

This year, Steve is being honored with the Outstanding Achievements Award as the Elk's citizen of the year. Steve is truly an asset to crime fighting in Northwest Missouri. Under his leadership, his department has received the Missouri State Deputy Sheriff of the Year Award two years in a row.

When Steve is not working relentlessly as the sheriff, he spends his spare time in internet chat rooms searching for sexual predators. To date, he has brought over a dozen to justice.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Steve Cox for his many important contributions to Northwest Missouri Officers, the Elks Lodge 656 of Chillicothe, his community and the 6th District of Missouri.

WHAT THE AMERICAN FLAG MEANS TO ME

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2003

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I wish to share with my colleagues an essay written by Jefferson Brown, a constituent of mine from Mason City, IA. Jefferson is a 12-year-old 6th grader at Roosevelt Middle School in Mason City. He recently won an award from the Elks Lodge in Mason City and will soon be traveling to the State Capital in Des Moines to compete in a state-wide competition. I submit his award-winning essay for the RECORD.

The American flag means many things to me. It symbolizes pride, joy, strength, and ability. These all come from the flag of the great country we live in.

The flag symbolizes pride, the pride of our country, ourselves, and pride for our flag of America. It gives hope, it gives us pride, the flag is a symbol of our pride in our country.

The flag represents joy for the heroes who stood tall defending our country. Joy when the warriors came home to us all. The joy of one, the joy of all is in the flag that flies high above us, the flag stands for joy in America.

Strength is in the flag, and the strength is in the hearts of all the American people. The strength is in our army, strength in those who lost a loved one on those days when we stood tall. The strength is in one; the strength is in all, it is in America; that stands tall.

Last but not least, ability. The flag stands for ability. Ability is in all of us, it is what we do. We are better at some things than others. Some of us can run or jump better than others, or we can draw or write better; but the point is that we all must bring our abilities together just as if we were colors on the American flag, the colors come together to make the flag. Just as we must, all united as one.

A TRIBUTE TO JACQUELINE "JACQUIE" FENNESSY, 29TH CON- GRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR—2003

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Women's History Month. Each year, we

pay special tribute to the accomplishments made by our nation's most distinguished women during the month of March. It is my great honor to recognize extraordinary women who are making a difference in my district.

I stand today to recognize an outstanding woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Ms. Jacqueline "Jacquie" Fennessy. Over the years, Ms. Fennessy has given selflessly of her time and energy to many different organizations in Altadena, California.

A 45-year resident of Altadena, Jacquie and her husband, Dr. William J. Fennessy have five children, William, Brian, Michael, David, Daniel, and twelve grandchildren. As a young mother, she was involved in the Boy Scouts of America, the local Parent Teacher Association and Little League. In 1986, she became the Executive Director for Patron Saints Foundation, a position she currently holds. The foundation is an association that awards charitable grants to non-profit health care organizations in the west San Gabriel Valley.

Jacquie has served on the Altadena Town Council since 1992, serving as Chair for three terms. The consummate volunteer, Ms. Fennessy is also a member of the Altadena Chamber of Commerce, Christmas Tree Lane Association, Altadena Heritage and the Altadena Conservancy. Her board memberships include the Sheriff's Support Group of Altadena, Scripps Home, and the Altadena Historical Society. Active in Altadena's libraries, she has been an Altadena Library Board of Trustee member since 1994, serving two terms as President, and a member of Friends of the Altadena Library for nearly forty years.

Jacquie has received many awards, including the California Legislature's 44th Assembly District Woman of the Year in 1999, Pasadena Mental Health Association's Community Volunteer of the Year in 1998, and Citizen of the Year in 1998 by the Altadena Chamber of Commerce.

The time and energy she gives to our community is truly remarkable, and the greater Altadena area has benefited greatly from her dedicated service.

I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring a remarkable woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Jacqueline "Jacquie" Fennessy. The entire community joins me in thanking Ms. Fennessy for her continued efforts to make the 29th Congressional District a better place in which to live.

ALBERT AND MARY CLARK CELE- BRATE 60TH WEDDING ANNIVER- SARY

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2003

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise day to call the attention of the House of Representatives to the 60th wedding anniversary of my good friends Albert and Mary Clark of Pittston, PA. The Clarks will be honored March 15 with a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Mary's Church in Pittston and an anniversary dinner at St. Mary's Center in Scranton.

