

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF THE ASSISTANCE
LEAGUE OF GLENDALE, RECIPI-
ENT OF THE 2002 ORGANIZATION
OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2002

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Assistance League of Glendale, represented by President Ginger Whitesell, which will receive the 2002 Organization of the Year Award at the 35th annual News-Press Achievements Awards at the Alex Theatre in Glendale, California on May 15, 2002. Each year, this award is given to an organization that demonstrates extraordinary commitment to serving the community of Glendale.

Chartered and incorporated in 1943, for nearly 60 years the 80-member league has spearheaded philanthropic projects to respond to the needs of the community. The group fulfills these needs in several areas. Through its annual Operation School Bell project, clothing is presented to youngsters from low-income families. In 2000, 277 youngsters received two sets of clothes including underwear, a jacket, sweater and one pair of shoes.

The League organizes an Authors and Illustrators Day, which finances visits by published authors and illustrators to five or six elementary schools a year. In addition the League annually donates \$1,000 to be used toward the purchase of books at Glendale elementary schools.

For the Senior Neighborhood Fellowship program, members are hosts of a monthly luncheon for senior citizens, who enjoy a special program and fellowship. The group also provides \$6,500 annually in scholarships for female seniors at all the high schools in Glendale and two women at Glendale Community College, including a student in the college re-entry program. To help students prepare for the Scholastic Assessment Test for entrance into college, League members organize test seminars in the fall and spring and hires instructors to teach skills in math and English.

For extraordinary commitment to philanthropy and worthy projects in Glendale on behalf of young and old alike, I ask all Members of Congress to join me in congratulating the Assistance League of Glendale and its President Ginger Whitesell upon receiving the 2002 Organization of the Year Award.

H. RES. 392

HON. PHILIP M. CRANE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2002

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the distinguished Majority Whip, Mr. DELAY, for his courageous and principled lead-

ership in the House during this time of crisis in the Middle East. This Resolution, which Mr. DELAY authored with Congressman LANTOS, is to be commended.

Following the activities of September 11, 2001, we came together as a Congress, and as a country. Standing together we authorized the use of force against "those nations, organizations, or persons" that the President "determines planned, authorized, committed, or aided the terrorist attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001, or harbored such organizations or persons, in order to prevent any future acts of international terrorism against the United States by such nations, organizations or persons." Mr. Speaker, I am proud that we voted for that Resolution. And I am proud that we went into Afghanistan and dismantled the base of the al Qaeda.

Why am I proud, Mr. Speaker? Because terrorism, in all its forms, must be defeated. Today we recognize that homicide bombings, practiced by the Palestinian people against innocent Israeli civilians, are acts of terrorism. The number of Israelis killed in the last year and a half by suicide terrorist attacks alone, on a basis proportional to the United States population, is approximately 9,000, three times the number killed in the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington on September 11, 2001.

Mr. Speaker, no one wants a peaceful resolution in the Middle East more than I, but, as this Resolution states, it is clear that Yasir Arafat and members of the Palestinian leadership have failed to abide by their commitments to nonviolence made in the Israel-PLO Declaration of Principles (the 'Oslo accord') of September 1993, including their pledges (1) to adhere strictly to 'a peaceful resolution of the conflict,' (2) to resolve 'all outstanding issues relating to permanent status through negotiations,' (3) to renounce 'the use of terrorism and other acts of violence,' and (4) to 'assume responsibility over all PLO elements and personnel in order to assure their compliance [with the commitment to nonviolence], prevent violence, and discipline violators.'

I would note that the al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, which is part of Yasir Arafat's Fatah organization has been designated a Foreign Terrorist Organization by the United States Government, and is responsible for hundreds of murders of Israeli civilians.

