

raised eight children. Mrs. Murphy is the proud grandmother of eight, and she is also the proud greatgrandmother of eight.

Beyond caring for her family, Mrs. Murphy has been an involved member of the City of Brooklyn Democratic Party for nearly 50 years. In 1955, Mrs. Murphy volunteered her time to work on election day, and by the late fifties, she was elected to serve as precinct committee person—a position she holds to this day. With a quick and agile mind and an equally energized spirit, Mrs. Murphy continues to volunteer her time and talents in service to her community. Moreover, Mrs. Murphy continues to energize the Democratic Party of Brooklyn with her dedication, integrity, loyalty, and hopeful outlook.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in tribute and recognition of Mary H. Murphy, as she is being honored by the City of Brooklyn as the "Democrat of the Year." Mrs. Murphy continues to be an inspiration to everyone in her life—especially to her family and friends. Her friendship, convictions, boundless energy, joy, and good works are invaluable gifts, and her spirit of volunteerism continues to uplift the City of Brooklyn, and our entire community. We wish her continued health and happiness today, and all days to come.

HONORING WILLIAMSVILLE EAST FLAMES HOCKEY TEAM

HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 24, 2004

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to congratulate the Williamsville East High School Flames of Amherst New York. On March 21, 2004, the Flames brought home the school's first ever Division II State Hockey Championship. It was also the first state championship in any sport for the school.

Williamsville East triumphed 3–2 in an exciting overtime Division II title game. The Flames displayed dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the entire season, and the Championship is a testament to the hours of hard work they put in during practice and the effort and desire to win they brought to the rink each game. The State Title was achieved by a team of 21 devoted young men. They are: Graham Townsend, Mike Ross, Kyle Lucey, Matt Gelia, Joe Ash, Paul Clair, Mike Calzi, Alex Durinka, Mike Kaminska, Justin Rusek, Sean Sheeran, Matt McGlone, Jason Tartick, Lyle Rocker, Phil Bermel, Jarrod Etengoff, Andrew Ross, Jamie Tuchiarelli, Richard Calzi, Anthony Clair, and Jonathan Toole.

I would like to offer this Congress' congratulations to the team, including the Head Coach, Mike Torrillo; his Assistant Coaches, Derek Gilham, Dan Hartman, and Manager Joe Guadagnino; Williamsville East Athletic Director Scott Taylor; and Principal Neal Miller.

The entire Western New York community is proud of all that they have accomplished.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that this Congress join me in honoring and recognizing the Williamsville East Flames Hockey team for bringing home the school's first ever Division II State Championship.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PEACE CORPS DAY

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 24, 2004

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, during March, we celebrate National Peace Corps Day, honoring the 168,000 Americans who have served as volunteers since the creation of the Peace Corps in 1961. These amazing men and women have served our Nation in 136 countries. Peace Corps volunteers have made enormous contributions in the areas of agriculture, business development, education, health, and the environment, and in so doing have improved the lives of individuals and communities around the world. The Peace Corps has become an enduring symbol of our Nation's commitment to encourage progress and create opportunity in the developing world.

My own background as an educator and director at Outward Bound for 20 years taught me about the importance of national and community service. But I also have strong connections to the Peace Corps—through my great State of Colorado and through my family. Colorado has one of the highest levels of recruitment of Peace Corps volunteers nationwide, and returned Peace Corps Volunteers in the 2nd Congressional District alone number over 500. Of course, the most important Peace Corps connection for me is my mother, who served as a volunteer in Nepal decades ago.

Because of these connections I have a special interest in advancing the ability of the Peace Corps to play an important role in these new times. I believe we must work to continue to promote world peace and friendship through the people-to-people approach of the Peace Corps. That's why I worked with my colleague Representative SAM FARR last year to introduce legislation known as the Peace Corps Charter for the 21st Century Act that would strengthen and expand the Peace Corps. The bill passed the House as part of H.R. 1950, a bill authorizing programs at the Department of State. I am hopeful that the Senate will pass the bill before the end of the 108th Congress.

