

success and positive quality of life experiences. Thousands of people have benefited from New Community's operations, in addition to the hundreds who participate daily in its success. It is a true example of a community at work as they thrive, live and grow and build America's story. At the same time as it transforms the lives of Newark's Central Ward residents, so too has it transformed the ward itself into an attractive and vital urban neighborhood. New Community is the driving force behind new investment in long-term housing, day care and economic stability in Newark's central neighborhood.

With a mission to "empower low-income individuals to determine their own destiny" New Community will continue to live the adage "of, by, and for the people" well into future decades. Msgr. William Linder's selfless gift is imprinted on all aspects of New Community, as his quiet strength lovingly guides it forward, block by block and life by life. His contributions as shepherd and engineer embody the living Gospel. Congratulations to Msgr. William Linder on this special recognition from John Carroll University. His legacy is one of extraordinary achievement that serves as a model of human and community development at home and abroad.

RECOGNIZING SETH COX FOR
ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE
SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2003

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Seth Cox, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 99, and in earning the most prestigious award of eagle scout.

Seth has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the five years he has been involved in scouting, he has earned 30 merit badges. Additionally, Seth has held numerous leadership positions in his troop, serving as Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Scribe, Chaplain, Troop Guide, and Junior Assistant Scout Master. Seth also has been honored for his numerous scouting achievements with such awards as the little paper image and the runner in the tribe of Mic-O-Say.

For his Eagle Scout project, Seth built and installed playground equipment at the First Christian Church.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Seth Cox for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING MR. FRANK LOTTS

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2003

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Frank Lotts. Mr. Lotts is a

native Virginian who has served his nation through superior service in the military and the federal government for the past 35 years.

Born in Staunton, Virginia, Mr. Lotts completed his education at several Virginia state universities and joined the United States Army in 1967 where he served until 1970. During this time he attended Officer Candidate School at Fort Knox and served as a Platoon Leader and Troop Commander in the 4th Squadron, 7th U.S. Cavalry, 2nd Infantry Division.

After leaving the Army, Frank Lotts began an internship with the Defense Logistics Agency. His training began as an inventory manager with the Directorate of Supply Operations at the Defense Supply Center Richmond.

Due to his exemplary work, Mr. Lotts was assigned to the task force for the implementation of the Standard Automated Material Management System. In January, 1973, he accepted a position at the DLA headquarters within the Directorate of Supply Operations.

In 1974, Mr. Lotts returned to the Defense Supply Center Richmond as a member of the Operations Research Group. Three years later, he served as a Senior Program Manager and went on to serve as Chief, Requirements Branch and Chief, Logistics Division at the Directorate of Supply Operations. As a result of his tremendous work ethic, Mr. Lotts continued his ascent at DSCR by becoming Director of Plans and Policies and, in 1990, the Comptroller and Chief Financial Officer.

In 2000, he assumed his current position as Deputy Director of Logistics Management at the DLA Headquarters. He is responsible for providing the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and other federal agencies with a variety of logistics, acquisition and technical services in times of peace and war. This mission is performed by approximately 23,000 civilian and military personnel and it is through Mr. Lotts's hard work and management that it is accomplished efficiently.

Due to his service at DLA, Mr. Lotts is a Senior Executive Fellow at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and has been honored with several awards, including the 2002 and 1999 Presidential Rank Award, the 1998 Defense Civilian Distinguished Service Award and the 1993 DLA Exceptional Civilian Service Award.

As he retires from this service to the United States, I am grateful for all Frank Lotts has accomplished during his tenure with the government, and I know he has had a strong impact on several projects throughout the Defense Logistics Agency. His service will be missed. I wish him the best of luck in his retirement.

HONORING THE DEDICATED LIFE
AND WORK OF MR. ART KELLAR

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2003

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Art Kellar, an outstanding citizen of Fairfax, Virginia, who, for over half a century, has served his community and country.

Art and his wife Betty made the initial gift to establish the Inova Kellar Center in 1992. The Kellars personally understood the need for a mental health care facility for children and

adolescents—and their families—suffering from substance abuse and mental health problems, so they decided to do something about the lack of such a facility in our area by starting the Inova Kellar Center. The Center reaches out to children and families suffering from the effects of mental health and substance abuse problems. The Center offers programs ranging from in-home services for families with at-risk adolescents to a fully certified, accredited therapeutic day school providing comprehensive treatment to its pupils. Children and adolescents from Northern Virginia, DC, and suburban Maryland currently come to the Inova Kellar Center for treatment. A not-for-profit outpatient mental health and substance abuse treatment center, the Inova Kellar Center has filled what was a gaping void in our community since its founding over a decade ago.

