

the Pennsylvania House of Representatives Citation for Community Service, and the Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils Advisor of the Year Award.

An inspiring force in the Abington community, Tom helped to educate students in both academia and in civil service. He influenced the lives of countless students for more than a quarter of a century and has created a legacy of community-minded citizens. He is a passionate, caring and personal leader who empowers those who learn from him to go forth with confidence and become leaders in their own night.

I thank Tom Nyman for his commitment to his country, community and to Abington High School. I am pleased to recognize Mr. Thomas Joseph Nyman for his many years of dedicated work. Our community is fortunate to have someone of such distinction and we appreciate all that he has done for us and given to us.

IN HONOR OF MARILYN GUNNELL,  
RECIPIENT OF THE 2002 NEWS-  
PRESS WOMAN OF ACHIEVE-  
MENT 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 Marilyn Gunnell, who will receive the 2002 Woman of Achievement 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 volunteer who demonstrates extraordinary commitment and dedication to community service.

The YMCA of Glendale nominated Ms. Gunnell for this honor. She is active with the Glendale Sunrise Rotary Club, and has an outstanding record of 12½ years perfect attendance. A longtime AIDS activist, she and four members of the Sunrise Rotary created Glendale Leaders for AIDS Awareness. The group prompted the city to display an AIDS quilt in City Hall for a day.

Later, the City of Glendale applied to become a California Healthy City and received a grant to generate a public questionnaire and lectures on AIDS awareness. Marilyn provided questions, conducted phone interviews and taught classes on AIDS/HIV.

Marilyn helped create the "Not Even For A Minute" program, educating the public on the dangers of leaving children unattended in and around vehicles. She instigated collaboration on the project between the Los Angeles County Medical Association Alliance and the Sunrise Rotary and enlisted the support of the Glendale Unified School District to have related posters, brochures and window decals translated into Spanish, Armenian and Korean.

She was also instrumental in bringing Project Safe Place to Glendale, selecting members for a task force that worked for more than five years to bring this worthy endeavor to fruition. Today, there are 22 Safe Places for children to seek refuge in Glendale, whether they are facing abuse at home or dangers in the community.

For her commitment to making Glendale a better, more caring and safer place, I ask all

Members of Congress to join me in congratulating Marilyn Gunnell upon receiving the 2002 Woman of Achievement Award.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2002*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I missed the vote yesterday on H.R. 3694, the Highway Restoration Fund Act. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

IN COMMEMORATION OF TEENAGE  
DRIVER SAFETY AWARENESS  
DAY AND IN MEMORY OF AN-  
THONY JOSEPH TELESKA

**HON. JIM SAXTON**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2002*

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the creation of the Teenage Driver Safety Awareness Day at Shawnee High School located in Medford Township, NJ in my district. This annual day was started in memory of one of my constituents, Anthony Joseph Teleska, who died on December 5, 2000, at the young age of 16, as the sole passenger in a one-car accident. Anthony lost his life as a result of reckless driving, and this great tragedy has been a living nightmare for Anthony's family and friends who love and miss him terribly.

Sadly, Anthony is not the only victim of reckless driving. There are some astounding statistics regarding teenage driving that I would like to share with my colleagues: 14 percent of all deaths due to motor vehicle accidents are teen drivers; teen driver deaths due to motor vehicle accidents occur on weekends 53 percent of the time; teen drivers killed in motor vehicle accidents had a youth passenger in automobile 45 percent of the time; more than one-third of drivers fatally injured in automobiles are as a result of speed related accidents; more than any age group, teens are likely to be involved in a single vehicle crash; and this age group makes up 7 percent of licensed drivers, but suffers 14 percent of fatalities and 20 percent of all reported accidents.

As a result of Anthony's tragic death, The Anthony Teleska Memorial Foundation was created to work with local high school and law enforcement officials to increase driver safety awareness amongst teenagers.

I commend Anthony's family and friends for starting this effort towards educating the public, and teens especially, about the dangers of reckless driving. Programs like this one need to take place all over our country in order to reduce the sky-rocketing number of teenage driving accidents. Educating teenagers to drive safe is our only hope to prevent tragic and senseless accidents from happening.

