

received numerous awards for his law enforcement and community activity. Along with his role as Chief of Police, Moose teaches criminology at the local community college, and serves as a Major in the District of Columbia National Air Guard. Chief Moose is clearly a tremendous leader, and an invaluable member of the Montgomery County Police force who has a bright and promising future ahead of him. It is truly an honor to have him serve in our community.

Mr. Speaker, I want to again thank Chief Charles A. Moose for his work in helping to apprehend the sniper suspects, and returning our community to normal. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing an honorable and professional member of the law enforcement community.

CONDEMNING ANTI-SEMITIC
SENTIMENT

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 22, 2002

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to draw attention to the disturbing rise in and acceptance of Anti-Semitism in the Arab world.

An Egyptian satellite television station recently produced and is currently airing a new series that its producers openly acknowledge is partially based on a century old anti-Semitic tract entitled "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion."

"The Protocols," which have long been dismissed by historians as false, are a work of fiction fabricated in czarist Russia to perpetuate and justify anti-Semitic violence and persecution. "The Protocols" were a series of 24 documents reportedly written by Jewish leaders that outline a plan for global domination by the Jewish people. They were later used again as anti-Jewish propaganda in Nazi Germany and are still used to this day by neo-Nazis and white-supremacist groups.

The New Egyptian series, entitled "Horse Without a Horseman," is looking to breathe new life back into this cornerstone of anti-Semitic hatred. The 41-episode television series, created specifically to air during the Islamic holy month of Ramadan, traces the history of the Middle East from 1855–1917. With a prime evening timeslot, the series is expected to have excellent viewership, as families gather at home to break the daily fast. This puts the series in the unique position to bring anti-Jewish sentiment into millions of homes throughout the Middle East. Israeli and American Embassy officials have raised concerns over the use of the fictional and inflammatory "Protocols" with the Egyptian government, but to no avail.

With the increase in attention given to "The Protocols" in the Arab media, many believe that the imagery present in "Horse without a Horseman" is indicative of the rise in anti-Semitism in the Arab world since the September 11 terrorist attacks.

Even here at home, The Arab Voice, a local Arab newspaper in New Jersey, recently printed excerpts from "The Protocols." Despite knowledge that "The Protocols" are forgeries and have been used to incite anti-Jewish hatred and violence, the editors of The Arab Voice called "The Protocols" an "educational tool" for their readers.

The irresponsible decision by The Arab Voice to give credence to "The Protocols" by reprinting the falsehoods in their paper only fuels and further perpetuates the tension between the Arab and Jewish communities. At a time when the American-Arab and Jewish communities could be making an effort to improve communication and cooperation, The Arab Voice's printing of "The Protocols" is both irresponsible and inflammatory.

I ask my colleague to join with me in condemning "Horse without a Horseman." The Arab Voice and any perpetuation of anti-Semitism either abroad or at home. It is critical that we remain vigilant and not allow attempts to spread hatred to be ignored or continued.

HONORING THERESA SIRICO FOR
HER OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 22, 2002

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding member of the New Haven community—Theresa Sirico. The founder of the Louis and Joan Sirico Center for Elders and Families at Southern Connecticut State University, Theresa's generosity and compassion will touch the lives of thousands throughout Greater New Haven and millions across the country.

As a child, I knew Louis and Joan Sirico as neighbors and friends, working with my parents to enrich our neighborhood. The Siricos were both active advocates for our families and our community. Much as my own parents, they passed these values to their seven children. Both Louis and Joan suffered strokes, left without the abilities to care for themselves. In both instances, their family members came together to provide them the care they needed through their last days. However, not all are fortunate enough to have families who are willing or able to take on these challenges.

With the "baby boomer" generation approaching retirement age, more and more of our nation's seniors are looking for access to the care and companionship they need and rightly deserve. Theresa Sirico, recognizing the need for increased interest in geriatric care, took action. With a generous donation of a quarter of a million dollars, Theresa started the effort to establish a national model for improving the quality of life for our seniors. With a large anonymous donation, fund-raising efforts, and matching funds from the State Department of Higher Education, Theresa's vision of the Louis and Joan Sirico Center for Elders and Families became a reality.

