

Cristina Jaramillo—Cristina has served as President for the Valencia Shelter for Victims of Domestic Violence, Chairman of the University of New Mexico Valencia Campus Development Board, and as a member of the Belen Chamber of Commerce Board, and Belen Noon Optimists. Cristina currently serves as a member of the United Way of Central New Mexico Women in Leadership Council, New Mexico Financial Corporation and Ranchers Banks Board of Directors, United Way's Valencia County Community Board, UNM-VC Development Board, Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce Albuquerque Reads Committee, and as a representative member of the Albuquerque Hispano Chamber and the Boys and Girls Club of Valencia County.

Michelle Judkins—Michelle worked fulltime for 15 years to raise money for the care of elderly people that could not afford quality nursing home care, all while raising a child alone. She then supervised and trained Hospice volunteers, and started an upscale Hospice thrift store to raise money.

Lillian Kennesson—Lillian was diagnosed with breast cancer just before her 26th birthday. She was one of the youngest to be treated at UNM Cancer Research and was fortunate to have an amazing doctor. Her family celebrated because she had been placed in remission, until a year later when she was diagnosed with cancer again. This time it was caught in the early stage at age 29. She made a vow to live each day to the fullest, eat healthy and exercise each day.

Susan Kitsch—Susan is the Principle Member of Laboratory Staff at Sandia National Labs, where she administers programs for military and industrial partners primarily in Synthetic Aperture Radar. Susan was a founding member of the NM Compensation and Benefits Association.

Lilly Kutzscher—Two and a half years ago, Lilly's niece had her fourth child. Her niece lost her husband and now is living with her mother. Lilly took it upon herself to care for this child at their home five days a week while her niece and mother work to support the family.

Darlene Leonard—Darlene is the manager of Volunteer Programs in Sandia's Community Involvement Department. She coordinates Make-A-Difference Day for Sandia, and under her leadership, the Sandia program was recognized by Parade Magazine as one of the outstanding programs of its kind. The Thunderbird Awards is a program that Darlene is particularly proud of.

Linda Lee Louie—Linda knew no English when she and her husband married in 1963. Encouraged by her husband, she attended evening classes at the Old Albuquerque High School and studied with a tutor to achieve English literacy. Linda donates her bilingual skills and knowledge of Chinese culture to benefit Albuquerque and the Asian American community.

Linda Lovato-Montoya—Linda is doing extraordinary things in the fight against breast cancer and was recently recognized by Yoplait, SELF Magazine and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation as one of 25 Yoplait Champions. Linda provides support, advocacy, education, and awareness about breast cancer to NM Hispanics.

Emma Lutton—Emma has turned her attention to the youth in her area by forming a Youth Development Program committee which

provides youth education activities and senior mentorship. She is also developing programs to enhance Education, Arts and Music and Recreation activities for their youth and seniors jointly.

Rebecca Maloy—Rebecca is a minority business owner of a local construction company, Maloy Construction. She has been recognized with an Outstanding Women's Award from NM Woman Magazine, which also featured her on their cover. Rebecca wrote an article "Business to Crow About," also featured in the magazine.

Joyce Miller—Joyce spends many hours helping out at St. Mark's Church. Often she cooks meals for the needy or seniors. She leads a women's bible group and prepares the altar for services. When St. Mark's Church flooded, she cleaned out the water and debris.

Sheila Nawman—Shortly after 9/11, Sheila was working at her computer when a banner showing a star with five vertical stripes caught her eye. Sheila decided to make a 14 inch by 42 inch banner to display support of those affected by the tragic event. So far, over 1100 banners have been presented.

Audrey Rose Ornelas—Audrey has accomplished her dream of obtaining a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology. To get to this point she had to go beyond her disabilities, not only physical but learning disabilities as well. She underwent several brain surgeries due to brain injuries, and she is also dyslexic and has other learning disabilities. She plans to continue on to Highlands University for a master's degree in counseling with an emphasis on children and adolescents who are handicapped.

Beth Pattillo—As a full-time working mother in Los Alamos County, Beth runs errands and shovels driveways for elderly neighbors, makes meals for the sick, babysits to give stressed moms a break, leads a Girl Scout Troop, and teaches in her church.

Tara Ransom—Tara is a junior at La Cueva High School. She volunteers at Casa Esperanza, Joy Junction, Roadrunner Food Bank, Balloon Fiesta, and the Doggie Dash and Dawdle. Tara developed hydrocephalus as a small baby and has had six surgeries on her brain. The only medical option to keep Tara alive is a shunt, a drain made of silicone. Silicone has been branded as dangerous and it has been a constant fight for most of Tara's life to keep the material available.

Karen Renschler—Karen is the mother of autistic twin sons, who are now 19 years old. Karen is now a teacher, developing a fine arts program for 40 severely handicapped children with exceptionalities ranging from blindness to cerebral palsy to autism.

