

destroyed by fire in 1983, Jack promised to rebuild and put the 200 employees back to work quickly. He kept his promise. In 6 weeks, the plant was back in full production with full employment. In the two decades that followed, Jack's superior management skills enabled Positronic to flourish in an unpredictable economic environment.

At the same time, Jack gave his time and energy to benefit those following in his manufacturing legacy. During his service on several boards and agencies, he has offered the government invaluable advice on policy and practices. Over the course of his career, Jack has served as a Technical Advisor on Electromechanical Components for Electronic Equipment to the International Electrotechnical Commission, which sets worldwide standards for electronic equipment, and as the Secretariat of the International Electrotechnical Commission committee. In addition, he has been appointed to the Industry Sector Advisory Committee, which establishes policy for imports and exports for electronic components and was chairman of the Rectangular Connector Committee for the Electronic Industries.

Jack Gentry is a member of the President's Council of the National Association of Manufacturers and a strong advocate for American goods in the international market. He will be honored for his work and leadership by the Southwest Area Manufacturers Association on February 18, 2004, and awarded lifetime honorary membership in SAMA as President Emeritus.

These honors are a fitting tribute to Jack Gentry's untiring effort to advance manufacturing, expand markets and improve the economies of southwest Missouri and the United States.

HONORING KOINONIA FOSTER HOMES, INC.

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Koinonia Foster Homes, Inc., for their hard work and dedication on behalf of thousands of children and families who are in need of their services. A great example of their efforts will be taking place as they sponsor a community-wide, interdenominational Honorary Pastors and Wives Luncheon on February 17th in Fresno, CA.

In 1982, Koinonia Foster Homes, Inc., was founded by Miriam Golden who had previously fostered over 37 abused and neglected children in addition to raising her own four natural children. "Koinonia" is a Greek word that means to communicate relationship and fellowship, which entails that their staff and foster parents relate to children from a position of trustworthiness, dependability and a deep moral commitment. Koinonia Foster Homes is a State-licensed, nonprofit organization that works in cooperation with county social service agencies that remove children from their homes due to abuse and neglect and then refer them to Koinonia for placement in a foster home. Once referred to the program, Koinonia places these children in agency-certified homes where they receive love and guidance from caring, committed and trained foster

families, as well as therapeutic services provided by master's-level social work staff.

Koinonia Foster Homes' mission is to provide the highest quality treatment foster care program available for children, youth and their families. Regional offices throughout California and Nevada support over 1,000 foster children, utilizing approximately 500 certified foster families. Koinonia's largest program is its Therapeutic Foster Care Program which provides treatment-based foster care to children between the ages of birth through 18 years of age who have been removed from their homes. Other programs include Residential Group Homes, The Crisis Resolution Center, The Day Treatment Program, and Bridgehaven which is a co-ed transitional housing program for youth ages 18–20. Koinonia Foster Homes is regarded as a leader in the care of at-risk children and the recruitment of new foster homes.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Koinonia Foster Homes, Inc., for the hope and compassion that they have provided for our children and communities. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing them many years of continued success.

GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE

HON. JOHN W. OLVER

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit for the RECORD and draw my colleagues' attention to the attached statement that was recently issued by a bipartisan group of 156 mayors from across the country regarding global climate change. These mayors represent more than 46 million people in local communities ranging in size from 700 people in LaConner, Washington, to more than 4 million in Houston, Texas. The mayors state: "Mayors from across the U.S. are concerned about the impacts of global warming on our communities. Many of us are actively pursuing reductions at the municipal level, but know it will take leadership at the national level to slow the rate of global warming. We urge the Federal Government to focus attention and policy efforts on this critical issue."

I encourage my colleagues to read the attached statement in its entirety. The mayors' statement serves as a reminder that Congress must get serious about addressing greenhouse gas reductions to minimize the impact of global warming already felt across our country. I look forward to working with my colleagues to address this important issue.

U.S. MAYORS' STATEMENT ON GLOBAL WARMING 2003

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Global warming poses significant threats to communities across the country. We are already feeling impacts in the form of heat waves, shrinking water supplies and snow pack, increased rates of asthma, floods and storms, and coastal erosion.

The scientific community is very clear in its warning—we must act now to signifi-

cantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions below current levels or we will quickly reach a point at which global warming can not be reversed. This issue requires an effective response from the U.S. Federal Government.

Many local governments across the country have made it a policy priority to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. As mayors, we know that actions that promote energy conservation and efficiency, sustainable transportation (such as expanded mass transit, alternative fuel vehicles, and bike and pedestrian safety amenities) and reduce solid waste also reduce greenhouse gas and criteria pollutants emissions and bring a host of benefits to our communities. These actions reduce financial waste for local governments, businesses and citizens; they make our communities more livable; they increase spending and economic investment in our communities; and they increase the quality of life for current and future generations.

