

Model incorporates the concepts of Healthy People 2010, and it has been used in improving the quality and efficiency of the public health nursing practice. The creation and use of this model in one of the largest, most diverse, and dynamic settings in the country represents a tremendous advance in strengthening and expanding population-focused public health nursing. The influence of the model has extended well beyond the boundaries of California, with its adoption by the City of Detroit and the State of Michigan.

Margaret Avila provided the strategic and creative leadership for this effort. Her career path has included excellence in practice, in education, and in leadership.

Ms. Avila is a native of Los Angeles County and a product of the California educational system. She received a Diploma of Nursing from St. Vincent's College of Nursing, and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Mount St. Mary's College in Los Angeles. She has practiced as a staff nurse, a public health nurse, a nurse practitioner, a state nurse consultant, and an adjunct nursing faculty member. She has served as the Director of Nursing at the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health since 1999. She currently serves on the Board of the Los Angeles Chapter of the National Association of Hispanic Nurses.

Despite all of her success, Ms. Avila is never content to rest on her laurels. She has dedicated her life and knowledge to increasing opportunities for others. As a result, the Public Health Nursing Section of the American Public Health Association awarded Ms. Avila the 2004 Lillian Wald Service Award. She received this award by demonstrating initiative and resourcefulness in developing efforts to improve the health of the public through political, legislative, and interdisciplinary activism. This noteworthy achievement highlighted her leadership role in promoting social reform activities for client groups, influencing health policy and health laws, strengthening public health nursing practice, and collaborating with other health care workers, legislators, and public officials.

Margaret Avila is retiring as Director of Nursing for the Los Angeles Public Health Department. She is going into private practice and is establishing a woman's clinic in the underserved Pico Union area of Los Angeles. Her goal is to provide health access to low income women to improve their quality of life. She also plans to seek her doctorate degree.

Mr. Speaker, today I would like to personally acknowledge and commend Margaret for her dedication to the field of nursing which enriches and promotes the health of our community. She is a model of the passionate American educator, and a devoted and involved citizen. I know the rest of the House will join me in congratulating Ms. Margaret Avila and wishing her success in her future endeavors.

THE CONGREGATION ETZ AHAIM IN RECOGNITION OF 75 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Congregation Etz Ahaim, the

oldest Sephardic Jewish congregation in New Jersey, as it celebrates the 350th anniversary of the founding of the Jewish community in the United States.

Etz Ahaim has been serving the Sephardic community of New Jersey for more than seventy-five years. It was founded by Jewish immigrants who named the congregation Etz Ahaim, "Tree of Life," after the oldest synagogue in Salonica, Greece. Founded at the start of the Great Depression, the synagogue struggled to stay afloat. Unable to afford a rabbi, they relied on the uncompensated services of Rabbi Benjamin Naar of Salonica, and on unordained lay leaders Eliyahu Nahama and Elie Saporta until 1955.

Since then, Etz Ahaim has been lead by Rabbis Ishmael Cohen, Murray Greenfield, Rafael Wizman, David Glicksman, Yamin Levy, and, from 1991 until today, Rabbi David Bassous. It has grown since its incorporation in April of 1927 from a circle of 25 worshipping in private residences, to a small community of 75 families in a building on Richmond Street, New Brunswick, to a vibrant congregation of 155 families in Highland Park. What was once a small group, barely able to afford the mortgage on their building during the Great Depression is now a thriving community and religious center of New Jersey.

Today, Etz Ahaim is deeply involved in the Middlesex County community. They sponsor community outreach, philosophy classes, dance lessons, educational opportunities. Etz Ahaim also has an active Sisterhood as old as the congregation itself, and which just came out with a Sephardic cookbook, "Come, es Bueno." On Sunday, November 7, they will be celebrating the 350th anniversary of the start of the Jewish community in the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge the profound cultural achievements of Congregation Etz Ahaim, both for the Sephardic community, and for Highland Park in general. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring them, and their many years of service to Jewish life in the United States.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, personal reasons require me to return to my district, and I am unable to be present for legislative business scheduled after 3 p.m., Wednesday, November 17, 2004. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on H.R. 1417, the Copyright Royalty and Distribution Reform Act of 2004 (Rollcall No. 532), and "aye" on S. 2302, a bill to improve access to physicians in medically underserved areas (Rollcall No. 533).

I would appreciate it if my remarks would appear in the appropriate place in the RECORD.

TRIBUTE TO CHAPLAIN (MAJOR) FLOYD L. WHITE III

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the retirement of Chaplain (Major) Floyd L. White III from the United States Army Reserve, and to recognize his years of service to his community and country.

