

Speaker at the 2001 Martin Luther King, Jr. Award Celebration at the Civil Rights Institute in Birmingham, AL, in March, 2001. There, he received the prestigious "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Award" for his legal work in the field of civil rights.

Now, Jimmy will be taking his expertise, energy, and eloquence to speak directly with the public via his new radio program on VoiceAmerica.com, "Law with Jim Bell, Esq."

Mr. Speaker, Jimmy Bell is an American hero. He has dedicated his personal and professional life to pursue justice and equal opportunity for all Americans. He deserves our recognition, and I am proud to speak about him as a leader in Maryland and throughout our country.

As we continue our important work in Congress on behalf of the American people, I have always believed we should look to examples of community service and personal leadership for inspiration and reminders of what is important in our society. Jimmy Bell is a leader who exemplifies commitment to equality of opportunity for which our Nation strives.

HONORING PATSY MILTON

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Patsy Milton on the occasion of her recognition by the Fresno County Farm Bureau for her years of volunteerism. Mrs. Milton has given generously of her time to many different programs in her community.

The Fresno County Farm Bureau is honoring Patsy specifically for her work with the Ag in the Classroom Program. The Fresno County Agriculture Education Program was established fifteen years ago with the mission "to teach the cultural, political and environmental importance of Fresno County agriculture to consumers of all ages." Mrs. Milton is the coordinator of the Ag in the Classroom program that goes to schools all over the county bringing supplemental curriculum into the classrooms of over 100 schools.

Patsy's philanthropy is not limited to her passion for sharing agriculture with others. She has also been a member of the Riverview School Parent Teacher Club, Reedley High Band Boosters, and is active in her church. However, it is her work with Ag in the Classroom that earned her the 1995 Volunteer Award from the California Foundation. She has opened her home to students to educate them about the importance of agriculture in everyday life. Mrs. Milton and her husband, Rick, raise stone fruit and grapes and are very involved in the Fresno County Farm Bureau.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Patsy Milton for her well deserved recognition by the Fresno County Farm Bureau. I invite my colleagues to join me in thanking her for her dedication to agriculture and education and wishing her many more years of continued success.

IN HONOR OF NATIONAL PROM AND GRADUATION SAFETY MONTH

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during National Prom and Graduation Safety Month to recognize the Century Council and the distilled spirits industry for their continuing efforts to fight drunk driving and underage drinking.

During the months of May and June of 2002, the Century Council is implementing a multifaceted campaign to educate parents, teachers, local, state, and federal elected officials, and the community as a whole about the importance of talking to their kids about making responsible decisions when it comes to beverage alcohol. And, reminding them that if they're under the age of 21, the only responsible decision to make is not to drink.

Launched in May of 1991, the Century Council is funded by America's leading distillers to promote responsible decisionmaking regarding alcohol consumption and to fight alcohol abuse, focusing on drunk driving and underage drinking problems.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Century Council and the distilled spirits industry for their efforts to fight drunk driving and underage drinking.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JOHN ELKHAY

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the achievements of Mr. John Elkhay of Providence, RI. The U.S. Small Business Association has recognized Mr. Elkhay for his achievements as a chef and restaurateur by awarding him the Rhode Island Small Businessperson of the Year award.

Mr. Elkhay has worked his way to the top in the restaurant business, from his beginnings as a dishwasher to his current vantage point as a leader among Rhode Island entrepreneurs. His two critically acclaimed restaurants, XO Café and Ten Prime Steak & Sushi, have been key to the revitalization of downtown Providence.

Mr. Elkhay's determination to be a leader in this field is evident from his continuous work ethic and innovation. He began studying the culinary arts as a senior in high school. Enrolled in the Johnson and Wales College while he finished high school, John quickly proved to his teachers and employers that he was capable and creative. His experiences in the numerous highly respected kitchens took him all over the country, where he was able to hone his skills. After returning to Rhode Island Mr. Elkhay opened a chic tapas restaurant with Guy Abelson. This venture soon led to several other opportunities, and finally to his current ventures. John has been featured in a number of national publications including Bon Appetit, Nation's Restaurant News, and Gourmet Chef. While he takes these accolades in stride, John plans to open four more restaurants in Rhode Island.