LIONS OF MICHIGAN ALL STATE  
BAND

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2002*

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in recognition of the individuals of the Lions of Michigan All State Band. An organization known for its hard work and dedication, Lions Clubs have been committed to serving their communities since 1917. With a membership of over 1.4 million members serving in more than 44,600 clubs worldwide, Lions Clubs touch lives throughout the world community.

In July of this year, Lions Clubs International will hold its international convention in Osaka, Japan. As the only band from the U.S. traveling to Japan, the Lions of Michigan All State Band has the privilege of representing over 18,000 Lions Clubs members from the United States at the convention. This year marks the 25th Anniversary of the Lions award winning youth program within Michigan. The honor of traveling to Japan is fitting recognition for the hard work of those involved in this program. I applaud the 123 student members of the band for their willingness to serve and the adult participants that make the program possible.

I commend the community minded endeavors of the Lions of Michigan and applaud the discipline of the Lions of Michigan All State Band. I am pleased that such fine young people will be representing our country on the international level. I invite my colleagues to join me in recognition of the hard work and achievement of the Lions of Michigan All State Band.

TRIBUTE TO THE LINCOLN SCHOOL

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2002*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Lincoln School on the occasion of its 130th anniversary. Established in 1872, the Lincoln School has provided unique opportunities and brought stability and continuity in the quality of education for students in the West Marin ranching community.

Throughout its history, the Lincoln School Board of Trustees has worked tirelessly to maintain the integrity of the one room school in the one school district. Surviving earthquakes, fires and storms, the Lincoln School has met the changing needs of its students, fulfilling its role as a truly integral and indispensable part of the rural community. While expecting as well as providing excellence in its programs, the school's faculty and staff have demonstrated compassion and concern for all students.

For one hundred and thirty years, the Lincoln School has served a diverse community of learners, educating several generations of students and entire Marin families. This excellence would not have been possible without the dedicated efforts, spirit and generosity of the Lincoln School parent and teacher community.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the Lincoln School for making a significant difference in the lives of its students, families

and friends in the West Marin community for one hundred and thirty years.

TRIBUTE TO LT. COLONEL  
THOMAS FUHRER, USMC

**HON. JOHN P. MURTHA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2002*

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding Marine who has dedicated his life to the service of our nation.

Lt. Colonel Thomas Fuhrer has recently completed his Washington service and is being assigned to command the Marine Corps Combat Service Support Schools Training Command at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Lt. Colonel Fuhrer has served on the personal legislative staff of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs for the past two years. During that time, he has worked closely with senior military, civilian, and Congressional Members and staff in this critical high visibility environment.

His performance has been singularly impressive. He has advised the Chairman, Vice, and senior officers from the Joint Staff as well as Commanders in Chief in a myriad of complex and sensitive issue briefings in addition to their confirmation and annual posture hearings.

Hailing from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Lt. Colonel Fuhrer began his career as an enlisted Marine, graduating from the venerable Parris Island in 1980. He entered Clarion University as a drilling reservist and upon graduation was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps in 1984.

During Lt. Colonel Fuhrer's career as a Marine, he has excelled at every aspect of operations concentrating on the fiscal, disbursing, travel and logistics support of our active duty and forward deployed Marine Corps. His leadership, management, problem-solving and team-building skills have been recognized in his promotion, personal awards, and assignment to the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey. He received his Master's Degree in Financial Management in 1986.

Following a successful tour in the Headquarters of the Marine Corps as a budget analyst, he was selected for the prestigious Legislative Fellow Program through Brookings Institution. This program led him to the Office of Congressman JOHN MURTHA, where his tireless service was focused on Defense and Appropriations issues.

Lt. Colonel Fuhrer leaves his present assignment as the Deputy Legislative Assistant for Marine Corps matters to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff where he served as liaison between the nation's most senior military officer and the United States Congress. He also leaves the close professional relationship he cultivated specifically with Members and their staff on the House Appropriations Committee subcommittee on Defense.

Throughout a career of distinguished service, he has made innumerable contributions to both the military and our nation. As Lt. Colonel Fuhrer departs to tackle new challenges of Command at Camp Lejeune, we will certainly miss him and wish continued success for both him and his family.

IN MEMORY OF SHARON L.  
MONSKY

**HON. LOIS CAPPS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2002*

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Ms. Sharon L. Monsky, a resident of Santa Barbara, California, who was renowned as an advocate on behalf of persons with the disease scleroderma.

