

his life. They have traveled a wonderful journey together, and John is now the proud grandfather of Juanito and Mikala. Kimi, her husband Emilio, and their children are guiding forces for John, and will be a major part of John's future.

When you meet John Burton, you know you have met one of a kind. When you know John Burton, you have a friend. And, when you have John Burton as a friend, you know you have one of life's great treasures in hand.

John may have left the State Senate, but he will continue to be a fierce leader in our State, and in our Nation, on behalf of those who need him most.

Thank you, John, for your tireless efforts on behalf of so many in our country. May the wind be always at your back.

TRIBUTE TO URBAN HEALTH PLAN, INC. ON THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2004

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge one of the largest employers in my district, Urban Health Plan, Inc., as they celebrate their 30th anniversary. UHP has worked for three decades now to make health care more accessible to residents of the South Bronx.

Urban Health Plan began as the vision of Dr. Richard Izquierdo, who, as a private practitioner in the South Bronx, saw the lack of primary health services that the community provided to its residents. He decided to form a community health center, and in 1968, the San Juan Health Center was born.

Urban Health Plan was created out of the San Juan Health Center to offer expanded services and increase outreach into the local community. It has done just that, by providing affordable, reliable care to residents of the South Bronx. UHP offers significant primary and specialty care, in addition to numerous outreach and education programs. Because many area residents do not speak English as a first language, most of the staff is bi-lingual. Today, Urban Health Plan, Inc. has expanded to include three health centers, six local school locations, homeless shelters, and adult treatment programs under the leadership of President and CEO Paloma Hernandez.

Mr. Speaker, in an area where hospital services and preventative medicine are sorely needed, Urban Health Plan, Inc. fills an important need for residents of my district. They have helped thousands of Bronx residents address their health care needs without mortgaging their futures. I am glad to count organizations such as Urban Health Plan, Inc. as allies in the effort to improve the neighborhoods and communities of the Bronx, and I salute Urban Health Plan, Inc. for their dedication to the residents of the South Bronx.

I hope my colleagues will join me in congratulating Urban Health Plan, Inc. on their 30th anniversary, and on wishing them continued success in the years to come.

RECOGNITION OF DR. HERBERT POCH

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2004

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment today and laud the accomplishments of Dr. Herbert Poch and congratulate him for being honored by the Dr. Stanley Nichols Pediatric Auxiliary at Monmouth Medical Center. Having served as the Associate Program Director of the Pediatric Residency Program at Monmouth Medical Center for 8 years, Dr. Poch has exhibited true dedication towards his work as well as improving the lives of his young patients.

A native of Elizabeth, NJ, Dr. Poch received his medical degree from Columbia University and upon completing his residency, he returned to Elizabeth and maintained a successful private practice for 36 years. While chairing the Department of Pediatrics at Elizabeth General, he led the department to merge with Newark Beth Israel Hospital's Pediatric Department to develop a joint residency program in pediatrics, which led to notable improvements of pediatric care in the area.

Prior to joining Monmouth Medical Center as a full time faculty member in 1992, Dr. Poch served as an assistant clinical professor of Pediatrics at Columbia. Having always been a devoted teacher, Dr. Poch continues to teach on a part-time basis at Monmouth Medical, even after his retirement in 1999. In addition, he retains his academic position of clinical associate professor of Pediatrics at Drexel University College of Medicine, in Philadelphia.

His love for teaching comes second only to his love for family, including his wife of 52 years, Leila, and their 3 children, Bruce, Andi and Lesley. This gifted and devoted family man, doctor and teacher is also the recipient of three Dean's Special Awards for Excellence in Clinical Teaching, as well as the recipient of the Drexel University College of Medicine Oksana Korzenlowski, M.D. patient award for setting an outstanding standard of skill and commitment in the clinical care of patients.

Once again, I congratulate Dr. Poch on all that he has accomplished, and all that he has contributed to his community and the field of medicine. He is truly deserving of the honor that has been bestowed upon him.

IN MEMORY OF MR. TRUMAN GLASSCO

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2004

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that we mourn the death of Mr. Truman Glassco, who recently passed away at the age of 73. I am honored to stand before this body of Congress and this Nation to recognize this wonderful man.

Truman, a lifelong resident of Boaz, AL, in Marshall County, was born in 1931. Known by all as a wise, humble, loving, generous and prayerful man, his significant contributions to society fell primarily in three areas: Christian

Fellowship, Community Service, and Education.