John Elkhay is not only a respected chef and businessman; he is an outstanding person whose own hardships have led him to help others. John lost his 12 year-old son to cystic fibrosis, and established the Ross Elkhay Foundation in his memory. Additionally, his Chefs for CF program has raised thousands of dollars in donations for research over the years.

Mr. Speaker, colleagues, I am proud to represent John Elkhay in the House of Representatives. Please join me in recognizing this outstanding individual whose personal and professional contributions have garnered him the Rhode Island Small Businessperson of the Year Award.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DONN CULVER

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Donn Culver and thank him for his extraordinary contributions to his city, his state and his fellow citizens. As an employee of GMAC Mortgage, Donn has dedicated himself to improving his community and the state by selflessly giving his time and energy to his job, his family and his fellow citizens. His remarkable business and philanthropic accomplishments are surpassed only by the hard work and dedication that he has poured into each and everything he has done. As we celebrate his tremendous accomplishment of earning the Colorado Mortgage Lenders Association's Hope for Homeowners Award, let it be known that I, along with the people of Colorado, applaud his efforts and are grateful for all that he has done for his state and his community.

Throughout his personal and professional life, Donn has consistently represented the very attributes that this award recognizes, and I am honored to bring his achievements to light today. Donn is currently the Vice President and Regional Manager for GMAC Mortgage, with responsibility for covering seven middle western states, and is active in a number of housing initiatives at GMAC. He has spent 23 years in the financial services industry, with 16 years in senior management, including a post as National Production Manager for Pulte Mortgage Corp. He is an active member of a number of committees, including the Fannie Mae Advisory Council, he serves as Co-Chairman for the Colorado Mortgage Lender Association's Affordable Housing Committee; and is a member of the Residential Lending Committee, the Responsible Lending Task Force for Colorado, and an instructor for the Salvation Army and Heritage Foundation Homeless to Home Ownership. In addition, he is an outstanding advocate for first-time homebuyers, and has been active in trying to prevent predatory lending practices. Donn earned a BS in marketing from Indiana University, and, perhaps most importantly, is married with two children. Donn is truly a remarkable man, who has always been eager to give his time and energy to the community, through both his professional and philanthropic endeavors.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Donn Culver is a man of unparalleled dedication and commitment to his job, his community and to his

state. It is his unrelenting passion for each and every thing he does, as well as his spirit of selflessness and dedication with which he has always conducted himself, that I wish to bring before this body of Congress. Donn has achieved extraordinary things and enriched the lives of so many people, and it is my privilege to extend to him my sincere congratulations on earning the Colorado Mortgage Lenders Association's Hope for Homeowners Award, and wish him all the best in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from this chamber during the week of March 18th. I want the RECORD to show that had I been present in this chamber, I would have voted in the following manner:

On rollcall vote 65, yea; on rollcall vote 66, yea; rollcall vote 67, yea; rollcall vote 68, yea; rollcall vote 69, yea; rollcall vote 70, yea; rollcall vote 71, yea; rollcall vote 72, yea; rollcall vote 73, yea; rollcall vote 74, yea; rollcall vote 75, no; rollcall vote 76, no; rollcall vote 77, no; rollcall vote 78, no; rollcall vote 79, no.

HONORING MARGARET "DUTCH" SILVER

HON. JIM DAVIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of the late Margaret "Dutch" Silver, a highly respected Florida political activist whose years of hard work and enthusiasm inspired countless people to become involved in the political process and helped several of Florida's successful female legislators get their foot in the political door.

A native of Alabama, Dutch entered Tampa's Democratic political scene in the 1970s, bringing with her a host of fresh ideas in political campaigning and the energy and drive to turn those ideas into successful political strategies. Dutch renewed the practice of door-to-door campaigning and updated the party's approach to political canvassing and targeting. Her exuberance encouraged others to become activists, and her knowledge and experience soon led her to become the executive director of the Hillsborough Democratic Party.

Many of Florida's Democratic women politicians credit Dutch for guiding them to leadership positions. In 1972, Dutch ran Betty Castor's campaign to become Hillsborough County's first female Commissioner and then advised Betty Castor in her three successful Florida State Senate races and her campaign to become state commissioner of education in 1986. Dutch also ran Fran Davin's Hillsborough County Commission race and helped Helen Gordon Davis become elected to the Florida State House of Representatives.

