

Deerfield Beach is not only home to many quality corporations and non-profit organizations, but the city also thrives on the strong partnerships between non-profit organizations, the government and the private sector for the betterment of the community. The philosophy of these relationships is seen through the three projects that helped Deerfield Beach receive the title of an All-America City finalist. The NE Focal Point/CASA (Children, Alzheimer's Senior and Adult Services), Inc., is a not-for-profit organization that provides members of the Deerfield community with many philanthropic services for the community. Second, the Gateway Community Outreach (GCO), Inc., operates as a food distribution facility for those in need. Gateway provides homeless prevention guidance and financial assistance to its clients. Lastly, the Youth Automotive Training Center (YATC) is a non-profit organization that educates disadvantaged youth in not only automotive repair but in academic and future life management skills through an intensive, nine month classroom and an automotive hands-on training program.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to again congratulate those citizens of Deerfield, Florida and the delegation of 70 friends, residents and officials of Deerfield Beach who have worked incredibly hard over the past year to receive the title of All-America City finalist. I go on to wish the city of Deerfield Beach good luck as they challenge the other 30 finalists for this award, in hopes to receive the ultimate recognition as the All-America City.

FALCON NEST 725 CELEBRATES 87TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA
OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, June 28, 2003, the Polish Falcons of America Nest 725 of Milwaukee will celebrate its 87th Anniversary as well as its role in hosting the 2003 PFA District II Meet and Convention.

The Polish Falcons of America came together in 1887 as an outgrowth of a similar organization in Poland. A fraternal benefit society and physical fitness organization, the group has pursued the goal of a "sound mind in a sound body" for all of its members. This saying in Polish, "Wzdrawiam ciebie zdrowy duch," is the organization's maxim.

After the founding of the first nest in Chicago, Illinois, the PFA quickly expanded, and by 1894 the organization included twelve Nests. Because of the growing popularity of these local Nests, leaders established the Alliance of Polish Turners of the United States of America.

In 1916 a group of Polish-Americans in Milwaukee organized Nest 725. Young men and women in the organization participated in district rallies, forming drilling teams and a group choir and band.

More recently, Nest 725 has participated in District and National Gymnastic Meets and Dance competitions, winning national awards in 1984, 1986, 1988, 1992, and 1994. It continues to hold physical fitness and Polish dance classes. Leaders showcase members' abilities in meets and performances at Nursing Homes and schools.

As an exemplary community association, Nest 725 has given generously over the years to many charitable and patriotic causes including the American Red Cross, Diabetes Foundation, March of Dimes, and Polish Army Veterans. The group has also sent donations overseas to those in need in Poland.

Through their contributions to the Polish community, Polish Falcons of America Nest 725 has positively impacted youth throughout the Milwaukee area. It is with great pleasure that I congratulate Nest 725 on its long and prosperous 87 year history, and wish the group the best of luck in the years to come.

SUPPORTING GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 10, 2003

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of S.J. Res. 8 to raise awareness and encourage prevention of sexual assault in the United States. I commend the leadership for calling up this resolution.

When I worked at the White House to help pass the Violence Against Women Act, I became aware that sexual assault is a national trauma that affects hundreds of thousands of people each year. According to the National Criminal Victimization Study, 248,000 people over the age of 12 reported being raped in 2001. While no one is immune from sexual assault, some are more vulnerable than others. Sadly, children are at the greatest risk. According to the U.S. Justice Bureau of Justice Statistics, 67 percent of all reporting victims of sexual assault were younger than 18; 34 percent of all victims were under age 12, and one of every seven victims of sexual assault were under age 6.

Most sexual assaults fit a similar profile where a child is assaulted by a family member, another trusted adult, or by a juvenile. The American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry reports that although sexual abuse of children is reported up to 80,000 times a year, that number may be a low estimate of the actual number of such cases. Regrettably, too many cases go unreported because of children's fear of their abusers and a law enforcement and legal system that does not accommodate their special needs.

Sexual assault can cripple a child's psyche and deprive him or her of hope. According to the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, "A child who is the victim of prolonged sexual abuse usually develops low self-esteem, a feeling of worthlessness and an abnormal or distorted view of sex. The child may become withdrawn and mistrustful of adults, and can become suicidal." While no single solution will eliminate sexual assault, education and awareness can go a long way toward its prevention. Young adults must be given the assistance necessary to stop unwanted sexual advances and to minimize such risk.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in heightening awareness and encouraging prevention of this urgent problem by voting for this important resolution.

