

While committing herself to helping others in rural and urban America, Bishop Massey also kept focused on her studies. At Trinity College in Springfield, IL, Bishop Massey earned her Doctorate degree. In 1976, Bishop Massey was appointed presiding Bishop over New Jersey and Ohio. Her passion for spirituality, faith, history and community has not faltered with the passing years. Rather, her devotion has grown stronger.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Bishop Bertha Mable Massey—a remarkable woman, leader, and spiritual guide. Bishop Massey's work and service continues to give hope, faith, wisdom and comfort to countless individuals and families, and serves to uplift our entire Cleveland community. Together we wish Bishop Bertha Mable Massey a wonderful 106th Birthday, and many more to come.

HONORING MARY HARRIS FOR
HER THIRTY-ONE YEARS OF
SERVICE

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Mary Harris, who recently retired from Greater Boston Catholic Charities. In her 31 years of service Ms. Harris worked tirelessly to better the lives of those around her.

During her tenure at Catholic Charities, Ms. Harris worked with children in day care, foster care and adoption. She also worked with families wishing to adopt and families interested in foster care. For the past 12 years she served as the Director of the Eastern Middlesex County Foster Grandparent Program. This program has a multitude of benefits for both seniors and children. Seniors volunteer in schools and daycare centers, help with fundraisers, promote the Foster Grandparent Program, and learn about children from a variety of educators. Seniors also gain the knowledge that they are needed and can make a difference in the lives of children. The children get the privilege of having more people in their lives who care about them and are exposed to different perspectives and wisdom.

Ms. Harris has not only administered the program, but also shown the participants how much she values them. She makes sure that ill Foster Grandparents are taken care of, helping however she can. She often helps with shopping and getting medications.

Running the Foster Grandparent Program is not all Ms. Harris does for her community. She also manages the St. Gerard Thrift Store in Somerville and worked to make the holiday season more pleasant for families in need. She worked with the Christ Child Society to purchase over 100 jackets for children. She also helped to put together food baskets for needy families and distributed Christmas toys.

A lifelong resident of Cambridge and Somerville, Mary Harris is a true credit to her community and to the 8th District. Her work has improved the lives of both young and old. Her dedication is worthy of praise and her works of heartfelt appreciation. People like Ms. Harris are examples to others and proof that one

person can make a difference. I wish her a relaxing and fulfilling retirement.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO BARBARA
BLACKFORD FOR HER DEDICATED
SERVICE TO CRAWFORD
COUNTY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding lady from Ohio. Barbara Blackford was born in Crawford County and has lived there all her life. She was raised on a farm in Liberty Township and graduated from Sulphur Springs High School.

Barbara worked in the accounting department of the Shelby Depot, at the Bucyrus Telegraph Forum, and at the Crawford County Board of Elections before becoming a county commissioner.

As a county commissioner, Barb served on the CCAO Legislation Committee and the Ag and Rural Affairs Committee. Locally, Barb represented the commissioners on the Regional Planning Commission, the Erie Basin Resources Conservation & Development Committee, the Community Improvement Corporation, was an alternate for issue 11, served on the Personnel Committee, the Microfilm Board, and was on the MARC Board of Governors.

Barbara did an outstanding job as a Crawford Community Commissioner. She has always enjoyed the small town atmosphere and has always respected and appreciated working with the people of Crawford County. Barbara practiced an open door policy and believed that local government should always be there to serve and to keep the best interests of its constituency in mind. Barbara Blackford did just that.

Barbara is a devoted mother of four children and the proud grandmother of six grandchildren. She and her husband, Lloyd, attend the St. Paul Lutheran Church in North Robinson, Ohio.

Mr. Speaker, Barbara Blackford will leave big shoes to fill as she leaves her post as Crawford County Commissioner. Her wisdom, honesty and forthrightness are attributes to which all public servants should aspire. She has set an example for everyone on how to live a life of service, putting the greater interests of the community before one's own.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Barbara Blackford. Our communities are served well by having such honorable and giving citizens, like Barbara, who care about their well being and stability. We wish Barbara, her husband, Lloyd, and their family all the best as we pay tribute to one of our State's finest citizens.

TRIBUTE TO JOE WARNER

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Joe Warner, who trag-

ically passed away in a plane crash shortly after takeoff from Central Illinois Regional Airport on July 22.