On behalf of the people of Tampa Bay, I offer my deepest sympathy to Dutch's family. Through her hard work, dedication and passion to make our community, state, nation and

world a better place for everyone, Dutch helped Florida's Democratic party break ground. She was committed to her cause because she loved the work and she believed in the political process. Florida has truly lost a trailblazer.

CLINTON HILL WEED AND SEED PARTNERSHIP

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Operation Weed and Seed in Newark, New Jersey and its commitment to the revitalization of the city. In 1991 the United States Department of Justice established Operation Weed and Seed, a community based multi-agency approach to law enforcement, crime prevention, and neighborhood restoration. The Weed and Seed strategy is a two-pronged approach to crime control and prevention where law enforcement agencies first "weed out" criminals from the target area, followed by a "seeding" of prevention, intervention, treatment, and neighborhood revitalization.

On Saturday May 4, 2002 The Clinton Hill Weed and Seed Partnership, sponsored by Public Service Electric and Gas Company, will celebrate the unveiling and kick-off of the Newark, New Jersey project at Mildred Helms Park. Consisting of over 150 stakeholders, The Clinton Hill Weed and Seed Partnership has accomplished a milestone by receiving its Official Site Designation from the United States Department of Justice.

The Weed and Seed strategy is based on collaboration, coordination, community participation, and leveraging resources. The emphasis on community participation cannot be understated. The prevailing concept is neighborhoods function more effectively when empowered to solve their own problems.

The process to become a Weed and Seed site requires a significant commitment by the community to engage in strategic planning, collaborate with key stakeholders, and coordinate programs and services. The Clinton Hill Partnership will become a significant impacting force on the city of Newark. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing the tremendous efforts of the Weed and Seed Partnership and the lasting impact that it will surely have on the city of Newark.

HONORING TESS CAMAGNA

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Tess Camagna for receiving the Educator of the Year Award for 2002 from the Hughson Chamber of Commerce.

Tess is a born and bred Hughsonian. Her parents were farmers there and she attended Hughson Elementary and graduated from Hughson High School. She left the community only briefly to attend California State University, San Jose, to obtain her degree in Elementary Education.

After pursuing her education Tess returned to Hughson and began teaching in 1973. Throughout her career she has taught kindergarten and first grade. Mrs. Camagna is proud to be a part of an educational system that is dedicated to children and excels in educational leadership.

Tess' husband, Richard, is a farmer and Hughson Fire Department Commissioner. They have raised three children, John, Peter, and Sarah, and they have been blessed with two grandchildren, Alex and Nicholas.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Tess Camagna for receiving the 2002 Educator of the Year Award. I invite my colleagues to join me in thanking her for her tremendous service to the community and her dedication to our youth.

IN RECOGNITION OF LUCY NUNZIATO

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Lucy Nunziato, a woman who has dedicated many years of public service not only to the Queens Chamber of Commerce and the business community, but also to the greater borough of Queens. After an outstanding career in banking, Ms. Nunziato is retiring, much to the regret of her friends and colleagues.

Ms. Nunziato rose to a position of significant responsibility at a major savings bank because of her intelligence, hard work and versatility. At the Long Island Savings Bank, FSB, she started out working as a teller and was so respected for her work that she eventually became Vice President, overseeing the community and public relations department of a 48-branch network in Queens, Nassau, and Suffolk counties. During her tenure at the bank, she also served as President of Savings Bank Women of New York.

Ms. Nunziato has also devoted a great deal of time and effort to various professional and civic affiliations, including serving on the boards of the American Red Cross, Alliance of Queens Artists, Long Island City—YMCA, Flushing Council on the Culture and the Arts, as well as the Queens Historical Society. She has also represented the interests of Queens business on the Queens District Attorney's Business Advisory Council, the Verizon Communications Advisory Council, Con Edison's Small Business Advisory Council, and the Committee to Promote Public Trust and Confidence in the Legal System.

Ms. Nunziato has also showed a great deal of commitment towards the charities at which she volunteers, including the American Cancer Society, the Girl Scout Council of Greater New York, Junior Achievement, Project Outreach, Walter Kaner's Children's Foundation, the Wheelchair Classics, the Lexington Center and the Variety Boys & Girls Club of Queens. She has also served on the finance committee of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church and St. Sebastian's Toman Catholic Church.

The outstanding accomplishments of Ms. Nunziato have earned her special recognition from organizations such as Wheelchair Classics, American Red Cross, American Cancer Society, the Long Island City—YMCA, the