

playground sports; musical shows and block activities. His crowning achievement has been an annual neighborhood fundraising basketball tournament to help support activities for inpatients and outpatients of Goldwater Memorial. Today, the Wheelchair Basketball Clinic is a citywide competition with a boys and girls division.

These neighborhood tournaments provided the foundation for Wheelchair Charities, Inc. Over the years, this non-profit, all volunteer organization has raised over \$7 million for people with disabilities. Some of the items that the funds have paid for include 184 motorized wheelchairs; 20 manual wheel chairs for the wheelchair basketball teams; three buses to transport wheelchair bound patients; a computer laboratory; and an equipment room.

Mr. Speaker, Hank Carter is committed to improving the lives of the disabled population in his community. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

HONORING LINDEN CITIZENS OF THE YEAR

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me to rise before you today on behalf of the citizens of Linden, MI. On May 19, friends and family will join community and business leaders to honor Ms. Jean Sarginson-DeMayer and Ms. Judy Pieczynski as the 2003 Linden Citizens of the Year.

Jean Sarginson-DeMayer was appointed to the Linden City Council in December 1996, after she moved to Linden from my hometown of Flint, where she worked for 25 years as a supervisor for the City of Flint. She was subsequently reelected to two more terms, where she also served as the city's representative on the Grace Loose Senior Citizen Center executive board.

Judy Pieczynski has been a resident of Linden since 1983. A local business owner for 26 years, Judy served on the Linden Charter Commission and was elected one of Linden's first Councilors when it became a city in 1988. She has served on the Council ever since, and is a member of such groups as Zonta, and the Linden-Argentine Chamber of Commerce.

As members of the Linden City Council, both Jean and Judy have worked tirelessly and selflessly to promote, protect, enhance, and defend the quality of life for their constituents, which include their wonderful families. Their civic loyalty and dedication to improving their community serves as a shining example of the best our society has to offer.

Mr. Speaker, after decades of public service, both Jean Sarginson-DeMayer and Judy Pieczynski have decided to not seek reelection to the Linden City Council, following the end of their respective terms. For many years, the residents of Linden have benefitted from their insight and wisdom, and they are truly deserving of being named Citizens of the Year. I ask my colleagues in the 108th Congress to please join me in congratulating Jean Sarginson-DeMayer and Judy Pieczynski.

A TRIBUTE TO ERNESTA G. PROCOPE

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Ernesta Bowman in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the company she founded and for her commitment to providing financial services to underserved communities.

Ernesta G. Procope, formerly Ernesta Bowman founded E.G. Bowman Co. Inc., a commercial insurance brokerage firm, in the early 1950s soon after the death of her first husband. The company began as a homeowners and auto insurance agency in front of a storefront in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn. It is now grown to be a large commercial lines brokerage on Wall Street and the largest minority-owned and woman-owned insurance brokerage firm in the U.S., celebrating its 50th Anniversary. Procope is still the CEO and president of the agency.

In addition to servicing churches, colleges and social agencies, the firm's clients have included several of the Fortune 500 companies such as Tiffany & Co., Avon Products, American Express, IBM, Philip Morris, PepsiCo Inc. and General Motors. Among Bowman and its president's notable achievements include fighting to implement the New York State Property Fair Plan, which created an insurance pool to cover properties in previously redlined areas, and winning a bid solicited by the U.S. Information Agency to write insurance worldwide for Fulbright Scholars. The firm also became the insurance broker of record for the U.S. portion of the Alaskan Pipeline.

Procope was named Woman of the Year by former First Lady Patricia Nixon in 1972 and was also appointed Special Ambassador to The Gambia by President Ford. Often referred to as the First Lady of Wall Street, Procope has been recognized by Business Insurance magazine as one of the 100 leading women in the insurance industry and by Crain's as one of the 100 Leading Women in business. Procope holds honorary doctor of law degrees from Howard University, Adelphi, Marymount Manhattan College and a doctor of humane letters from Morgan State University.

Mr. Speaker, Ernesta G. Procope has served an exemplary role model for women and minorities in the business world and has worked to ensure that all communities are treated fairly by insurance firms. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable woman.

HONORING FLINT NORTHERN HIGH SCHOOL

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to rise before you today on behalf of the students, faculty, and alumni of Northern High School in my hometown of Flint, Michigan. This week Flint Northern will celebrate its 75th anniversary.

