

rights, and the HIV/AIDS pandemic. By remaining active in and dedicated to these important areas, Rabbi Bennett has contributed immeasurably to Alameda County and the East Bay, and the 9th and 13th Congressional Districts salute and congratulate him for his many years of invaluable service.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND SERVICE OF ADAMS COUNTY, COLORADO, COMMISSIONER TED STRICKLAND

HON. BOB BEAUPREZ

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. BEAUPREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice my appreciation for the many years of dedicated service that Commissioner Ted Strickland has provided to the residents of Adams County, CO. After many years in public office, Ted Strickland has time and again proven his commitment to making Colorado a better place to live, and his presence on the Adams County Board of County Commissioners will truly be missed.

Commissioner Strickland, born and raised in Austin, Texas, settled in Colorado in 1954 after being honorably discharged from the United States Army. His lengthy and distinguished career in public service began with two years in the Colorado House of Representatives and continued with 24 years of service in the Colorado State Senate, including 12 years as President of the Senate. He served as Lieutenant Governor from 1973–1974.

Commissioner Strickland was elected to the Adams County Board of County Commissioners in 1996 and re-elected in 2000. The leadership that he has provided has been instrumental in improving relationships and cooperation with the municipalities within the County. Additionally, his work with Adams County Economic Development has contributed greatly to the growth and progress of the County. His service as a commissioner is distinguished by his business acumen, commitment to improve county facilities and seeing the county recognized as the “can do county.” Commissioner Strickland has proven himself to be a true Colorado statesman.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Ted for his distinguished service on behalf of the citizens of Adams County, and wish him all the best as I’m sure he will remain an active member of the Adams County community.

IN HONOR OF THE 1956 HUNGARIAN REVOLUTION AND VIKTOR ORBAN, FORMER PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF HUNGARY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the Hungarian Freedom Fighters of 1956. These men and women of Hungary, armed with the promise of liberty and hope for a better tomorrow, were the first

to courageously rise up in defiance of the Soviet occupation. Their historical struggle for freedom continues to inspire those who are not yet free. I also rise today in honor and welcome of Former Prime Minister of Hungary, Viktor Orban, who has journeyed to Cleveland to commemorate the sacrifice, determination and heart of the Hungarian “Freedom Fighters” of 1956.

The 1956 Hungarian Revolution marked the beginning of the end of Soviet oppression in Central and Eastern Europe. As the Soviet army blazed a trail of aggression and control, millions of Hungarians fled Europe and sought refuge in America. More than two hundred thousand Hungarians settled in Cleveland, bringing with them the culture and memories of their beloved homeland, and the promise of freedom and democracy.

A leader on the front lines of liberty in Hungary, Former Prime Minister Viktor Orban carried the blazing torch of freedom, passed to him from the generation before. He was one of the founders of the Federation of Young Democrats—one of Hungary’s first parties to oppose communist rule. In a speech delivered on June 16, 1989, the words of Former Prime Minister Viktor Orban rang loud and clear along the streets and countryside of Hungary and far beyond, demanding free elections and the immediate withdrawal of Soviet troops from Hungary.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the Hungarian Freedom Fighters of 1956. Thousands of Hungarian men and women made the ultimate sacrifice so that all could be free. The Hungarian Freedom Fighters of 1956 pierced the darkness of tyranny and sparked the first light of liberty throughout Central and Eastern Europe. The rising light of their quest for freedom and their bravery, heart and sacrifice continues to inspire us all, lending us hope for the dawning of a peaceful new day.

RECOGNIZING MATTHEW SCOTT A. GALLAMORE FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Matthew Scott A. Gallamore of Pleasant Valley, Missouri, 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, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout. Matthew became an Eagle Scout on August 5, 2004 and he will be recognized at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor in November 2004.

Matthew has been very active with his troop by participating in many Scout activities, earning over 40 merit badges, and serving in a variety of leadership positions. At age 9, Matthew joined the Cub Scouts. He advanced from Cubs to Webelos and then crossed over into the Boy Scouts at age 11, achieving the rank of Arrow of Light. Now 17, Matthew is described by his parents, peers, and community as exemplifying the qualities of citizenship: he is loyal, helpful, trustworthy, thrifty, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, brave, clean, and reverent.

