

and black culture in America. They introduced the spiritual as a musical genre, and demonstrated a truly unique commitment to their education. It is time that we in Congress honor their incredible achievements in such a manner that all of America will come to know of their commitment.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to pass my resolution encouraging the Postal Service to issue a postage stamp commemorating the legacy and achievements of the Fisk Jubilee Singers.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSMAN  
DONALD M. PAYNE

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 30, 2003*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to one of our distinguished colleagues, Representative DONALD M. PAYNE from New Jersey's 10th District. Congressman PAYNE is this year's recipient of the Justice for Cypress Award presented by the Cypress Federation of America. This award is presented to an individual who has exhibited exemplary leadership and has advocated for the liberation of Cypress from the Turkish occupation forces and the restoration of the human rights of the Cypriot people. I can think of no one more deserved of this award than my friend, Congressman DONALD PAYNE.

Congressman PAYNE has represented his district in the U.S. House of Representatives since 1988, when he was elected as New Jersey's first African American Congressman. In 2002, he was re-elected to serve an eighth term to represent the people of New Jersey's 10th Congressional District in the 108th Congress.

Congressman PAYNE is a member of the International Relations Committee and its Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere and Subcommittee on Africa, where he holds the position of ranking member. Through these committee assignments, Congressman PAYNE has become a key player in the arena of International Relations. He has been one of the leading advocates of the restoration of democracy and human rights in many nations throughout the world. Congressman PAYNE lead an effort among pharmaceutical companies to donate over \$2 million worth of medicine to war-torn Somalia. Similarly, Mr. PAYNE also introduced the Sudan Peace Act, which facilitated famine relief efforts and a comprehensive solution to the war in Sudan.

In addition, Congressman PAYNE has proven himself to be an influential member of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce. Congressman PAYNE is a leading advocate of education and has played an instrumental role in the passage of key legislation aimed at improving elementary and secondary schools.

Congressman PAYNE has also worked diligently on important issues like healthcare and the environment. Congressman PAYNE was a major influence in directing attention towards the AIDS epidemic and the rising incidence of tuberculosis in many nations. He has also devoted much time and energy to the elimination of poverty and was a key sponsor of the minimum wage increase and the Family and Med-

ical Leave Act. Furthermore, Congressman PAYNE's record on environmental conservation issues has been rated one of the best in Congress.

Before being elected to serve in the House of Representatives, Mr. PAYNE had a distinguished career that included service on the Newark Municipal Council and the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Mr. PAYNE was also an executive of the Prudential Insurance Company, Vice President of Urban Data Systems, and an educator in the Newark public school system.

Congressman PAYNE, a native of New Jersey, graduated from Seton Hall University and pursued graduate studies at Springfield College in Massachusetts. He holds honorary degrees from Chicago State University, Drew University, Essex County College and William Paterson University. Congressman PAYNE is a widower, father of three and grandfather of four.

Mr. Speaker, Congressman PAYNE's contributions to his community, our nation and the world have been numerous and successful. He is a man of great character and a true asset to the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues rise and join me in honoring my dear friend and colleague, the Honorable DONALD M. PAYNE.

TRIBUTE TO THE FIREFIGHTERS  
OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 30, 2003*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, on September 11, 2003 communities all across America held observances to remember those who fell in the events two years before. In my own hometown of Toledo, part of our observance included a reading of the names of those who died on that fateful day, and inspirational readings and poems. I would like to quote one of these poems for the record. It is a special tribute to firefighters, written by Toledoan Ernest Fodor and entitled "Just Because You Call."

There is a well-known fact in heaven  
All the firefighters tell  
When they put out their last fire on earth  
They did their job so well  
Some how they had the strength  
To do what they could do  
Sometimes they even gave their life  
For the likes of me and you  
But now that they're in heaven  
If they hear a fire call  
They would try so hard to come back  
And bravely save us all  
There are so many people  
With lives that are much brighter  
Just because a call was answered  
By a firefighter

Thank you Ernest Fodor for remembering, and for your inspired words.