On January 30, 1928, Flint Northern High School was established as the city's second high school, located on McClellan Street on the city's north side. In the early years, many of the school's population came from immigrant children, whose families had come to the New World to find work in the city's booming auto industry. In the fall of 1971, the school was replaced by a new building on Mackin Road, where it stands to this day, providing opportunities for students of all races and walks of life to obtain the knowledge and skills needed to survive and succeed, and to become positive, contributing members of society.

For the past 75 years, Northern High has maintained a tradition of academic and athletic excellence, as well as alumni loyalty. The Northern Vikings have won 38 state Championships, bringing athletic honors back to their city and their school. It is estimated that Viking athletes have competed in more Class A Regional and District State and City tournaments in men's and women's sports than any other school in the State of Michigan. Vikings have also excelled in other competitive areas such as Speech, Debate, Music, and Choir, to name a few.

In 1987, a group of Northern graduates, seeking to preserve the accomplishments of past and present alumni, and to further instill school pride, created the Distinguished Alumni Program of Flint Northern. This program, the first known of its kind around the nation, raises scholarship funds and honors those graduates who have gone on to excel in professions such as Medicine, Law, Education, and Military Service, among many others. The school's Viking Room is decorated with photos of 82 such alumni from throughout the country. As of this date, the Alumni Club Endowment Fund has provided 503 scholarships, totaling more than \$300,000. This year, 35 members of the Class of 2003 will benefit from these scholarships.

Mr. Speaker, as a former teacher, I applaud the many men and women who have helped Flint Northern High School set the highest standards of scholastic success for 75 years. I ask my colleagues in the 108th Congress to please join me in commending the efforts of Northern's alumni, and wishing their future alumni the best in all their endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO STEVE HORN

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor our former colleague Congressman Stephen Horn and his wife, Nini upon the occasion of tomorrow's dedication of the Steve and Nini Horn Center at California State University Long Beach.

As a member of Congress for 10 years and Chairman of the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, Steve distinguished himself in Congress by improving accountability and management practices in the federal government. Each year, the Debt Collection Improvement Act and the Travel Reform and Savings Act of 1996 that Steve authored save the taxpayer millions of dollars.

My association with Steve began in the 103rd Congress, when we co-lead the bipartisan coalition that saved the McDonnell Douglas/Boeing C-17 program, which employs 9,000 workers in our area through 2008. Our efforts led to the Air Force's multi-year purchase of what has proven to be one of the most versatile cargo aircraft in the military's inventory.

A long time resident of Long Beach, Steve Horn has contributed to the community in many other ways; as President of Cal State Long Beach, Chairman of a successful \$6 million United Way Campaign Fund, Vice Chairman of the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce, and as a Founding Member and Secretary of the Long Beach Economic Development Corporation.

I have known Steve and his wife, Nini, to be long-time passionate supporters of the arts. I can recall Steve's strong defense of the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities as co-chair of the bipartisan Congressional Arts Caucus. So it is more than fitting that the Steve and Nini Horn Center should house a museum, and equally appropriate that it should include a vast computer lab, since the Chairman successfully led the effort to prepare government and industry to make the year 2000 computer conversion.

Mr. Speaker, never one to falter in his congressional duties or to toe the party line, Steve Horn served in Congress with courage and independence, and I am proud to have served with him.

IN HONOR OF MYRON
BLUMENFELD, FOUNDER AND
CHAIRMAN OF RESIDENTS FOR A
MORE BEAUTIFUL PORT WASH-
INGTON

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 35th Anniversary of Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington and its Chairman, Myron Blumenfeld, for his strong leadership, dedication and commitment in making Port Washington a more beautiful town.

In 1968, Myron and a group of concerned citizens founded Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington with the simple plan to plant a tree by a gas station. Soon, the people of Port Washington began to organize daily for environmental action and Myron's organization slowly grew from a handful of members to a prestigious and influential non-profit action group. Today, Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington boasts more than 2,000 active members who cross political, racial, religious, ethnic and economic divides to preserve and enhance the environment of Port Washington and the surrounding communities.

Among the major projects the group has spearheaded are: protecting drinking water, building waterfront trails, contributing thousands of dollars to the Port Washington Board of Education to fund projects which helps students to learn about our ecosystem, planning the Main Street Park and Town Dock, and of course, planting hundreds of trees throughout Port Washington.

