

graduating from a local high school, Claire married Virgil Salviano and raised five children. Once her children were grown, Claire decided to continue her education at Rutgers University and William Paterson University.

Her intense involvement in the Paterson community began while her children were in elementary school. Claire served on the School #9 PTA as a member, organizer and a 10-year officer. As Claire's interest in serving the needs of children grew, she became deeply engaged in the Paterson Boys Club. She founded the New Jersey Auxiliaries of Boys Clubs and was the first woman to serve on the Board of Directors for the Boys Club. During her tenure as a board member, Claire led the fight to admit school-aged girls as full members of the club. She was successful in her crusade, thus beginning a new era, the Paterson Boys and Girls Club.

Claire Salviano's service to the City of Paterson continued to grow as she founded and organized the South Paterson Neighborhood Association and the citywide neighborhood Crime Watch Program.

In 1977, Claire was appointed to serve as a Commissioner on the Paterson Board of Education. As a member and later President, she brought honor and distinction to the Board. Her efforts there did not go unnoticed as the Federation of Italian Societies recognized Claire as the Outstanding Woman of the Year.

Claire initially served as the Supervisor and eventually became the Director of the Department of Transportation for the Board of Education. In this new position, she was responsible for overseeing the transportation of 7,500 students. She joined the School Transportation Supervisors Association and was President from 1995–1997. As President she chaired the annual state conference and was elected to represent the Eastern Division of the State Directors Association.

The job of a United States Congressman involves so much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing the accomplishments of individuals like Claire Salviano. Her concern for the safety and well being of children is unparalleled and we are grateful for her years of dedication and hard work on behalf of the Children of Paterson.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, the City of Paterson. Claire's family and friends, all those who have been touched by Claire and me in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable service of Ms. Claire Salviano.

HONORING OLIVER GALE AS A GREAT LIVING CINCINNATIAN

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a friend and constituent, Oliver Gale, who will be formally honored on February 20 by the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce as a Great Living Cincinnatian. The recipients of this prestigious award are selected on the basis of special achievement in the world of work, but the criteria also includes an awareness of the needs of others; civic service; leadership; and distinctive accomplishments.

Oliver Gale is a 92-year old Cincinnati legend—and Cincinnati is his adopted hometown! He has been a major force behind every Cincinnati civic improvement project over the past forty years. After graduating from Choate in 1937 and Harvard in 1941, Oliver began his career as a reporter and writer for the Boston Herald. He spent twenty years at Proctor & Gamble, joining the company in 1937 and rising to becoming an assistant to the company's legendary president, Neil McElroy. In 1957, Oliver became a special assistant during Mr. McElroy's tenure as U.S. Secretary of Defense under President Eisenhower.

In November, 1960, Oliver turned his attention to assisting Cincinnati landmark institutions. He has served as trustee and president for the Cincinnati Zoological Society at the time when the Cincinnati Zoo became internationally recognized. Oliver led the effort to join the Cincinnati Historical Society with the Museum of Natural History to establish the Cincinnati Museum Center at historic Union Terminal. With the Museum of Natural History, Oliver served as trustee, secretary, president and chairman. He served on the Museum Center board for twelve years, and he remains an honorary board member.

His civic associations do not end there. Oliver also dedicated his talent to the Cincinnati Ballet Company, the Oral History Foundation and the Friends of the Parks.

All of us in Greater Cincinnati thank Oliver for his service to our community, and congratulate him for being named a Great Living Cincinnatian.

HONORING THE 32 YEARS OF SERVICE OF TED EILERMAN TO SAINT ELIZABETH'S MEDICAL CENTER

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 32 years of service of Ted Eilerman to Saint Elizabeth's Medical Center in Granite City, Illinois.

Ted Eilerman's accomplishments are considerable. He has served for more than 32 years as an administrator at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center, including 17 years as President and CEO. He has also served on the boards of Union Planters Bank, the Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville Foundation, Junior Achievement and FOCUS St. Louis.

He is past president of the Granite City Optimist Club, past Chairman of the Southern Illinois Industrial Association and Tri-City Civic Alliance and the Tri-Cities Area United Way Campaign. He is also the past president of the Leadership Council of Southern Illinois and is past chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois State Hospital Association. Ted's awards include the Jaycees Distinguished Service Award in 1970; the Illinois Hospital Association's Outstanding Public Service Award in 1979 (this award was given out only 5 times in the Association's history); the Department of Health Care Administration's Honorary Membership Award-St. Louis University in 1986; the De La Roche Award from the Board of Directors at St. Elizabeth's Medical

Center in 1991; and most recently the Chamber of Commerce of Southwestern Madison County's Citizen of the Year in 2001.