RECOGNIZING THE DESIGNATION  
OF THE CAPITAL CHILDREN'S  
MUSEUM AS THE NATIONAL  
CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 30, 2003*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I was pleased to support enactment of H.R. 13, the Museum and Library Services Act of 2003. In addition to authorizing Federal funding support for our Nation's museums and libraries, the bill contains a small provision with great importance to the District of Columbia. It designates the Capital Children's Museum as the National Children's Museum which will be a new state-of-the-art, interactive museum offering a national model for exhibits oriented and dedicated to children. The purpose of the museum will be to explain the Nation's institutions and ideas to American children, providing a gateway of understanding not only for children in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area, but also for the millions of school children and families who visit the Nation's capital from across the Nation and the world.

The National Children's Museum designation is critical for several reasons. The designation enables the museum to highlight its activities and exhibits, and expand the reach of its educational experiences to children both in the United States and abroad. The museum serves as a flagship for the Nation's children's museums, and the Association of Children's Museums supports the designation because it increases public understanding of the purpose of all children's museums. In addition, the designation will help facilitate partnerships for the National Children's Museum with other regional museums to create models for innovative learning experiences.

For almost 30 years, the Capital Children's Museum has been serving the children of the Nation's capital. I hope my colleagues will join me in thanking the Capital Children's Museum on its service to children for these many years, and in congratulating the museum on this designation and its commitment to the creation of the National Children's Museum.

RECOGNIZING MR. BENON V.  
SEVAN

HON. FRANK PALLONE, Jr.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 30, 2003*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to laud the accomplishments of Mr. Benon V. Sevan, and his 38 years of service to the United Nations Secretariat. Mr. Sevan, a national of Cyprus, is the recipient of the Life Time Achievement Award presented by the Cypress Federation of America.

This award is given to an individual that has shown how valuable and effective they have been during their time with the United Nations. It is clear to me that Mr. Sevan is truly deserving of this award because of his dedication and diligence with every project that he has taken on. Over the years, Mr. Sevan has worked in several departments at the U.N. and has held several positions within the U.N. Secretariat.

Mr. Sevan first began at the United Nations in 1965 where he worked in the department of Public Information until 1996. In 1973 he joined the Secretariat of the Economic and Social Council and served as secretary of the council from 1982 until 1988.

In May of 1989 Mr. Sevan was appointed to the position of the Secretary-General's Personal Representative in Afghanistan and Pakistan. A year later he was asked to serve, concurrently, as the Secretary-General's Representative on the implementation of the Geneva Accords on Afghanistan. In 1991, Mr. Sevan took on yet another duty when he assumed responsibility for the overall direction and administration of the Office for the Coordination of the United Nations Humanitarian and Economic Assistance Programs in Afghanistan.

From August of 1992 until March of 1994 he served as Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Head of the Department of Political Affairs. In 1997 Mr. Sevan was appointed as the Executive Director of the Iraq Program. Prior to this position he served as Assistant Secretary-General for Conference and Support Services and United Nations Security Coordinator, which he carried out until 2002. Since 1992 Mr. Sevan served as the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for issues related to missing persons in the Middle East, where he engaged in preventive diplomacy and mediation in the world's trouble spots.

Once again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Mr. Sevan on his Lifetime Achievement award. I would like to thank Mr. Sevan for nearly 40 years of service to the international community and I ask my colleagues to rise with me in honoring the distinguished Benon V. Sevan.

#### HONORING THE OWENS BOTTLE MACHINE COMPANY

#### HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 30, 2003*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, one hundred years ago in Toledo, Ohio a revolution took place. In September 1903, a machine allowing the mass production of glass bottles changed the industry, and it changed the world as "the most significant advance in glass production in over 2,000 years" as noted by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. The company that grew out of this invention, Owens-Illinois, is celebrating its centennial anniversary.

At the dawn of the last century, Michael J. Owens was a young glass blower working in Toledo's Libbey Glass factory. Another inventive visionary and civic leader, Edward Drummond Libbey became Mr. Owens' primary backer as Mr. Owens developed his idea for the complete mechanization of glass bottle making. Though machines were patented in the latter half of the nineteenth century, all relied heavily on human toil. In 1903, Michael J. Owens patented a fully automated "bicycle pump" which operated in a similar fashion to this machine. The Owens Bottle Machine Company was incorporated on September 3, 1903.

In two years, the company was able to begin commercial sales with a machine that could make ten bottles per minute. It was the

first of many patented machines which developed products including glass building blocks, tumblers, plywood, paper cups, metal cans, television tubes, flat electronic display panels, corrugated boxes, lab glassware, plastic soft drink bottles, medicine vials, glass cookware, plastic and glass containers for food and beverages, and materials for range tops and telescope mirror blanks.

