

IN HONOR OF THE ORATORIO
SOCIETY OF QUEENS

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 20, 2002

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to The Oratorio Society of Queens on the occasion of its 75th anniversary.

As one of the oldest performing arts institutions of Queens, The Oratorio Society has established itself as a leading chorus group in the County. Since its establishment in the Spring of 1927, its membership has grown in number and programs have increased in quality.

Among its many accomplishments, The Oratorio Society of Queens offers outlets for the interests of amateur musicians in the community; assists local schools with their musical programs and development; promotes an appreciation of classical music in the community; and contributes to the overall quality of life in Queens County by providing the residents of New York's premier borough with first-class cultural entertainment.

Practicing and performing without interruption through the Great Depression and briefly interrupted during World War II, this choral society illustrated early on its commitment to providing quality entertainment to the borough of Queens. Through diligent work, and with beautiful voices, the choral group has helped countless New Yorkers forget about their troubles and live life as usual during some of our nation's most trying times.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the members of The Queens Oratorio Society and to pay tribute to an organization that has made Queens a much richer and more enjoyable place to live. I ask that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me now in congratulating The Queens Oratorio Society President, Ardelle Donohue, Artistic Director, David Close and all members, both past and present, on their 75 years of enriching the lives of the people of Queens.

HONORING DR. RICHARD D.
NICHOLS, ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

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Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Richard D. Nichols on the occasion of his retirement from the Henry Ford Health System.

Dr. Nichols began his career with the Henry Ford Health System on July 1, 1967, when he became a member of the Otolaryngology. He received both his undergraduate degree and medical degree from the University of Michigan. Dr. Nichols completed his internship and General Surgery residency at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor and graduated from his Otolaryngology residency from the University of Michigan in 1967.

In 1971 Dr. Nichols was named Chairman of Otolaryngology, one of the youngest physicians to chair a clinical department at Henry Ford Hospital. He has continued to be a pio-

neer in his field. Dr. Nichols performed the first cochlear implants at Henry Ford Hospital.

Dr. Nichols has a wide variety of clinical interests, but is best known for his expertise in salivary gland disease and tumors of the head and neck. He has excelled in his department, but Dr. Nichols' leadership extended to the administration of both the medical staff and hospital. He also played a major role in establishing the first medical staff compensation committee, serving as chairman for many years.

Mr. Speaker, not only has Dr. Nichols had a deep impact within the Henry Ford Health System, but he has also been recognized for his contributions to teaching. He was instrumental in creating the first regular specialty rotation at Henry Ford Hospital for students from the University of Michigan.

Mr. Speaker, as Dr. Nichols leaves the Henry Ford Health System, and in honor of his many professional achievements, I would ask that all my colleagues rise and salute his service to the people of Southeast Michigan.

INTRODUCING A BILL REGARDING
PRESIDENTIAL GIFTS

HON. PATSY T. MINK

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, today I introduce a bill to help eliminate the appearance of quid-pro-quo that always arise when the President accepts a gift.

The President of the United States accepts over 15,000 gifts every year on behalf of the people of the United States. These gifts are expressions of goodwill and a sign of respect for the office of the Presidency. Surprisingly, the President may accept gifts from citizens with little government oversight.

Federal employees who receive gifts must abide by the Ethics Reform Act of 1989. Representatives and Senators must follow the code of ethics established by their respective Ethic Committees. The President should have a similar code regarding all domestic gifts.

My bill will cover the President and First Lady by the gift rules currently used by Senators. Under my bill, the President or the spouse of the President may accept a gift that has a value of less than \$50. Other gifts will be accepted on behalf of the United States and will be treated as the property of the people of the United States.

I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this bill and help eliminate even the appearance of impropriety that could come from accepting gifts.

HANK STRAM-TONY ZALE AWARDS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to announce that the Silver Bell Club, Lodge 2365 of the Polish National Alliance of the United States, will be hosting the 29th Annual Hank Stram-Tony Zale Sports Award Banquet on May 20, 2002, at the Radisson Hotel in Merrillville, Indiana. Four-

teen outstanding Northwest Indiana High School athletes will be honored at this notable event for their dedication and hard work. These exceptional students were chosen to receive the award by their respective schools on the basis of academic and athletic achievement. All proceeds from this event will go toward a scholarship fund to be awarded to local students.

