

contained only three SBA loans. Since that time remarkable progress has been made. At the end of the most recent fiscal year, September 30, 2001, First Commonwealth's portfolio contained 144 SBA loans making them the second largest originator of SBA loans in Western Pennsylvania. Much of this progress is attributed solely to the hard work and dedication Pat Nagle has invested in his work. He helped make many people's dreams of owning their own business come true. With the addition of new businesses, vitality and growth are made possible for communities' consumers and entrepreneurs.

In addition to being a member of the First Commonwealth system, Mr. Nagle is also active in the SBA Community Express loan program and various local economic development agencies. He is known by many to be helpful by sharing his knowledge and expertise at small business seminars in his and surrounding communities. By sharing what he knows, he makes it possible for others to provide a helping hand in starting new businesses. This creates a chain reaction of community growth and in turn the opportunity for prosperity for everyone. Many of this country's small businesses were made possible because someone cared enough to believe in another person's vision. Pat Nagle has embodied this spirit in his work and community activism.

As a small businessman myself, I know exactly how hard it is to make payroll, schedule, keep inventory, and all the other responsibilities that fall under being a small business owner. I also know that in this country small businesses are the number one creators of jobs—and the more we help small businesses, the stronger our local economies will be.

I would like to congratulate Mr. Nagle once again on this tremendous award he has received and thank him for all of his hard work. I wish him the very best of luck in all of his future endeavors.

CHANGE OF COMMAND AT
WHITEMAN AIR FORCE BASE

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2002

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, April 22, a Change of Command was held at Whiteman Air Force Base in Knob Noster, MO. Col. Douglas L. Raaberg succeeded BG Anthony Przybyslawski as the Commanding Officer of the 509th Bomb Wing. BG Przybyslawski will continue his outstanding military career as the assistant director of operations for Air Combat Command headquarters in Langley Air Force Base, VA. Lt. Gen. Keck oversaw the change of command.

Col. Douglas L. Raaberg has had an exemplary military career. Col. Raaberg graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1978 with a BA in aeronautical engineering. He also holds two masters degrees in systems management and national security strategy. Col. Raaberg has served at Vance Air Force Base, training Navy, Marine Corps and allied pilots. While commanding the Ninth Bomb Squadron, Col. Raaberg's unit set a world record for flying around the world in nearly 36 hours without re-fueling.

Mr. Speaker, as Col. Douglas L. Raaberg takes command of the 509th Bomb Wing at Whiteman Air Force Base, I know that the Members of the House will join me in wishing him the best in the days ahead.

HONORING THE SAFETY OF
STANDARD REGISTER'S
MURFREESBORO PLANT

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2002

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the hard work and dedication of the employees of Standard Register Company's Murfreesboro, Tennessee, plant. The strong work ethic the Standard Register associates share have led them to achieve a milestone—five years with no lost-time accidents. This five-year period represents 690,500 hours of working safely.

In 1978, a site in my hometown of Murfreesboro became the fourteenth Standard Register plant. Murfreesboro was chosen because of its proximity to the interstates, railroads and airports. Today, the plant employs 80 people.

The Murfreesboro plant manufactures continuous business forms and checks. Employees in the Stanfast Section produce booklets, notepads and more. The Murfreesboro plant fills orders from local sales offices and ships its products all over the United States and internationally.

Founded in 1912 in Dayton, Ohio, Standard Register currently employs 6,000 people in the United States, has annual revenues exceeding \$1 billion and serves companies in 40 countries. In addition to producing business forms, the company also offers its clients electronic documents, as well as consulting and e-business services.

I congratulate each and every Standard Register employee at the Murfreesboro plant for a job well done and wish each one many more successes in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE YMCA OF
GREATER NEW YORK CITY, ON
THE OCCASION OF ITS 150TH AN-
NIVERSARY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2002

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to the YMCA of Greater New York City, which is celebrating 150 years of remarkable service to New Yorkers. Through a variety of programs and initiatives the YMCA has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to serving those in need, and to strengthening the community at large.

Founded in 1852, the YMCA distinguished itself as an institution committed to aiding those emigrating to New York City. It also garnered a reputation as an institution firmly committed to social justice, and throughout its existence has advocated on behalf of a number of historically significant causes. During the 19th century the YMCA was identified as

staunchly abolitionist. In addition, it formed a commission to minister to soldiers in the camps, hospitals and battlefields of the Civil War. Upon the conclusion of the Civil War, the YMCA initiated new programs to serve African-Americans, railroad workers and young urban boys.

