

RECOGNIZING MIKE MARTEL FOR  
HIS SERVICE TO NEW HAMPSHIRE  
RADIO

**HON. JOHN E. SUNUNU**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 21, 2002*

Mr. SUNUNU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a familiar New Hampshire voice that will soon be absent from Northern New England's airwaves. Dover, New Hampshire's Mike Martel, a member of WOKQ's "Morning Waking Crew," will be retiring on May 31 after making his start in local, New Hampshire radio 30 years ago.

For the past 28 years, Mike has been employed at WOKQ, a 50,000 watt radio station located in Dover, New Hampshire. There, he often began his day well before most of us had even stirred from bed preparing to hit the airwaves at 5 a.m.

Whether hearing Mike from their homes or while making the drive to work, listeners in New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts, and Canada were sure to have their day brightened with his infectious laugh and "Joke of the day."

Mike's consistent service to his profession and his community stands out as a positive contribution to the field of radio, and is one in which he and his family can certainly take pride. For the rest of us, he will be sadly missed. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to please join me in thanking Mike for his dedication and wishing him the best.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DR. ARTHUR J. POINTER, 35TH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY, METROPOLITAN BAPTIST TABERNACLE

**HON. DAVID E. BONIOR**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 21, 2002*

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, as the congregation of the Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle Church gathered together on Saturday, May 18, 2002, they celebrated the 35th Pastoral Anniversary of Reverend Dr. Arthur J. Pointer. A lifelong leader and devoted pastor, Dr. Pointer has truly demonstrated his commitment to advancing the mission of Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle across the state of Michigan. As the members and friends of Dr. Pointer gathered to celebrate this special anniversary, they paid tribute to his outstanding years of activism, leadership, and faith.

Dr. Pointer has been preaching the Gospel to the congregation of Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle, located in Flint, Michigan, since 1967. As his message and ministry has been received, he has shown a special dedication to making a positive difference in the lives of others. Dr. Pointer, a father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, has truly become a leader to all those who know him. "A leader who dared to dream great dreams", Dr. Pointer has truly led his family, congregation, and community to greatness.

Dr. Pointer has been an active force in his community, working with Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle in organizing several programs and ministries as well as working with many

organizations around the state of Michigan. As the former chairman of the Metropolitan Detroit Housing Development Corporation, the Michigan State O.I.C., and the Board for Urban Community Outreach Program, which was initiated at Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle, his involvement with church and beyond has been an inspiration to all. Even today, Dr. Pointer continues to serve his community well as the President of the Wolverine State Missionary Baptist Convention and as Chairman of the Political Action Committee of Concerned Pastors and the Christian Evangelical Broadcasting Association, Inc. Dr. Pointer's distinguished service and outstanding dedication to improving the lives of people through faith will continue to serve as an example to communities across this nation.

I applaud Dr. Pointer for his leadership, commitment, and service, and I urge my colleagues to join me in saluting him for his exemplary years of faith and service.

IN HONOR OF MR. BERNARD C.  
WATSON

**CHAKA FATTAH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 21, 2002*

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a truly remarkable man, a person who genuinely exemplifies what it means to be a teacher, mentor, and scholar.

Mr. Bernard C. Watson, a longtime educational and civic leader in Philadelphia, will be this year's recipient of the Philadelphia Award for 2001. The award, which will be presented June 11, honors a resident of the Philadelphia region who does the most to "advance the best and largest interest of the community." The award is complimented with a cash prize of \$25,000. Prior recipients of this distinguished award include people such as Sister Mary Scullion, co-founder of Project H.O.M.E., former Mayor Edward Rendell, former City Council President and current mayor John Street, and Rev. Leon Sullivan, a social activist, and educator responsible for leading international efforts to promote non-violent social and economic change.

Originally from Gary, Indiana, Mr. Watson quickly rose to prominence by becoming a deputy superintendent to Philadelphia public schools in 1967. He was also president of the William Penn Foundation, vice president for academic affairs at Temple University, and vice president of the Pennsylvania Council of the Arts. Considered an expert in his field, Mr. Watson was appointed to a number of educational advisory councils by three different U.S. presidents. He also authored several books, including a memoir, "Colored, Negro, Black: Chasing the American Dream."

Chairman of the Philadelphia Award Trustees, William J. Marrazzo, indicated Mr. Watson was selected from dozens of highly qualified nominees. Chairman Marrazzo commented that Mr. Watson "has been a tireless fighter of ignorance and injustice, a determined advocate for educational excellence, and an energetic supporter of the arts. He is truly one of Philadelphia's treasures."

Mr. Speaker, I couldn't agree more with the Chairman's comments. Mr. Watson's selflessness is evidenced in his words and actions.