Albert and Mary, the former Mary Jordan, were married March 6, 1943, in their neighborhood church in Pittston, in the middle of World

War II. He wore his Navy ensign's uniform for the ceremony. At the time he was an administrative officer with the Navy at the Philadelphia Ship Yard, which was then a major deployment facility for troops and shipping traffic.

They are the proud parents of seven children: Michael, of Washington, DC; Patrick, of Columbia, SC; Kevin, of San Francisco; John, of Poway, CA; Brian, of Dunmore; Albert, Jr., of Scranton; and Mary Kenney, of Clarks Summit. They are also the proud grandparents of 22 grandchildren.

In addition to raising a large family, Mary has been continuously active in various organizations of her parish church, including her role as Eucharistic minister. Last year, Albert was presented with the Man of the Year award by the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of St. Patrick.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to call to the attention of the House of Representatives the 60th wedding anniversary of Albert and Mary Clark, and I wish them and their family all the best.

SHLOMO ARGOV—A VICTIM OF MINDLESS VIOLENCE

HON. DAVID R. OBEY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2003

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, a good man has died after spending 20 years completely paralyzed because of mindless violence perpetrated by the Abu Nidal Middle East terrorist faction. Shlomo Argov, the former Israeli Ambassador to Britain, who died on February 23 in a Jerusalem hospital, was shot as he emerged from a meeting in a London hotel in 1982. For more than 20 years he was a living example of the tragedy that has befallen so many decent people because of mindless hatred that is used to justify terrorist acts.

I first met him when he showed me around Jerusalem on my first visit to the Middle East after the 1973 Israeli-Arab war. He was a political moderate who in his conversations with me spoke articulately of the need for Israelis and Palestinians to come to an understanding about their differences, and, yet, he was gunned down by forces of hatred who have always been anxious to make a political point regardless of the injury done to other human beings or to their own cause.

Before he was so viciously assaulted, he had a distinguished career in Israeli's Minister of Foreign Affairs and served as Ambassador to Mexico, the Netherlands, and finally, Ambassador to Britain. His death is another demonstration of how close the Middle East is to running out of men of good will before it runs out of hatred.

Mr. Argov paid a terrible price for trying to bring his talents to bear to advance the well being of the part of the world from which he came. His death should not go unnoticed. Neither should the distinguished service that he provided to Israel and the world before his life was so cruelly changed by mindless Palestinian militants.

Thoughtful people in both Israeli and Palestinian circles should view his death as another reminder of the need to end the terror, cut through the hatred, and give innocent civilians in that region an opportunity for the kind of

happy and decent life which was denied to Shlomo Argov.

I'm sure the sympathies of all of us who knew him go out to his family. I am inserting a copy of Mr. Argov's obituary that appeared in the Washington Post.

[From the Washington Post, Feb. 24, 2003]

ISRAELI DIPLOMAT SHLOMO ARGOV DIES

JERUSALEM.—Shlomo Argov, 73, the former Israeli ambassador to Britain who was paralyzed during an assassination attempt by Palestinian militants that triggered Israel's invasion of Lebanon in 1982, died Feb. 23.

He has been in Jerusalem's Hadassah hospital since the shooting. Hospital officials said he died from complication from wounds that left him completely paralyzed and on life-support machines.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon announced at the start of Sunday's weekly Cabinet meeting that "this morning, before dawn, Ambassador Shlomo Argov died."

Gunmen from the Abu Nidal guerrilla faction, which has ties to Libya, Syria and Iraq, shot Mr. Argov after a diplomatic meeting outside London's Dorchester Hotel. Three Abu Nidal members were convicted in the shooting.

The shooting was Israel's stated pretext for invading Lebanon four days later and laying siege to Beirut for three months until Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and his fighter were forced out of the country. The invasion also marked the start of an 18-year Israeli military presence in south Lebanon, which ended with Israel's withdrawal in May 2000.

Reuven Merhaz, a former colleague of Mr. Argov, said Sharon, who was defined minister at the time, had planned the Lebanon invasion, well before Argov was shot.

"The war plan was ready," Merhav told Israel Radio on Sunday. "He [Sharon] made no secret of it. He had presented the plan to the Americans some months earlier."

Mr. Argov, who was born in Jerusalem, studied in Washington and London and joined Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1959. He served as ambassador to Mexico and the Netherlands before assuming his position as ambassador to Britain in 1979.

The Jerusalem Post described Mr. Argov as "brilliant and suave" and ranked him with orator and historian Abba Eban, Israel's first ambassador to the United Nations, who died in November.