Mr. Kellar's contributions to the community, however, began long before 1992. He served our country in the Second World War in Italy, moving to Fairfax upon his return from service. He has long been an innovator and creator—a quick glance at his biography reveals the word "founder" perhaps more often than any other word! He founded OK Broadcasting in 1955 with George Olsen and sold it in 1978. He also founded EZ Communications in Fairfax in 1967 with WEZR-FM, which then expanded to Charlotte, New Orleans, Pittsburgh, Miami, and St. Louis. At the same time he acquired 9 stations in other cities, finally selling the flagship station in 1996 at a sizable profit for his many investors.

A generous philanthropist, Mr. Kellar has used his high earnings to make the community a better place, giving kindly to the aforementioned Inova Kellar Center and George Mason University. Here is a man who donates his resources to bettering two crucial pillars of society: Health and Education. And he understands that the way to make a difference in the world is to start in your local community. Mr. Kellar loves golf and the Redskins—it seems to follow naturally that he loves and works to improve northern Virginia. Literally thousands of workers owe their careers to Mr. Kellar. Northern Virginia joins these people in their debt of gratitude to Art Kellar, and extends him heartfelt thanks for his continuing role in bettering the lives of children, adolescents, and families. Mr. Chairman, the life and service of this Virginian serve as a shining example to all who wish to improve health and education through civic and philanthropic involvement.

HONORING MR. DWIGHT
THOMPSON

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2003

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Bonsall, CA, community leader Dwight Thompson who passed away on May 13 at the age of 57 after a battle with cancer. He will be missed.

Thomas Jefferson once wrote, "Give to every citizen, personally, a part in the administration of the public affairs."

Dwight, however, wasn't one to wait for someone to give him a role in public affairs. In

the arena of public service and civic involvement he had a virtue that is, unfortunately, too rare: initiative.

A teacher who retired early and moved to Bonsall 14 years ago, Dwight served on the Bonsall School Board from 1990 to 2002. He also took on active roles with the Fallbrook Healthcare District Board and the Bonsall Chamber of Commerce.

Last September Dwight organized a picnic in honor of local firefighters, rescue workers, and law enforcement personnel which I attended. This event was one of the many ways that Dwight would say thank you to his neighbors and strengthen community pride in Bonsall.

My fondest memories of Dwight were observing his enthusiasm and optimistic approach to challenges. When we agreed on a community need, no one worked harder than Dwight to do what was needed. On the occasions when we disagreed, he always took a constructive approach to find common ground and, above all, the best solution for the community.

Dwight Thompson is survived by his wife Beverly, four children, and four grandchildren. My prayers are with them.

Dwight Thompson's legacy in Bonsall and the lives he touched with his generosity, public service, and care for others lives on in the community he helped build and the hearts of those who knew him. A model citizen and loyal friend, Dwight used his freedom as an American to participate in the administration of public affairs simply because he had a gift to share and a genuine concern for others.

A TRIBUTE TO DAVE KULCHIN

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2003

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to honor Dave Kulchin completing his term as the president of the Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary Club on June 30, 2003. Dave is a dedicated community leader who has contributed enormously and made a tremendous difference to the Rotary Club and the citizens of Carlsbad.

Under Dave's leadership, the Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary Club accomplished many achievements. They sponsored a Rotary Youth Leadership Awareness Conference RYLA, for high school students to reinforce ethical values and to train students in the Principles of Leadership. The Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary Club provided and delivered food, clothing, blankets, and other items to the homeless at the La Posada Homeless Shelter in Carlsbad. Also, Dave led the Oktoberfest fundraiser which raised over \$12,000 for both the Carlsbad Women's Resource Center and the Carlsbad Boys and Girls Club.