Karen Robinson—Karen is a dedicated, full time volunteer, encouraging students in the area of science and math. She teaches hands-on science at Collet Park Elementary School. At Grant Middle School, she plays a very important role with their 8th grade Science Class. She also helps organize their science fair and prepares 18 students to go on to the Southwest Regional Science Fair.

Audrey Roybal—This nomination was made on behalf of Annette's seven-year-old son who thinks the world of his first-grade teacher, Mrs. Roybal. She makes learning fun, she is very compassionate, caring, professional, and informative.

Juanita Sanchez—Juanita is a member of the Laboratory Staff at Sandia National Labs

running the United Way campaign at Sandia for the past 12 years. Juanita also serves on the United Way's Campaign Cabinet and serves on the Board of Directors for the Peanut Butter and Jelly Preschool.

Carol Schulze—Carol began volunteering with the American Red Cross Mid-Rio Grande Chapter in August 2000 and has been a valuable resource to them ever since. After completing basic disaster training, Carol began volunteering at the chapter office full-time as a caseworker, assisting disaster clients with their needs.

Georgia Seery—Georgia taught physical education and spent her entire professional career in Socorro. Georgia and her husband started many community youth programs introducing golf. She was a leader and a teacher by example. She held high standards and expectations. She was organized and objective. She challenged her students to do their best in academics and sports. She has made a difference in hundred of young lives.

Bonnie Snowdon—Bonnie is the mother of a mentally ill son who is now in his 30's. She works tirelessly for better treatment of the mentally ill, gives much time and effort to supporting the mentally ill, gives them hope, and suggests ways for them to better themselves despite their limitations.

Rosemary St. John—Rosemary has been a volunteer with the American Red Cross Mid-Rio Grande Chapter since January 1999. She has been instrumental in helping the chapter improve service delivery to the Albuquerque community, serving on a Disaster Action Team and assisting people displaced by small local disasters, such as single house fires, with their immediate disaster-caused needs.

Anna Vargas—Anna currently attends Albuquerque Job Corps. Anna was born in Mexico, but left that country to get away from an abusive father. In 2000, she went to the shelter for victims of domestic violence and in November of that year, she gave birth to her son. She is now an intern in Congresswoman WILSON's District Office.

Judy Zanotti—Judy had a successful career at PNM and then she retired. She is President of New Mexico First, Judy volunteers for dozens of other organizations. This past year, she served as Mistress of Ceremonies for the luncheon for President Fox from Mexico, co-chair for the 20th Annual Celebration of "Women on the Move," chair of the selections process for the "Ethics in Business" Award, and a member of the committee to select a new Dean of the Anderson Schools of Management at UNM.

IRI CONTINUES TO PROMOTE FREEDOM AROUND THE WORLD

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2004

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I have previously expressed my support for the International Republican Institute's (IRI) outstanding work in Iraq, Eastern Europe, and Africa and want to reiterate my support as IRI celebrates its 20th anniversary. Tonight, IRI led by president George Folsom will celebrate this auspicious occasion during its 2004 Freedom Dinner at which IRI will present the Freedom Award for advancing democracy to Dr.

Condeleeza Rice, the National Security Advisor, and honor the late Sergio de Mello, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights who was killed in Iraq.

I also want to focus on the unique opportunities which IRI provides for Americans to share the skills they have honed on campaign trails and in the halls of Congress with their counterparts in developing democracies. Volunteers from across the U.S. augment IRI's operations in over 56 countries by conducting specialized training missions on crafting campaign finance laws, strengthening political participation among women and youth, and implementing political polling. Additionally, IRI frequently sends volunteers to serve on election observation missions. Recently, my own Chief of Staff, Eric Dell returned from an election observation mission in Macedonia where he worked with IRI professionals from across the globe.

Mr. Speaker, IRI's use of volunteers builds goodwill for the U.S. as Americans assist men and women overseas to strengthen political parties and democratic institutions. For example, interactions between a city administrator from rural South Carolina and a mayor in Malawi can go far in breaking misconceptions about the U.S. and about the prognosis for democracy in Africa. IRI volunteers demonstrate to newly elected parliamentarians in Eastern Europe that building democratic institutions is not only a goal of U.S. government officials but that it is the desire of the American people. I hope that my colleagues and their staffers consider participating in IRI training missions as one of the best opportunities to play a critical role in implementing U.S. foreign policy.

