

In addition to this service, Mayor Geisler also made many commitments to the service of his church. He was a fifteen year member of his Church Board and also served as the first president of the Mercy Academy School Board, where he also coached football for 5 years. Mayor Geisler and his wife, Dorothy, both had the privilege of meeting the Pope twice, invited the first time to meet the Pope at the White House and then again in St. Louis, MO.

Mr. Speaker, Mayor Geisler is a valuable leader of his community and a role model for young Americans. I know that the Members of the House will join me in paying tribute to Mayor Geisler for his outstanding commitment to public service.

#### RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF DRIGGS, IDAHO

**HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 29, 2003*

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor one of Idaho's finest. With a zip code of 83422, Driggs, Idaho was recently featured in National Geographic Magazine ZIPUSA section entitled, "Billionaires, Mormon potato farmers and skateboarders share an uncommon home in 83422." The town was featured in the publication because of its pristine location, nestled at the foot of one of the most photographed mountains in the world—the Grand Tetons.

Driggs, Idaho is also one of the fastest growing towns per capita in the U.S. It's easy to see why. With friendly folks and beautiful scenery, Driggs is becoming a destination town. From Internet start up companies to third generation farmers, people flock and stay in Driggs. My wife Kathy and I are among them. We enjoy spending our weekends and holidays at our home with an incredible view of the Grand Tetons.

Driggs is reminiscent of small-town, USA. The town's idea of a traffic jam is waiting for a tractor to go by. It's well known that in Driggs, the drivers you pass will wave at you, with one hand still on the steering wheel. It's like feeling you're home, even if you've never been there. There are no strangers in Driggs, Idaho.

Main Street resembles the ideals of the past. You'll see the neighborhood malt shop, locally owned grocery store and the town bookstore, "Dark Horse Books." The town is surrounded by fields of seed potatoes and gently sloping hills that roll to the foot of the mammoth Grand Teton Mountains. Perhaps Driggs' most famous attraction, other than the Grand Tetons, is the Spud Drive-in Theater. Locals like the old-time atmosphere of a drive in movie theater and the businesses' mascot, a giant cement potato in the back of a flat bed truck.

I'm proud to represent and live in Driggs, Idaho. It's a place worthy of National Geographic praise and attention.

TROOPER THOMAS KOBESKI CHOSEN FOR JOE SAPORITO LIFETIME OF SERVICE AWARD

**HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 29, 2003*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the attention of the House of Representatives to the honoring of the late Pennsylvania State Trooper Thomas "Kubby" Kobeski with the Joe Saporito Lifetime of Service Award by the Sunday Dispatch of Pittston, Pennsylvania. A reception will be held in his honor on February 2nd.

Trooper Kobeski passed away last May and is survived by his wife, Jackie, and their three children, Thomas, Matthew and Zachary.

As the Sunday Dispatch states in an article outlining why Trooper Kobeski was chosen for this award, "he was only 39, but he did an astonishing amount of good works in that short time. In an age of declining volunteerism, he was the super volunteer."

Trooper Kobeski exhibited this spirit when he was still in high school. James Redington, principal at Seton Catholic High School, told the Dispatch, "He was the most dynamic boy. He was a catalyst to get everybody moving and shaking."

In addition to Seton Catholic, the many organizations to which Trooper Kobeski donated his time included the Stoners Youth Soccer League, St. John the Baptist School, and the Pittston Little League.

At the Pittston Little League, Secretary Nora Shandra, told the newspaper, "It's going to take 15 people to do what he did. He was equipment man, groundskeeper, coach, treasurer of the league and the auxiliary."

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to call to the attention of the House of Representatives the well-deserved honoring of Trooper Kobeski with the Joe Saporito Lifetime of Service Award, and I wish his family and friends all the best.

PHYSICIANS PHARMACEUTICALS PROVIDES FUNDING FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA AMBER ALERT SYSTEM

**HON. RICHARD BURR**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 29, 2003*

Mr. BURR. Mr. Speaker, in the past year Americans have become acutely aware of the horrible crime of juvenile abduction. We have also become aware that time is a crucial factor when attempting to recover an abducted child. The Amber Alert system, which uses the media to inform the public when a child has been taken, has been an effective tool aiding in their rescue.

The State of North Carolina is in a very tight budget year, and could not fully fund the North Carolina Child Alert Notification, or NC CAN. When the budget was passed, NC CAN funding came up \$150,000 short. The program could not expand from the current 15 counties to all 100 counties in North Carolina without the additional funds.

When good people see a problem, Mr. Speaker, they step in to help. That is exactly

what the Tabor family of Kernersville did for their fellow Tar Heels. Physicians Pharmaceuticals, their family business, offered to fill the gap in NC CAN's budget by donating the \$150,000 that the program needed. Physicians Pharmaceuticals makes Revival soy protein products, and it was a natural outgrowth of the company's Christian philosophy that led them to help the children of North Carolina.