During the first half of the 20th century the YMCA continued to emerge as a pioneer on social issues. While racial integration was not obtained nationally until the mid 20th century, many New York City YMCA programs were integrated much earlier. During this time women also became members.

In the latter half of the 20th century the YMCA began to focus on addressing the needs of the rapidly growing urban population. In particular, it began to initiate programs targeted at aiding adolescents and their families. A number of these programs addressed poverty, delinquency, and drug abuse, including Jobmobiles and Youthmobiles, which allowed YMCA programs to be mobile and travel into communities in need. A growing emphasis on physical fitness led to the introduction of sports programming including two sports invented at the YMCA—basketball and volleyball.

During New York City's fiscal crisis, the YMCA worked to assist families affected by expanding childcare and family programs. Over the last decade the YMCA has continued to demonstrate a commitment to serving youth. Through partnerships with the United Way and the New York City Board of Education, the YMCA has become a presence in nearly 200 public schools in every school district in New York City through the "Virtual Y." The "Virtual Y" currently enrolls 7,500 students. It also operates Teen Action NYC which currently operates in five schools and provides life skills and career planning.

During its existence, the YMCA has also demonstrated a commitment to public and private partnerships. Early YMCA supporters from the private sector included William E. Dodge, Jr., J.P. Morgan, and Cornelius Vanderbilt II. It has also received substantial support from some of New York City's most influential leaders, including Governor Thomas Dewey, Mayor John Lindsay and Mayors David Dinkins, Rudolph Giuliani and Michael Bloomberg.

During 2002 the YMCA of Greater New York will serve 170,000 youth and 200,000 adults. The YMCA of Greater New York will commemorate its 150th anniversary with a book entitled, "The YMCA at 150: A History of the YMCA of Greater New York, 1852–2002."

I ask that my colleagues join me in saluting the YMCA of Greater New York on 150 years of outstanding service to the community.

IN HONOR OF THE FERREIRO FAM-
ILY, HARRISONFEST'S 2002 FAM-
ILY OF THE YEAR

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2002

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Ferreiro family, Harrisonfest's 2002 Family of the Year. The family was honored on May 31st, at the annual Harrisonfest

in Harrison, New Jersey. This festival, consisting of a marathon race, an array of vendors, fun family games, dazzling floats, fireworks, and performances by folk groups and musical bands, lasted through the weekend to raise scholarship funds for the students of Harrison Public Schools.

In 1905, at the age of nine, Louis Ferreiro, along with his mother, father, four brothers, and two sisters arrived in America and settled in Harrison, New Jersey. It was to be the beginning of a prosperous and wholesome life for his entire family in the community of Harrison.

Louis Ferreiro married Angelina Forte in 1925, and together they raised five sons. This blossoming family ran a landmark store known as "Louie the Sausage King" at 7 North 3rd Street for over 50 years. The store was known for its delicious Italian-style hotdogs, and many Harrison citizens continue to reminisce about the good old days when you could catch up with friends, while enjoying the store's specialty.

The Ferreiro family also had many talented athletes participate at Harrison High School: Tom Jr., a Football and Girls Basketball Coach; Vin, a star Basketball player; Michelle and Donna, exceptional players on the Girls Basketball team; and Jim Jr., an outstanding Football and Baseball player.

The five Ferreiro sons and their families, as well as their children's families, have created a legacy of 21 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren. And today, four generations of the Ferreiro family—29 individuals—continue to live in Harrison.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Ferreiro family, who, through their strong sense of family values, and their commitment and dedication, helped shape today's beautiful community of Harrison, New Jersey.

TRIBUTE TO LOUIS BERTHIAUME

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2002

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Louis Berthiaume of Rutland, Massachusetts who has announced his retirement after many years of dedicated service as a rural carrier for the Rutland Post Office.

Mr. Berthiaume was born in Worcester, Massachusetts on May 24, 1942, attended public schools in Worcester and Shrewsbury and graduated from Shrewsbury High School.

In November 1960, Mr. Berthiaume served in the United States Army for six years with the 101st Airborne and the 1st Division. While in the Army, Mr. Berthiaume's tours included Korea and Vietnam. Following his service, Mr. Berthiaume was honorably discharged in 1966.

In addition to his service to our nation as a civil and military employee, Mr. Berthiaume has been deeply involved with the Special Olympics, and he has volunteered for many years in the annual Post Office food drive.