The Sirico Center combines both undergraduate and graduate studies with hands-on workshops and seminars. Blending the studies of nursing, social work, and public health, the Center will be an invaluable resource for those interested in geriatric care. In a time when our nation is facing an ever increasing senior population and a lack of geriatric health care professionals, the Sirico Center is sure to be an asset not only to the Greater New Haven area, but to communities throughout the nation. The Sirico Center for Elders and Families will not only provide education for health pro-

fessionals, but will generate excitement and interest in the field of geriatric medicine. This is the true gift of Theresa Sirico.

I am honored to rise today to join family, friends, and the staff and faculty of the Louis and Joan Sirico Center for Elders and Families in extending my deepest thanks and appreciation to Theresa Sirico for her outstanding contributions to our community. Seniors and their families will benefit greatly from her unique vision and unparalleled dedication.

HONORING MS. MARILYN MIGLIN
OF CHICAGO

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 22, 2002

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I want to take a few minutes today to speak about one of my constituents who is making a most remarkable contribution to the people of Chicago and the entire Midwest. Marilyn Miglin is involved in an extraordinary range of public service activities and maintains a remarkable schedule.

Ms. Miglin originally suggested the notion of an advisory board for the University of Illinois Craniofacial Center in 1987. The Craniofacial Center of the University of Illinois provides medical services for patients with facial deformities.

But Marilyn Miglin went far beyond the offer of a suggestion. She began volunteering time from her busy schedule to assist the physician team at the Craniofacial Center in adding a new dimension to the patient services offered by the Department. She began coming regularly to the center to see patients with facial deformities and to show them how to apply makeup to hide their condition, or to draw attention away from the condition.

Not satisfied with superficial appearance, Ms. Miglin recognized the need to go beyond what one could see at the surface, and reached patients in a deeper and more profound way: helping each individual realize their inner beauty and self worth. Out of this personal growth came the renewed confidence and self assurance necessary to deal with everyday life;

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I am especially pleased to take this opportunity to acknowledge and congratulate Marilyn Miglin for her support and dedication to the patients and staff of the University of Illinois Craniofacial Center.

IN HONOR OF REVEREND RALPH
E. BROWER

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 22, 2002

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Ralph E. Brower for 47 years of outstanding service to our community as a leader and senior pastor at Saint Michael's Methodist Church. Rev. Brower was honored at a banquet at the Casino in the Park in Jersey City, New Jersey, on November 10, 2002.

For the past 47 years, Reverend Ralph E. Brower has been a tireless advocate on behalf of his community and congregation, ensuring that no one in the community is left behind. A true leader, Rev. Brower has served for the past 27 years as president of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, and the past 25 years as chaplain for Hudson County. He has served in several city administrations, and is currently the president of the United Black interdenominational Clergy (VBIC) of New Jersey, the state's largest African-American clergy organization.

His selfless actions have not gone unnoticed, and he has been honored by New Jersey's Urban League, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People of New Jersey, and the New Jersey State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs.

The fourth of six children, Rev. Brower was born and raised in North Carolina, but decided to make New Jersey his home. He is a graduate of the Laurinburg Institute and Kettle College of North Carolina, attended Florida State Christian College in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Jersey City State College, and his Doctorate of Sacred Theology from the Baltimore Bible College.

Rev. Brown is married to Alberta Hazel Brower, and they are the proud parents of three children: two sons, Ralph, Jr. and Ronald, and one daughter, Denise.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Reverend Ralph E. Brower for close to 50 years of service as a leader and senior pastor to the Jersey City community. Let us all join together and take this opportunity to honor an exceptional man, setting an outstanding example for our community. Thank you Rev. Brower for all that you do.

CONGRATULATING J.S. WEST FAMILY AS 2002 AGRICULTURAL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 22, 2002

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the J.S. West family for receiving the 2002 Agricultural Hall of Fame Inductee Award at the Stanislaus County Ag Foundation's Agricultural Hall of Fame Ceremony in Modesto, California on December 5, 2002. This notable group of Stanislaus County Legends of Agriculture honors individuals and families who have worked to make agriculture the county's number one industry.

The Agricultural Hall of Fame members sacrifice and labor to produce crops from poultry and livestock to fruits and vegetables. These members and their families have made a mark on the Central Valley's local agricultural industry and community, as well as influenced the state, nation, and the world.