In addition to these benefits, two other reasons have recently emerged that put reducing greenhouse gas emissions at the top of the policy priority list. The first is energy security. Switching to cleaner energy sources, practicing conservation and maximizing energy efficiency will ease U.S. dependence on foreign fossil fuel-based energy, and at the same time improve local air quality and public health.

The second driver is the simple fact that the people in our communities are calling on us as elected leaders to address global warming. A public mandate is emerging in cities and towns across the country calling for governments at all levels to protect the global climate.

As Mayors responsible for the well being of our communities, we urge the federal government to maintain, enhance and implement new domestic policies and programs that work with local communities to reduce global warming pollution.

Initial Signatories: Mayor James Garner, Hempstead NY; Mayor Ed Garza, San Antonio TX; Mayor R.T. Rybak, Minneapolis MN; Mayor Vera Katz, Portland OR; Mayor Dick Murphy, San Diego CA.

STATEMENT SIGNATORIES

Name	City and state	Population
Dan Coody	Fayetteville, AR	58,047
Jim Daley	Little Rock AR	181,133
Patrick Hays	North Little Rock, AR	60,433
Beverly Johnson	Alameda, CA	76,259
Bob Ornelas	Arcata, CA	16,651
Tom Bates	Berkeley, CA	102,743
Stacey Murphy	Burbank, CA	100,316
Stephen Padilla	Culha Vista, CA	200,000
Mike Nixon	Cloverdale, CA	7,150
Janet Kurevers	Cotati, CA	6,700
Roberta Cooper	Hayward, CA	144,721
Leah Gold	Healdsburg, CA	11,522
Roosevelt F. Dorn	Inglewood, CA	112,580
Beverly O'Neil	Long Beach, CA	461,522
Keb Kearsley	Malibu, CA	12,575
Dennis Kennedy	Morgan Hill, CA	33,556
David Smith	Newark, CA	43,043
Jerry Brown	Oakland, CA	399,484
Dena Mossaf	Palo Alto, CA	61,200
Davic Glass	Petaluma, CA	54,548
Tom Pico	Pleasanton, CA	67,724
Jonathan Sharkey	Port Hueneme, CA	21,845
Grace Vargas	Fialto, CA	91,873
Irma Anderson	Richmond, CA	99,216
Armando Flores	Rohnert Park, CA	42,236
Heather Fargo	Sacramento, CA	407,018
Peter Kikus	San Anselmo, CA	12,378
Judith Valles	San Bernardino, CA	185,401
Dick Murphy ¹	San Diego, CA	1,275,112
Willie Brown	San Francisco, CA	776,733
Ron Gonzales	San Jose, CA	894,943
Shelia Young	San Leandro, CA	79,452
Marty Blum	Santa Barbara, CA	92,325
Emily Reilly	Santa Cruz, CA	54,593
Richard Bloom	Santa Monica, CA	84,084
Sharon Wright	Santa Rosa, CA	147,595
Craig Litwin	Sebastopol, CA	7,750
Julia Miller	Sunnyvale, CA	131,760
Dan Walker	Torrance, CA	137,946
Ray DiGiulio	Ventura, CA	9,157,540
Jeff Prang	West Hollywood, CA	35,716
Helen Klanderud	Aspen, CO	5,914
William R. Toor	Boulder, CO	94,673
John Fabrizio	Bridgeport, CT	139,529