Many of our Nation's greatest servants have never been elected to public office. They silently and humbly transform communities out of the kindness of their hearts, selfless generosity, and a dedication to improving the welfare of loved ones and those whom he had never met. Joe Warner was one of these servants, and serves as an inspiration to us all.

Joe Warner was born on July 3, 1942, in DeKalb, IL, to Paul and Doris Walkey Warner. He attended Northern Illinois University, and then received his MBA from the University of Illinois. Mr. Warner went on to become president and chief executive officer of Heritage Enterprises, a long term care corporation, which is located in Bloomington, IL.

The frail elderly of Illinois have benefited greatly from the leadership and dedication of Joe Warner. Whether it was in his capacity as president and chief executive officer of Heritage Enterprises, or president of the Illinois Health Care Association, Mr. Warner tirelessly advocated on behalf of Illinois' seniors to ensure they were afforded the highest quality of care. He considered anything less as unacceptable, because his residents were our fathers, mothers, wives, and husbands.

Joe Warner's generosity was not limited to the elderly. Illinois' youth have also lost a friend. Prior to his passing, he had taken on the role of planner and fundraiser for the \$3 million Challenger Learning Center, which will be an educational site for children to learn more about math and science. Memorial contributions are being made to the learning center, to ensure that Mr. Warner's vision is realized.

The towns of Normal and Bloomington are better places to work and live because of Joe Warner. In 1987 he conducted a \$2 million renovation in Bloomington which served as a catalyst in the town's revitalization program. In addition, he served on Normal's 2025 Committee, which planned for the city's future, as well as its Downtown Advisory Commission.

Joe Warner was involved in scores of organizations, and knew the importance of investment in his community. Mr. Warner was the dedicated head of the McLean County GOP for ten years. He served his country in the army. He was on the legislative committee of the board of directors of the Illinois State University Foundation. He was the past-president of the Redbird Education and Scholarship Fund at Illinois State University, past-chairman of the McLean County American Heart Association, past-director of the Bloomington Occupational Development Center, past-director of the United Campus Christian Church Foundation; past ruling elder of the First United Presbyterian Church, past director of the Illinois Wesleyan University Association, and past director of the Illinois Restaurant Association.

Along with his cherished wife, Rose Stadel, Joe Warner was a loving and devoted father to his children Jeff, and Jennifer. His son is a pilot and introduced him to flying, which became his passion.

The memory of Joe Warner will continue through his numerous contributions to his community. On July 22, Illinois lost a respected and admired friend. He will be missed. On behalf of my colleagues, I salute the rich legacy and the spirit of Joe Warner.

IN HONOR OF THE CLEVELAND CHAPTER OF THE WORLD FEDERATION OF HUNGARIAN VETERANS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the Cleveland Chapter of the World Federation of Hungarian Veterans, on the occasion of their 50th Annual Charity Ball.

U.S. veterans of Hungarian heritage founded the organization in 1946, just after WWII. A Cleveland Chapter was formed in 1951, with objectives mirroring those of the national organization—to promote patriotism, and to honor and keep alive the memories of those who suffered and gave their lives to preserve our freedoms and democratic ideals.

Additionally, the Cleveland Chapter has focused on the preservation of the Hungarian culture, customs and history for the younger members of our community, and for generations to come. Moreover, the membership has consistently demonstrated a willingness to lend a helping hand. Over the years, the Cleveland Chapter of the World Federation of Hungarian Veterans has assisted other members and their families with moral and financial support whenever needed.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in tribute and recognition of the Cleveland Chapter of the World Federation of Hungarian Veterans as they celebrate their culture once again at the 50th Annual Charity Ball. Today we honor the significant sacrifices each of you has made to preserve our freedoms, and we also pay tribute to your organization for preserving the rich fabric of Hungarian culture and tradition within our community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ROUND II
EZ/EC FLEXIBILITY ACT

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Round II EZ/EC Flexibility Act of 2003, bipartisan legislation I introduced today with my colleague from New Jersey, Mr. LOBIONDO.

The bill we introduced makes a number of small changes to the EZ/EC program that will provide these communities with greater flexibility in administering their economic development plans. Specifically, the bill authorizes \$100 million in appropriations for each of the fifteen urban Empowerment Zones, \$40 million for each of the five rural Empowerment Zones, and \$3 million for each of the twenty rural Enterprise Communities.

