

selected as Director of Single Family Property Disposition Division. Ann has also served as senior Community Builder of Field Office Director for the Fresno Office, whose jurisdiction includes the eight counties of the San Joaquin Valley.

Ms. Sudduth has received numerous awards for her work including the Federal Housing Commissioner's Award. She has supervised the expansion of the Continuum of Care throughout the region, building the capacity of faith and community-based organizations to carry out housing and community development programs. Ann has distinguished herself by improving upon her abilities to serve by continuing educational opportunities and through her hard work and dedication.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ann Marie Sudduth upon her retirement from public service. Although her career in public service has ended, her contributions will be felt for generations to come. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Ann a fulfilling retirement.

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A TRIBUTE TO STEPHEN AND  
TERRI KEVELSON

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**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 16, 2004*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to Stephen and Terri Kevelson, who are being honored by the esteemed Young Israel of Avenue J on the occasion of the synagogue's 25th Annual Dinner.

The Young Israel of Avenue J has provided great leadership for both the 10th Congressional District and for all New Yorkers. I stand today to acknowledge two people on whose backs the foundation and ideology of this great institution has persevered. Our city and our nation need demonstrations of kindness, strength, and commitment to the success of our local communities, and the Kevelsons have provided us with just that.

The Kevelsons have a unique understanding of both the spiritual and communal needs of the residents of the 10th Congressional District, and have used that knowledge in ways that provide us not only the functional benefits of their work, but also a shining example of what community dedication truly means. From their work in forwarding the Flatbush Mikva, to their involvement with Chaim Berlin and the Young Israel movement the Kevelson's has constantly and consistently served our community above and beyond the call of duty.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to bring to the halls of Congress examples of individuals and organizations who have selflessly devoted their existence to the betterment of those around them. I congratulate both the Young Israel of Avenue J and Stephen and Terri Kevelson on this joyous occasion, and wish them continued success in all their endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT  
FRANK FULLER

**HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 16, 2004*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lieutenant Frank Fuller, native of Avoca, in my district, who will be honored as the "Man of the Year" at the annual dinner of the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, Lackawanna County, on March 17, 2004.

Lieutenant Fuller is a Navy veteran who recently completed the highlighted assignment of his career as director of Presidential food services at the White House, serving under Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush.

Lieutenant Fuller was responsible for executive dining services in the West Wing, Oval Office, Cabinet Room and senior staff dining rooms. He also directed worldwide food service security for the president.

Prior to his White House assignment, Lieutenant Fuller established the Mid-Atlantic Regional Food Service Office in Norfolk, VA. He directed the consolidation and operation of eight dining facilities and was responsible for 600 staff members who served 12,000 meals daily.

Lieutenant Fuller served as the food service director on a variety of naval ships and shore stations and led his teams to win the Navy's most prestigious awards for culinary service.

Lieutenant Fuller is married to the former Mary Teresa Poillon of Lancaster. They have two sons, Patrick and Brendan, and they reside in Alexandria, VA.

The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick is a charitable and fraternal organization established on March 17, 1913. The Friendly Sons honors the historic ties between the United States and Ireland. Membership dues, contributions and fundraisers support the organization's scholarship program.

Northeastern Pennsylvania is proud of the service of one of its own.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join the Friendly Sons today in congratulating Lieutenant Fuller.

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A TRIBUTE TO ROMELIA  
KIRKALDY, 29TH CONGRES-  
SIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF  
THE YEAR—2004

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**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 16, 2004*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Women's History Month. During the month of March, we pay special tribute to the accomplishments of our Nation's most distinguished women. It is my great privilege to recognize outstanding women who are making a difference in my district.

I stand today to recognize an extraordinary woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Ms. Romelia Kirkaldy. Ms. Kirkaldy's commitment to comforting others and advocating for those in need has made our community a better place in which to live.

Romelia Kirkaldy was born in Colon, Republic of Panama. She married a military service-

man and lived in Panama for many years. She has four children, Ricardo, Luis, William, and Terrence; and 11 grandchildren.

In 1966, Romelia immigrated to Chicago and worked as a nurse's assistant for 25 years with the Illinois Masonic Center in the neonatal/newborn nursery. She gave thousands of newborn babies comfort during their first hours in the world.