In 1909, J.S. West and Company began with the purchase of the Merced Milling building and a lease of land from the Southern Pacific Railroad in Modesto, California. James West worked with farmers on yearly contracts and sold sacked grain to brokers and customers. As the business grew, the family diversified into coal, wood, and fertilizers. After a fire destroyed the feed mill in the 1950's, a

modern feed mill was built to supply feed to the poultry and cattle industry. This resulted in a full line of retail stores that are now carrying their supplies. The J.S. West family expanded upon their enterprise by making ice, selling fuel oil, operating an automobile service station and tire shop, and they recently closed a furniture store which they had operated since 1950.

The family also developed an egg contracting business in the 1950's, and today its members are still heavily involved in the poultry and egg industry at both state and national levels. The West family packs eggs for over sixty labels and frozen liquid eggs in their Hilmar processing plant. From feed to eggs and ice to propane, the West family continues to make a difference in the agricultural industry worldwide.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the J.S. West family for earning the 2002 Agricultural Hall of Fame Inductee Award. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing the J.S. West family many years of continued success.

HONORING THE YALE-NEW HAVEN TEACHERS INSTITUTE ON THEIR 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 22, 2002

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the New Haven and Yale University communities in celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Yale-New Haven Teachers Institute—a unique and highly successful partnership between the New Haven Public School System and Yale University.

I have often spoke about the importance of education and the vital role it plays in our communities—especially for our urban youth. Today, it is more important than ever for our nation's teachers to have access to the skills and resources they need to prepare our children for the future. That is the mission of the Yale-New Haven Teachers Institute. For a quarter of a century, the Institute has been providing area educators with the opportunity to strengthen themselves professionally through annual seminars in the humanities and sciences. In addition, the Institute works with program participants to bring the curriculum and lessons of the seminars to the classroom. The teachers who have participated in this program have demonstrated a unique commitment to our young people. These are educators who are truly dedicated to ensuring that our children—our future—have the talented and creative teachers they need and deserve.

Just four years ago, the Institute forged ahead with a new goal. With just over one million dollars in grant funding, the Institute set out to replicate its program in four other cities across the country. This venture has been a success and has proven that the partnerships that are fostered between local public schools and universities can and will enrich the lives of our young people. New Haven has certainly benefited from this tremendous organization which has not only touched the lives of so many teachers, but countless numbers of our children. The Institute has earned a distin-

guished reputation and has been recognized at every level of government as a model for all communities.

For all that they have given to the families and children of New Haven and for all of their good work across the country, I am proud to stand today to extend my sincere congratulations to the Yale-New Haven Teachers Institute as they celebrate their 25th Anniversary.

THANKING MY CONGRESSIONAL STAFF

HON. GEORGE W. GEKAS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 22, 2002

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, the end of a congressional career brings about many emotions. Over the last twenty years I have happily spent representing the fine people of the 17th Congressional District of Pennsylvania I have had the pleasure of working with thousands of constituents, local, state and federal officials, and many former and current distinguished members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. To all of them I say, thanks for working with me towards a better America.

And, of course, every Member of Congress works with many, many competent staff, from the staff in their own personal offices to the Committee and Subcommittee staff and the leadership and floor staff. It has often been said that without staff where would this institution be? And I concur with that statement, for without the many fine staff with whom I have had good fortune to work, I and other Members of Congress of the United States would be far worse off. While I cannot mention all the fine staff who have worked with me over the years, let me at least mention the current personal and subcommittee staffers who have endeavored to achieve our common goals and to whom I give my hearty thanks and wish them well in their future careers.

In my Harrisburg district office, Arlene Eckels, my long-time personal secretary who has worked for me since the early days in the Pennsylvania State Senate and to whom I wish a happy and much deserved retirement; Tom Templeton, my hardworking district director, who so ably kept my entire district staff working smoothly; Suzanne Stoll, and old friend and superb caseworker; Paul Giannaris, whose ability to handle INS problems has made him invaluable; and Tim Vollrath, a recently returned former employee whose military and veterans help has been superb. In our Lebanon Office, Reg Nyman has been the voice of Lebanon for these many years, and his excellent knowledge and service will be missed. And in our Elizabethtown office, Susan Melendez has kept out Lancaster County constituents well served by her kind and efficient manner. Over the last twenty years my district office staff has handled hundreds of thousands of phone calls and constituent casework requests. A superb record by a superb staff.

My Washington office staff have proven themselves time and time again, regularly going beyond the call of duty. (The tally of my hundreds of legislative measures, nearly 30 Public Laws, thousands of office meetings and countless committee and other initiatives over