I commend Physicians Pharmaceuticals for making this donation. It is very possible that children's lives may be saved due to the company's sacrifice. In a time of great discord in the world, this selfless act is an example of what good works are done in God's name by the faithful. Now all North Carolinians can feel better about the safety of their children because of Physicians Pharmaceuticals.

PROTEST OF SCOTS GUARDS CONCERT AT SOVEREIGN BANK ARENA IN NEW JERSEY

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 29, 2003*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, for too long, Great Britain has used its military and police forces to oppress our friends, family and loved ones in Northern Ireland. It is now time that Prime Minister Tony Blair and the British Parliament take immediate steps to right centuries of murders, anti-catholic bias and oppression.

As all of you know far too well, the case of Peter McBride is appalling and reprehensible. I find it unconscionable that the two men who were tried convicted and sentenced for the murder of Peter, were not only released from prison but were allowed to rejoin the Scots Guard. This is absurd.

I am proud to lend my voice in calling on Great Britain to immediately remove these two guardsmen.

I also stand with you today in calling on Great Britain to immediately reinstate the power sharing government that was created by the Good Friday Accords. As many of you know, last October, Prime Minister Blair suspended the Belfast Assembly. The Good Friday Accords and more specifically the participation of all parties in the power sharing government are the only real solution to lasting peace in Northern Ireland.

However, the only way for the agreements and power-sharing institutions to succeed is for Unionists to immediately accept equality amongst all citizens and parties in the North. The Protestant ruling parties must cease their stall tactics and work within the confines of the agreement to create a government that will be representative of all residents of Northern Ireland.

Northern Ireland must also immediately implement all of the Patten Commission's recommendations. The North must provide its citizens with a full, fair and just reform of their police service. The PSNI (Police Service of Northern Ireland) must be representative of all ethnic, religious and political groups in Northern Ireland. Prime Minister Blair should immediately demand a full implementation of the Patten police recommendations and ensure that Northern Ireland has a police service that is representative of all parties involved.

Once the Northern Ireland Assembly is reinstated, the first item on their agenda should be

to provide the citizens of Northern Ireland with a Constitutional Bill of Rights. Northern Ireland should draw from the experiences of the U.S. and South Africa, and create a binding document that specifically lays out the liberties and rights of all the residents of the North. Citizens of Northern Ireland should be guaranteed the right against unreasonable search and seizures, the right against being detained without charges filed and the right to openly practice one's religion.

It is my hope that Prime Minister Blair will take immediate action on reinstatement of the Belfast Assembly and come to his senses and terminate these two Scots Guards. I hope that we will honor Peter McBride's memory by continuing our fight for equality and self-rule in Northern Ireland. Again, while we should never forget Peter's murder, we should use this atrocity as a basis for human rights and police reform in the North.

I look forward to continuing to work for the right of all citizens of Northern Ireland.

#### HONORING TONY BARBERI

##### HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 29, 2003*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the many accomplishments of Tony Barberi, who was recognized Friday, January, 24th, at Ireland's 32 annual dinner dance held at the Hi-Hat Club in Bayonne, New Jersey.

In 1973, Tony Barberi immigrated to America, making Bayonne, New Jersey, his new home. After working for a year in construction for a local contractor in Bayonne, Tony, along with his father and brothers, founded the Barberi Brothers Construction Company and Graziella Tile Imports. What was once a family dream rapidly became a great and wonderful reality. His family-run construction business grew, and over the years has continuously provided top quality community development to Bayonne and its residents. The Bayonne Housing Authority received national acclaim for the outstanding Roverson Homes project completed by none other than the exceptional Barberi Brothers Construction Company. Tony is currently the President of Barnac Builders and Developers.

A soccer enthusiast, Tony, for the past 12 years, has been a coach and sponsor of the Bayonne Youth Soccer Association. He is a state-licensed soccer coach, and since 1996, has been the head varsity soccer coach at Holy Family Academy.

Tony is a member of the following organizations: the New Jersey State Contractors Association; the Sicilian Citizens Club; the Nick Capodice Association; National Soccer Coaches Association of America; and New Jersey Girl's Soccer Coaches Association.

Tony dedicates his time to the Spinal Bifida Foundation, the Simpson Barber Foundation for the Autistic, and Holy Family, St. Andrew's, and Our Lady of Assumption Parishes.

The son of Pietro and the late Grazia Barberi, Tony has two brothers, Nunzio and Mario. He is married to Fina, and has three children, Pietro, Graziella, and Rosalia.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Tony Barberi for living the American dream: nurturing a family; establishing a busi-

ness; investing in the community; and selflessly giving his time to making Bayonne a better place for all.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE NEGAUNEE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM IN RECOGNITION OF WINNING A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

##### HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 29, 2003*

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute today to the coaches, players, and managers of the 2002 Negaunee High School Miners football team, in recognition of winning the Michigan Division 6 state football championship on November 29, 2002 at the Silverdome in Pontiac. The 2002 title was the Miners' first ever state football championship!