Last year, St. Elizabeth's Medical Center treated more than 27,000 people in the hospital's Emergency Room. The hospital is a 193-bed full-service medical center and provides medical care for the entire metro-east area.

Ted Eilerman's leadership has been outstanding. His vision, commitment and tenacity have made him a local, regional and statewide health care advocate. His commitment to providing quality health care to all people, regardless of their ability to pay, leaves a legacy of caring in Granite City, Illinois and all surrounding communities.

Ted will continue to serve as a consultant to the hospital, which is now under the management of Community Health Systems.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 32 years of service of Ted Eilerman to St. Elizabeth's Medical Center and wish both he and his family the very best for the future.

HONORING SGT. DWIGHT MORGAN

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, last September 14th I spoke on this floor and said that my dream as a Member of Congress was to never have to vote to send our American men and women into combat. At that time, our nation had just been victim to a horrific attack, and I joined my colleagues in Congress in voting to authorize our government to use military force to prevent the terrorists from striking again. I return to the floor today, saddened but proud, to honor a brave young man from my district who gave his life to protecting our nation.

Dwight Morgan, a Sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps, died in a helicopter crash near Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan. Dwight was only 24 years old, and was a native of Napa and Willits, California. He was a proud, hard-working Marine. His life-long gift for mechanics led him to be a specialist in helicopter hydraulics and electronics.

All those who knew Sergeant Morgan praised his work ethic, his sincerity, and his dedication to his family. School principals, football coaches, and teachers who had the opportunity to have Dwight under their guidance are unanimous in their respect for the way he conducted himself as a student, an athlete, and a young man.

Before Dwight died aboard a CH-53E "Super Stallion" helicopter, the Marine Corps had nominated him for a promotion to Staff Sergeant, which will now be awarded posthumously. His promotion is testament to his dedication to the Marine Corps. Since high school, his dream was to be a United States Marine. He served for over 5 years, and was most recently a member of the Flying Tigers, a helicopter squadron based at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar.

Dwight was highly regarded by those who knew him because of his commitment to his family. Soon after high school, Dwight married Teresa Morgan, who is pregnant with their

second child. One of Dwight's greatest joys was being a father to their son, Alex.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Sergeant Dwight Morgan for sacrificing his life to protect the citizens of the United States. At a time when all citizens are being asked to be vigilant in a war that has struck our homeland, we should have a high regard for the courage and dedication of Dwight Morgan.

A TRIBUTE TO THE VICTIMS OF
SEPTEMBER 11TH

HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, the tragedy of September 11th touched all Americans in some way. Many of us in Congress lost people from the districts we represent.

Today, I would like to recognize one such man, John Hofer of Bellflower, California. Mr. Hofer was a passenger aboard American Airlines Flight 11, the hijacked flight that hit the north tower of the World Trade Center. He was on his way home to California from a golfing tournament on Cape Cod, Massachusetts. It was his first trip to the East Coast and he was excited about seeing a Boston Red Sox baseball game at Fenway Park.

John was known for his love of golf and was traveling with one of his golfing buddies, John Wenckus, 46, of Torrance, when their plane hit the World Trade tower. The two of them were regulars on the Skylinks Golf Course in Long Beach, California.

Mr. Hofer also was a businessman in his hometown of Bellflower. He owned John's Sharpening Center, a small business that sharpened pet-grooming tools. Mr. Hofer is survived by a daughter.

TRIBUTE TO MATT SMITH

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank publicly a member of my District Office staff for years of exceptional service to me and to the residents of the Second Congressional District of Oregon.

Matt Smith has been steadfastly true to a legacy of selfless public service that has long been a tradition in the Smith family. As the son of Kaye and Chairman Robert F. (Bob) Smith, who served Oregon so effectively as a leader for 36 years in the Oregon House and Senate and then in the U.S. Congress, Matt was raised with the knowledge that the most meaningful rewards in life come from helping others. Countless Oregonians have benefited from Matt's advocacy on their behalf and from his role as an integral participant in helping me address issues in the district that have directly impacted thousands of hard-working Second District residents.

Whether stepping in to save a rancher's grazing permit or helping to hone the finer details of my legislation to save the Steens Mountain area from unwarranted national monument status, I have counted on Matt to

get the job done. He has been a loyal and dedicated public servant on such issues as saving the Elk Creek Dam from wasteful demolition and protecting lives and resources by keeping the Medford Air Tanker Base open.

