

fashion. Regrettably, on a subject that affects almost every individual in the country, there is no government agency that collects and distributes information about workplace benefits. EBRI deserves our deepest commendation for consistently stepping into the gap and attempting to provide information that is critical to the decision-making ability of public policymakers. EBRI's strength is that it is a non-advocacy organization so that legislators on both sides of the aisle can use its resources.

America's pension system has changed a lot since ERISA was enacted and EBRI was created. Often workers don't fully understand the changes that can have a big impact on their retirement. Sometimes legislators fail to fully grasp the magnitude of the adjustments we're called onto make. Educating both groups is both a full-time job and a worthy goal.

Because of EBRI's work, we know more than we otherwise would have. I hope they continue shedding light on workplace benefits in the decades ahead because I think that will improve the odds that legislators like us will be able to make enlightened important decisions that benefit working men and women.

THE HOUSE PAYS TRIBUTE TO
DANA M. STEIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CIVIC WORKS, INC.

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Dana M. Stein, executive director and cofounder of Civic Works, Inc., a non-profit youth corps that has provided critically needed services to the Baltimore area since 1993. Mr. Stein's leadership of Civic Works has transformed the organization into an outstanding AmeriCorps program—helping the community and teaching new skills to young adults.

Mr. Stein has dedicated his career to helping improve our community. He has a B.A. degree from Harvard University and a law degree from Columbia University. In 1985, he received a Masters in Public Affairs from Princeton University. He has used his knowledge and skills to reach out to others and to make a difference.

Under his direction, approximately 200 Civic Works' participants help rehabilitate low-income housing, build urban parks and gardens, clean and restore urban vacant lots and tutor and mentor school-age children. While providing important services that would otherwise go undone, Civic Works' participants also receive help in their education and citizenship skills.

Civic Works has been recognized for its successes. In 1999, it was awarded the PEPNet Award from the National Youth Education Coalition (NYEC). It also is a four-time YouthBuild sub-grantee and has been recognized through the 2003 National Association of Services and Conservation Corps Excellence in Corps Operations.

I hope my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives will join me in saluting Dana

M. Stein on the 10th Anniversary of Civic Works. He is a committed American who understands how to build a better community.

TRIBUTE TO KOREAN WAR
VETERANS

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Korean War Veterans Citrus Chapter 192 and all the brave men and women that answered the call to duty during the Korean War.

Sunday, July 27 commemorates the 50th Anniversary of the Armistice signing that officially ended hostilities in the war torn nation.

This conflict enlisted the services of 6.8 million American men and women between 1950 and 1955. Despite the enormity of this effort, many who served regrettably feel that their sacrifice has been forgotten by a nation in the murky fog of time.

I commend the Veterans of Citrus County 192 for their efforts to memorialize their comrades in arms who paid the ultimate sacrifice. On Saturday, July 26 the Korean War memorial will be dedicated at the Citrus County Court House. This eloquent marker will serve as a reminder to our nation of the surviving Korean War Veterans, as well as the POWs and MIAs that never returned.

IN MEMORY OF BOBBY BONDS

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a man that is considered one of the greatest athletes ever to come out of the Inland Empire. Bobby Bonds, a 14-year major league baseball player from Riverside, California, passed away on Sunday, August 24, 2003. His legacy, however, lives on.

Bobby Bonds was born with the talent and followed a dream. He began his baseball career in the Patterson Park Little League in Riverside's eastside neighborhood. Even then, crowds would gather to watch him play.

In high school, Bobby excelled in more than one sport. He could be spotted being shuttled from the baseball field to the track field in order to compete; his love of sports was unparalleled. He also played basketball and football. Bobby was the 1964 state long jump champion and later graduated high school in 1965. He was immediately signed by the San Francisco Giants and worked his way up through the minor leagues. He was leading the Pacific Coast League in hitting when he joined the major leagues in 1968.

In his first season, Bobby hit 32 home runs and stole 45 bases, becoming the fourth and, at 23 years old, youngest member of baseball's 30-30 club.

In 1971, Bonds was selected to the All-Star team, and later played in three All Star games.

He won three Gold Gloves for fielding excellence as an outfielder. In 1973 he hit a career-high 39 home runs, was named Most Valuable Player. Four years later he would have another career-high of 115 runs.

