Glloriande, Bette Natoli, Dolly Gorga, Ida Ponte, and Holly Hintzen. These current leaders have carried on the noble precedents set by the founding members.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, the City of Paterson, veterans across the nation, and me in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable service of the Women's Auxiliary of the Riverside Veterans Inc.

TRIBUTE TO 125 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE BY THE FITCHBURG SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

HON. JOHN W. OLVER

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2002

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the valuable service of the Fitchburg Sportsmen's Club of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, located in north Worcester County at the eastern end of my district. On March 4, 2002, the Fitchburg Sportsmen's Club will hold its 125th annual banquet celebrating a long and impressive record of serving the local community.

The Fitchburg Sportsmen's Club first met in the late 19th century to organize sportsmen, hold competitions and promote responsible gun ownership. Since then, the Club has continued these activities, and its members have used the Club as a platform to discuss important issues affecting gun owners and the public. There is evidence that the Club originated for the purpose of supporting laws to preserve and protect fish and game, thereby helping to maintain the environmental integrity of the Commonwealth. The Club has also worked with local law enforcement and community leaders to promote gun safety, provide instruction for gun owners, and promote responsible gun etiquette.

Through its varied activities, the Sportsmen's Club has proven to be an influential and beneficial voice in the city of Fitchburg. As the Club reflects on its past accomplishments, I encourage its members to continue their role as instructors and community organizers.

TRIBUTE TO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OF HUNTSVILLE, AL

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2002

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Catholic High School in Huntsville, AL, as it kicks off its annual "Community Serv-

ice Day." Today, Catholic High seniors will go out into the community to volunteer their time and hard work throughout Huntsville.

Part of Catholic High School's mission statement is "to serve the families of our Catholic parishes and the wider community." They pledge to guide students into loving service of others through activities such as "Community Service Day." Catholic High School has a student faith development initiative that includes giving back to their community through service and outreach, and becoming more aware of the needs of others. Every year, students are required to spend 100 hours volunteering in the Community.

Mr. Speaker, I want to commend Catholic High School and each member of its senior class for their strong commitment to serving others. This kind of outreach is extremely beneficial to the Huntsville community as well as to each student as they grow and learn about what it means to reach out to those who are in need. I wish them the best and sincerely thank them as they go out today to serve our community.

A TRIBUTE TO AN AMERICAN HERO—REAR ADMIRAL HERSCHEL GOLDBERG

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2002

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today and pay tribute to a dear friend and true American patriot, Rear Admiral Herschel Goldberg, who recently passed away at his San Mateo home.

Rear Admiral Goldberg was born in Highland, Kansas and raised in St. Joseph, Missouri before graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1935. After a year at the Navy Finance and Supply School, Rear Admiral Goldberg was transferred to the U.S. Navy supply corps. During World War II he was stationed in the South Pacific. He served as the Supply Officer of the Navy bases at Bora Bora and Guadalcanal before being promoted to Commanding Officer of the Naval Supply Depot in Noumea, New Caledonia. Mr. Speaker, it was at Noumea, where Rear Admiral Goldberg did what he described as the, "most soul satisfying thing I've done in my entire career." By racially integrating his 2,000 enlisted men work force, Rear Admiral Goldberg advanced the cause of racial equality.

After the war, Rear Admiral Goldberg received his MBA from Harvard Business School and then served as Logistics Planning Officer on General Eisenhower's NATO staff. After being promoted to Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy Supply Corps, he was appointed by President Lyndon Johnson to Chief of the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts and Paymaster General of the Navy. In 1966 he became the first commander to be officially named Chief of Supply Corps, where he played a dominate role in the continued development of a strong, centrally coordinated and fully integrated supply system that was essential for the maintenance and preservation of the United States as a global naval power. For his extraordinary service to the Navy Rear Admiral Goldberg was awarded both the Distinguished Service Medal and the Legion of Merit.

I had the pleasure on having Rear Admiral Goldberg serve on my Service Academy Nominations board since I was elected to Congress in 1980. I urge all my colleagues to join me in wishing Rear Admiral Goldberg the traditional naval parting for a fallen naval officer, farewell and following seas.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. DONALD
"MAC" McLAUGHLIN

HON. JOEL HEFLEY

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2002

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Donald "Mac" McLaughlin. After 61 years of service to his country, Mr. McLaughlin is retiring.

He began his career in 1940 as a cadre in the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Carson in Colorado Springs. He went on to become a member of the 82nd Airborne Division and a parachute jumper for the regimented combat team. After a combat jump in Holland in 1943 and the end of World War II in 1945, he returned home. Mr. McLaughlin separated from the Army that year and began his service with the Air Force in food services.

Twenty-six years later, Mr. McLaughlin retired from active duty as a chief master sergeant, but his service to our Nation did not end there. He was hired by the Air Force Academy athletic department as a concessions manager where he devoted many long hours to ensure that Falcon Stadium and its patrons were accommodated.

This man knows the true meaning of service to his country and I am proud to have him as a constituent. I congratulate him on his long and rewarding career and wish him well as he enters retirement.

IN HONOR OF THE LOWER EAST
SIDE PEOPLE'S FEDERAL CREDIT
UNION

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2002

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Lower East Side People's Federal Credit Union (LESPFCU) on the occasion of the grand opening of its Avenue C ATM.