Victor Harel, a deputy director general at the Israeli Foreign Minister, said that at the time of the shooting, Mr. Argov was in his physical and intellectual prime, jogging every day and conversing in fluent English and Spanish in addition to his native Hebrew.

While he remained lucid after the shooting, he was emotionally devastated by the awareness of his disability, Harel told the radio.

"He was fully conscious for the first two or three years," he said "But he couldn't do anything on his own. The paralysis was total. He also got more and more medication, so visiting him became harder and harder."

Mr. Argov's survivors include three children.

Community Health Centers. At a time when the number of uninsured Americans continues to increase and federal and state governments are facing budget shortfalls, community health centers continue to provide vital services at reasonable cost to millions of Americans. This bipartisan initiative calls for doubling the current level of funding for the consolidated health centers program by 2006. The additional funds would double access to comprehensive health care for the millions of Americans who currently are without health insurance.

Community health centers are local, non-profit, community-owned health care providers serving low-income and medically underserved urban and rural communities. Health centers have a proven 30-year track record of providing cost-effective, comprehensive, quality care. Past investment in community health centers has resulted in improved health and quality of life for many Americans, as well as a reduction in over all national health care spending.

Community health centers provide health care services to uninsured and low-income individuals in medically underserved areas. They are vital to the fabric of health care in our country. This year, more than 1,000 health centers will serve nearly 14 million children and adults in 3,400 communities across the country. Of these, 5 million are uninsured; 750,000 are homeless; 850,000 are migrant and seasonal farmworkers; 5.4 million are residents of rural areas; and nearly 9 million are people of color.

Community health centers are vital in my congressional district. Health Centers have significantly increased the use of preventive health services such as Pap smears, mammograms, and glaucoma screening services among the populations they serve. Health Centers have increased substantially the number and proportion of immunized children, and have made significant strides in preventing anemia and lead poisoning. Furthermore, Health Centers contribute to the health and well-being of their communities by reducing the risk of adverse pregnancy outcomes, keeping children healthy and in school, and helping adults remain productive and on the job.

Expanding community health centers is a proven, viable, and cost-effective way to bring health services to uninsured populations and underserved communities. The bipartisan REACH Resolution would enable health centers to serve 20 million Americans, including 9 million individuals without health insurance. As Cover the Uninsured Week comes to a close and with 41 million Americans living with no insurance we need to find ways to address this crisis. The REACH Resolution is a step in the right direction. The resolution would send a clear message that Congress supports efforts to provide critical health care to low- and moderate-income urban and rural communities. I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.

A TRIBUTE TO DOROTHY M. COHEN, 29TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR—2003

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I stand today, to pay special recognition to Ms. Dorothy Cohen, an outstanding woman of California's 29th Congressional District. Over the years, Dorothy has been an outspoken advocate for the residents of the city of South Pasadena, California.

Ms. Cohen has been a member of the South Pasadena City Council since 1994, serving as Mayor for two terms. Some of her greatest accomplishments on the Council include the re-opening of City Hall five days a week, repainting the city's historic water tower, advocating for a quarterly city newsletter and serving as its editorial advisor for seven years, adoption of the tiger lily as the city flower, and her efforts to preserve the quality of life for the citizens of South Pasadena.

Dorothy is a fourth generation Californian and a forty-one year resident of South Pasadena. Prior to her marriage in 1950 to Jerry Cohen, a reporter and features writer for the Los Angeles Times, she was a reporter and television columnist for the San Diego Union Tribune. While raising her children, she worked part-time for fourteen years for the South Pasadena Unified School District. During that time, she actively participated in the South Pasadena Parent Teacher Association and the Girl Scouts of America.

A long-time supporter of public libraries, Ms. Cohen was a cofounder of the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library Bookstore in 1984. She currently serves as the chair of its Steering Committee and volunteers weekly in the bookstore. She is past president of the Friends of the Library, Library Board of Trustees and the League of Women Voters.

Dorothy has participated in numerous city task forces over the years, such as the Downtown Revitalization Task Force, the General Plan Advisory Committee, and the Mission Street Specific Plan Committee. Most recently, she co-chaired the Gold Line Railway Station Art and Design Advisory Committee.

I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring a remarkable woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Dorothy M. Cohen. The entire community joins me in thanking Ms. Cohen for her continued efforts to make the 29th Congressional District an enhanced place in which to live.

THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE UNITY
ACT OF 2003—H.R. 997

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2003

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I have introduced legislation to make English the official

**RESOLUTION TO EXPAND ACCESS
TO COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS**

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2003

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Resolution to Expand Access to