After retiring from baseball in 1982, Bobby became a first-base coach for the Cleveland Indians and joined the Giants coaching staff in 1993 when his son joined the team. After his role as the first-base coach, he became a special assistant for the Giants.

Bobby is survived by his wife, Pat; a daughter, Cheryl Dugan; three sons, Barry, Ricky, and Bobby Jr., his mother, Elizabeth; a brother, Robert; and a sister Rosie.

Although Bobby moved away from Riverside many years ago his influence remains. A park in Riverside was renamed the Bobby Bonds Park and the Bobby Bonds Head Start/State Preschool opened last November.

Bobby's tireless passion for the game of baseball and his love of his hometown of Riverside, California will long be remembered by the residents of Riverside that grew up next door to him and the kids everywhere who grew up inspired by his life.

TRIBUTE TO VA VOLUNTEER
DOROTHY PATRICK

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dorothy Patrick, a constituent of mine who has selflessly given her time to the veterans of my Fifth Congressional District for more than 15 years.

My district is home to thousands of our Nation's veterans and has the fourth-largest concentration of American heroes in the Nation. So it is only natural that at our veterans' clinics and hospitals there's never a shortage of things to do and never a time when additional helping hands are not desperately needed.

It was once said that, aside from love, the most precious thing a person can give another person is labor. Dorothy has given over 11,000 hours of her labor to help the veterans of Florida's Fifth Congressional District—and that is truly something to be honored.

Volunteering at both the Gainesville VA Medical Center and at the Inverness VA Clinic for 15 years, she has given her time to veterans for longer than many people stay at a single job!

David Gilmer, Administrative Officer for the VA's Inverness Community Base Outpatient Clinic, has said of Dorothy "She not only provides valuable assistance to the veterans who receive care at the Inverness Clinic, but leadership to the other volunteers who help support the VA's mission here in Inverness."

She's given to the veterans of the Fifth Congressional District as nobly and as altruistically as they've given to all of us. Her service is a testament to the value and virtue of helping others.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in commending Dorothy for her efforts. I am honored to be her representative in Congress. She is one of the reasons that I am so very proud to represent the Fifth Congressional District of Florida in the House of Representatives.

IN RECOGNITION OF FERNANDO
"FRED" C. MACHADO

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Mr. NUNES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Fred Machado to the community and agricultural industry of the great Central Valley of California.

Mr. Machado emigrated from the island of Flores in the Azores, Portugal in 1949 with his family at the age of 16. He worked as an agricultural laborer for a couple of years before joining the U.S. Navy and proudly served in the Korean War.

After fulfilling his duty to his country, Mr. Machado returned home and married Maxine Finney. They purchased a farm and started a family. He was successful in both.

Mr. Machado now operates a 1,500-cow dairy, along with 730 acres of diversified crops, including almonds, grapes, prunes and other field crops.

Over the years, Mr. Machado has served on numerous agricultural industry boards. He was appointed to the USDA Agricultural Trade Advisory Committee during the Reagan Administration, served on the board of the California Farm Bureau Federation, as well as the Fresno County Farm Bureau.

He has also served on the Fresno District Fair Board, the Fresno County Republican Central Committee, the Fresno County Cabrillo Club, the St. Jude Church in Easton and Ag One, among others.

On Aug. 23, the Ag One Foundation will bestow the Community Salute honor on Mr. Machado. Proceeds from the event will establish the Ag One—Fernando 'Fred' C. Machado Scholarship Endowment fund, which will benefit students pursuing a degree in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology at the California State University, Fresno.

Please join me in extending congratulations to Mr. Machado.

TRIBUTE TO TONY DEMARZO

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Tony DeMarzo, of the Hernando County 10–13 Club, an organization of retired New York police officers in my Fifth Congressional District of Florida.

Serving as President, Vice President and Director of this organization throughout his 10-year involvement with the 10–13 Club, Tony has shown exemplary leadership and leadership.

Recently, Tony, a personal friend of mine, was honored by his fellow members with a plaque commemorating his service to the organization.