Educating others, Mr. Watson recently reflected, is the most rewarding aspect of his work. Mr. Watson commented, "Education is how you give people control of their lives. It is a way of giving someone the notion of what you can be as a human being."

TRIBUTE TO HALF HOLLOW HILLS  
HIGH SCHOOL EAST

**HON. STEVE ISRAEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 21, 2002*

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the outstanding performance of Half Hollow Hills High School East from Dix Hills, New York in the "We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution" competition.

A select group of 24 students from Half Hollow Hills High School East represented the State of New York at the national finals competition in Washington, D.C., May 4-6, 2002. These young people competed with 50 classes from across the nation and demonstrated a remarkable understanding of the ideas and values of American constitutional government.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the efforts of the student participants. They are: Beth Bernstein, Jacqueline Borgia, Sherri Cohen, Katelyn Del Priore, Lindsey Forur, Brian Ginsberg, Sarah Givner, Seth Glodowski, Jamie Golden, Emily Gustafson, Dustin Kreltzeberg, Megan Meagher, Michal Meiler, Jacquelyn O'Neil, Gabriella Pinto, Lindsay Posner, Sarah Rasheed, Inger Reres, Steven Savella, Dennis Schmelzer, Persis Singh, Megan Spector, Stanley Voigt, and Matthew Witko.

These young scholars are taking the Advanced Placement American Government class. Part of their learning experience includes participation in the "We the People" program. These students, through teamwork and dedication, captured the New York State championship after advancing from district and regional levels.

Mr. Speaker, I commend them for balancing this demanding extracurricular activity with the rigors of their daily course work. Furthermore, I commend them for working together as team to accomplish the goals they set forth.

Mr. Speaker, I also stand to recognize the efforts of the coaches, faculty, parents, and facilitators involved. Specifically, Scott Edwards, the group's coach and AP American Government teacher, prepared these students through intensive classroom instruction and numerous study sessions after regular school hours. James McCaffrey, the school's principal, contributed to the students' success by providing adequate resources and administrative support. Jane Weber, the district coordinator, made logistical arrangements and directed the group's fundraising efforts. Laura Parker also helped by serving as an assistant coach and chaperone.

Mr. Speaker, I commend these individuals for their unselfish commitment to these students' education.

It is with great pride, Mr. Speaker, that I recognize the efforts and achievements of these outstanding students and individuals and bring their achievements to the attention of this Congress.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BOB RILEY**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 21, 2002*

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 171, H. Con. Res. 314, Recognizing the members of AMVETS for their service to the Nation and supporting the goal of AMVETS National Charter Day. Had I been present I would have voted yea.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 172, H. Con. Res. 165, Expressing the sense of the Congress that continual research and education into the cause and cure for fibroid cancer be addressed. Had I been present I would have voted yea.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 173, H. Con. Res. 309, Recognizing the importance of good cervical health and of detecting cervical cancer during its earliest stages. Had I been present I would have voted yea.

## CONGRATULATING 46 HIGH SCHOOL ARTISTS

**HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 21, 2002*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and honor 46 outstanding high school artists from the 11th Congressional District of New Jersey. Each of these talented students participated in the Annual Congressional Arts Competition, "An Artistic Discovery," and they were recently honored at a reception and exhibition at the Schering Plough Corporation in Madison, New Jersey and their works are exceptional!

Mr. Speaker, I would like to list each of them, their high school, and their contest entries for the official RECORD.

We had 46 students participate. That is a tremendous response and we would very much like to build on that for next year's competition.

This year, Mr. Speaker, the winner of "An Artistic Discovery" was Victor Coghlan from Boonton High School for the work entitled "My Friend Joseph." Second place went to Audrey Kruse from West Morris Mendham High School for "Just Call Me Doty." Third place also from West Morris Mendham High School went to Kelsey Dahlin Dugan for "Three." The Viewer's Choice Award was given to Michael Mule of Boonton High School for "Doorway."

Honorable mentions were awarded to Meredith Klein of Livingston High School for "Tin Foil Study," Christina Tammera from Madison High School for "Soda Shop," Kara Kasch from Morristown High School for "Narcissus," Andres Rivera from Mount Olive High School for "Can I Change Myself If I Try?," Megan Bornstein from Randolph High School for "You Are What You Eat," and a self portrait by Dana Kalfas of Montville High School.

