

156, honoring the men and women of the U.S. Capitol Police as they celebrate the 175th anniversary of the police force.

Congress established the Capitol Police during the administration of John Quincy Adams. Ponder how different the world was then, when the U.S. Congress was a young and largely untested deliberative body located in a relatively isolated town that was as much wilderness as it was settled territory.

In the last 175 years, the world has changed immeasurably, and so has the work of the Capitol Police.

Today the U.S. Capitol—which is simultaneously a national shrine, tourist attraction, and working office building—imposes extraordinary security requirements.

For example, more than three million tourists visited the Capitol complex in 2000. At the same time, the Capitol hosted more than 1,200 American and foreign dignitaries and 1,000 special events, and was the site of nearly 500 scheduled demonstrations. In addition to lawmakers and their staffs, a sizable number of journalists, concerned citizens, lobbyists, and service personnel also work within the Capitol complex.

To address these security requirements while keeping Congress as open and accessible as the Framers of the Constitution intended, the mission of the Capitol Police has expanded to provide the Congressional community and visitors with the highest possible quality of a full range of police services. These services are provided through the use of a variety of specialty support units and a network of foot patrols, vehicular patrols, and fixed posts.

In modern times, the Capitol Police have also had to cope with emergencies, bombings and shootings, including the tragic 1998 murders of Officer J.J. Chestnut and Detective John Gibson, that remain so painfully fresh in our memories.

After that tragic event, Congress properly heightened Capitol security, adopting a posture that requires considerable additional manpower. Recent events in the Middle East and elsewhere have obviously underscored the need for more officers and greater security. Fortunately, additional resources have been provided.

Congress has appropriated money to fund all the additional officers the Capitol Police can hire and train. Supplemental funds have also been provided to address needs identified since September 11, 2001.

Today, the Capitol Police face evolving threats from those who, for whatever reason, wish our country and our democracy harm. What was unthinkable only 18 months ago, has been done. We must remain vigilant and prepared as we work to rid the world of the scourge of terrorism and preserve and expand the promise of peace and democracy.

We will continue to rely on the Capitol Police as the first line of defense for the People's House and all who work and visit here.

The men and women of the Capitol Police meet their challenges with courage and a level of professionalism not exceeded anywhere. Since the dastardly attacks of September 11, and again after the heightened security level of the past few months, Capitol Police officers, under the able leadership of Chief Terrance Gainer, have worked long hours under adverse conditions. These men and women clearly represent the best that America has to offer.

I want to express my personal thanks for a job well done and wish the United States Capitol Police a sincere and happy 175th anniversary.

Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of H. Con. Res. 156.

CONGRATULATING THOMAS SACCO, RECIPIENT OF THE PURPLE HEART

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2003

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Thomas Sacco, a veteran of World War II. After waiting 58 long years, he has finally been awarded the Purple Heart that he earned as a young private while serving his country in Europe.

Private Sacco was barely 18 years old when he volunteered to serve as a paratrooper in the famous and sometimes feared 101st Airborne division.

He was wounded in the town of Noville, Belgium. As his outfit advanced toward the Axis Army he was struck by shrapnel in his left arm and back and rendered unconscious.

58 years later his heroism and sacrifice is being recognized by the United States Government.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to call Thomas Sacco a constituent and I ask you to join with me in thanking him for his service.

RECOGNIZING NATHAN A. LAUDICK ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2003

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize my constituent, Nathan A. Laudick of Van Wert, Ohio, who recently accepted his appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Nathan will soon graduate from Van Wert High School. During his high school career, he has maintained a high grade point average. He is an accomplished athlete, earning varsity letters in football, and track and field. And, he has clearly demonstrated his leadership ability, serving as a class officer and student body officer. He is a member of the National Honor Society.

Nathan Laudick can be very proud of his many accomplishments. He is a credit to his family, his school, and his community. By accepting his appointment, Nathan is accepting a unique challenge.