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to read the inscription from that plaque as I believe it outlines a few of the many reasons Tony's friends have chosen to honor him:

It reads: "In recognition of his distinguished leadership and strong stewardship this plaque is awarded to Antonio "Tony" DeMarzo by his

many friends and fellow members of the Hernando County 10–13 whereas during the last ten years as President, Vice President, and Director, Tony has overseen and guided the organization to the fruition of many goals. During his most recent tenure Tony established an honor guard, a booster Club and has dramatically increased both the membership and the treasury. Further, he organized the 9–11 disaster fund which raised many thousands of dollars. He also hosted the very successful 2002 national convention. He has been instrumental in creating and maintaining the professional rapport that exists today between the Hernando County 10–13 and the Hernando County Sheriff's Department."

Mr. Speaker, as we all since 9–11 have been reminded of the importance that our law enforcement officials play in securing our streets and communities, I believe it is also important to honor those who have retired from the profession. Their many years of noble service are not to be overlooked.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Tony DeMarzo for his service while in uniform and his undying commitment to community, which has endured long after he stopped wearing the uniform.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JULIAN
BATLAN

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to laud the accomplishments of Mr. Julian Batlan. Mr. Batlan is a truly remarkable individual. He is someone who has unconditionally volunteered his service time and time again to New Jersey's sixth Congressional District, the State of New Jersey, and to the United States of America.

Mr. Batlan comes from a family steeped in rich and noble history. He descends from the first Jewish man to settle on the eastern shores of America in 1655, Mr. Jacob Barsimon. He is also related to Mr. Simon M. Levy who in 1802 was a member of the first graduating class of cadets at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Mr. Batlan, himself, has held his own and has reached the ranks of many of his highly esteemed relatives. His military record is stellar. Mr. Batlan is a decorated combat soldier, serving in World War II in the U.S. 1st Army, 1st Infantry Division in both the 7th and 9th Corps in the European Theater of Operations. He also fought on the fields during the Battle of the Bulge in Rhineland. For his bravery and wounds on the battlefield, Mr. Batlan has received the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, and the Purple Heart. After the war, Mr. Batlan did not stop serving his country. He was able to successfully move from the stage of war to the realm of domestic service through his membership in the Jewish War Veterans.

Mr. Batlan joined the Jewish War Veterans Elin-Unger Post 273 in June 1946. As the charter commander, he was instrumental in founding and organizing the Manalapan-Marlboro, NJ Post 972. Mr. Batlan was the first commander of the Jewish War Veterans Monmouth-Ocean County Council to ever be elected to two terms of office. Mr. Batlan pioneered

the highly publicized, annual J.W.V public relations breakfast programs to encourage friendship and understanding between the Jewish and the Italian community. Mr. Batlan continued to unite different cultural groups when he established the Martin Luther King Jr. Brotherhood Breakfast to build bridges between the Jewish community and African-American Community.

Mr. Batlan's strong belief in community building, has led him to serve as President of the Kiwanis International of Eatontown, NJ. He also served as the Scoutmaster of Troop 230, Boy Scouts of America, Linden, NJ. These different activities are just a handful of the many organizations that Mr. Batlan has helped to strengthen.

Once again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Mr. Batlan for his energy and vigor in serving the American people, through fighting for democracy in World War II to building bridges of equality today. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the distinguished Mr. Julian Batlan.

TRIBUTE TO RAY TREMBLAY

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ray Tremblay, a constituent of mine, residing in Levy County in my Fifth Congressional District. Mr. Tremblay, an honorable officer of the law in the city of Chiefland, was recently named the department's 2003 Officer of the Year by his colleagues and superiors and I want to take this opportunity before this body to honor him and to say a few words about why he is deserving of this noble distinction.

Ray Tremblay has served the Chiefland community for nearly a decade. Beginning his service in 1994, he has been a highly visible member of the Chiefland Police Department, attending many school functions and stressing the importance of staying off drugs, wearing seatbelts, and the importance of public service and safety.

Additionally, he has been active in the "Buckle Up" program and with the "Click-It or Ticket" program, ensuring safety on our highways by issuing numerous warnings and citations to motorists failing to comply with Florida's seatbelt laws.

Ray Tremblay has been described by Chiefland's Chief of Police as someone who always shows the utmost respect and consideration for his fellow officers and supervisors. Always willing to lend a hand, always help cover a shift, and work extra hours without complaint, Mr. Tremblay is a true example of what public servants should be.

Having law enforcement officers like him is what makes our streets and communities safe and what inspires youngsters to continue in the profession of noble, honorable service to their neighbors.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in saluting Mr. Tremblay and all officers of the law, for the work they do is invaluable and of immeasurable importance to our society and to our safety.