Sharon passed away on the night of May 11, and is survived by her three children Max, Samantha, Montana, and their father, her husband, Mark Scher. The legacy she leaves behind is inspiring to us all.

In her youth, Sharon was a nationally ranked figure skater and a top United States Olympic contender. In 1965, she was the youngest female figure skater to ever have received the Senior Ladies Gold Medal Compulsory Award.

She went on to become a successful international business consultant, and received her MBA from Stanford University Graduate School of Business in 1980.

The distinguished San Francisco management-consulting firm, McKinsey and Company Inc., offered Sharon a coveted position, and she was immediately on track to being one of the youngest women partners in McKinsey's history. When in 1983, she was diagnosed with systemic scleroderma, and was given two years to live.

Defying all odds, Sharon spent the next 21 years educating all of us about scleroderma. Through her timeless efforts she brought national awareness to this debilitating disease, which affects 500,000 people annually. And she helped increase federal support for research on scleroderma.

In 1987, she founded the Santa Barbara-based Scleroderma Research Foundation, which is committed to raising awareness of the disease. The Foundation is one of a kind, the only one in our nation dedicated to finding a cure for the disease; it is a blend of science, research, private funding, and political leadership.

But largely due to Sharon's work, there is now a National Scleroderma Awareness Month, and she initiated the Cool Comedy-Hot Cuisine, a benefit gala designed to raise scleroderma awareness. She also leaves behind two research centers: The San Francisco Bay Area Scleroderma Research Center at UCSF and the East Coast Scleroderma Research Center at Johns Hopkins in Boston. Research for the disease has steadily increased to the current level of \$8.3 million, also attributable to Sharon's unwavering efforts. In addition, she served two four-year terms on the National Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases advisory council of the National Institutes of Health.

At the age of 48, Sharon accomplished in half a century's time what many active individuals in excellent health are not able to achieve in a lifetime. Selflessly she sought out a cure for the disease, on behalf of future scleroderma patients and their families.

She was a beloved daughter, sister, wife, mother, businesswoman, and health advocate. She will indeed be missed but will be remembered for years to come.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JOHN T.  
DONLEY

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2002*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize an outstanding individual who has dedicated his life to serve and protect the citizens of the State of Colorado. Corporal John Donley, of the Pueblo Police Department, has loyally served his fellow Coloradans for over thirty years. After a long and successful career as one of Colorado's finest, John announced his retirement from the force in November of last year. As he enjoys his well-deserved retirement, I would like to take this time to underscore John's service to his community before this body of Congress, and this nation.

John began his service as Motorcycle Burglary Patrol Officer, was honored for his quality service, and reassigned to the Traffic Division in 1974. Receiving a promotion to corporal in 1976, John was recognized for his expertise as a crime scene-diagramming expert and was often called upon by his fellow officers to render aid at the scene of a crime. John also dedicated much of his time to the Pueblo educational system by volunteering his experience and expertise in seat belt safety and safe driving as a School Resource Officer to a local high school. He has been a tremendous asset to the City of Pueblo both as a peace officer and as an educator. I am honored to bring forth his accomplishments today.

Mr. Speaker, today's peace officers face a wide variety of dangers and hazards in their daily duties. These individuals work long hours, weekends, and holidays to guarantee their fellow citizen's rights and protection. They work tirelessly and with great sacrifice to their personal and family lives to ensure our freedoms remain strong in our homes and communities. Their service and dedication certainly deserves the recognition and thanks of this body of Congress, and a grateful nation. Thanks for your service John, and I wish you all the best in your well-deserved retirement.

HONORING CLEAR CREEK HIGH  
SCHOOL'S "WE THE PEOPLE"  
TEAM

**HON. MARK UDALL**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2002*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank and honor the following young people. Hayley Cook, Emilie Hanson, Ryan Johnson, Courtney Lee, Beth Smulow, Lydon Wilkenson, Tim Bennhoff, Heather Grimm, Willie Arnold, Colin Hale, Cameron Marlin, Kristin Bonk, Ashley Gilbert, Paul White, Julie North, Linnea Pearson and Chris Wilson. These students, from Clear Creek High School, recently competed in the national "We the People" competition in Washington, DC. This exceptional group of students, along with their coach, Mr. Bob Warmack, worked aggressively throughout the year studying the U.S. Constitution, the intent of the framers of the Constitution, the origins and intent behind