This cannot continue, Mr. Speaker. Israel is our friend, our ally, and the only democracy in the Middle East. The very values we share with Israel are under attack by terrorists. Back in September we pledged to fight those who seek to annihilate us. I am pleased that we have the opportunity today to recognize that Israel deserves the same privilege.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB RILEY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2002

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for rollcall No. 159, H.R. 3694, the Highway Funding Restoration Act. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

I was also unavoidably detained for rollcall No. 160, H.R. 4069, the Social Security Benefit Enhancements for Women Act of 2002. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

I was also unavoidably detained for rollcall No. 161, on Agreeing to the Journal. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

HONORING JOSEPH FORLENZA

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2002

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Joseph Forlenza who will retire in June of this year after 41 years serving as a teacher, coach, or principal in the Catholic school system. He has spent the last 28 years as principal of Powers Catholic High School in my hometown of Flint, Michigan. He will be honored with a special ceremony on May 18th for his outstanding achievements in education.

Joseph Forlenza graduated with a BA in History and Business from St. Joseph College in Indiana in 1961. That year he became a teacher and a coach at Mendel Catholic High school in Chicago, Illinois. When he first began to work his intention was to earn money for law school. However, a love for teaching and coaching the next generation overcame the desire to follow a career in law. He went on to earn a Masters degree in History in 1967 and a Masters degree in Secondary School Administration in 1971 both from Eastern Michigan University.

As the Powers Catholic High School principal, Joseph Forlenza has made a lasting mark on the educational system. Under his leadership, Powers Catholic High School has earned a reputation as an exceptional institution. The parents, students and staff are continuing the tradition of excellence started by Joe Forlenza. He has created a welcoming atmosphere for students and at the same time worked to support the staff in their classroom roles. He has remained true to the goal of helping students learn, analyze, and prepare for life's challenges. He has achieved this by presenting students with real life problems and formal classroom instruction. His commitment to the students has been rewarded as many graduates of Powers Catholic High School have gone on to become leaders in their respective communities and fields. He will leave Powers High School but the traditions that he created will live on.

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Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in praising Joseph Forlenza for his enthusiasm and pledge to strive for excellence in the development of education and life. I wish him the best in the upcoming years.

IN HONOR OF LEIGH MCCREARY,
RECIPIENT OF THE 2002 WANDA
OWEN YOUTH AWARD

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2002

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Leigh McCreary, who will receive the 2002 Wanda Owen Youth Award at the 35th annual News-Press Achievements Awards at the Alex Theatre in Glendale, California on May 15, 2002. Each year, this award is given to a youth volunteer who demonstrates extraordinary commitment and dedication to community service.

Leigh is the 17-year-old daughter of Rose Montoya Lona and Fred Lona of Glendale. She was nominated by Mary Ann Baldonado of San Gabriel Mission High School, a private Catholic high school where Leigh is a senior. Leigh has given 86 hours of her time over 3½ years to the Midnight Mission, mostly helping to prepare and serve food to hundreds of homeless people and cleaning the cafeteria following a meal. She also takes time to talk to the homeless people at the mission.

On her own initiative, Leigh sought out an internship with Assemblyman Dario Frommer's office and has volunteered more than 100 hours there. She has assisted his staff with constituent correspondence and casework, speechwriting and press releases and compiled informational packets.

In addition, Leigh has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity for a year. Wielding a hammer and paintbrush, she has helped build homes for low-income families, and says her most challenging chore was using a shovel to level off a garage floor.

She also tutors students after school at Incarnation Elementary School and maintains her grade point average above 4.0.

For her commitment to make Glendale a better place as a youth leader in the community, I ask all Members of Congress to join me in congratulating Leigh McCreary upon receiving the 2002 Wanda Owen Youth Award.

YUCCA MOUNTAIN REPOSITORY
SITE APPROVAL ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. PHILIP M. CRANE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2002

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to take this opportunity to express my full support for House Joint Resolution 87, approving Yucca Mountain as a repository for storage of high-level spent nuclear fuel. It is important to remember that over half the population of this nation lives within 75 miles of a temporary nuclear waste facility and that Illinois is one of the states most dependent on nuclear power. Close to my home in Illinois is the Zion nu-

clear power plant, though the plant itself is no longer operational, nuclear fuel remains in temporary storage there. The people living near by are anxiously awaiting the Federal Government to fulfill its promise to take possession, and dispose of this material.