Chaplain White served his country for 20 proud years, from June 4, 1983, to November 7, 2003. His role in the U.S. Army Reserve took him across the country and across the world. He served as a Battalion Chaplain for the 457th and 451st Chemical Battalions in Greenville, SC, and as a Brigade Chaplain for two brigades at Fort Dix, NJ. He served overseas in South Korea in Operation Team Spirit in 1990, and in 2001 he served in a Warfighter Exercise in Grafenwoehr, Germany.

Chaplain White is also a dedicated and motivated community leader. He is the Pastor of the Woodland Avenue Presbyterian Church in Camden, NJ, and is President of the Woodland Community Development Corporation. He serves on the boards of the Cooper University Hospital Foundation, the United Way of Camden County, the Camden Eye Center, and the Cooper Ferry Camden Waterfront Development Board.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to honor Chaplain White today. He embodies the American spirit of service to one's family, community, and country. I thank him for his dedicated service and wish Chaplain Floyd White all the best in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

SPEECH OF

HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to recognize my good friend, Congressman BILL LIPINSKI, and to thank him for his 22 years of service and vision and leadership in Congress.

I know we use the word—friend—often in this body. Usually right before we are about to disagree with our colleagues.

We say things like, I have a lot of respect for my good friend from Illinois, but I couldn't disagree more with his staunch support of the Chicago White Sox.

But as much as we use the word "friend" to frame our debates, I have always felt that Congress actually is a tough place to build real, lasting friendships.

That is why Mr. LIPINSKI will be so missed. Because while it's true that I hardly knew BILL LIPINSKI when I arrived here in 1993, it's more true now that I can hardly imagine not having Bill as one of my best friends and allies in public service.

I will miss his effectiveness and his leadership, but more than that I will miss his day-to-day presence and his friendship.

And I know I am not alone.

Because Mr. LIPINSKI has been such a good friend to so many of us in this body, on both sides of the aisle.

And he has been such a good friend and unwavering champion for the people of Illinois.

As the late Chicago Sun-Times Columnist Steve Neal put it, Mr. LIPINSKI, "gets things done."

And that is what has been the cornerstone of his career. Getting things done for his constituents and for the people of our state. Getting things done so that people across the country have access to better roads, more reliable railways and more dependable airports.

One of the things I am most proud of during my time in Congress is working with Mr. LIPINSKI to secure funding for the renovation and reconstruction of the CTA Blue Line in my district.

It is this kind of leadership and hard work and perseverance that has been the foundation of Mr. LIPINSKI's career. He has led by action and by example. And in doing so, he has produced concrete results for our state.

During his 22 years in this body, Mr. LIPINSKI has fought ardently and selflessly and passionately on issues that make a real difference in ordinary people's lives.

From his first days in this body, he immersed himself in transportation and infrastructure matters. And he did so with integrity and class and the courage of his convictions.

He has helped secure hundreds of millions of dollars in vital funding for public transportation and infrastructure projects. And every day, people all across our city are better off because of his hard work, his dedication and his determination.

From the Metra train, to the CTA, to highway projects along the Stevenson or Lake Shore Drive, to O'Hare and Midway airport, Mr. LIPINSKI has worked to make our infrastructure safer, stronger and more secure.

And beyond his extraordinary legislative accomplishments, Mr. LIPINSKI has served as a role model for many of us in the Illinois delegation and for many who seek to serve at all levels of elected office.

He has been a patient mentor, an unwavering ally and a great friend.

And I know I speak for this entire body when I say that we will miss the sound of that great Southside accent filling this Chamber.

We will miss his skillful management of major transportation bills. But most of all, we will miss our friend's wisdom and leadership and guidance.

So let me close by thanking my friend, Mr. LIPINSKI, for his lifetime of public service. Our city and our Nation owe you a deep debt of gratitude. You will be missed.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MARCUS HIGH SCHOOL DRUM LINE

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the superior performances of the Edward S. Marcus High School Drum Line from my hometown of Flower Mound, Texas located in the 26th Congressional District. The drum line consists of 38 dedicated musicians.

At the recent Percussive Arts Society International Convention in Nashville, Tennessee, the Marcus Drum Line delivered outstanding performances which garnered them nine first-

place awards. In addition to their group awards, Marcus Drum Line became the first high school to earn all of the competition's individual awards: Best Snare Line, Best Tenor Drums, Best Bass Drums, Best Cymbals and Best Front Ensemble.

