

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

area. The company owns and operates approximately forty commercial and residential buildings in the New York area, containing roughly 3,000 units.

Mr. Pistilli is also a co-founder of Pistilli Construction and Development, which constructed an office building in Astoria, Queens, currently the Group's headquarters, which received the First Prize of Excellence from the Queens County Chamber of Commerce in December 1998. The Development Company is beginning alteration of an industrial manufacturing plant into residential apartments, and has completed construction of a four story building on a ten thousand square foot lot in the heart of Astoria, incorporating the original structure of a landmark banking institution. His projects are known for their remarkable quality and attention to detail, reflecting his great professionalism. His projects truly reflect the flavor of the community and his desire to enhance the neighborhood.

On April 5, 1999, Joseph Pistilli opened and chartered the newly formed First Central Savings Bank headquartered in Whitestone, New York. This was the first new-chartered savings bank organized in New York State in excess of ten years. On July 2, 2001, First Central Savings Bank opened its second branch in Astoria. Mr. Pistilli serves as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of First Central Savings Bank. So far, Mr. Pistilli has brought in \$50 million in assets and more than 3,000 customers.

Mr. Pistilli was recognized for his achievements in business by Newsday in 2001 for turning his modest family-held real estate portfolio into a major corporation.

I am particularly pleased to recognize Mr. Pistilli's philanthropic efforts on behalf of SHAREing & CAREing, the only breast cancer awareness and support center in Western Queens. When they needed a permanent home, Mr. Pistilli found them a location, renovated the space and donated all the office furniture. The women who rely on SHAREing & CAREing view him as true friend, who demonstrates a remarkable sensitivity to women's health issues.

In recognition of these outstanding achievements, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Joseph Pistilli for his dedication to improving our community.

IN HONOR OF JASON SABOURY,
RECIPIENT OF THE 2002 ELLEN
PERRY AWARD FOR SERVICE TO
SENIORS

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2002

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jason Saboury, who will receive the 2002 Ellen Perry Award for service to seniors 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 individual who demonstrates extraordinary commitment to serving the senior community of Glendale.

Jason is the 15-year-old son of Cathy and Massoud Saboury of Glendale and is a ninth-grader at Clark Magnet High School. Last summer, he volunteered 84 hours at the City

of Glendale's Glendale Adult Recreation Center for Senior Citizens. Jason was nominated for the Ellen Perry award by Louise Briley, recreation program coordinator.

Jason said he didn't want to face another summer just sitting on the couch at home, so he went through the phone book and saw the listing for the adult center and called to find out what he could do to help. "I wanted to do something good for the community," he said, "I get along well with my grandparents and thought it would be fun and I would learn a lot from the senior citizens too."

His service included cashiering, serving meals to senior citizens at the center, assisting at bingo games and encouraging seniors to participate in table tennis and chess. Each morning he welcomed them and talked with them. Jason said he got a lot of tips on daily life from the seniors. Jason said the seniors were appreciative of his services and company and that he treated everyone with the same cheerful attitude.

When he returned to school after the summer break, Jason discovered he could get school credit for volunteering. This school year, he has volunteered 110 hours. He has helped out at the Brand Park Winter Wonderland snow day, performed clerical work, shelved books and performed other jobs at the Grandview Branch Library and helped with Balboa Elementary School's after-school program.

For extraordinary commitment to serving the senior citizens of Glendale, and his volunteer work with the City of Glendale, I ask all Members of Congress to join me in congratulating Jason Saboury upon receiving the 2002 Ellen Perry Award for service to seniors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

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. 134, on the Motion to Adjourn. Had I been present I would have voted no.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 135, on Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 415. Had I been present I would have voted yea.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 136, on Agreeing to H. Res. 415, Providing for Consideration of H.R. 4546, Department of Defense Authorization for FY2003. Had I been present I would have voted yea.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 137, on the Motion to Adjourn. Had I been present I would have voted no.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 138, on the Motion that the Committee Rise. Had I been present I would have voted no.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 139, on the Motion that the Committee Rise. Had I been present I would have voted no.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 140, on the Motion that the Committee Rise. Had I been present I would have voted no.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 141, the Markey amendment to H.R.

4546, Department of Defense Authorization for FY2003. Had I been present I would have voted no.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 142, the Weldon (PA) amendment to H.R. 4546, Department of Defense Authorization for FY2003. Had I been present I would have voted yea.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 143, on the Motion that the Committee Rise. Had I been present I would have voted no.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 144, on the Motion that the Committee Rise. Had I been present I would have voted no.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 145, the Tierney amendment to H.R. 4546, Department of Defense Authorization for FY2003. Had I been present I would have voted no.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 146, on the Motion that the Committee Rise. Had I been present I would have voted no.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 147, on the Motion that the Committee Rise. Had I been present I would have voted no.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 148, on the Motion that the Committee Rise. Had I been present I would have voted no.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 149, on the Motion that the Committee Rise. Had I been present I would have voted no.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 150, on the Motion that the Committee Rise. Had I been present I would have voted no.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 151, on the Motion that the Committee Rise. Had I been present I would have voted no.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 152, on the Motion that the Committee Rise. Had I been present I would have voted no.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 153, the Sanchez amendment to H.R. 4546, Department of Defense Authorization for FY2003. Had I been present I would have voted no.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 154, the Goode amendment to H.R. 4546, Department of Defense Authorization for FY2003. Had I been present I would have voted yea.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 155, the Paul amendment to H.R. 4546, Department of Defense Authorization for FY2003. Had I been present I would have voted yea.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 156, the Bereuter amendment to H.R. 4546, Department of Defense Authorization for FY2003. Had I been present I would have voted yea.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 157, the Motion to Recommit with Instructions Tierney amendment to H.R. 4546, Department of Defense Authorization for FY2003. Had I been present I would have voted no.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 158, H.R. 4546, Department of Defense Authorization for FY2003. Had I been present I would have voted yes.