Since 1986, the Lower East Side People's Federal Credit Union has served the financial needs of low-income neighborhood residents who are not served by commercial banks. For over 15 years, since the closing of the last commercial bank in the Lower East Side community, the credit union has maintained its goal of stimulating the economic and community development of the neighborhood by providing a safe, sound, and democratic alternative to traditional banks. Today, nearly 4,000 area residents and employees are members of the credit union. Including the extended family of credit union members who benefit from its services, the credit union serves close to 10,000 Lower East Side community members. As of December 2001, LESPFCU has made over \$8 million in loans

to 3,488 members of the community, enabling them to realize their dreams of home ownership, starting a small business, or furthering their education.

The Lower East Side People's Federal Credit Union has now opened its second ATM location on Avenue C between 8th and 9th Streets. This new ATM makes the credit union the first financial institution to establish a presence on Avenue C since the 1960s. The opening of the ATM marks two important developments for the Lower East Side: first, it is the beginning of the credit union's expansion plan, which will allow it to continue to serve the growing financial needs of the community; secondly, it demonstrates a revitalized interest and dedication to the economic well-being of the Lower East Side. These developments are sure to contribute to a revitalized community and to benefit the long-term recovery of New York City.

I would like to congratulate those whose hard work has contributed to the opening of the new ATM: the dedicated staff and leadership of the Lower East Side People's Federal Credit Union, the Lower East Side People's Mutual Housing Association, New York City Councilwoman Margarita Lopez, the Co-op Network, Citibank, HSBC, and JP Morgan Chase.

HONORING STAFF SERGEANT
BRANDON PEARCE

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2002

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Staff Sergeant Brandon R. Pearce on the occasion of him being named the United States Air Force's Airman of the Year. Mr. Pearce is an Aircraft Hydraulic Systems Journeyman assigned to the 146th Maintenance Squadron, 146th Logistics Group, 146th Airlift Wing, Channel Islands Air National Guard Station, California. In order to achieve this high honor, Mr. Pearce competed against more than 6,000 airmen in California with the national competition including members from throughout the United States and territories.

Staff Sergeant Pearce graduated from Mariposa High School in 1988 and enlisted in the Air Force. While on active duty, Staff Sergeant Pearce received several Crew Chief of the Month awards and was assigned to his own C-141 aircraft. He participated in Operation Just Cause in Panama, the Persian Gulf war as well as many other operational missions. Staff Sergeant Pearce has also received other military awards, such as the Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon and the Air Force Training Ribbon. Upon completion of his 4-year enlistment, he became a full time student which earned him an Associate of Arts degree in History in 1993, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1995. In addition to his two degrees, he also obtained a Teaching Credential and devoted 3 years helping to educate and mentor the youth of Ventura and Mariposa Counties.

After completing his education, in 1998, Staff Sergeant Pearce rejoined the Air Force in the California Air National Guard as an Aircraft Hydraulic Systems Technician with the

146th Airlift Wing. Some of his responsibilities include maintenance of all hydraulic components of the wing's 12 C-130Es, including flight controls, brakes, and landing gear. In addition to his busy schedule at the California Air National Guard, he and his wife, Jackie, still find time to take active roles in their church's community outreach program assisting families in need and the homeless.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Staff Sergeant Brandon Pearce on his achievement of being named the United States Air Force's Airman of the Year. Not only is he a fine example in the service to his country, but also to his community. His success reflects credit upon himself, the Air Force and our Nation. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Staff Sergeant Brandon Pearce being named Airman of the Year and wish him many more years of continued success.

TRIBUTE TO DEREK PARRA

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2002

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I ask for unanimous consent to revise and extend my remarks.

I rise today to pay tribute to one of America's new Olympic heroes. Like all Americans, I watched all of our athletes competing in the 2002 games with great pride. We love the Olympics. We love the international spirit, the thrill of competition, the joys of victory and stories of struggle. The athletes capture our imaginations and our hearts.

I watched one athlete with particular pride, speed skater Derek Parra, winner of the silver medal in the 5,000-meter skate and the gold in the 1,500-meter skate.

You see, Derek Parra is from my district. He went to school with my son, Joe Baca, Jr., and I attended church with Derek's father, Gilbert Parra, at St. Catherine's in Rialto, California.

Derek Parra is an American hero. One of eight Olympians chosen by fellow teammates to carry the American flag into the opening ceremonies, Derek accepted the honor even though his first race was the next day. While most athletes spend the night before a race resting, Derek jeopardized his medal chances to carry Old Glory.

On February 9, 2002, Derek's family and friends gathered on Saturday at Graziano's pizza restaurant in Colton to watch the San Bernardino native dazzle the world. Derek unexpectedly broke the world record in the 5,000-meter speed skating race with a time of 6 minutes and 17.98 seconds, beating his own best time by 15 seconds. Derek won the silver medal when the Dutch skater edged out Derek's record-breaking time.

Derek's record breaking performance and silver medal were a bit of a surprise even to the people who knew him best, because the 5,000-meter was not his best race. Friends and family eagerly awaited his best event, the 1,500-meter race on February 19th.

Ten days later on February 19, 2002, fifty of Derek's closest relatives and friends jammed a tiny San Bernardino living room to watch Derek break another world record this time in the 1,500-meter speed skating race with a