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

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JOSEPH BAUMGARNER

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker: Whereas, Joseph Baumgarner is a resident of Midvale in Tuscarawas County; and Whereas, Joseph Baumgarner has devoted his love to his companion, Tammy, and his three children; and Whereas, Joseph Baumgarner demonstrated a commitment to his country while serving in the Persian Gulf; and Whereas, Joseph Baumgarner is active with his community and is appreciated by all who know him.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in recognizing Joseph Baumgarner for his dedication to the United States, his community, family, and friends.

RECOGNITION OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL FALCON BASEBALL TEAM

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the South Central Middle School Falcon Baseball Team of Farina, Illinois.

The Falcons had an outstanding season this year, with a 16–6 record. They placed 1st in Conference and Regional tournaments and took 2nd place at the State Tournament.

The members of the Falcons are: Justin Armstrong, Seth Arnold, Kyle Bischoff, Tanner Bushue, Shane Donoho, Jacob Erwin, Ian King, Ryan Gesell, Tyler Gillet, Isaac Grapperhaus, Brock Johnson, Luke Kulesza, Kyle Monical, Travis Potter, Nathan Powless, Aaron Robb, Treavor Robbins, and Dylan Sill. The team is coached under the leadership of Stephen Phillips and Derick Vincent.

This exceptional group of seventh and eighth graders has shown great sportsmanship, teamwork, and stamina throughout their season. They have made their coaches, fans, and parents very proud.

Congratulations, Falcons, on a terrific year.

HONORING PROFESSOR VINCENT SCULLY, 2004 RECIPIENT OF THE NATIONAL MEDAL OF ARTS

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the National

Endowment of the Arts in congratulating Professor Vincent Scully as he receives a 2004 National Medal of Arts. One of our Nation's foremost architectural historians, Professor Scully has not only developed a renowned reputation as a historian, but as an educator and mentor as well.

Over the last two decades, the National Medal of Arts has been awarded in recognition of the extraordinary accomplishments of those engaged in the creation and production of the arts in the United States. Both as an educator and author, Professor Scully has deeply influenced the world of architecture by highlighting its social value. Defining architecture as a "continuing dialogue between generations that creates an environment across time," Professor Scully has taught thousands of architects, planners, art historians, and politicians that architecture is not simply the design of a building, but how that design adds to the character of a community or environment.

Professor Scully's illustrious career began when he enrolled at Yale University at the age of sixteen. After completing his undergraduate studies, he accepted a position with the University and, through his unique teaching style, became one of its most popular professors. His standing room only lectures could boast five hundred students—filling the largest lecture hall on campus. In speaking of his former professor, the New Yorker's Paul Goldberger said, "His thinking has always been based on the notion that architecture is not purely aesthetics, and that the real meaning is how it can be used to make better places." It has been through this vision that Professor Scully has had the greatest influence on the arts—passing it on to generations of scholars and students.

For his invaluable contributions to the arts and in recognition of his lifetime of achievement, I am proud to stand today and extend my sincere congratulations to Professor Vincent Scully as he is awarded the National Medal of Arts. His is a legacy which will continue to inspire others for generations to come.

A TRIBUTE TO MAGGIE KATIE BROWN KIDD

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Maggie Katie Brown Kidd, a loyal and loving wife and mother who has devoted her long and wonderfully blessed life to her family. Mrs. Kidd will be celebrating her 100th birthday with her family on November 26th in my congressional district.

Maggie was born on December 8, 1904 to Lucy and William "Doc" Brown of Stephens, Georgia; the eleventh of twelve children. William received the nickname "Doc" from his neighbors because of his reputation for helping anyone in need. His neighbors used to tell everyone to "go see Doc" if they were ever in trouble. Maggie began to develop a similar reputation as she grew up as she never hesitated from sharing whatever she had, even when she had little.

Lucy and Doc owned a farm in Stephens where the whole family was welcomed when

they needed a place to live. Maggie continued this tradition when she took over the farm, offering a home to all of her relatives that needed one. She even helped raise her grandniece. The people who lived close to her farm knew her as a good neighbor. Her parents joined Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Stephens where Rosalyn worshipped and studied when she was a child. She still maintains a membership at the church today.