In the 37 years that government and private industry has transported nuclear waste, there have been only 4 rail accidents and 4 highway accidents. That represents a 99.7 percent success rate. It also represents 2,700 shipments of 10,000 spent fuel assemblies over a distance of more than 1.6 million miles. It is important to remember also that the states will be actively involved in the rout selection process, there will be no shipments through down town Chicago.

The containers, in which the spent fuel is stored, are quite capable of withstanding a broadside from a locomotive traveling 60 mph, tests have been conducted that prove this. The trucks and trains carrying this spent fuel are accompanied by at least one escort, which must report to the Department of Energy (DOE) every two hours and are continuously monitored and tracked by satellite. This is just the smallest part of the safety precautions being taken by the DOE, the NRC and state and local first responder's nation wide.

After twenty years of spending \$8 billion of the taxpayers money the Department of Energy has determined it is safe to store spent nuclear fuel at Yucca Mountain. That being the case, it is high time the Federal Government keeps its long-standing commitment to citizens and utility companies by taking possession of these materials. Passage, by the House, of H.J. Res. 87 is a big step in that direction.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL D.
BRADBURY

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2002

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to my longtime friend, Michael D. Bradbury, who will be honored this week by Interface Children Family Services "for his contributions and dedication to youth and to the community throughout his long career as a public servant."

Mike was elected District Attorney of Ventura County, California, in 1978, a year before I was elected to the Simi Valley City Council. We developed a steadfast friendship and mutual respect while working together on a variety of issues over the years. Mike will retire from the District Attorney's Office at the end of the year. He will long be remembered as a no-nonsense prosecutor and a recognized leader in law enforcement both statewide and nationally.

No one person, of course, is responsible for creating a community that is recognized annually as the safest urban area in the western United States. But certainly Mike Bradbury leads the pack. Under his direction, the Ventura County District Attorney's Office adopted a no-plea-bargaining policy. Criminals know if they commit a crime in Ventura County they will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Because of his tough stance on crime, Mike was re-elected District Attorney five times.

At the same time, Mike recognizes that crime prevention is more than being tough on criminals. It also requires providing a safe and secure environment for families and children and providing children with the tools they need to become productive members of society. In addition to his work with Interface Children Family Services, Mike was an honorary fundraising chairman for Big Brothers/Big Sisters; president of the Boy Scouts of America, Ventura County Council; member of the Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Club of California and the Barbara Sinatra Children's Center; member of the National Advisory Committee of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids; and a member of the Advisory Board of the Assistance League of Ventura County.

Not surprisingly, he has been equally active in law enforcement organizations, and holds the distinction of being the first district attorney in California history to be twice elected president of the California District Attorneys Association. In 1992, Governor Pete Wilson appointed him chairman of the California Council on Criminal Justice and, in 1982, President Ronald Reagan appointed him to the President's Commission on Drunk Driving.

Mr. Speaker, I could go on and on with praise for my respected friend. But let me sum up his achievements by noting the numerous awards he has received for his dedication and accomplishments, note that he is also an educator at prestigious law schools, and that he has published numerous articles on criminal justice.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join Interface Children Family Services and me in thanking Michael D. Bradbury for a lifetime of dedication to his community and the criminal justice system, and wish him and his wife, Heidi, and his sons and daughters, many years of rest and relaxation at Hang 'em High Ranch. Although, knowing Mike, he won't be resting long.

JOSEPH PISTILLI RECEIVES
COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2002

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Joseph Pistilli, whose commitment to various community organizations has helped make New York City a better place to live. Mr. Pistilli is a successful businessman who truly understands the importance of giving back to the community. In recognition of his many contributions to the community, Mr. Pistilli will be receiving the Community Service Award from the Astoria Long Island City Kiwanis Club.

Mr. Pistilli is an active member of many organizations. He serves on the Queens Chamber of Commerce, the Queens Builders and Contractor's Association, and the President's Circle of New York Hospital of Queens. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the NY Public Library, a Board Member of The Boys & Girls Club, and a member of the Queens Museum of Arts.

In 1975, he founded Pistilli Realty Group. As Chief Executive Officer of the Group, he is actively involved in the development, ownership and management of residential and commercial real estate in the metropolitan New York