I am particularly honored to note that the winning performance, Looking Through the Windows of America, consisted of patriotic songs including "Stars and Stripes," "America," "Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Old Oak Tree," and "God Bless America."

I extend my sincere congratulations to Rick Villarreal, Director of Bands, Kennan Wylie, Percussion Instructor and the entire Marcus Drum Line for their talent and dedication to excellence.

CONGRATULATING THE MICHIGAN CITY MARQUETTE HIGH SCHOOL BLAZERS ON THEIR CLASS 1A STATE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. CHRIS CHOCOLA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. CHOCOLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Marquette High School Blazers on their Indiana High School Athletic Association Class 1A State Girls Volleyball Championship.

The young women of Marquette High School, located in my District in Michigan City, Indiana, competed in the IHSAA championships on Saturday, November 7 at the Hinkle Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

Mr. Speaker, in front of hundreds of their fans, this team captured their fourth state championship in the last six years. I might also note that the two years they didn't win, the team was state runner-up.

Last year, this team lost the championship to Morristown. But these young women didn't give up. They used the loss last year as motivation for their entire season this year.

And this year they beat Morristown 25-22, 25-12, and 25-20 in the championship game.

I am told that Juniors Michelle Fletcher and Sarah Denny did the majority of the damage for the Marquette Blazers, with the impressive assistance of Colleen Trainor and Kahlan Sebert.

I'd also like to congratulate Coach Troy Campbell and Assistant Coach Larry Sheagley on a great season. Compiling a 31 and 7 record is something to be proud of.

On behalf of the citizens of the Second Congressional District, I would like to congratulate Sarah Denny, Ashley Pinkney, Katie Krueger, Rachel Konrady, Kelly Kilgore, Kara Kmiecik, Sabra Johns, Kalan Sebert, Sunshine Johns, Tiffany Cerrillos, Danielle Barnett, Nicole Fumo, Colleen Trainor, and Michelle Fletcher on their Class 1A State Championship.

Additionally, Superintendent Kim Pryzbylski, Principal Patrick Cannon, Athletic Director Eric Simpson and Assistant Athletic Director Andy Walsh deserve a note of congratulations for supporting this team.

I would also be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the parents of these young women. I know the many hours they've given up to drive their daughters to practices and to attend

matches, both at home and away. Your effort means the world to them and you all should be proud.

Mr. Speaker, I know that these young women will go far in their future endeavors as they have already demonstrated they have what it takes to be a champion. I wish the seniors the best of luck and the remaining team members continued success next season.

Again, I would like to congratulate the Marquette High School girls volleyball team for winning their fourth state title.

A SPEECH BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE RECORDING ACADEMY

HON. MARY BONO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mrs. BONO. Mr. Speaker, one of our nations most precious exports is intellectual property. It is up to our country to care for and nurture this commodity. Thankfully, when it comes to the recording arts, we have an able and willing partner in the Grammys. To outline some of the challenges and creative measures taken by the industry, I would like to submit for the RECORD a speech given by Neil Portnow, President of the Recording Academy.

It's always a pleasure to be back in Washington, and particularly a pleasure to be back at our signature event in the capital, GRAMMYS on the Hill. All of us at the Academy consider it a privilege to have the opportunity to recognize our distinguished honorees: Senator Hillary Clinton, Representative Mary Bono, and the legendary Natalie Cole.

Although it's been an interesting and challenging year for the music community, it's also been an exciting one. Since we last gathered for this event one year ago, we've seen a number of positive developments—in the industry, in technology, and on the Hill. And for the Recording Academy, it has been a particularly busy year. One year ago, at this very event, I announced the formation of our GRAMMY Cultural Policy Initiative: designed to advance the rights of the music community through advocacy education and dialogue. I'm pleased to report significant progress in the Initiative's first year.

Our off-the-record GRAMMY Industry Roundtables serve as the place for productive dialogue between sectors of our industry that don't often interact. Roundtable participants have included artists such as Dave Matthews and Jimmy Jam, industry trade reps from RIAA and NARM, label executives, and legal scholars. By putting such diverse minds together, we believe our community can begin to develop solutions to the challenges we face.

Public forums, such as our GRAMMY Town Halls bring key legislators, GRAMMY winning artists, and the public together to discuss important issues such as broadcast decency and file sharing, while our "What's the Download" PSA campaign has given hundreds of thousands of consumers valuable information about the legal and ethical issues involved in downloading.

Through hands-on action in Washington, D.C., we help our legislators understand the importance of sound cultural and intellectual property policies. Recording Academy executives and artists from around the country are frequent visitors to the Hill as part of our Cultural Policy Initiative. To further