Excellent art work was also submitted by Boonton High School with "Ryan Bradely" by Laura Schafnirt, Milissa DiSalvo with "My Sneakers," Michael Mule with "Doorway." Dover High School contributed "Nature at its Best" by Shirley Velasquez, "Ode to Monet"

by Megan Franchak, "Falling Into Being" by Leah Huss." Livingston High School submitted a self-portrait by Amy Heuer, Tiffany Wong with "Beware" and "Forbidden Passage" by Johnathan Lee. Madison High School contributed "Travel Photo #46" by James Weber, "City at Sunset" by Adrienne Heller, and "Sunflowers" by Lorriane Ewan. Montville High School submitted, "Italian Breakfast" by Kristina Pennetta, "Laura" by Laura Croce, "The Raven" by Marissa Herrmann and a self-portrait by Dana Kalfas. Morris Knolls High School entered "Appearances can be Deceiving," by Kyle Schuster, "The Devil in Me" by Benjamin Kurfverst, "The Transformation" by Daniel Murphy, and "My Wonderland" by Mercedes Irisarri. Morristown High School offered a self-portrait by Michelle Miller, "Afternoon Light" by Triana Collins, and "Dusk" by Gary Reinhard. Mount Olive High School contributed "Turning Leaves" by Andres Rivera, and untitled works by Timothy Quirino and Ariel Hahn. Randolph High School entered "Digital" by Michel Sun and "Pulsating Time" by Anthony Lee. Ridge High School submitted an untitled work by Seung Eun Lee, "Four Square" by Emily Slapin, "Reflect" by Meghan Musso, and "Genesis" by Gina Caruso. West Essex High School offered "Illuminated" by Sherry Lewkewicz, "Tropical Island" by Julian Osis and untitled works by Elyse Agnello and Francesca Barcia. West Morris Mendham High School entered "The Blue Bowl" and "The self" by Robert Douglas Fritz, III.

Each year the winner of the competition will have an opportunity to travel to our nation's capital to meet Congressional leaders and to mount his or her art work in a special corridor here at the U.S. Capitol, with winners from across the country. Members of Congress and thousands of visitors to the Capitol have a chance to view these works of art firsthand. It is a fantastic reminder that there is vast talent in our young men and women.

Indeed, all of these young artists are winners, and we should be proud of their achievements so early in life.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating these talented young people from New Jersey's 11th Congressional District.

## A TRIBUTE TO MONTEREY COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE RICHARD SILVER

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 21, 2002*

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life's work of Monterey County Superior Court Judge Richard Silver, 60, whose outstanding legal acumen has enriched society on the Central Coast for more than a quarter of a century.

A graduate of the University of California's Boalt Hall School of Law, Judge Silver began his legal career as a defense lawyer with the Francis Heisler law firm. Among the cases that fueled his rise to prominence in the late 1960s was the Soledad Brothers prison-murder trial.

At my urging, Gov. Jerry Brown appointed Judge Silver to the bench in 1977. Judge Silver became known for his expertise and efficiency in handling civil cases. He developed a

case management system that makes civil justice more swift in Monterey County than in almost any other California county.

He also built a reputation for settling tough cases before they went to trial. And he became known for tackling contentious issues ranging from land use disputes to struggles between teachers and school districts.

Among those who founded the Monterey College of Law, Judge Silver remains on its board of directors.

Although he is stepping down from the bench, Judge Silver is likely to remain highly active in the local legal community, by settling disputes out of court as a private judge and arbitrator. For this, all of us who have come to know him over the years on the Central Coast will be very grateful.

## TRIBUTE TO REVEREND D. CHARLES HILDRETH, 8TH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY, GREATER HARVEST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

**HON. DAVID E. BONIOR**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 21, 2002*

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, as the congregation of Greater Harvest Missionary Baptist Church gathered together on Sunday, May 5, 2002, they celebrated the 8th Pastoral Anniversary of Reverend D. Charles Hildreth. A lifelong leader and devoted pastor, Reverend Hildreth has truly demonstrated his commitment to advancing the mission of the Greater Harvest Church across the state of Michigan. As the members and friends of Reverend Hildreth gathered to celebrate this special anniversary, they paid tribute to his outstanding years of activism, leadership, and faith.

Joining the Greater Harvest Missionary Baptist Church, located in Muskegon Heights, Michigan, Reverend Hildreth has been preaching the Gospel to its congregation since June 10, 1994. As his message and ministry has been received, he has shown a special dedication to making a positive difference in the lives of others. To those who know Reverend Hildreth best, he is "a promoter and student of the blessings that accompany the sacrifices of continuing Christian Education."

With a passion for his community, Reverend Jones has been an active force in educating his community as well as working with the Greater Harvest Church in organizing several programs and ministries. As the First Vice President of the Congress Christian Education of the General Baptist State Convention of Michigan, a member of the Board of Directors of the Urban League of Greater Muskegon, and a lifetime member of the NAACP, his involvement within the church and beyond has been an inspiration to all. Reverend Hildreth's distinguished service and outstanding dedication to improving the lives of people through faith will continue to serve as an example to communities across this nation.

I applaud Reverend Hildreth for his leadership, commitment, and service, and I urge my colleagues to join me in saluting him for his exemplary years of faith and service.