The Academy is the pinnacle of leadership development for the United States Army. As a member of the United States Corps of Cadets, he will face a most demanding academic curriculum and physical regimen. He will live, study and prepare in an environment where strong leadership thrives, individual achievement is expected, and personal integrity is demanded.

Mr. Speaker, General John W. Vessey, Jr. once wrote, "The Nation's ability to remain

free and at peace depends in no small measure on whether we will continue to inspire our youth to serve."

I am confident that Nathan Laudick has the character and ability to excel at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him well as he begins his very important service to our nation.

HONORING DR. KURT KORAL AS HE IS RECOGNIZED BY THE CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL ASSOCIATION

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2003

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join the Connecticut Dental Association in extending my sincere congratulations to Dr. Kurt Koral who will be honored today with the Distinguished Service Award.

In a career that has spanned nearly four decades, Dr. Koral has worked diligently to improve the field of dentistry. In addition to his private practice, he has and continues to serve on the staffs of both the Hospital of Saint Raphael and Yale-New Haven Hospital. He is also an Associate Professor at the Yale University School of Medicine's Department of Surgery. As a surgeon, professor, and legislative activist, Dr. Koral has touched the lives of thousands.

Throughout his career, Dr. Koral has demonstrated a unique commitment to the field of dentistry through his participation in numerous professional organizations and continued advocacy. Past President of the New Haven Dental Association, Fellow of the Pierre Fauchard Society and the American College of Dentists, and member of the Connecticut Dental Association, among many others, since 1968—Dr. Koral has committed a lifetime of leadership to his profession.

I have often spoke of the importance of participating in the legislative process. I believe that through these efforts real change can be made. Dr. Koral shares this belief and has worked hard over the years to effect public policy at every level of government. Today, as Chairman of the Connecticut Dental Association's Legislative Council, Dr. Koral is a leading voice in matters important to the Association and the field of dentistry.

For his many invaluable contributions and unparalleled advocacy, I am honored to rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Kurt Koral as he is recognized with the Connecticut Dental Association's Distinguished Service Award. Through his continued advocacy and constant participation, he has made a real difference in the lives of many. His efforts are sure to inspire others for many years to come.

HONORING MRS. CAROL A. GREINER

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2003

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Carol A. Greiner. Carol has

been the Honorary President of the University of Buffalo Women's Club, and she has been tirelessly committed to the University and to the Buffalo region for years.

Carol has a long history of service to her community that is to be commended. Aside from her involvement in the University of Buffalo Women's Club, she has volunteered her time in many capacities that include organizing a campaign to raise funds for the establishment of the first kidney dialysis center in Seattle and serving as a dedicated participant in the Parent Teacher Association for over 17 years.

Carol is an example for how to balance the demands of family, career, and community service. She has strongly supported her husband, now President of the University of Buffalo, and helped him with his rise to success. She is a model parent, having raised four children—Kevin, Terrence, Daniel, and Susan.

I am sharing Carol's story with this chamber today because she so strongly exemplifies model citizenship. Carol and her husband selflessly give of themselves to their community. They were surrogate parents for a disturbed teenager, who recovered completely from her problems after living with the Greiners in their home. Other testaments to her civic commitment include membership in Working for Downtown, Bethel Head Start Program (where she served on the Board of Directors), the League of Women Voters, and Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra (where she served on the Women's Committee).

I am privileged to know Mrs. Carol Greiner, and honored to consider her a friend. She is an asset to our community in Buffalo, and she stands as a shining example of a life lived in service to others.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2003

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 170, 171, and 175, had I been present, I would have voted "no."

HONORING THE SOUTH LAKE MEMORIAL AMERICAN LEGION AUX #55

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2003

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the South Lake Memorial American Legion Auxiliary #55 on their Anniversary. Sixty-six years ago this Auxiliary was founded by the brave veterans of World War I and has been serving their community ever since.

Most recently, they were recognized as one of the strongest promoters of the "Spinoza Bear Program". This is a compassionate crusade that brings a smile to thousands of grieving children.