STATEMENT SIGNATORIES—Continued

Name	City and state	Population
Carl Amento	Hamden, CT	57,581
John DeStefano	New Haven, CT	123,626
Dannel P. Malloy	Stamford, CT	117,083
Michael Jarjura	Waterbury, CT	107,271
Michael Paulhus	Windham, CT	22,857
Rocky Randels	Cape Canaveral, FL	8,829
Jeff Perlman	Delray Beach, FL	60,020
Thomas Bussing	Gainesville, FL	95,447
Joy Cooper	Hallandale, FL	34,282
Mara Giuliani	Hollywood, FL	139,357
James Weekley	Key West, FL	25,478
Gary Frankel	North Lauderdale, FL	32,264
John Marks	Tallahassee, FL	150,624
Shirley Clarke Franklin	Atlanta, GA	4,112,646
Patsy Jo Hillard	East Point, GA	39,595
Jeremy Harris	Honolulu, HI	395,327
Arlene Mulder	Arlington Heights, IL	76,031
Lorraine Morton	Evanston, IL	74,239
Ralph W. Conner	Maywood, IL	26,987
Scott King	Gary, IN	631,362
Chuck Oberlie	Michigan City, IN	32,900
Jerry E. Abramson	Louisville, KY	693,604
Keith Villere	Covington, LA	8,483
C. Ray Nagin	New Orleans, LA	484,674
Thomas Menino	Boston, MA	589,141
John Yunits	Brockton, MA	94,304
Michael Sullivan	Cambridge, MA	101,355
Michael McGlynn	Medford, MA	55,765
David Cohen	Newton, MA	83,829
Kelly Gay	Somerville, MA	77,478
John Madden	Williamstown, MA	8,424
Bryan K. Knedler	Mount Rainier, MD	8,498
Kathy Porter	Takoma Park, MD	17,299
Michael Hurley	Belfast, ME	6,381
Jim Cloutier	Portland, ME	64,249
Ivan Fende	Chocoma, MI	7,148
May Hamman-Kloutand	Apple Valley, MN	45,527
Elizabeth Klautz	Burnsville, MN	60,220
James Jadin	Dayton, MN	4,699
Gary Doty	Duluth, MN	86,228
Jeff Kagermeier	Mankato, MN	32,427
R.T. Rybak	Minneapolis, MN	353,395
Karen Anderson	Minnetonka, MN	51,301
Carol Wilcox	Morris, MN	5,068
Ardell Brede	Rochester, MN	85,806
Carolyn Gentilini	Virginia, MN	9,157
Harvey Johnson	Jackson, MS	184,256
Mike Kadas	Missoula, MT	57,053
Charles R. Worley	Asheville, NC	68,889
Michael Nelson	Carrollton, NC	16,782
Kevin Foy	Chapel Hill, NC	48,715
William V. Bell	Durham, NC	187,035
Michael Fahy	Omaha, NE	399,357
Michael Blastos	Keene, NH	22,563
Walter Hoernan	Rochester, NH	26,461
Joseph Doria, Jr.	Bayonne, NJ	61,842
Joseph Scarpelli	East Orange, NJ	76,119
Robert Bowser	Fair Lawn, NJ	69,824
David L. Ganz	Kearny, NJ	31,637
Alberto Santos	Maplewood, NJ	40,513
Victor de Luca	Montgomery Twp, NJ	23,868
Louise Wilson	Newark, NJ	17,481
Sharpe James	Trenton, NJ	273,546
Douglas Palmer	Albuquerque, NM	85,403
Martin Chavez	Las Vegas, NV	448,607
Oscar Goodman	Buffalo, NY	1,563,282
Anthony Masiello	Hempstead, NY	292,648
James Garner	Ithaca, NY	56,554
Alan J. Cohen	Lake George Village, NY	29,287
Robert Blais	Mount Vernon, NY	985
Ernest Davis	Niagara Falls, NY	68,381
Irene Elia	Rochester, NY	55,593
William Johnson	Saratoga Springs, NY	1,098,201
Ken Klotz	Syracuse, NY	26,186
Matthew Driscoll	Akron, OH	147,306
Donald Plusquellic	Garfield Heights, OH	694,960
Thomas Longo	Toledo, OH	30,734
Jack Ford	Ashland, OR	313,619
Alan DeBoer	Corvallis, OR	19,522
Helen Berg	Portland, OR	49,322
Vera Katz	Harrisburg, PA	529,121
Stephen Reed	Providence, RI	48,950
David Cicilline	Charleston, SC	173,618
Joseph P. Riley, Jr.	Austin, TX	96,650
Gus Garcia	Dallas, TX	656,562
Laura Miller	Denton, TX	3,519,176
Euline Brock	Fort Worth, TX	80,537
Mike Moncrief	Houston, TX	502,369
Lee Brown	Kingsville, TX	4,177,646
Filemon Esquivel, Jr.	San Antonio, TX	25,575
Ed Garza	San Marcos, TX	1,144,646
Robert Habingreither	Salt Lake City, UT	661,890
Rocky Anderson	Chesapeake, VA	181,743
William Ward	Edinburg, VA	199,184
Daniel Harshman	Virginia Beach, VA	813
Meyera Obendorf	Bellingham, WA	433,461
Peter Clavelle	Bellingham, WA	38,889
Mark Asmundson	LaConner, WA	67,171
Don Wright	Mount Vernon, WA	761
Skye Richendfer	Oak Harbor, WA	26,232
Patricia Cohen	Olympia, WA	19,795
Stan Biles	Redmond, WA	42,514
Rosemarie Ives	Seattle, WA	45,256
Greg Nickels	Spokane, WA	563,374
John Powers	Tacoma, WA	195,629
Bill Baarsma	La Crosse, WI	193,556
John D. Medinger	Madison, WI	51,818
Dave Cieslewicz	Milwaukee, WI	208,054
John Norquist	Wauwatosa, WI	596,974
Theresa Estness	Wisconsin Rapids, WI	47,271
Gerald Bach		18,435

STATEMENT SIGNATORIES—Continued

Name	City and state	Population
		46,722,006

¹ Initial signatories.