Truman dedicated so much of his life to spreading the Gospel through his commitment to the Alabama State Gospel Singing Convention and the Bethany Baptist Church. He was an active member of the Alabama State Gospel Singing Convention for over 40 years, serving in various positions including President in 1972 and 1989 and subsequently serving on the Board of Trustees from 1992 until his death this year. Also, the congregation of his church benefited tremendously from his service as deacon for 45 years, as a Sunday school teacher for 38 years, and as Choir Director for 17 years. As if this is not impressive enough, he also served as the President of the Alabama School of Gospel Music from its inception in 1986 until his death.

Mr. Glassco demonstrated outstanding leadership to the Boaz community as well. He held various offices in the Boaz Chamber of Commerce including President for 4 years and Secretary for 18 years. The Chamber further recognized his contributions to society when it selected Truman as their "Man of the Year" in 1987 and "Educator of the Year" in 1985. He was a long-time member of the Boaz Civitan Club, serving as President and holding various other offices. The Civitan Club recognized Truman's achievements by voting him "Man of the Year" in 1974.

After earning three masters degrees, Truman served 38 years in public education, 22 years as a principal and 8 years as Assistant Superintendent of Education. Snead College named him "Alumnus of the Year" in 2004, an honor which was accepted posthumously by his wife, Dr. Bobbie Glassco. Although he never had children of his own, he was lovingly called "Papa Truman" by hundreds of young people.

The town of Boaz, Alabama benefited tremendously from Truman's kindness and selfless service to his fellow citizens. I had the privilege of first meeting Truman Glassco and his wife Bobbie as a young boy at Antioch Baptist Church in Marion County Alabama at a convention singing. Many people can tell you that he was a "real Christian man who made a real Christian difference in an indifferent world." I could not agree more. My thoughts and prayers continue to go out to his wife Bobbie, along with his family and friends. Yes, Gospel Music lost a dear friend when it lost Truman Glassco.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO KATHY GRISWOLD MCKEAN

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a sad heart that I rise to mourn the loss of Kathy Griswold McKean, the co-founder of Liberty Day, from my district. Kathy was recently killed in a car accident on her way to deliver a Liberty Day mailing. She and her husband Andy dedicated the past 10 years of their lives to bring the Constitution and the Bill of Rights into the hands and minds of students across the country, and I want to recognize their contributions before this body of Congress and this Nation today.

Liberty Day started with Kathy and Andy in the Denver Lions Club almost a decade ago. It is a national organization honoring James Madison that prints millions of America's founding documents with the help of Denver's Herschfield Press and distributes them free of charge all across America. Kathy and Andy worked without pay, donating thousands of hours and resources to the project in the hopes that Americans will understand the basic freedoms we enjoy today. The Lions International, Rotary, Kiwanis, and Optimist clubs have all embraced the project, enabling their work to have worldwide distribution.

Mr. Speaker, Kathy Griswold McKean was a dedicated patriot that selflessly served her community and country, and I am honored to pay tribute to such a diligent community servant and preservationist of American history. Her contributions to our country will not be forgotten. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family during this time of bereavement.

REMEMBERING AND RECOGNIZING
MRS. BONNIE L. GENTRY

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2004

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, today I am honored to pay tribute to Bonnie L. Gentry, a dedicated educator and sister of Buck Crowley, my long-time friend and assistant in the district. Bonnie passed away on February 2, 2002, and in March of this year, the Mesquite Independent School District recognized her by naming its 30th elementary campus in her honor.

Born in Fate, TX, to R.L. and Mattie Crowell, Bonnie received her teaching certificate at the age of 14. For the next 54 years, she served as both teacher and principal for the Rockwall and Mesquite Independent School Districts. In 1959, she became Mesquite's first female principal when she was appointed to the position at Ben F. Tisinger Elementary. She held the position until her retirement in 1974.

In addition to her teaching career, Bonnie also served in such organizations as the Texas Retired Teachers Association, the Order of the Eastern Star, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and Delta Kappa Gamma.

She is survived by her brothers Herman Crowell, R.S. "Bob" Crowell, and M.L. "Buck" Crowell; sisters Christine Davison and Leona Strain; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bonnie will long be remembered as a devoted and caring educator who touched the lives of many. On behalf of her family, friends, students, and the Mesquite Independent School District, I would like to take this opportunity in the House of Representatives to pay my last respects to Mrs. Bonnie L. Gentry.