HONORING SISTER ROSEMARY
WARD FOR HER ENDLESS SERVICE
AND DEDICATION TO THE
COMMUNITY

HON. VITO FOSSELLA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2004

Mr. FOSSELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to a remarkable citizen from my district, Sister Rosemary Ward. Sister Rosemary was recently presented with the Patrick Daly Memorial Award for her dedication to the care and education of children on Staten Island. For almost 55 years, she has been an exceptionally devoted teacher and principal in schools within my district. As do the truly great educators, she possesses a deep understanding and compassion for children. In combining this gift with her own values and ideals, she has created a holistic philosophy for education that has made her an invaluable asset to the community as teacher and principal. Her achievements are widely known and well sung by the innumerable citizens she's left a lasting impression upon. It is with pleasure and honor that I'd like to congratulate Sister Rosemary for this distinguished award, and on behalf of the citizens of Staten Island offer my most sincere gratitude for the extraordinary contributions she's made to the community.

HONORING HERNANDO COUNTY
LAW ENFORCEMENT

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2004

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Hernando County Sheriff's Office and the Brooksville City Police Department for their commitment to maintaining law and order while safeguarding county residents. Hernando County has grown tremendously. It is regarded as one of the fastest growing counties in the nation with a population that has increased 330 percent since 1980. This growth has presented new challenges to our local law enforcement agencies. Thanks to the leadership and commitment of Sheriff Nugent and Police Chief Boyce, Hernando County continues to be provided effective and professional law enforcement.

I would like to recognize the bravery and selflessness of the fine individuals who wear the badge as this week marks Hernando County Law Enforcement Appreciation Week. These fine individuals who serve in law enforcement are an exceptional breed. They serve in the line of fire to protect us from harm's way and ask for little in return. The brave men and women of Hernando County law enforcement have more than earned our gratitude and whole hearted support. I am so very proud of our local sheriffs and police and happily thank them for their service and dedication to the county's safety. The residents of Hernando County and I are indebted to them.

RECOGNIZING FREEMAN'S FUR
SHOP

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2004

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Freeman's Fur Shop, an outstanding small business with a unique history in my hometown of Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

Freeman's Furs is owned and operated by Mr. Paul Shaftranck. The business has operated for 68 years. Freeman's was founded by the late Howard Freeman when he fashioned a fox fur neckpiece for his wife. The business expanded to an internationally known landmark. For many years, Howard Freeman trapped many of the animals and then designed and made the coats. Upon his death in 1994, his son, Lindsay, took over the business along with his daughter, Ann Freeman Peace. In 1997, Freeman sold the business to Shaftranck.

Freeman's Furs has offered fur design, creation, storage, cleaning and repairs to customers from around the world. The quality of work performed and customer service provided is a testament to Howard Freeman. Freeman Fur's will cease operation in April, 2004.

Mr. Speaker, Freeman's Fur Shop is beloved by its faithful customers and all who walk through its doors. It is a shining example of the significance and economic impact a small business can have on a community. I

am proud to bring the accomplishments of Freeman's Fur Shop and its employees to the attention of this House.

RECOGNIZING JUSTIN SNYDER

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2004

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, Justin Snyder attained his bar mitzvah on May 1, 2004. Justin is a seventh grade honor student at Pace Academy in Atlanta, Georgia. He is sincerely committed to academics, as evidenced by his effort to obtain all "A's" in each of the last quarter's grading periods over the past twelve (12) quarters. Such an achievement has earned him the distinction of being placed on the Headmaster's List for the past four (4) years. Justin has also participated on the Academy's debate team, where he won many awards for his scholastic achievements. Finally, he is a member of "People to People Student Ambassadors", a travel program, which has enabled him to travel with other young people to Washington DC, California, Australia, and this summer to Europe.

Justin also finds time for recreational and sporting activities. He is an avid basketball, baseball, and tennis player—having won trophies in each sport. From his enjoyment of skiing, he has secured many awards in the form of pins and medallions, and has skied on various slopes not only throughout the United States, but also the world. Justin has scuba dived in the Cayman Islands, the Great Barrier Reef in Australia, and has caught a seventy-two (72) inch sailfish off the coast of Cancun.

Even at a relatively young age, Justin Snyder has left his mark on the youth community in his hometown of Atlanta, Georgia; evidencing a strong sense of fundamental fairness in his dealings with others, and strong moral principles, gleaned from his friends, his religious upbringing, and his family. I know that we will continue to see more great accomplishments for this fine young man, as he grows and blossoms into manhood. I am proud to recognize, and to honor Mr. Justin Snyder on this important step in his life, and wish him much continued success for the future.

ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE DAY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2004

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 56th anniversary of Israel's independence.

The dream of a Jewish state stretches back two millennia to the destruction of the ancient Jewish kingdom of Israel. At the end of the Nineteenth Century, after the two thousand years of diaspora, persecution, and pogroms, Theodor Herzl and his fellow Zionists began the drive to revive the Jewish homeland. The unspeakable horrors of the Holocaust cemented the necessity of a Jewish state, and Israel was finally established as a sovereign and independent nation on May 14, 1948.