Every high school football team in Michigan begins practices with "two a days" under the sweltering August sun with hopes of making it to the Silverdome and winning a state championship. Only one of these schools in every division will actually realize their title hopes.

The valuable traits of teamwork, perseverance, and sportsmanship are learned through participation in athletics. In addition to instilling these traits, the hard work and dedication of the coaches, players, and managers paid off with a state championship this season for the Negaunee Miners.

Hard work and dedication are hallmarks of the men and women of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The residents of the City of Negaunee, Marquette County, and the entire Upper Peninsula are proud of the accomplishments of the Negaunee High School Miners state football championship team.

Defeating Hopkins High School 28–20 in an exciting overtime thriller, capped a 13 and 1 season for the Miners. The Miners also captured a 2002 Mid-Peninsula conference championship.

The Miners began their march to the state championship with a hard fought 14–12 victory over rival Ishpeming High School. A 20–6 win over Suttons Bay High School gave the Miners a Division 6 Region 1 District 2 crown. The Miners went on to defeat Iron Mountain 28–17, for the Division 6 Region 1 championship and a berth in the Division 6 state semi-finals. A close 32–28 win over Whittemore-Prescott High School sent the Miners downstate for the championship game against Hopkins High School.

Mr. Speaker, I want to take a moment to recognize every person involved in the Negaunee High School Miners' Division 6 state football championship.

Head Coach, Paul Jacobson, and assistant coaches: Kevin Jacobson, Mark Marana, and Dick Koski, provided the leadership and discipline.

Team members include: Donald Barr, John Bauman, Zack Brintlinger, Doug Byykkonen, David Cain, Dan Champion, Luke Cody, Cory Cronkright, Adam Croschere, David Echelbarger, Eric Faulkner, Eric Faust, Chris Giletto, Ben Grossman, Ken Heikkila, Andy Hill, Bryan Hill, Randy Howe, Cory Jandron, Eric Jarvi, Jack Jarvi, Jesse Jezek, Bob Jurasin, Jeremy King, Josh LaBelle, Steve LaJoie, Kyle Lander, Eric Larson, Ryan Leaf,

Brian Mattice, John O'Neill, Shaun Pynnonen, Josh Rich, Eric Roberts, Jake Skewis, Eric Smock, David Speaker, Randy Sundell, Nick Thompson, Dillan Thome, and Josh Wernholm.

Team managers were Jacob Jandron and Mario Marana.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to recognize the efforts of the Negaunee High School cheerleading team and its coaches who provided invaluable support to the Miners football team throughout the championship season.

Cheer Coach, Karen Saari, assistant coach Kathy DelAngelo and volunteer coaches Diane Faust and Amy Pringle.

Cheerleaders: Colleen Argall, Andraya Mattila, Brittany Hewitt, Ashley Nault, Tashina Kallionen, Kayla Pizzala, Ashley Kangas, Brittany Rice, Stacy Kemper, and Amber Wetton.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my House colleagues to join me in saluting the coaches, players, managers and supporters of the 2002 Negaunee High School Miners-Division 6 Michigan state football championship team.

#### INTRODUCING THE "TERROR IMMIGRATION ELIMINATION ACT OF 2003"

##### HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 29, 2003*

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the "Terror Immigration Elimination Act of 2003."

The United States remains vulnerable to terrorist attacks more than a year after the tragedy of 9/11. Our borders remain porous—a virtual revolving door and welcome mat for those who would seek to harm us. This was never more evident than when news broke some time ago that the Immigration and Naturalization Service had actually renewed the visas for several of the 9/11 hijackers after the attack had taken place. We cannot prevent terrorism if we cannot keep terrorists out of our country.

That is why I am introducing the "Terror Immigration Elimination Act of 2003." This bill will deny student and "diversity" visas to anyone coming from a country currently on the State Department's list of terrorism-sponsoring countries.

It may seem shocking that citizens from these countries can even still receive these visas, but it is true. We must put a lock on this revolving door if we are going to protect Americans from the continuing threat of terrorism on our soil.

Further, Mr. Speaker, it is time we face reality regarding Saudi Arabia. We must remember that most of the 9/11 hijackers were Saudi nationals. Also, when al-Qaeda supporters were rounded up from Afghanistan and held at Camp X-Ray, reports showed that of the 158 prisoners more than one hundred were Saudi nationals. With such an evident level of involvement from Saudi nationals in these activities, it is quite obvious that the Saudi government is not doing all it can, or all it should, in resolving this urgent problem. Therefore, Saudi citizens will also be denied student and "diversity" visas to the United States under this bill.

Mr. Speaker, we need to take concrete and substantive steps to protect the United States