In addition to his accomplishments as a Rotarian, Dave Kulchin also volunteers his time to serve on the Executive Board of the Carlsbad Boys and Girls Club, was past chairman of the Hospice of North County, served on the Executive Board of Scripps Hospital, was past president and founder of the North County Personnel Association and serves as an elected official on the Leucadia County Water District Board.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Dave Kulchin for all the dedication and contributions he has made to the Rotary Club and the citizens of Carlsbad.

CONGRATULATING THE WESTERN PRELACY OF THE ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF AMERICA

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2003

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Western Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America on the occasion of celebrating 30 years of dedication and service to the needs of the Armenian Church and Community. The 30th Anniversary Banquet will be held at the Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church Social Hall in Fresno, California on Saturday, May 17th.

In 1973, the Western Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America (WPAACA) was established. The purpose of the Prelacy is to preserve the traditions and the cultural values of the Armenian Church and provide spiritual, religious, and cultural services to the Armenian Community. WPAACA is a non-profit organization that depends upon the benevolent donations of philanthropists in the community. Their field of services extends throughout California, and provides support and spiritual assistance to Armenian communities in other regions of the Western United States such as Utah, Oregon, Colorado, and Nevada as well.

The Western Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Churches is under the jurisdiction of the Catholicosate of the Holy See of the Great House of Cilicia. The Catholicosate was established during the 11th century in Cilicia and later relocated in the coastal city of Antelias, Lebanon. This occurred after the Armenian Genocide and the persecutions of the Armenians from their homeland in Armenia and Cilicia.

Functioning under the guidance of the Western Prelacy, there are eight churches and over a dozen schools. The oldest of the churches is the Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church in Fresno, California. It was founded in 1900 as the first Armenian Apostolic Church in the Western United States. The Armenian community is actively involved in the religious, educational, and spiritual activities of the Prelacy, churches, and schools of the Armenian Apostolic Church.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to congratulate the Western Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America on the occasion of their 30th year anniversary. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing the Prelacy many years of continued success.

CONGRATULATIONS TO TAIWAN

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2003

Mr. BURTON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Republic of China as it prepares to celebrate President Chen Shui-bian's third anniversary in office. President Chen

should be commended for his leadership in guiding Taiwan through many challenges and maintaining prosperity and democracy for its 23 million people on the island.

Despite economic downturns in many parts of the world, Taiwan has maintained a healthy, albeit slow, growth. Taiwan's substantive relations with nearly all the free countries have been steadily improving, especially with Taiwan's recent accession to the World Trade Organization. However, much more needs to be done to expand Taiwan's international presence.

For years, I have been sympathetic to Taiwan's goals of obtaining a greater international presence. With the recent outbreak of SARS, I feel even stronger that Taiwan needs to be included in any and all international medical cooperation and collaboration. With the spread of SARS, the importance of public health information disclosure is paramount. As Secretary of State Colin Powell recently said, "infectious disease knows no borders and requires an effective and coordinated response at local, national and international levels." Time has come for Taiwan to be included in all World Health Organization activities. For a start, I believe the United States should strongly support Taiwan's efforts to obtain observer status at The World Health Assembly this May.

Moreover, I believe we should support Taiwan's bid to be a member of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in view of the fact there are 270 direct flights a week between the United States and Taiwan. There is no doubt in my mind that we should give Taiwan all the support, including Taiwan's bid to return to the United Nations.

On the eve of President Chen Shui-bian's third anniversary in office, I join my colleagues in wishing President Chen all the best.

THE CONTINUING PLIGHT OF ROMA IN GREECE

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2003

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, the European Roma Rights Center, ERRC, and Greek Helsinki Monitor, GHM, have just published a report on the human rights situation of Roma in Greece. "Cleaning Operations: Excluding Roma in Greece" documents the plight of the inhabitants of the Romani settlement of Aspropyrgos, outside Athens, and details the problems of Roma across the country. Illustrated with stark scenes of bulldozed homes and marginalized and neglected Romani communities, a picture disturbing in more ways than one has been painted.

In particular, the report supports the accusation that the Government of Greece has used preparations for the 2004 Olympics as justification for the campaign to uproot Roma. Ironically, Greece currently holds the presidency of the European Union.

The Helsinki Commission, which I cochair, held hearings in 1998, 2000, and in 2002 focused on the human rights problems faced by Roma with the intent of raising the awareness of these problems amongst the governments of the OSCE participating States. The plight of the Roma has also been addressed in specific