Upon her retirement in 1990, Ms. Kirkaldy moved to Pasadena, California. She began her community service career by volunteering for the Truancy Department of Pasadena, where she checked up on children who were absent from school. For many years, Romelia also participated with Family Friends, where she mentored disabled children and their families.

Over 14 years ago, Romelia became active with the Pasadena Senior Center as a senior lay advocate where she assisted senior citizens with information and referrals and helped to organize group outings and tours. Romelia considers this effort to be one of the most important efforts in her life and continues to volunteer at the center, staffing the front desk and telephones.

In 1992, Romelia was appointed to the Accessibility and Disability Commission for the City of Pasadena and served for 6 years, serving as chair for one term. For the last 7 years, she has been staffing the information kiosk at Pasadena City Hall and has been a volunteer for the annual Latino History Parade in Pasadena. As a lay Eucharistic minister at St. Phillip the Apostle Church, Romelia ministers to the sick and infirm. In addition to her many volunteer activities, Romelia works at the Altadena Traffic School in Altadena, California.

I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring an extraordinary woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Romelia Kirkaldy. The entire community joins me in thanking Romelia Kirkaldy for her continued efforts to make the 29th Congressional District a better place in which to live.

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A TRIBUTE TO LOUISE SCOTT  
MCNEIL AND JAMES MCNEIL

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**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 16, 2004*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Louise and James McNeil in recognition of their 75th wedding anniversary, celebrated December 27, 2003.

Louise and James McNeil, of Fayetteville, North Carolina, were married on December 5, 1928. They have been blessed with 12 children, 1 adopted son, 48 grandchildren, 76 great grandchildren, and 29 great-great grandchildren.

James still works for his real estate business, McNeil & Sons Real Estate Investments, managing several rental properties that he owns. He started the company in 1960.

He started working as a sharecropper and, in 1942, he had saved enough money to buy his first farm, a 25-acre tract. Later that year, James bought another 62 acres with a house on it. He now owns a 160-acre farm. Additionally, Louise has always been heralded as an inspiration for her family.

Mr. Speaker, Louise Scott McNeil and James McNeil have dedicated their lives to each other for an incredible 75 years of matrimony. As such, they are more than worthy of receiving our recognition today, and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable couple.

TRIBUTE TO CRANBROOK  
EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY

**HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 16, 2004*

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, today I am honored to pay tribute to the Cranbrook Educational Community, which celebrates its centennial year in 2004.

On January 18, 1904, George and Ellen Booth bought a run-down farm in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, for a vacation site and possible home for their family. In 1922, the Booths and local parents joined together to form a school for neighborhood children that would become one of the world's leading centers for art and education.

Cranbrook grew into that leading center because George and Ellen Booth were committed to personal growth and community service through art, architecture, science, and education. George Booth described this commitment at the dedication of Cranbrook School in 1927 when he said:

"We were unwilling to go through life with our aims centered mainly in the pursuit of wealth and with a devotion wholly to the ordinary opportunity for social satisfaction. We were not willing to leave all of the more enduring joys for our children or the joy of work in so good a cause entirely to our friends after we had passed on; rather did we wish, in our day, to do what we could and give tangible expression now to our other accomplishments by adventures into a still more enduring phase of life. We wished to see our dreams come true while we were, to the best of our ability, helping to carry on the work of creation."

Today, the Booths' dreams live on as the Cranbrook Educational Community thrives as a premier educational and cultural resource for Bloomfield Hills and its surrounding communities.

The community's Institute of Science provides high-quality science education programs to children and families throughout southeast Michigan, while its Academy of art is the only graduate art program in the country devoted solely to fine arts education. Meanwhile, the Cranbrook Schools educate students in all grades while maintaining a reputation as one of the most challenging independent schools in the country.

The Cranbrook Educational Community has been a tremendous asset for 100 years to young and old alike in the pursuit of knowledge and enrichment. Cranbrook is an institution full of treasures and rich history that will allow it to continue to be a leader in education for the next 100 years to come.

It is institutions such as the Cranbrook Educational Community that make this Nation great. I extend to all members of the Cranbrook community my congratulations as they celebrate their 100th anniversary.