HONORING TONY SANTY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to a beloved football coach and Grand Junction, Colorado native. Tony Santy has touched many lives in the past 25 years as a teacher, football coach, and mentor. Today, I would like to recognize his accomplishments before this body of congress and this nation.

Tony grew up in Grand Junction where his family has lived since the 1890s. Tony played football in his younger years and went on to play at Mesa State College. He later attended the University of Colorado and proceeded to earn his teaching certificate from Western State College. Although Tony's father had originally encouraged him to become a lawyer, his high school coach, George Ryan, inspired Tony to pursue his interest in coaching.

As recognition for his efforts, Tony was selected as one of the 2002 AFLAC National Assistant Coaches of the Year. However, he deflects the attention from this award by explaining that the most gratifying part of his job is the interaction with his student-athletes. He has been particularly pleased to see some of his former athletes follow his example and dedicate their lives to coaching.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to stand before this body of Congress today to recognize the positive influence that Tony has had upon the students and student-athletes of Grand Junction. I commend Tony for the fundamental role that he has played in imparting strong values to our future generations. Congratulations, Tony, and good luck with all your future endeavors.

CONGRATULATIONS TO AMANDA TURBERVILLE, MOBILE AREA OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise to honor and congratulate Mrs. Amanda Turberville for having recently received the Mobile Area Education Foundation's 2003 Outstanding Educator Award. She truly deserves our warmest and most sincere congratulations. Her dedication and hard work have rightly earned her this prestigious award.

While among the younger faculty members of Phillips Preparatory Magnet School, Amanda Turberville has brought her excitement and love for science to all of her seventh grade classes. Her cheerful spirit and love for children make her a joy to be around, both in and out of the classroom. Mrs. Turberville works hard to keep her classroom an exciting and creative workplace for her students. Her students do not just learn science, they learn to love science.

Amanda Turberville graduated from Mississippi State University in 1997 and has been teaching middle school science at Phillips Preparatory Magnet School for 7 years. She has

been energizing to her students since day one and she still brings the enthusiastic spark with which she began teaching to the classroom. Her desire to not just teach but to help her students want to learn has made her well-deserving of this distinguished award.

Amanda Turberville has given an unequalled level of hard work and service to her school and to her students. Her level of creativity and her desire to make learning fun, have allowed her to touch so many of her students' lives. My personal heroes are not the big celebrities but rather the people you do not hear much about. My heroes are the people like Amanda Turberville who dedicate their entire lives to helping people and making a difference in the lives of others as well as in our community. Once again, I congratulate Amanda Turberville for her service, leadership and dedication to her students and the future of our great country.

TRIBUTE TO ALFRED STEIGER

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Alfred Steiger in recognition of his dedication to improving the lives of foster care children.

Al was born on Marion Street in the Bushwick section of Brooklyn, New York. He and his wife Victoria have been married for 29 years and are the proud parents of five children, Victoria, Mary Beth, Al Jr., Virginia and Jeffery, and the grandparents of three children, Justine, Joseph, and John. Al and his wife reside in Oceanside and are members of the First Presbyterian Church in Oceanside.

Al joined the New York City Sanitation Department in 1981 and was promoted to Supervisor in 1989 and was assigned to Brooklyn Community Board 8 (BK8) as a field officer on the midnight shift. He conducted field operations in the Crown Heights and Bedford Stuyvesant Community Board (BK3) areas of Brooklyn. He was promoted to District Superintendent of Brooklyn North 5, which is East New York's Community Board 5. As District Superintendent, his responsibilities include keeping East New York cleaned by garbage collection, and the removal of snow during winter. In September 2001, Al became President of the Steuben Association of the New York City Sanitation Department. He also serves as union delegate for Local 444 Sanitation Officers.

In early 1990, Al and his wife felt the need to give back something to the community for all of the blessings they have received. So after filing the necessary documents, they were accepted as foster parents in Nassau County for the Department of Social Services. Since becoming foster parents, they have fostered over 35 children in their care. They were blessed again when they had the opportunity to adopt their son Jeffrey who came to them when he was only 4 days old.

In 1995, Al and Mary saw a need for foster parents to come together to better serve the children for which they were caring. After several meetings, the Nassau County Foster Parent Association was formed and Al was voted in as President. The NCFPA is a not-for-profit organization that has raised thousands of dol-

lars for various functions for foster children. The funds are used to take children on picnics, swimming trips and various other outings. Scholarship and burial funds are also available. As President of the organization, Al goes to Albany once a year to lobby for children's rights and also to attend a conference held by the New York State Citizens Coalition for Children. He feels it is an honor to volunteer in the community where he resides and for the Department for which he works.