The legislation also ensures that Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities that apply for one of the new Renewal Community designations will continue to receive the EZ/EC funding they were promised in 1999. Finally, the bill allows these communities to use their funding as the local match for receiving grants from other federal programs. This will help EZ/EC communities leverage additional

resources to undertake economic development initiatives and provide job training and other vital social services.

Mr. LOBIONDO and I have worked hard over the last several years to secure funding for the communities across the nation that were designated as Round II Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities. We both know first hand the successes of the EZ/EC program, and we will continue to work together in a bipartisan manner to ensure that these communities are allocated the resources they need to bring economic opportunity to all Americans.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO CHARLES
L. DODGE FOR HIS DEDICATED
SERVICE TO THE CITY OF
FOSTORIA

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding gentleman from Ohio. Charles L. Dodge began his employment with the City of Fostoria on October 21, 1974, as a laborer in the water distribution facility. He served under the leadership of Mayor Ken Beier and was appointed Superintendent of Utilities on January 1, 1980.

Charles' career with the City of Fostoria grew rapidly. He was a very dedicated, knowledgeable employee who aspired to do his best, no matter what was asked of him. Under the leadership of Mayor James Bailey, Charlie was named to the position of Assistant to the Mayor on June 1, 1996.

Mr. Speaker, Charlie's position advanced once again because of his experience and knowledge. He was named the Compliance, Records, Economic Development & Infrastructure Administrator, thus working with managed compliance issues, i.e. OSHA, EPA, ADA, Enterprise Zone Manager, State Issue II (infrastructure) and Project Manager.

During his employment with the City of Fostoria, Charles also had a very dedicated military career with the United States Army. Mr. Dodge served in the Army from 1970–1973 in the Clerk General Course, taking him to the Republic of Vietnam and many other areas. His military career ended in 1993; he retired as the First Sergeant in his Army National Guard Medical Corps unit.

Charles L. Dodge is a devoted father of three children: Laura, Kevin and Matthew. A man committed to his country and community; Charlie was an outstanding employee and contributor to the City of Fostoria.

Mr. Speaker, Charles Dodge will leave big shoes to fill as he enters into retirement. His wisdom, honesty and forthrightness are attributes to which all public servants should aspire. He has set an example for everyone on how to live a life of service, putting the greater interests of the community before one's own.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Charles L. Dodge. Our communities are served well by having such honorable and giving citizens, like Charlie, who care about their well being and stability. We wish Charles, his wife, Deborah, and their family all the best as we pay tribute to one of our state's finest citizens.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF THE NILES LIBRARY

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the historic Niles Library, located in Fremont, California, on its 75th anniversary.

Although the library as we know it today was officially dedicated in 1928, the first Niles Library actually opened its doors 38 years earlier in the back of Mr. Dickey's general store. In 1900, the growing book collection became incorporated as the Niles Free Public Library Association and was given a permanent home in Niles' former Southern Pacific Railway station.

In 1927, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Ford donated \$30,000 to construct a new building for the library. On January 14, 1928, the library was dedicated in honor of Mrs. Ford's mother, Jane R. Clough. Future Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren, who was then Alameda County District Attorney, was present at the dedication. In 1936, the Niles Free Public Library Association transferred ownership of the Jane R. Clough Memorial Library to the Alameda County Library system.

In recent years, the library's collection has grown, but it remains a small and friendly neighborhood library. Today, the library's collection boasts over 11,000 items, including books, magazines, newspapers, videos, CDs, audiocassettes, and several important pieces of artwork. In 1970, John E. Kimber donated Poppy Nymph, a statue by renowned California artist Jo Mora. For the library's 50th anniversary, the Fremont Friends of the Library commissioned Fremont artist Hal Booth to create a commemorative painting, which is still on display at the library.

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the historic library's dedication. A ceremony featuring a speech by California State Librarian Kevin Starr and entertainment from Niles Elementary School students will be held on February 8, 2003 in celebration of this significant milestone.

TRIBUTE TO DUANE NOLAND

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Senator N. Duane Noland. He has served in the Illinois General Assembly since 1990, serving eight years in the House of Representatives and four years in the Senate.

He served with distinction and honor in both chambers, most recently being selected as Assistant Majority Leader in the Senate.

He graduated from Blue Mound public schools and the University of Illinois where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture Education/Economics.

In his non-legislative life, Senator Noland spends many hours helping farm his family's seventh generation centennial farm.

Senator Noland also works as assistant vice president/marketing specialist with Hickory Point Bank & Trust in Decatur.