CONGRATULATING FRANK
MATTEI, HONORED BY THE
ITALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
OF LUZERNE COUNTY AS
2004 PERSON OF THE YEAR

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2004

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Frank Mattei as he is named Person of the Year by the Italian American Association of Luzerne County. It is an honor to join the members of this organization in paying tribute to his numerous achievements as he is honored at a dinner this Sunday.

A member of the Italian American Association for 10 years, Frank is also active in Rotary Club. As a member of the Rotary Club, Frank spent a great deal of time with the Rotary Exchange Students Program. Many students from many nations were greeted with the hospitality and warmth of the Mattei home.

Frank was born in Pergola, Italy, in 1932. He is the son of the late Marino and Celeste Mattei. He has been married to Anna Biscontinini for 46 years. Frank and Anna have two children, Maria and Frank Jr., and three grandchildren. Maria lives with her daughter, Violeta, in Plains. Frank Jr. and his wife Susan live in Malvern, PA, with their daughters Daniella and Julianna.

Frank came to America in 1947. He settled in the Hildale section of Plains and graduated from Plains Memorial High School in 1952.

Frank served his country for 2 years in the U.S. Army, and 18 of the 24 months were served in the United States forces in Austria, USFA. After that, he spent many years in the retail shoe business as the owner of Penn-Lee Footwear for 22 years.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege and honor to represent a man who has served his country and who has been a leader in his community. I ask that my colleagues pay tribute to Frank Mattei as he receives this well deserved honor.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE TEMPLE
CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT'S
50TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2004

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Temple City Unified School District for 50 years of outstanding service to the community.

The Temple City Unified School District was established as a unified school district on July 1, 1954. At the time, the district had grades kindergarten through 11th. Elementary classes were held at Cloverly, Emperor, and Longden. Oak Avenue School, formerly part of Pasadena Unified School District, was a junior high school, and in 1954 it became Temple City High School. At the time, a total of 789 students were enrolled in grades 8 through 11. The first 12th grade class of 138 students graduated from the Oak Avenue campus in 1956. The first graduation from the new cam-

pus was in 1957. During that first year, the Temple City High School Associated Student Body established the green and gold colors and the "Ram" as the school mascot.

The Temple City Unified School District is located in the West San Gabriel Valley. The population of the district's service area is approximately 35,000. The service area includes within its boundaries most of the incorporated city of Temple City, as well as small portions of San Gabriel, Arcadia, and unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. Currently, the district maintains one comprehensive high school, TCHS, one alternative high school, Community Learning Center, one intermediate school, Oak Avenue, four elementary schools, Cloverly, Emperor, La Rosa, and Longden, and one adult school, Temple City Adult School.

A list of outstanding superintendents have served TCUSD. The first, Howard Beckner, retired in 1961. He was succeeded by Dr. Jack Rand and then Allen Rice. Superintendents Wesley Bosson and Clint Taylor followed. In 1999, Joan Hillard became the District's sixth Superintendent. It is clear that TCUSD has a history rich with spirit and values of progress, dedication, unity, and pride.

I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in congratulating the Temple City Unified School District for 50 years of outstanding educational service to the community, and for its immense commitment to the success of its students.

IN RECOGNITION OF HISPANIC
HERITAGE MONTH

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2004

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month.

In 2004, the influence of Latinos in the United States is evident now more than ever. This community has continued to be a strong thread in the fabric of our nation. Influential Latinos can be found contributing in many fields; they are doctors and lawyers, teachers and professors, police officers and fire fighters, scientists and engineers, mayors and of course, Members of Congress.

As we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, I want to highlight their service to our Congress. The first Latino members of this chamber were non-voting delegates, one from the Territory of Florida, Joseph Marion Hernandez in 1822, and the other Jose Manuel Gallegos from the Territory of New Mexico in 1853. The first voting member was Romualdo Pacheco, from the great state of California, elected in 1877. Since then, many Latino Members of Congress, in both chambers, have served our nation. These members hail from a diverse group of states and territories, including Arizona, Louisiana, Texas, Illinois, New York, Guam and Puerto Rico, to name a few. They have made significant contributions, like Senator Dennis Sanchez, from the state of New Mexico, who was the first to push for any kind of Civil Rights legislation in Congress. Most notable is the formation of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus in 1976, founded by five Members of Congress, Reps. Edward Roybal (D-CA), Henry Gonzalez (D-TX), Herman