As the founder and chairman of Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington, Myron Blumenfeld has consistently displayed his lifelong passion and spirit to improve our environment and our quality of life. A graduate of Syracuse University with a Masters Degree in Business from New York University, Myron was vice president of Bloomingdales for 34 years where he routinely answered his phone with "Save Hempstead Harbor." Myron's commitment to the environment was quickly recognized by then Governor Cuomo who appointed Myron as Chairman of the Long Island Parks Commission. As Chairman, Myron initiated the first Long Island Parks environmental education program. Myron also served as Chair of the Sierra Club's Atlantic Chapter and formed the Sierra Club's first Long Island Chapter. In addition, Myron served on the boards of the Environmental Planning Lobby and American Friends of Neot Kedumin. In November of 2002, Myron and the Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington received the well deserved Environmental Advocates of New York State Award.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent such an exceptional individual and commend Myron Blumenfeld for his dedication to preserving and working for the beautification of Port Washington. On May 18, 2003, Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington will recognize Myron's important contributions at its 35th Annual Gala. I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to please join me in wishing Myron Blumenfeld and the Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington many more years of success as they celebrate their 35th Anniversary.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE DAL-
LAS JUNIOR TEXANS JUNIOR
VARSITY WHEELCHAIR BASKET-
BALL TEAM

HON. MARTIN FROST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize and applaud the remarkable Dallas Junior Texans Wheelchair Basketball Team of Grand Prairie. This team has shown great strength and determination throughout the past season.

Last year, the Dallas Junior Texans placed 9th overall in the Nation and finished the National Junior Wheelchair Basketball Tournament with a record of 3-1. This was truly an awesome accomplishment for the young players on the Dallas Junior Texans.

The Dallas Junior Texans owe their success to their competitive spirit and remarkable sportsmanship. I applaud their skilled teamwork and hope that next year's season will bring them another national placement in the top ten.

Mr. Speaker, the member of the Dallas Junior Texans Wheelchair Basketball Team know that playing their sport is about so much more than basketball—it's about teamwork, friendships, and determination. I know my colleagues will join me today to honor them for living up to the true spirit of sport.

A TRIBUTE TO RUSSELL J.
CUNNINGHAM

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of Russell J. Cunningham, a man who devoted his life to serving his community. For four decades, Cunningham represented the San Bruno Police Department with courage and dignity, retiring in 1978 as the city's police chief. He passed away last month at the age of 87. Mr. Speaker, Chief Cunningham will be missed by his colleagues, neighbors, friends, and, most of all, by the thousands of men and women whose safety he protected.

Russell Cunningham's devotion to his city was rooted in his understanding of its people. A native of the Bay Area, he grew up in San Bruno. In 1938, at the age of 23, Cunningham responded to a newspaper ad seeking the San Bruno Police Department's fifth employee. Mr. Speaker, this chance event launched a noteworthy law enforcement career.

Cunningham's forty years in the department were marked by numerous successes. In 1961, his efforts aided the capture the notorious "hat gang," which robbed banks and supermarkets throughout the country wearing topcoats and pork pie hats. The following year, in recognition of this and other achievements, Cunningham was named Chief of Police. He served with distinction until his retirement in 1978.

Chief Cunningham's community involvement extended well beyond his law enforcement career. He was active in the St. Robert's Men's Club, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Meals on Wheels, Rancho Canada Dons and Players Club, the Carmel Orchid Society, the Optimists Club, Wally Byam Caravan Club, and the Elks Lodge #2091.

The San Bruno City Council recently adopted a resolution naming the main police department conference room after Chief Cunningham. Indeed, no man better embodied the Council's mission statement: "The City of San Bruno exists to provide exemplary services for our community that enhance and protect the quality of life."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in offering condolences to the family of Chief Cunningham: Rose, his wife of 66 years, as well as his two children, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. They grieve the loss of an extraordinary man.

TRIBUTE HONORING 2003 LEGRAND
SMITH SCHOLARSHIP FINALISTS:
GRAIG BROOKS OF TEKONSHA,
MI, MICHELLE MARVIN, OF
COLDWATER, MI, AND SARA
BOWER, OF COLDWATER, MI

HON. NICK SMITH

OF

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, It is a sincere pleasure to recognize the finalists of