The company's sharp minds developed many innovations we know today and use in our everyday lives including the method for fusing graphics onto bottles, squeezable dispensers for foodstuffs, disposable and recyclable bottles, child-proof medicine bottles, tamper-resistant containers, plastic toothpaste pumps, microwavable food containers, barrier shields to prevent the release of carbonation for plastic soft drink bottles, the design of 2 liter bottles and many other types of bottles, and even the "clamshell" packages for McDonald's hamburgers.

Within twenty years of the founding of Owens Bottle Machine Company, machines manufactured 94 percent of the bottles. This innovation pleased the National Child Labor Committee, which in 1913 praised the Toledo technological advance in reducing child labor. The labor saving machines were also beneficial to the glassblowers, whose profession when practiced manually was devastating to their health.

By 1920, the Owens Bottle Company was the nation's largest bottle manufacturer, and Toledo earned its nickname as the "glass capitol of the world," a moniker still proudly borne today.

In 1930, several years after the deaths of its founders, an acquisition of the Illinois Glass Company brought William Levis on board. Mr. Levis' contributions to the success of the newly christened Owens-Illinois Company are widely held to be as significant as its founders'. During the depths of the Great Depression in 1930, Owens-Illinois made \$2.7 million. He foresaw the end to Prohibition, and was ready to capture the market on glass bottles when alcohol production resumed in 1933. William Levis invested heavily in glass fiberization technology, leading to the development of another well-known Toledo company, Owens-Corning. He also brought Toledo's Libbey Glass Company into the fold.

By 1950, Owens-Illinois was the largest glass bottle manufacturer in the world. With factories all over the world, employment worldwide reached 80,000 people including scientists, researchers, skilled labor, and management. Today its signature building, a glass skyscraper in downtown Toledo, stands as a monument to its zenith years.

Even though the company declined somewhat during the 1980s years of hostile corporate takeovers, Owens-Illinois remains a viable leader on the world market stage and one of Toledo's principal companies. One of every two bottles produced worldwide is made by Owens-Illinois or one of its subsidiaries. It is Toledo's second largest company as it begins its second century of operation. I am proud to salute its workforce past and present. America looks forward to the creative technology of its future.

A TRIBUTE TO ALAN AND KRISTINE YEADON OF JEROME, MI, FOR THEIR WORK WITH FOSTER CHILDREN

#### HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 30, 2003*

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Alan and Kristine Yeadon of Jerome, MI. The Yeadons have been selected to receive the National "Angels in Adoption" Award for their tireless effort to care for the children of Michigan. On this date, September 30, 2003, the Congressional Adoption Institute will present this award at ceremonies in the Ronald Reagan Building in Washington, DC.

Alan and Kristine have their home in Somerset Township, MI and are active participants at Somerset Congregational Church. Alan is a successful engineer. More importantly, however, Alan and Kristine have fostered children for the last 3 years. In that time they fostered 13 children and raised five of their own.

When Alan and Kristine Yeadon first applied for foster parenthood they asked for children younger than their own. Their oldest child at the time was 12. Their first placement turned out to be three teenage children and an infant! The Yeadons quickly found that older children were a good fit for their family. Currently, children ranging from 1-15 years old live in their home.

They began their foster parenthood after seeing firsthand the great need for parents. Kristine's parents took in foster children. Alan participated in the Kinship program. They had the time, concern, and love to share with children and their families. Today, the Yeadons are adopting a daughter to add to their ever-changing family.

They have had many successes. Some children returned to a better life with their biological parents, some were placed with relatives, and others are ready for adoption. In addition to helping these foster children, Alan and Kristine believe that this experience benefited their own children. "All of our children have made many adjustments along the way. It has not always been easy for them but the lessons they have learned and the great amount of compassion, understanding, acceptance, and flexibility they now possess will stay with them always."

On behalf of Congress, I offer our thanks and congratulations for their tireless efforts to help others. It is their kind of dedication that makes America great.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JOHN C. RAKKOU

#### HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 30, 2003*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to laud the accomplishments of Mr. John C. Rakkou as a businessman and a dedicated member of his community. Mr. Rakkou is the President and CEO of the Interbank of New York and the recipient of this year's Humanitarian and Philanthropic award presented by the Cyprus Federation of America.