Mr. Speaker, Alfred Steiger is committed to improving the lives of children, especially those in need. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
MAYOR WALTER F. EHNFELT, JR.

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Mayor Walter F. Ehrnfelt, Jr.—devoted family man, accomplished community leader, and admired friend and mentor. Mayor Ehrnfelt's vision, integrity and love for his community led the City of Strongsville through an amazing journey that lasted more than 2 decades—from a quiet, farming village to a thriving, family-oriented suburb—all without compromising the City's rustic charm.

Mayor Ehrnfelt was born and raised in Strongsville and reflected a life-long commitment to his community his entire life. From his childhood on, Mayor Ehrnfelt was instilled with a clear focus on family, faith and community. His deep work ethic and high level of integrity was reinforced daily while he worked as a butcher at the family-owned meat stand at Cleveland's West Side Market. Mayor Ehrnfelt was content to work in the family business and did not seek elected office—it sought him.

In 1973, Mayor Ehrnfelt's neighbors and friends urged him to run for the office of City Council. He ran reluctantly, and won. Just 5 years later, Mayor Ehrnfelt was appointed Mayor. In 1979 he won his first mayoral race by a landslide, and served as Mayor ever since. He quickly became the most popular and beloved Mayor in the history of Strongsville, and successfully served as Mayor for 25 years.

Mayor Ehrnfelt's unwavering integrity, kindness and humble nature reflected his character and defined his tenure as Mayor. Yet his gentle and humble nature belied his deep intellect, vision and keen business savvy. His work is clearly evidenced within the significant growth and carefully-planned development of his beloved City. From the smallest to the most significant civic endeavor, Mayor Ehrnfelt offered the same respect and consideration to everyone involved—regardless of their status or political affiliation.

Titles and accolades did not hold significance for him—care for his family and service to community did. Mayor Ehrnfelt was a true leader in every sense—a genuine individual whose modesty and strong sense of self cast a rare and steady beacon of light across the dark game of politics. He consistently dis-

regarded political pressures and kept focused on his community—working tirelessly on behalf of Strongsville. Mayor Ehrnfelt expected others to do their best—and he brought out the best in everyone.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor, gratitude and remembrance of Mayor Walter F. Ehrnfelt—an exceptional man and caring leader whose life profoundly impacted the lives of thousands. His passing marks a deep loss for countless who called him friend—including me. Mayor Ehrnfelt's brilliant and flawless legacy of community progress tempered with preservation will be remembered always by the people of Strongsville—and far beyond. Moreover, it was the power of his kindness, grace, tenacity and heart that uplifted every level of the Strongsville community.

I extend my deepest condolences to Mayor Ehrnfelt's beloved wife, Anne; his beloved children, Walter F. III, Susan, Robert and Judy; his beloved grandchildren and his beloved great-grandchild. Mayor Ehrnfelt's life will serve as an ageless example of leadership, service to others and heart—and his legacy will forever resound throughout the City of Strongsville and throughout our entire community.

FOR YOUR FREEDOM AND OURS:
FRED S. ZEIDMAN'S ELOQUENT
REMARKS COMMEMORATING THE
DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, last month leaders and citizens from throughout America gathered in the Capitol Rotunda to commemorate the Days of Remembrance. This annual ceremony assumed special significance this year, as it took place during the 60th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, an event that epitomizes the true meaning of bravery and honor.

Why must we remember this tragedy? Fred S. Zeidman, the Chairman of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, reminded us in his remarks. The Holocaust Museum, he explained, must serve "as a warning to all people, whatever their backgrounds, about the consequences of hatred and indifference, and the failure to act."

Mr. Speaker, given the challenges our country faces today, Mr. Zeidman's words echo with uncommon strength. America faces a war against international terrorism, a fight against forces that allow bigotry to drive rivers of violence. The Holocaust taught us that such evils do not go away if they are ignored. They must be battled by a global community conscious of its responsibilities and mindful of its past.

"For your freedom and ours." Mr. Zeidman used this refrain to characterize the Holocaust's legacy. It was the theme of Jewish fighters in the Warsaw Ghetto. It remains true today.

Fred Zeidman is the Chairman of Seitel, Inc., a member of the New York Stock Exchange that is a leading provider of seismic data and related geophysical expertise to the petroleum industry. He is also a prominent activist in the Jewish community; in addition to