

with their friends—every Penn State student has benefited from Mr. Paterno's generosity and philanthropy as he contributed significant funds to an addition of the library that was completed in 2000, and was instrumental in raising more than a billion dollars for the university in only 5 years.

Happy 150th Birthday, Penn State . . . may we all be united in our own personal efforts to stand for your admirable principles and in that respect we will all be able to say, WE ARE . . . PENN STATE!

PENN STATE: 150 YEARS OF
SERVICE

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 6, 2004

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to join my colleagues in recognition of Penn State's 150 years of service to students in pursuit of higher education. Chartered in 1854 in response to a request from Pennsylvania State Agriculture Society, Penn State was established as agriculture based school with the goal of applying scientific principles to farming. In time, its ability to draw intellectual talent and broaden its mission enabled it to grow into one of the premier educational institutions in the country.

Over the past 150 years, Penn State has continued to expand its mission to meet the challenges of tomorrow. Today, the University consists of 11 academic schools and 20 campuses throughout the state, including two in my district, located in Altoona and Mont Alto. Additionally, the Penn State system holds a College of Medicine, the Dickinson School of Law and the Pennsylvania College of Technology. All together the combined enrollment in Penn State programs is more than 80,000 students.

To give a sense of this school's impact over the years let me share some facts: one in every eight Pennsylvanians with a college degree is a Penn State graduate and one in 720 people in the U.S. is a Penn State graduate. On personal level, I have felt Penn State's impact in my own life, three of my siblings attended Penn State and numerous members of my staff over the years are Penn State alumni.

So why is it that thousands of students from all walks of life come to Penn State in pursuit of a higher education? They come knowing that their time at Penn State will translate into a top-quality education. Penn State has been consistently recognized as one of the best technical schools in the country and U.S. News and World Report's "America's Best Graduate Schools 2004" selected a number of Penn State programs among the nation's top ten. These strong credentials are proof of Penn State's high standards.

Mr. Speaker, once again I want to congratulate Penn State on 150 years of excellence and to thank all of the professors, administrators, staff, students and alumni who dedicate themselves to making Penn State one of the most valuable educational institutions in our state and our nation.

CELEBRATING THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY SESQUICENTENNIAL

HON. DON SHERWOOD

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 6, 2004

Mr. SHERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise before you today to honor the Pennsylvania State University as it celebrates its Sesquicentennial. On February 22, 1855, Pennsylvania Governor William Pollock signed the charter that created what is today The Pennsylvania State University. The University will be celebrating its Sesquicentennial for a full year from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

Penn State was started as a small college dedicated to the study of scientific agriculture; the University was then designated the Commonwealth's sole land-grant institution in 1863 by the Pennsylvania Legislature and has grown to become one of the world's most renowned public universities. The University is well known not only for its agricultural research and extension programs but also engineering, architecture, social sciences, medicine, and law.

Penn State has been instrumental in creating a heart-assist pump developed by medical and engineering faculty in 1976 to prolong the lives of cardiovascular patients. This pump was the first surgically implantable, seam-free, pulsatile blood pump to receive widespread clinical use. It led to the Penn State Heart, the only artificial heart approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. A Penn State surgeon and two engineers also perfected the world's first long-life, rechargeable heart pacemaker.

In 1955, physics Professor Erwin Mueller became the first person to "see" an atom, using a field ion electron microscope of his own invention. The device was a landmark advance in scientific instrumentation that allowed a magnification of more than 2 million times.

Penn State in 1955 became the first university to be issued a federal license to operate a nuclear reactor, which it continues to use for studies in the peaceful uses of atomic energy and the training of nuclear industry personnel.

Penn State is a leader in food science. In 1892 Penn State offered America's first collegiate instruction in ice cream manufacture, followed soon after by a pioneering "short course" program that has helped to make the University an international center for research in frozen confections. Ice cream gurus Ben & Jerry got their start from a correspondence course in ice cream making from Penn State.

Pennsylvania's and the nation's pure food laws stem partly from the work of pioneer chemist William Frear, who in the early 1900s analyzed foods for government agencies and headed an expert committee whose recommendations shaped the landmark Pure Food and Drug Act of 1906.

In the 1920s, Penn State became the first land-grant college to initiate a comprehensive mushroom research program. Researchers developed improved composts and production practices that were adopted by growers worldwide and also helped Pennsylvania retain its leadership as the number one source of domestic mushrooms.

