

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. EHRLFELT, 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

his service as Chairman of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, he holds leadership positions in the Anti-Defamation League (Southwest Region), the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs (JINSA), Jewish Federation of Greater Houston, and the American Jewish Committee.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to enter the remarks of Fred S. Zeidman into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

#### DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE REMARKS

FRED S. ZEIDMAN, CHAIRMAN UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL COUNCIL, APRIL 30, 2003—THE CAPITOL ROTUNDA

Survivors of the Holocaust; The Museum's founding chairman Elie Wiesel, our moral compass and humanity's moral compass; Secretary Powell; Senate Majority Leader Frist, House Majority Leader DeLay, House Democratic Leader Pelosi, Senator Voinovich, Senator Corzine, and other members of Congress; Ambassador Ayalon; My distinguished predecessor Miles Lerman and my co-chair Ruth Mandel; Friends of the Museum.

Secretary Powell, you have devoted your entire life to liberating oppressed people and fighting for freedom. We are particularly gratified, Mr. Secretary, that you are able to join us today.

For your freedom and ours—there could hardly be a more appropriate time, or a more appropriate place in which to consider these words.

Consider the figures in these murals that surround us, the statues on their pedestals. I think the leaders they represent would be hard-pressed to find a phrase that better captures what drove them to create a "new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

For your freedom and ours—the theme of the manifesto smuggled out of the Warsaw ghetto and posted across the city, written by its Jewish freedom fighters in what they surely knew would become, in effect, their last testament. For your freedom and ours—it is a call to service that resonates all the more in light of recent events. What better words to characterize our national sense of urgency as we confront international terrorism today. It is an urgency echoed in our vigorous international leadership, represented here by Secretary Powell, and the courage of our armed forces, represented by the flags of the liberating units and the young men and women who carry them.

So, mindful of the dedication others have demonstrated on our behalf—whether 60 years ago or today—we are here to remember all the victims of the Holocaust as individuals with full and vibrant lives.

For your freedom and ours—I truly believe the resonance of this battle cry lies behind the American public's commitment to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

The last ten years have demonstrated that Americans understand our living memorial as a warning to all people, whatever their backgrounds, about the consequences of hatred and indifference, and the failure to act. That understanding is based on our Holocaust survivors' most precious legacy—their memories. We cannot see all that passed before their eyes. We cannot endure the terror they suffered. We cannot grasp the human capacity for evil in the way that they can. But through them, it is possible that future generations may be spared a similar fate. But only, that is, if we learn from, and take up, their stories, the lessons of their history. That is the purpose and the hope of the Museum.

We may not all be called to the heroism of Vladka Meed, but in one way or another we

are called to demonstrate moral courage. And each of us, as individuals, does have the power and responsibility to make a difference, to act.

As we confront the terrorism, hatred, and virulent antisemitism that pollute today's world, we must draw strength from the survivors' strength, courage from their courage.

For your freedom and ours—their history calls out to us. It is our obligation to ensure that the world listens, both now and for generations to come.

#### ON THE RECOGNITION OF THE CITY OF POMPAÑO BEACH BEING NAMED A 2003 ALL-AMERICA CITY AWARD FINALIST

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the city of Pompano Beach, Florida for their selection as a 2003 All-America City Award Finalist. It is my pleasure to congratulate the mayor, the city commission, and the residents of this city as they are recognized by our nation with consideration for the oldest and most respected community recognition award in the United States. I also applaud the residents of Pompano Beach for their strong civic pride and their dedication to their community.

Mr. Speaker, located in Florida's 22nd Congressional District, the city of Pompano Beach has been selected as one of the 30 Finalists for this year's All-America City Award. This award is the nation's most prestigious civic recognition presented to the city who best exemplifies the award's mission to reward ideal communities where citizens, government, business and nonprofit organizations together exhibit superior civic ideals. The city of Pompano Beach proudly exhibits the All-America City criteria, along with an increased level of community pride and spirit amongst the city residents. In the final round of this competition, Pompano Beach will present their innovative ideas for addressing a wide array of social and community issues to a 10-member panel, during their current stay in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to again congratulate the citizens of Pompano Beach, Florida and the distinctive members of their community who have worked incredibly hard over the past year to instill such strong civic pride in the residents of Pompano Beach which has to lead the city to its title of an All-America City finalist. I go on to wish the city of Pompano Beach, Florida good luck as they challenge the other 30 finalists for this award, in hopes to receive the ultimate recognition as the All-America City.

#### MEDICARE SHOULD OFFER COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE CHOICES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS JUNE 12, 2003

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, today I am re-introducing the Medicare Substitute Adult Day

Care Services Act. This important bill would provide new rehabilitative care choices for Medicare beneficiaries while simultaneously assisting family caregivers with the difficulties in caring for a homebound family member.

Specifically, this bill would update the Medicare home health benefit by allowing beneficiaries the option of substituting some, or all, of their Medicare home health services for care in an adult day care center (ADC).

The ADC would be paid the same rate that would have been paid for the service had it been delivered in the patient's home. In addition, the ADC would be required, with that one payment, to provide a full day of care to the patient at no additional cost to the Medicare program. That care would include the home health benefit as well as transportation, meals, medication management, and a program of supervised activities.

The ADC is able to provide these extra services at the same payment rate as home health care because there are inherent cost savings in the adult day care setting. In the home care arena, a skilled nurse, a physical therapist, or other home health provider must travel from home to home providing services to one patient per site. There are significant transportation and time costs associated with this method of care. In an adult day facility, the patients are brought to the providers, who see a larger number of patients in a shorter period of time.

I would like to point out that the bill would not expand the Medicare home health benefit. It does not make any new people eligible for the home health benefit nor would it expand the definition of what qualifies for reimbursement by Medicare for home health services. To be eligible for this new option, a patient would still need to qualify for Medicare home health benefits just like they do today. They would need to be homebound and have certification from a doctor for skilled therapy in the home.

The Medicare Substitute Adult Day Care Services Act simply recognizes that adult day care facilities can provide the same health services with the added benefits of social interaction, activities and meals. They also offer a therapeutic environment, in which a group of trained professionals can treat, monitor and support Medicare beneficiaries who would otherwise be monitored at home by a single caregiver.

Not only does ADC aid in the rehabilitation of the patient, it provides a tremendous benefit to the family caregiver. Many frail beneficiaries cannot be left alone; therefore, caregivers are unable to have a respite or maintain employment. If senior citizens could utilize ADC services, they would receive supervised care for an entire day and the caregiver would have the opportunity to work outside the home and/or leave the house for longer periods of time.

Adult day care centers offer high-quality, safe, and often preferable alternatives to senior citizens who face complete confinement in the home. I urge my colleagues to cosponsor and support this important legislation.