

# RECOGNIZING THE ARTISTIC TALENTS OF BRENDA ANDERSON

## HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2002*

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the tremendous artistic ability of a young woman from my Congressional District, Brenda Anderson of Springdale High School. Brenda is the top winner in the 2002 18th Congressional District of Pennsylvania's High School Art Competition, "An Artistic Discovery."

It gives me great pride and pleasure that Brenda's artwork will be representing the 18th Congressional District of Pennsylvania in the national exhibit in the United States Capitol.

I encourage my colleagues as well as any visitor to Capitol Hill to view Brenda's artwork, along with all of the other winning artwork that will be on display throughout the next year. It is truly amazing to walk through this corridor and see the interpretation of life through the eyes of these young artists from all across our nation.

Brenda's piece, entitled, "Paradise," is a picturesque oil painting of a coastal view. Her attention to detail of the waves rolling in to the rocky beach as the dark clouds loom above, emulate a day at the beach and trigger your senses of the taste of the salty air and smell of the fresh ocean breeze.

Brenda's artwork was selected from a number of outstanding entries to this year's competition, I hope that she and her family are proud of her artistic talents as well as this accomplishment.

I would also like to recognize all the other participants in this year's 18th Congressional District High School Art Competition, "An Artistic Discovery." I would like to thank these vibrant young artists for allowing us to share and celebrate their talents, imagination, and creativity. The efforts of these students in expressing themselves in a powerful and positive manner are no less than spectacular.

I hope that all of these individuals continue to utilize their artistic talents, and I wish them all the best of luck in their future endeavors.

# HONORING BERNICE WILLIAMS

## HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2002*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Bernice Williams as she retires from teaching after 38 years. Mrs. Williams will be honored at a luncheon on June 1 in my hometown of Flint, Michigan.

Bernice Williams is an example of how hard work and dedication can change one's life. In high school her dreams of becoming a teacher and attending college seemed to be dismissed as nothing more than wishful thinking. Many women did not attend college in the 1950's and 1960's. However, Bernice followed her own dream and attended Michigan State University in 1959. She graduated with a Bachelor's degree in English and a teachers certificate in 1963. She was the first person in her family to earn a college degree. In June she

attended a march for justice led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. His desire for equality was something Mrs. Williams truly thought was a worthy cause. During her teaching career Mrs. Williams has been a strong supporter of multicultural education. She has spent the last 35 years at Holmes Junior High School where she has been trying to incorporate these ideals into her teaching. While doing all this she went on to earn a Masters degree from Marygrove College in Detroit, Michigan. Her endeavors as a teacher are worthy of the honors she is receiving.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Bernice Williams for her devotion to students and their quality of education. Her accomplishments in the face of adversity are a true inspiration.

# IN HONOR OF JULIANN BUDIMIR, RECIPIENT OF THE 2002 BETTY PRESTON AWARD FOR CIVIC ACHIEVEMENT

## HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2002*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Juliann Budimir, who will receive the 2002 Betty Preston Award for Civic Achievement at the 35th annual NewsPress Achievements Awards at the Alex Theatre in Glendale, California on May 15, 2002. Each year, this award is given to a volunteer who demonstrates extraordinary commitment and dedication to civic achievement.

Juliann Budimir was nominated by the Oakmont League of Glendale. She has served for three years as President, two years as Vice President, and one year as Treasurer of the Northwest Glendale Homeowners Association Board of Directors. She worked with homeowners to identify issues of community concern and then acted as a liaison to city departments to help resolve those issues and concerns. Her major triumph was getting a stop sign installed at the dangerous intersection of Kenneth Road and Sonora Avenue.

Juliann was a representative for the Greater Downtown Glendale Strategic Plan and for the study sessions for Glendale's Hillside Ordinance. She served in many leadership roles for the Glendale Homeowners Coordinating Council and was its representative to the City of Glendale Sign Ordinance Study Session Committee for two years.

She served as Director of the Music Mobile program of the Glendale Junior Philharmonic, teaching elementary school children about classical music by taking a van loaded with instruments to schools for on-stage demonstrations.

She is President of the Oakmont League, a philanthropic organization that sponsors an annual egg hunt party for the Salvation Army Day Care Center and provides scholarships to public high school and Glendale Community College students.

For her laudable civic, philanthropic and music education endeavors that have helped make Glendale a better community, I ask all Members of Congress to join me in congratulating Juliann Budimir upon receiving the 2002 Betty Preston Award for Civic Achievement.

# TRIBUTE TO JAMES W. WALKER

## HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2002*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to James W. Walker, who will retire this summer as president of Moorpark College, in Moorpark, California.

President Walker has overseen enormous growth at Moorpark College in his ten-year tenure as president. When he arrived in 1992, enrollment stood at 11,900 students. Today it stands at more than 14,500 and is projected to grow to 19,000 students by 2015. To prepare for that growth, President Walker recently led the college through a strategic planning process and the creation of a Moorpark College Facilities Master Plan. The comprehensive document details renovations and new construction that will be necessary to continue providing an outstanding education to Moorpark students.

His work on the Master Plan was instrumental in convincing the Ventura County Community College District Board of Trustees to place a \$356 million bond measure on the March 5, 2002, ballot, which passed with 65 percent of the vote.

The Master Plan and successful bond measure are typical of President Walker's leadership. During his tenure, he oversaw construction of the Performing Arts Center and the Kavli Science Center, and planning for the Learning Resource and Telecommunications Center. He established numerous educational and business partnerships, including preparations for off-campus centers in Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks. In 1999, he partnered with the Moorpark Unified School District to create The High School at Moorpark College for high-achieving Moorpark students.

President Walker's retirement caps a 43-year career in public education, which includes teaching at the high school and community college levels and many management positions. In 1994-95, he was tapped to serve as interim chancellor of the College District because of the untimely death of then-Chancellor Thomas Lakin. He is a former member of the Board of Directors of the Chief Executive Officers, California Community Colleges and current board member of Intelcom. He was a founding member of the advisory board for California State University at Channel Islands and is on the Board of Visitors for Pepperdine University.

In his spare time, he served on the boards of the Moorpark Boys & Girls Club and the Southeast Ventura County YMCA. He has also run all 17 Los Angeles Marathons.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in thanking James W. Walker for his lifelong dedication to the education of our children, and in wishing him and his wife of more than 40 years, Nancy, well-earned quality time with their son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Kerri, and their three daughters; and daughter and son-in-law Laura and Kevin, and their three sons.