The Peace Corps is one of the most admired and successful initiatives ever put in place. I'm proud that the following young people from the 2nd Congressional District are presently serving in countries all over the world: Vanessa Adams, Ben Armitage, Molly E. Boyntoff, Ryan G. Burgess, Millicent S. Butterworth, Yun Chang, Shaun P. Cosgrove, Brian P. Cox, Shaun P. Cronin, Gene F. Defosse, Nicholas J. Detsch, Aryn M. Fleegler, Brooke S. Franke, David Gelvin, Marion C. Hackman, Jessica E. Hanson, Bret G. Harry, Dustin A. Hinrichs, Anna D. Jankowski, Betty J. Kelly, Joseph R. Kelly, Rebecca J. Knerl, Wendy L. Maxwell, Kerith (Kay) M. Miller, Stephanie A. Ogden, Sarah K. Oltmans, Johanna S. Patrick, Benjamin J. Ploeger, Matthew N. Rice, Paul J. Robyn, Trent W. Ruder, Kate A. Rudkin, Kathleen M. Shannon, Melinda E. Simonson, David W. Sparkman, Robert B. Sweetman, Amanda R. Tennant, Michelle L. Tinkler, Ryan P. Van Duzer, Gabrielle Varani, Michael J. Walzak, Anthony R. White, Barry M. Wick.

A pebble tossed into a still pond creates ripples that begin small and grow larger. Peace

Corps volunteers have had this same effect on the people they have touched. The Peace Corps experience exemplifies how individuals can make a tremendous difference in the lives and perceptions of people in developing countries as well as people right here at home.

National Peace Corps Day honors the volunteers, past and present, and reaffirms our country's commitment to helping people help themselves throughout the world. Today I honor all of the men and women who have selflessly and generously served our country in the Peace Corps.

A PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF STAFF SERGEANT LESTER O. KINNEY II

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 24, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and community of Staff Sgt. Lester O. Kinney II upon the death of this outstanding soldier.

Staff Sgt. Kinney was a member of the 82nd Airborne Division's 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He served his great Nation in the country of Iraq as a leader in his unit. A loving husband to his wife Marisa, and loving son to his parents Jack and Barb Lloyd, Sgt. Kinney served courageously for 8 years in the United States Army.

Sgt. Kinney will be remembered for his unsurpassed sacrifice of self while protecting others. His example of strength and fortitude will be remembered by all those who knew him.

While words cannot express our grief during the loss of such a courageous soldier, I offer this token of profound sympathy to the family, friends, and colleagues of Staff Sgt. Lester O. Kinney II.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF TIMOTHY HORGAN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 24, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker I rise today in honor and recognition of Timothy F. Horgan, Health Commissioner of Cuyahoga County, upon the occasion of his retirement following nearly 35 years of service and dedication to Ohio residents in the areas of public health, recreation and safety.

Throughout his tenure, Mr. Horgan focused on protecting and enhancing the health of Ohio residents of all ages. With the support of Ohio's recreation industry, he wrote the legislation for Ohio's first recreational licensing program that monitored swimming pools, campgrounds and marinas.

While serving as the Director of Environmental Health at the Cuyahoga County Board of Health, Mr. Horgan was instrumental in the development and passage of legislation that significantly updated food protection laws. He also took the lead in investigating an outbreak of infant pulmonary hemorrhaging cases, and

facilitated the investigation of an outbreak of Legionnaires' disease.

Moreover, it was Mr. Horgan's diligence, vision and persistence that initiated the construction of a new health center for the Cuyahoga County Board of Health. The new center opened its doors in December, 2003. Additionally, Mr. Horgan energized the entire Board by enhancing the scope of services and increasing staff members from 40 in 1987, to 215 employees today.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Timothy E. Horgan, whose exemplary professional life has been dedicated to the health and well-being of Ohio residents. I wish Mr. Horgan many blessings of health and happiness in all of his future endeavors.

105TH BIRTHDAY OF CAPT
DOROTHY STRATTON, USCGR

HON. STEVE BUYER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 24, 2004

Mr. BUYER. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to send best wishes to CAPT Dorothy Stratton today on her 105th birthday. CAPT Stratton is a visionary leader and patriot whose service to the United States cannot be measured.

CAPT Dorothy Stratton, USCG Reserve, Retired, was born on March 24th, 1899 in Brookfield, MO. She earned her Bachelor's Degree from Ottawa University in 1924 and continued her education at the University of Chicago and at Columbia University, where, in 1932, she earned her PhD. In 1933 she was appointed Dean of Women and associate professor of psychology at Purdue University. Dr. Stratton remained at Purdue until June 1942, when she decided to join the global war effort and took a leave of absence to join the Naval Women's Reserve.

On November 23, 1942, when President Roosevelt established the Coast Guard's Women's Reserve, LT Stratton transferred from the Navy and was sworn in as its first director. She became the first woman accepted for service as a commissioned officer in the history of the Coast Guard.