RECOGNIZING THE MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE HAMMOND COUNCIL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor and pleasure that I stand before you today to recognize the many accomplishments of the Hammond Council Parent Teacher Association (PTA) as it celebrates the PTA's 2004 Founders' Day. This very important occasion will be celebrated on Friday, February 13, 2004 at the Dynasty Banquet Hall in Hammond, Indiana.

The National PTA was founded in 1897 by Ms. Alice McLellan Birney and Ms. Phoebe Apperson Hearst. In 1970, the National Congress of Colored Parents, which was founded by Ms. Selena Sloan Butler, joined the National PTA. Due to the vision and determination of these women, the organization has taken the lead in promoting the welfare of children throughout the country.

The Hammond Council PTA was chartered on April 30, 1945 as a member of the Indiana PTA and the National PTA. Being a member of the state as well as national PTA, the Hammond Council has provided continuous support and resources to local families which focus on the health and education of children. The Hammond Council has continued the legacy of the PTA's founders through many projects such as Hammond's Survive Alive Program which has developed and saved the lives of many students and their families.

Each year, the Hammond Council also recognizes the top ten students from the four Hammond high schools through a special scholarship program. The recipients are honored in partnership with the School City of Hammond and the Hammond Rotary Club. Along with their leadership in their local community, members from the Hammond Council have also gone on to serve as officers for the Indiana PTA. Some of the local leaders include, past President Ms. Beverly Zawadski, the current President Ms. Marilyn Jones, the President Elect Ms. Dee Jones, and the Secretary Ms. Pat Taylor.

Each year in February, the PTA celebrates Founders' Day to recognize the accomplishments and dedication of teachers, volunteers, administrators, and community leaders who have made a positive impact on their community. During the celebration on Friday, February 13, the Hammond Council PTA will announce its 2004 winners of the 15th Volunteer of the Year Award, the Outstanding Local Unit Award, and the Membership and National PTA Lifetime Achievement Awards.

Mr. Speaker, as this time, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring and congratulating the Hammond Council PTA and all its members as they celebrate the 2004 Founders' Day. Their many great accomplishments and service to the chil-

dren of the Hammond community, as well as throughout the state, is worthy of the highest commendation.

TRIBUTE TO ELROY "CRAZYLEGS" HIRSCH

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the great life of Elroy "Crazylegs" Hirsch. On January 28, 2004, Wisconsin lost a true state icon, but Crazylegs leaves his rich legacy in the hearts of all Wisconsinites.

Elroy Hirsch was born in Wausau, WI and grew into an incredible high school athlete while playing football and basketball at Wausau High School. He was such an accomplished high school player that in 1998 he was inducted into the National High School Hall of Fame.

After high school, he became a standout halfback for the University of Wisconsin Badgers during the 1942 season. The Badgers finished the 1942 season 8–1–1 and were ranked third nationally by the AP. Hirsch was key to the 1942 victory over top-ranked Ohio State by throwing one touchdown pass and recording more than 200 total offensive yards. It was during this season that he earned the name "Crazylegs" after a reporter wrote that "his crazy legs were gyrating in six different directions all at the same time."

Due to his assignment with the United States Marine Corps, Hirsch continued his collegiate athletic career with the University of Michigan, and went on to play professionally for the Chicago Rockets from 1946–1948 and then with the Los Angeles Rams from 1949–1957. After a record setting career with the NFL, he was named to the NFL's All-Time All-Star team.

Following his time as General Manager with the Los Angeles Rams, Hirsch returned to Wisconsin and the university where he started his collegiate athletic career. When he arrived as Athletic Director, the Badgers' athletic program was struggling. He was committed and successful in turning around the athletic program in his 18-year role at the University of Wisconsin. During the years following his retirement, Hirsch was the Wisconsin Badgers biggest fan.

Despite living in various communities across the United States during his accomplished career, it was evident that his home was truly with the people of Wisconsin and Wisconsin athletics, as with every autograph he signed "always a Badger."

INTRODUCTION OF THE LONG TERM CARE HOSPITAL MORATORIUM ACT

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Long Term Care Hospital Moratorium Act. This bill places a moratorium on the