Their commitment to public service is renewed every year as they sponsor two young women to attend Girl's State, a wonderful pro-

gram that has been developed to foster political activism in our nation's youth. They are involved in countless other activities that promote community involvement by their members.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to call the men and women of the South Lake Memorial American Legion constituents, and I ask that you join with me today to congratulate them on their service to our nation.

RECOGNIZING GREGORY J.S. TRUMBLE ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2003

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize my constituent, Gregory J.S. Trumble of Tiffin, Ohio, who recently accepted his appointment to the United States Air Force Academy.

Greg will soon graduate from Columbian High School. During his high school career, he has maintained a 3.6 grade point average. He is an accomplished athlete, earning varsity letters and serving as Captain of the track and field team and the cross country team. And, he has clearly demonstrated his leadership ability, having served as class president and participated in numerous activities. He is a member of the National Honor Society.

Gregory Trumble can be very proud of his many accomplishments. He is a credit to his family, his school, and his community. By accepting his appointment, Greg is accepting a unique challenge.

The Academy is the pinnacle of leadership development for the United States Air Force. As a member of the Cadet Air Wing, he will face a most demanding academic curriculum and physical regimen. He will live, study and prepare in an environment where strong leadership thrives, individual achievement is expected, and personal integrity is demanded.

Mr. Speaker, General John W. Vessey, Jr. once wrote, "The Nation's ability to remain free and at peace depends in no small measure on whether we will continue to inspire our youth to serve."

I am confident that Gregory Trumble has the character and ability to excel at the U.S. Air Force Academy. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him well as he begins his very important service to our Nation.

HONORING MARIA CONLON OF THE 2002-2003 UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2003

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with the greatest pleasure that I rise today to join family, friends, and the Derby community on "Maria Conlon Day" to recognize the outstanding achievements of our hometown hero, Maria Conlon. Starting guard for the Lady

Huskies of the University of Connecticut, Maria was instrumental throughout the season and the National Championship Tournament.

A graduate of Seymour High School, Maria displayed a unique talent during her high school career—a fact which is reflected in the recognition she received as WBCA Honorable Mention All-American, Gatorade State Player of the Year, three-time All-State pick, four-time All-League Selection, two-time State Championship MVP, and New Haven Register Player of the Year. She has owned the State records for three-pointers in both a season and career. She continues to own the school records at Seymour High School for points, assists, and steals. Maria was honored at the end of her high school career with the retirement of her jersey number.

During her three-year career with the University of Connecticut Huskies, Maria has become well-known for her sharpshooting from behind the three-point line. She is one of only two players to have been on the court in all seventy of UCONN's record-setting run of seventy straight victories. There are many facets which must come together to make such history. Maria's leadership, spirit, and uncompromising drive are one of the forces behind the Huskies' sensational victories.

Winning their fourth NCAA championship, this year's victory was especially gratifying because the Huskies overcame incredible odds to earn a repeat championship. The first women's basketball team in history to win a national championship without a single senior on the roster, the Lady Huskies have set a new standard for team work and perfection. Maria and her fellow teammates have again shown that their undeniable talent and dedication will make dreams a reality.

Maria has worked hard to achieve her goals and serves as a role model to young women across the country. We are certainly fortunate to have her call Derby home. I am honored to stand today and join the Derby community in congratulating Maria Conlon and honoring her on "Maria Conlon Day" for her outstanding achievements—not only as a Lady Husky, but as a member of our community. Hers is a legacy that will continue to inspire generations to come.

HONORING COACH NAN HARVEY

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2003

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Coach Nan Harvey.

Nan Harvey is the Associate Athletics Director at the University of Buffalo. She has been a softball umpire for 28 years, and has devoted her life to women's athletics.

Nan's accomplishments on the field are beyond impressive. As head coach of women's softball at the University of Buffalo, she led her team to 38 wins in next three years, earning State University of New York Athletic Conference Coach of the Year honors in 1985. In 1991, Nan was inducted into the Western New York Softball Hall of Fame. In 1996, she was named the Amateur Softball Association Metro Buffalo Umpire of the Year. Later that year, Nan was given one of the highest honors for an ASA umpire when she was inducted into