This institution has contributed tremendously to the Commonwealth and the nation, with

graduates throughout the world as well as the largest outreach efforts with programs in every state and 87 foreign countries. The University has 11 academic schools and 20 campuses located throughout the Commonwealth, as well as an extension program that reaches nearly one out of two residents annually. Penn State annually host the largest all student run philanthropy in the world raising over 3.5 million dollars for The Four Diamonds Fund which provides money for comprehensive care of children with cancer, support for their families, and for research of pediatric cancer.

One out of every eight Pennsylvanians and one in every 720 people in the United States, as well as one out of every 50 engineers and one out of every four meteorologists has a Penn State degree. The university also boasts the largest dues paying alumni association in the nation that was established in 1870.

The University has also produced many championship Division I athletic teams, as well as a record breaking and legendary football coach Joe Paterno.

The 150th anniversary of Penn State will highlight what is important and good about this distinguished institution and the fine people and research that it produces.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and my colleagues to congratulate the administration, faculty, staff, alumni and students of Penn State as they celebrate the Sesquicentennial of this fine institution. I wish them all the best during their next 150 years.

A TRIBUTE TO HENRY BOLUS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 6, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Henry Bolus in recognition of his service to New York City and his country as well as his accomplishments in the beauty industry.

Henry was born to Henrietta and Roy Bolus on February 19, 1934, in City Hospital of New York, located on Welfare Island now known as Roosevelt Island. He was one of 5 children. Henry's solid education was obtained through the New York City public school system, from kindergarten straight through Brooklyn College. Long coupled with his wife, Henry has gone from teenage friend of Josephine, to a loving husband of more than 50 years, and the cherished and respected father of their two children: Michael Henry and Sabrina Jo. Henry is the warm and generous father-in-law of Ana Alicea; the cheerful, playful, and caring grandfather of three, Michael Luis, Ana Margarita, and Hector Luis; and lastly the proud great grandfather of Jasmine. At the urging of his young children, Henry went from never having a single pet, to happily living with cats and dogs.

Throughout his adult life, Henry has had a long history of dedicated and exemplary volunteer service to the community. He has touched and enriched the lives of many. From an altar boy in the Catholic Church, he found his way to becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus. He volunteers each week as an usher at the 10:30 a.m. Mass at the Shrine Church of St. Jude in Canarsie.

Voluntarily enlisting in the U.S. Army, Henry proudly served his country during the Korean

conflict. First as a private infantryman, and later as a paratrooper, he served in the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team of the U.S. Army. His service, in support of our country's efforts to thwart the spread of communism into South Korea and perhaps beyond, led to his being the humble recipient of a 2003 New York City Council Proclamation which cited his exceptional service to this great Nation.

Henry went from a street-corner shoeshine boy, to an electrical appliance stock clerk, to a beauty equipment salesperson, and finally to a designer of many of Brooklyn's beauty salons & barber shops. His dedication to his clients and the beauty industry earned him the "Cosmetology Man of the Year" Award.

Henry has also become a valuable community activist. Working quietly in the background, yet always willing to help, he has provided transportation for those in need; helped setup health fairs for numerous civic organizations; and assisted in the resurrection of the Canarsie Memorial Day Parade. He has also served on numerous civic and special community associations, such as the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America, the Brooklyn Canarsie Lions Club Inc., the United Parents Fraternal, and Informed Voices of Canarsie, Etc. He has the distinct honor of having served as the only African-American on the 69th Precinct Community Council, in its 35-year history. For his hard work and commitment to the Canarsie Community, he received an award from the Friends United Block Association (FUBA) in 2001. For helping to establish the NYC branch of North Carolina A&T College Alumni, he was awarded an Associate Alumni membership.

As a longtime, 43 years resident of New York City Housing, he established the NYC Bayview Housing Sports Day. This is a festive day of multiple sports events, dancing, food, and awards for the children of the community.

Mr. Speaker, Henry Bolus has dedicated his life to serving his country and his community through his active participation in a vast array of civic organization. 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 MILDRED HASTINGS

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 6, 2004

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my sympathies to the Hastings Family. Mrs. Mildred Hastings, mother of Congressman ALCEE HASTINGS, passed away on June 24, 2004 after complications related to a heart disease. Her passing is deeply felt and she will be profoundly missed.

A woman of humble beginnings, Mildred Hastings worked hard to improve the circumstances of her family and those around her. She was revered by many in her community and developed personal bonds with constituents from the district. Mildred Hastings was a great motivator and her positive outlook on life not only influenced her family and friends, but also the members of Congressman HASTINGS' staff. The Congressman's Chief of Staff, Art Kennedy, greatly admired her positive energy and her unwavering sup-

port of her son. She has left those close to her with fond memories.