Matt has brought to his work a bright mind and a natural ability to work well with others. Not only have the people I represent placed great faith in his abilities, but so have his co-workers. Matt has been a team player in every respect and could always be counted on to solve tough problems and help others to reach their potential. Perhaps most importantly, Matt is a dependable friend with a great sense of humor.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud of what Matt has accomplished and am proud to have had him on my staff. For someone who looks up to his father as much as I do, it has been a delight to watch Matt grow and mature into a man who must make his father very proud. Matt's stellar career has not gone unnoticed by others and many new opportunities have presented themselves. This month Matt is going to follow his expanded horizons by taking a position with Smith-West, a distinguished government relations firm. I have every confidence that in Matt's new job he will continue his own strong record of public service.

Matt Smith will continue to help others and make Oregon a better place. He will continue to be an impact player and make a difference. I am sorry to see Matt leave and lose his invaluable assistance, but I am so very proud of what he has accomplished and the good work I know he will continue to perform.

I join Matt's coworkers in saying thank you and congratulations for a job well done. We will miss you as a colleague, Matt, but we know in our hearts that you will always be our friend.

OUR FRIENDS IN CANADA

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, as Americans, we were all deeply moved when, during the days following September 11th our friends in Canada extended a helping hand to our shaken Nation. Our neighbors to the north deserve our thanks and praise for their enduring friendship.

The world watched as trans-Atlantic flights were diverted to Canadian airports in Newfoundland and Nova Scotia. Personal accounts from constituents of mine, stranded in Canada because of the events of September 11th, show how remarkable the response was from the Canadian citizens who helped to care for stranded passengers. There were hot meals, showers, cots, blankets, and TV sets to watch the first news of what was happening back home. There were also teddy bears and "field trips" to local sights.

It is during these troubled times that you find out who your real friends are. Thanks to the service men and women, and also to the citizens of the great Nation of Canada for their kindness. Your hospitality will not soon be forgotten.

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 4, 2002.

Lt. Cmdr. M.A. MORRIS,
Commanding Officer, HMCS Cabot,
St. John's, Newfoundland.

DEAR COMMANDER MORRIS: No one expected on the morning of September 11th what that day would be like. I expect that is especially true of you.

Ash and Susan Collins, two constituents of mine from Placitas, New Mexico, told me of your professionalism and kindness following the diversion of so many guests to your station.

I wanted to thank you for all you did for them and others in the same situation.

It is in the tough times that you find out who your real friends are. Thank you and your service men and women for your hospitality and kindness. We won't soon forget it.

Warm Regards,

HEATHER WILSON,
Member of Congress.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 4, 2002.

Hon. MICHAEL F. KERGIN,
Ambassador, Canadian Embassy,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR: I had read a few stories in the paper about how well Americans were treated by our Canadian friends in the days following September 11th. Two of my constituents, Ash and Susan Collins of Placitas, New Mexico, took the time to tell me of their personal experience.

It is in the tough times that we find out who our real friends are. Please accept my thanks to you and your countrymen for your kindness and friendship. We won't soon forget it.

Warm Regards,

HEATHER WILSON.

ASHTON B. COLLINS, Jr.,
Placitas, NM, October 29, 2001.

Hon. HEATHER WILSON,
House of Representatives, Cannon House Office
Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR HEATHER: It was certainly good to be with you and Jay on Friday night. We appreciate your interest in our comments about the extraordinary response and support by Canadians on September 11.

On September 11, 2001, when U.S. and offshore airspace areas were closed, trans-Atlantic flights were diverted to Canadian airports in Newfoundland and Nova Scotia. More than 17,000 persons from 136 planes landed in Newfoundland alone. We enclose a photo of the Halifax, Nova Scotia airport to illustrate the dimensions.

We were on one of the 27 wide-body airliners with a total of approximately 4,300 passengers and crews landing at St. John's, Newfoundland. The St. John's airport was under major construction and normally receives one jumbo jet daily. Passengers were held for several hours on their planes while Canadian authorities developed plans.

Ultimately, we were allowed to carry only wallets for men, purses for women and passports into the terminal. Upon deplaning in darkness, we were each greeted with a warm, "Welcome to Canada", a sandwich, liquids, and solid assurance that we would be cared for. And we were cared for with astonishing efficiency on the part of all Canadian authorities, agencies, public institutions, businesses, and individuals.

The Canadians' sense of solidarity with their American neighbors was and is an indelible memory. A lot of Americans learned a lot about their neighbors to the North in a hurry.

Here are a few highlights:

Individuals from all over Newfoundland pitched in, each in his own way. We "airplane people" slept in churches, convents,