Almost immediately after being sworn in, LT Stratton set about the task of finding an appropriate name for the Coast Guard Women's Reserve, and so the SPARs got their name. Not only an acronym of the Coast Guard's motto—Semper Paratus, Always Ready, the word spar is often used to describe support structures and, in LT Stratton's words to the Commandant of the Coast Guard, "that is what each member of the Women's Reserve will be."

LT Stratton quickly ascended the Coast Guard ranks and within 2 years was promoted to the rank of CAPT. During her 4 years as director of the SPARs, CAPT Stratton recruited and led 10,000 enlisted women and 1,000 commissioned officers. She led the service throughout World War II, until the SPAR demobilization was complete on June 30th, 1946.

Following her service in the Coast Guard, CAPT Stratton continued to serve her country as Director of Personnel for the International Monetary Fund, and then as National Executive Director of the Girl Scouts of America.

On this, her 105th birthday, I honor CAPT Dorothy Stratton for her service to the United States, the Coast Guard and its Reserve, and for the inspiration and legacy she created, not only for the women of this great nation, but all our citizens.

TRIBUTE TO MR. THOMAS P.
CALDWELL

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 24, 2004

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a distinguished member of my community, Grand Master Thomas P. Caldwell. An admirable citizen and resident of Newark, Mr. Caldwell will be honored on Saturday, April 3, 2004, and I wish to acknowledge his contributions to my district.

Mr. Caldwell was born in Charlotte, North Carolina to Mattie and Melvin Caldwell and is one of eight children. He is married to Glenda Dodd, and they have one daughter, Melody. He graduated from Shaw University with a B.S. in Political Science and continued his educational experience at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey and Fairleigh Dickinson University in East Rutherford, New Jersey.

He has been a faithful employee of the New Jersey Department of Labor since 1972, and has held several positions of increasing responsibility there, now serving as Assistant Director of Programs and Services. He is a member of the International Association of Personnel in Employment Security, where he has served on the International Board of Directors and led a Labor exchange to the Republic of China and Japan. He also received the Association's highest award, "The President's Award" in 1989.

Mr. Caldwell is dedicated to community service, assisting in the development of the Vailsburg Block Association, and serving as the President of the PTA of St. Mary's Elementary School, Louise A. Spenser High School, and University High School. He has been an active supporter of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, participating in many Walk-a-Thons to help raise money to increase awareness for the fight against this disease.

He is a member of the NAACP, the Second Ward High School National Foundation, the George E. Cannon Lodge #858 I.B.P.O.E. in Vaux Hall, New Jersey, and the Vailsburg Block Association Council. He has also been very active in the Prince Hall Masonic Organization, enjoying their fellowship and providing for them an excellent and well-respected leader.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in extending my thanks to Mr. Caldwell for his service to my community, and I invite my colleagues to join me in sending our sincere congratulations and best wishes.

RECOGNIZING MR. DAVID
WARTOFSKY'S CONTRIBUTIONS
TO NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION
WEEK

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 24, 2004

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. David Wartofsky's contributions to National Transportation Week. For the past five years, Mr. Wartofsky has closed Potomac Airfield, his private airport in Ft. Washington, Maryland, so that 1,000 school children can participate in National Transportation Week events.

This year, on May 20, Potomac Airfield will host nearly 1,000 students from Washington D.C. area elementary, middle and high schools. These children will have an opportunity to view 22 different aircraft and 18 transportation-related exhibits. In addition, the winners of several contests will be recognized. Winners of Odyssey of the Mind Aircraft Flyer Contest will demonstrate their aircraft on the runway. Winners of the Music of the Mind will perform on stage, celebrating, "One Nation on the Move." Winners of the poster contest will see their work on display.

All of this would not be possible without the cooperation and support of Mr. David Wartofsky. Fondly nicknamed the "Big Cheese," Mr. Wartofsky is a pilot and self proclaimed gadget freak. As the owner of Potomac Airfield, he prides himself on being at the "heart" of our nation's airspace, and that statement has come to mean so much more than geography. His passion for aviation is more than the business he operates; he's transformed it into an investment in our community. I applaud Mr. Wartofsky for his contributions to National Transportation Week. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. David Wartofsky and Potomac Airfield which reflects the personality of the "Big Cheese" and is often described as a "fun airport and a good bunch of interesting friends."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 24, 2004

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, on the legislative day of Thursday, March 18, 2004, the House had a vote on H. Con. Res. 364, a resolution that would express Congress' recognition of more than 50 years of strategic partnership between the United States and the Marshall Islands. On House rollcall vote No. 71, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."