Congressman HASTINGS said, "My mom was my greatest friend and mentor." Mildred Hastings guided her son throughout his life and along his milestones to becoming a lawyer, judge, and now Congressman of Florida's 23rd District, Miramar. Mrs. Hastings is survived by her son, grandchildren, and cousins. She was 82 years old. My sincerest condolences go out to the Hastings family in remembrance of this inspiring woman. She will be greatly missed.

H. CON. RES. 410—RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADOPTION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 6, 2004

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of House Concurrent Resolution 410, which recognizes the 25th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) and expresses our nation's gratitude for our shared commitment to the principles of democracy and freedom.

Over the past 25 years and since attaining their independence as a sovereign nation, the RMI has emerged to become one of the greatest and most reliable democratic allies of the United States. Our special relationship with the RMI, embodied in the Compact of Free Association renewed last year, has helped fulfill the two principal U.S. objectives in the Western Pacific of forging strategic alliances and establishing democratic systems of government. The RMI was the first of the three former entities of the United Nations administered Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, to adopt their own Constitution and gain their independence. Their example and influence helped stabilize the Pacific Region and win the cold war.

For over 400 years, the people of the Marshall Islands were subjected to foreign and colonial control. The Spanish, the Germans, the Japanese, and the Americans all took control of the islands, named for English explorer John Marshall who visited the islands in 1799, at one time or another. Today, the people of the Marshall Islands strive to retain and preserve their identity and traditions. In many respects, they have been amazingly successful, even as they have faced and embraced the forces of Westernization and globalization. In January, I had the good fortune of visiting their beautiful country as a member of the Congressional Delegation led by Mr. POMBO, the Chairman of the House Resources Committee. While in Majuro, we met with President Kessai Note, as well as elected officials from Bikini, Enewetak, Rongelap and Utrok. We also visited the U.S. Army's Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Test Site on Kwajalein Atoll, which is a testament to the strength and dependability of U.S.-RMI relations. With 40 years of co-operation, the Missile Test Site has provided a critical role in development and success of our nation's missile defense and space programs.

On Sunday, July 4th, this nation celebrated our freedom and democratic progress. It has

now been 228 years since our founding fathers declared our nation's independence and our democratic form of government. As we reflect upon our democratic experiment and the values we cherish as Americans, it is also fitting that we recognize those who embrace these same values and freedoms. The United States has a proven and trusting friend in the Republic of the Marshall Islands. As we continue to build our relationship, let us work to resolve the remaining issues that the nuclear testing era brought for the benefit of our strategic partnership and special relationship.

I want to thank the gentleman from Arizona, Mr. FLAKE, and my good friend from American Samoa, Mr. FALCOMA, for their leadership in introducing this resolution and for their firm commitment to sustaining and strengthening the friendship between the people of the United States and the people of the Marshall Islands. Lastly, I want to recognize and congratulate the Marshalls' Ambassador to the United States for his efforts in strengthening the relationship between our governments, the Honorable Banny de Brum. Si Yu'os Ma'ase and Komol tata.

RECOGNITION OF ANN AND LYDIA ENDREJATIS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 7, 2004

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize Ann and Lydia Endrejat of Collinsville, Illinois.

Ann and Lydia are recipients of this year's "Spirit of Excellence" award annually awarded by the Collinsville Chamber of Commerce. Ann and Lydia are being recognized for their lifelong commitment to making Collinsville a better place for all of us.

In nominating them, Diane Meyer wrote the following:

Diakonia. If you think diakonia is Greek to you, well you're correct. Diakonia is Greek for service, an ancient art still being practiced today in Collinsville. The number of people volunteering their time and talent for the good of the community is unrivaled. These "servants" exemplify the ancient meaning of the word mercy—concrete acts of kindness. Although most neither seek nor desire the spotlight, they certainly deserve our sincere thanks.

Ann and Lydia Endrejat.

While many who volunteer specialize in one or two things, Ann and Lydia do about everything and through their many specific acts of kindness, truly define the word "volunteer." Since retiring, one or the other or both have worked for the following entities:

Anderson Hospital Auxiliary, Miner's Theater, Collinsville office of the American Cancer Society, Downtown Collinsville, Inc., Collinsville Senior Citizens, Cahokia Mounds Visitor's Center, City of Collinsville Shuttle Bus Dispatchers, senior citizen income tax preparations, Fox Theater usher, Holy Cross Lutheran Church Altar Guild and senior citizen worship meal, city historic researchers for Lucille Stehman's newspaper series, Meals on Wheels, schools library aid. The amazing thing about this extraordinary list is that it is a partial list.