It is a pleasure to acknowledge such a fine individual, and I am certain the entire House of Representatives joins me in extending our very best wishes to him and his family for a happy and healthy retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB RILEY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2002

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for Roll Call No. 199, on the Motion that the Committee Rise. Had I been present I would have voted no.

I was also unavoidably detained for Roll Call No. 200, the Obey of Wisconsin Amendment to H.R. 4775, 2002 Supplemental Appropriations Act for Further Recovery From and Response To Terrorist Attacks on the United States. Had I been present I would have voted no.

I was also unavoidably detained for Roll Call No. 201, the Obey of Wisconsin Amendment to H.R. 4775, 2002 Supplemental Appropriations Act for Further Recovery From and Response To Terrorist Attacks on the United States. Had I been present I would have voted no.

I was also unavoidably detained for Roll Call No. 202, the McGovern of Massachusetts Amendment to H.R. 4775, 2002 Supplemental Appropriations Act for Further Recovery From and Response To Terrorist Attacks on the United States. Had I been present I would have voted no.

I was also unavoidably detained for Roll Call No. 203, Adjourning to Time Certain. Had I been present I would have voted yea.

TRIBUTE TO ERNIE WISSINGER

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2002

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ernie Wissinger for earning the Blair County Chamber of Commerce's Lifetime Achievement Award for Business Advocacy. Mr. Wissinger is the first ever to receive this award and set a high standard of excellency for other entrepreneurs to follow.

Mr. Wissinger resides in Blair County, Pennsylvania where he owned and operated a retail grocery store for 42 years. In addition to focusing on his own business, he was always available to assist others within the business community. By lending a helping hand where one was needed, he has played a crucial part in helping to make Blair County businesses thrive and grow. For years he took it upon himself to act as an unofficial ambassador and advocate for the people and the businesses of Blair County whenever he traveled across Pennsylvania or to other states.

In addition to being an insightful businessman he is also a generous volunteer. Mr. Wissinger provided financial support to organizations such as Easter Seals, the Altoona Area Public Library, and the Altoona Campus of Penn State to name just a few. In addition to donating resources, he donated his time to the Blair County youth. His involvement in volunteering for community organizations has made a positive impact on those around him. Blair County is a better place because of Ernie Wissinger's professional and personal investments in his community.

I congratulate Mr. Wissinger on all his business accomplishments and thank him for his in-

volvement in the local community. By being the first to receive this award Mr. Wissinger set a standard for businessmen and women to strive to achieve. This award signals that he began a tradition of excellence that will be hard to duplicate. President George W. Bush, in his last State of the Union Address, challenged all of us to give two years or 4,000 hours of service over our lifetimes. If the President were here today I am positive he would shake Mr. Wissinger's hand and hold him up as an example for others to follow. I, too, would like to encourage others to follow in Mr. Wissinger's footsteps by being active volunteers and thoughtful entrepreneurs. One person can impact a community in many wonderful ways, and Blair County's example is Ernie Wissinger. I wish him the very best of luck in the years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2002

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, on May 10th, my wife died after a long battle with cancer. During her final weeks and in immediate aftermath of her death, I was unable to depart Indianapolis, and consequently, I missed several roll call votes. Had I been here I would have voted Yea on roll call votes 171–191; No on roll call vote 192; Yea on roll call vote 193–194; No on roll call votes 195–197; Yea on roll call vote 198; No on roll call votes 199–202; and Yea on roll call votes 203–206.

CONGRESS SALUTES BRIGADIER GENERAL DONALD P. PETTIT

HON. DAVE WELDON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2002

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Brigadier General Donald P. Pettit, Commander of the 45th Space Wing in Florida, who will retire on July 31, 2002, after 32 years of distinguished service to the Air Force and his nation.

For the past three years, Brigadier General Pettit has served as the Director of the Eastern Range responsible for the safe and secure access to space of America's manned and unmanned space vehicles. During this time, he achieved a perfect 70 for 70 launch record with many of the satellites deployed used to fight the war on terror and for scientific research to expand our knowledge of the universe.

General Pettit entered the Air Force as an enlisted man during the Vietnam conflict and served four years as an aircraft electronics technician. He earned his commission as a distinguished graduate from the University of Miami's Reserve Officer Training Corps in 1974.

During his early years of service, he served as a Minuteman Missile Combat Crew commander and strategic missile planner. During tours at Headquarters, Strategic Air Command (SAC) and the Pentagon, he was instrumental in developing, acquiring and deploying the