This year's Hank Stram-Tony Zale Award recipients include Sandra Bolles of Lake Station Edison High School, Michael Cieslak of Highland High School, Meredith Cusic of Lowell High School, Adam Itczak of Hanover Central High School, Jeremy Krzekotowski of Bishop Noll High School, Lisa Matie of Hobart High School, Katie Mosca of Hammond Morton High School, Rebecca Nelson of Lake Central High School, Craig Olis of Merrillville High School, Ryan Orzechowicz of Crown Point High School, Brandon Powell of Griffith High School, Francis Raycroft of Whiting High School, Kristy Siminski of Portage High School, and Anne Wirtz of Andean High School.

The featured speaker at this gala event will be Mr. Mike Adamle. A Chicago NFL star turned broadcaster, Adamle serves as Sports Director for CBS 2 News. He joined the station in the fall of 2001 and covers sports for the evening newscasts. Adamle's Chicago roots date back to 1968, when he came to the "Windy City" to play football for Northwestern University. After Adamle graduated in 1971, he went on to play for the Kansas City Chiefs (1971-72) and the New York Jets (1973-74), before returning home to play for the Chicago Bears (1975-77). Adamle has been recognized for excellence in journalism throughout his career. His many honors include the Illinois Associated Press Award for "Best Feature" (2001), a Peter Lisagor Award for outstanding sports coverage (2001), and two local Emmy Awards for his coverage of the Chicago Auto Show (2001, 2000).

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my distinguished colleagues to join me in commending the Silver Bell Club, Lodge 2365 of the Polish National Alliance of the United States, for hosting this celebration of success in sports and academics. The effort of all those involved in planning this worthwhile event is indicative of their devotion to the very gifted young people in Indiana's First Congressional District.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
TIMOTHY L. CURRY

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Timothy L. Curry has devoted himself to serving others through his membership in the Boy Scouts of America; and

Whereas, Timothy L. Curry has shared his time and talent with the community in which he resides; and

Whereas, Timothy L. Curry must be commended for the hard work and dedication he put forth in earning the first Eagle Scout Award for Troop 257 since 1944;

Therefore, I join with Troop 257 and the entire 18th Congressional District in congratulating Timothy L. Curry as he receives the Eagle Scout Award.

HONORING JOHN QUINCY ADAMS
PRIMARY SCHOOL

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 20, 2002

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the John Quincy Adams Primary School for their admirable job in raising money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Since 1991 the John Quincy Adams School has generated \$73,197.57 for the hospital through their Math-A-Thon program. This program has continued to grow; in just the last year they raised over \$10,000 to aid children who suffer from heartrending illnesses.

Through the considerable funds raised by the faculty, students, and parents of John Quincy Adams, over 160 children are provided with the best medical care possible. These funds have gone towards research, patient care, and educational programs at St. Jude's. Parents of the children are also provided for; money is given to these families to provide for their children's medical expenses.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the students, faculty, and parents of John Quincy Adams Primary School for making a significant difference in the lives of numerous children at the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital who suffer from the most tragic childhood diseases. They have made a commendable and estimable contribution to others in their community.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHMURA'S
BAKERY

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 20, 2002

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege for me today to pay tribute to a landmark in the western Massachusetts community as it celebrates its centennial celebration this year.

Since 1902, Chmura's Bakery has provided the folks in Indian Orchard, Ludlow, and a variety of surrounding villages and towns with the highest quality, handmade baked goods. Started by John Chmura a century ago, the bakery has for years served the community not only as its baker of rye bread, danish, and other Polish and Portuguese delicacies, but also as a central hub of conversation and community activity.

In the early days, Chmura's Bakery distinguished itself from others with its quality food and by bringing its baked goods directly to the community. In fact, Chmura's logo today reflects back to a day gone by, as it adorns the horse-drawn delivery carriage that made daily delivery runs throughout the surrounding neighborhoods.

Chmura's bakery continued for years to be run as a family-owned business. The Chmuras are known throughout western Massachusetts not only as successful business people, but also as dedicated and committed public servants. The Chmura family has served in many capacities as community leaders.