A TRIBUTE TO JEANNINE WOLFE,  
29TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
WOMAN OF THE YEAR—2004

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 16, 2004*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Women's History Month. During the month of March, we pay special tribute to the accomplishments of our Nation's most distinguished women. It is my great privilege to recognize outstanding women who are making a difference in my district.

I stand today to recognize an extraordinary woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Ms. Jeannine Wolfe. Ms. Wolfe's passion for community service has made our community a better place in which to live.

Born in Kansas in 1929, Jeannine's family moved to Los Angeles, California, in 1932. In 1945, the family relocated to Inyokern, California, where her father was an ordnanceman at the Naval Ordnance Test Station (NOTS).

After graduating from high school, Jeannine went to work for the U.S. Navy as a civil service employee in the Explosive Department Office of NOTS. Working at NOTS was an exciting experience for Jeannine, who had the opportunity to work with CalTech scientists and engineers, naval officers, and meet young enlisted women and men from all over the Nation. She married her husband, Edward Wolfe, a U.S. Army corporal, in 1948; and they moved to Temple City, California, in 1952. The Wolfes enjoyed 13 years of marriage until Edward's death in 1961. They have three children, Linda, Marilyn, and Wesley; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

In 1961, Jeannine worked for NOTS, Pasadena Annex, until her transfer to the Board of U.S. Civil Service Examiners for Scientists and Engineers, now the Office of Personnel Management.

After 40 years of service with the Federal Government, Jeannine retired in 1989 and began her volunteer service. She organized and operated a National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) service center, where she assisted retired Federal employees who had Social Security, retirement, or other issues. Although the center closed after 4 years, Jeannine continues to act as the service officer for West San Gabriel Valley NARFE Chapter 556 and helps retired employees. Currently, she serves as NARFE's newsletter editor and legislative officer.

Jeannine has volunteered for Temple City's schools over the years and has served on numerous Temple City Unified School District committees, including the Bond Construction Support Committee. An active member of the Temple City Historical Society, she is also a dedicated volunteer for the Temple City Chamber of Commerce, serving as co-chair of the Legislative Committee and as an ambassador. In addition to her volunteer activities, Jeannine helps to care for a nearby elderly relative.

I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring an extraordinary woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Jeannine Wolfe. The entire community joins me in thanking Jeannine Wolfe for her continued efforts to make the 29th Congressional District a better place in which to live.

A TRIBUTE TO MEDGAR EVERS  
COLLEGE

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 16, 2004*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Medgar Evers College for adding a Baccalaureate degree program in Social Work to its curriculum. Social Work is an invaluable profession for creative and positive change in our communities, and I commend Medgar Evers for fulfilling this vital social need.

The announcement of this degree program coincides with National Social Work Month. Being a social worker myself, I know the vital role this profession plays in empowering individuals and enhancing social well-being.

Social workers are able to reach the most disaffected members of our communities. People who otherwise would have fallen through the cracks are taught to identify and manage the underlying environmental forces behind their social problems.

There are approximately half a million social workers actively involved in helping individuals with various needs in areas such as health, mental illness, diversity, children, families, aging, poverty, human rights, and social injustice. Despite the far-reaching benefits of social work, it is a profession in need of new members. Nearly three fourths of all social workers were born before 1960, and their median age is 50. Programs like the one being started at Medgar Evers are essential for preparing a new generation of social workers to address the complex problems facing society today.

Social workers are on the front lines, battling the many social problems plaguing our communities. The very nature and goal of social work is to help people. I cannot think of a profession more worthy of praise or more significant in impact.

Medgar Evers College faithfully serves the community by fulfilling its mission of meeting "the educational and social needs of Central Brooklyn through the development and maintenance of high quality, professional career-oriented undergraduate degree programs in the context of liberal education." The creation of a degree in Social Work is another step forward in this fine educational tradition.

I know that my own education in social work has been invaluable in both my personal and professional lives, and I am happy that Medgar Evers is supporting this noble and important profession.

Mr. Speaker, Medgar Evers College is working hard to serve its community through the addition of a Social Work degree to its curriculum. As such, it is worthy of receiving our recognition today, and I urge all of my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable institution.

ROSS PEROT RECEIVES  
EISENHOWER AWARD

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 16, 2004*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. H. Ross Perot on his receipt