On November 30, 1940, Maggie married Willie Kidd. They had two children, Rosalyn and John and continued to work on her parent's farm. Maggie and Willie worked the farm until 1961, when she and Willie decreased the size of their farm and began gardening. Willie passed away in 1962 from complications due to diabetes. She lived on the same land until 1989. Now she lives with Rosalyn in Riverdale, GA where she continues to make beautiful quilts when her health permits. She is blessed to have four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me and Maggie's family in wishing her a happy 100th birthday.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE DUTCHESS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Dutchess County Historical Society located in Poughkeepsie New York, which is part of the 22nd Congressional District that I proudly serve. This year marks the 90th anniversary of the Historical Society. I am pleased to recognize the Dutchess County Historical Society, which has dedicated itself to discovering, preserving, and interpreting the extraordinary history of Dutchess County.

Originally formed in 1914, the Historical Society received its State Charter in 1918. Although it had been the principal repository for all aspects of Dutchess County history for many years, it was not until 1979 that the organization found a permanent home. It was at that time that Society entered into a cooperative agreement with the State of New York to operate the Governor Clinton House in Poughkeepsie as its headquarters, an agreement that has recently been renewed for a third time. The success of this partnership led to the Society being trusted with the responsibility of managing a second historic site, the City of Poughkeepsie owned Glebe House.

During its nine decades the Society has grown and expanded, adding professional staff, new technologies and innovative programs designed to reach a variety of audiences. Known for its publications, the Society has contributed to as many as 14 books on local history, developed a local history curriculum for use in the 4th and 7th grades and, since 1914, published the oldest continuously printed annual in New York State, a "Year Book" of articles on local history. In addition to its publications, the Dutchess County Historical Society maintains a collection of archival material, photographs and dimensional objects inclusive of the entire county.

Key components in the ongoing success of this exceptional organization are its edu-

cational and community outreach activities. The Society's Board of Directors has made diversity a priority and they have extended their reach into new communities and organizations throughout Dutchess County. Exhibits, lectures, conferences, and tours complete the outstanding array of programming that the Society offers its members and the community at large.

Organizations like the Dutchess County Historical Society play a vital role in preserving and protecting our nations history, one community at a time. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to recognize the 90th Anniversary of the Dutchess County Historical Society and commend its dedicated, professional and caring members for their outstanding efforts.

IN HONOR OF THE RESILIENCE, HOPE AND FAITH OF ST. STANISLAUS PARISH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker we rise today in honor of Pastor Michael Surufka, Father George Kusy, Father Joachim Studwell, and every member of St. Stanislaus parish community, upon the dedication of the restoration of the parish rectory. We also rise in honor of the legacy and memories of Pastor William Gulas, whose life, though tragically taken from us two years ago, continues to rise in our hearts, memories, and in the Slavic Village neighborhood that he so loved.

The restoration of the St. Stanislaus Parish symbolizes the rebirth of faith and hope that was shattered when Father Gulas' life was felled by senseless violence. As the rectory is resurrected, so is the life of Father Gulas. His gentle guidance and support that he freely and openly offered to every parishioner continues to renew faith and inspiration along East 65th Street and far beyond. His willingness to learn the Polish language to better serve this parish community is testament to the unwavering dedication and love he shared with the people of Slavic Village.

Father Gulas led this parish with kindness, compassion and an undying faith in the goodness of all people. His life-long ministry was framed by his service to others and by his unshakeable faith and strong sense of spirituality. His graceful liturgy, outlined with poignancy and wit, captured the minds and hearts of his parishioners. His legacy of renewing the hearts and souls of all those who knew him, extended to the bricks and mortar of St. Stanislaus Church. Today, as we celebrate the renewal of the parish rectory, we pause in remembrance and honor of the man, Father Gulas, who led the colossal effort to renovate the historic and inspirational St. Stanislaus Church.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join us in honor and recognition of the dedication of the newly restored parish rectory of St. Stanislaus Parish. This restoration reflects the unity, strength and faith of this community to rise above the traumatic loss of their beloved Pastor, Father William Gulas. This celebration also reflects the commitment of Pastor Michael Surufka, Father George Kusy, Father Joachim Studwell, and every parishioner committed to carrying on the vital work of Father