In 1988, the Chmuras sold their bakery to a group of owners which include Joe Anselmo,

the operating owner who for years worked at and operated the bakery; Yvette Anselmo, Joe's wife; Fred and Kelley Salvador; Antonio and Maria Salvador; Horacio and Linda Salvador; Julio and Vera Rodrigues; and Gus and Maria Zina. In 1989, Chmura's II, as it is affectionately referred to, opened its doors in Palmer, Massachusetts, and it too has been an extremely successful undertaking.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I would like to recognize and congratulate before the U.S. Congress Chmura's bakery on its 100th anniversary. On Wednesday, May 22, at the Gremio Lusitano Club in Ludlow, there will be a celebration to mark this momentous occasion. Sadly, I anticipate that due to the Washington voting schedule I will be unable to attend this event. I extend my congratulations and best wishes to all of the folks at Chmura's. As John Chmura's Polish ancestors would say, I wish Chmura's Bakery "Stolat"—or 100 more years of success.

HONORING SIDNEY AND LIBBY
GLUCKSMAN AS THEY RECEIVE
AN HONORARY DOCTORATE OF
HUMANE LETTERS FROM
ALBERTUS MAGNUS COLLEGE

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 20, 2002

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I am very proud to rise today to pay tribute to two outstanding members of the New Haven community, and my dear friends, Sidney and Libby Glucksmann, as they receive Honorary Doctorates of Humane Letters from Albertus Magnus College.

Theirs is a compelling story as both Sidney and Libby survived the darkest of times and triumphed in spite of the gravest of circumstances. As a young woman, Libby was a member of an underground group who delivered messages for Russian Partisans. Sidney was born in Chwonow, Poland and was just twelve years old when his homeland was taken by Nazi Germany. Taken out of school, he spent the next six years as a prisoner in labor and concentration camps and would never again see his parents, brother or sister. He remained a prisoner until American servicemen liberated Dachau in 1945. Sidney and Libby met in a displaced persons camp in Bad Reichenhollen, Germany and soon made their way to America where they married and began a new life together. Settling in New Haven, where they have made their home for over fifty years, Sidney opened a successful tailoring business which has been thriving for four decades. It is also the center of Greater New Haven community.

Sidney and Libby boldly faced one of the darkest times in our history. Few of us can truly comprehend the reality of Gross-Rosen, Dachau, Auschwitz and the many other camps where Jews were held prisoner for so many years. Even fewer want to relive these memories. I am continually inspired by Sidney and Libby's dedication to ensure that future generations will never forget the unspeakable horrors of the Holocaust. For many years, they have been very active in both national and local Holocaust organizations. Sidney often shares his experiences with students and

community groups. Just two years ago, he was asked by the Justice Department to recount his story at the trial of a former Nazi camp guard with the Waffen SS "Death Head" Battalion at Gross-Rosen. His testimony detailing the guard's treatment of prisoners was the crucial evidence needed for his conviction. Sidney, once again, gave a strong voice to the millions lost in the Holocaust.

Today, survivors of the Holocaust are aging and soon we will not have many who can recount that which we should never forget. It is people like Sidney and Libby, who willingly share their stories, that ensure future generations will remember. It is with great pleasure that I stand today and join their children, grandchildren, friends and colleagues in congratulating them as they are honored with Honorary Degrees from Albertus Magnus College. The Glucksmans are an inspiration to us all and this honor is a reflection of all that they have brought to our community.

WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT
UNIVERSITY

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize William Howard Taft University for providing quality distance education programs to adults and professionals for over 25 years.

The University, which offers graduate degree programs in law and business, was founded by its current president, David L. Boyd, in Fountain Valley. The school relocated to Santa Ana in 1995. The mission and purpose of William Howard Taft University is to offer unique and innovative distance learning educational programs at a reasonable cost to qualified applicants, with a particular focus on those who are mature adults, employed on a full-time basis, or for whom place of residence, travel requirements, or finances are constraining factors.

The University is committed to providing a quality education responsive to the needs of society, now and into the future. Valuing the rich variety of cultures, races, ages, religions and ethnic backgrounds in the world today, the University seeks students from all regions of the United States, and English-speaking students from around the world.

The University's first degree program was the Juris Doctor Program that was first offered through its School of Law in 1984. Since July, 1987 more of its graduates have passed the California Bar Examination on the first attempt than any other distance education law school.

Its Graduate School of Business was established in 1987 and presently offers three Master of Business Administration Programs emphasizing entrepreneurship, health care administration, and professional practice management. The MBA-PPM (Professional Practice Management) is believed to be the first program of its kind in the country. The School also offers a Master of Science in Taxation Program to certified public accountants and other tax professionals.

In 1994 and 1999 the University's efforts in developing quality education programs were rewarded with the receipt of full institutional approval for a period of five years by the California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education. Full institutional approval is the highest