

H.R. 3493 Medical Devices Technical Corrections Act of 2003 and H.R. 1385 to extend the authorization for the United States Postal Service to issue a special postage stamp to benefit breast cancer research.

#### HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

**HON. RAHM EMANUEL**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 28, 2004*

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 492, a resolution honoring the contributions of Catholic schools and supporting the goals of Catholic Schools Week.

The accomplishments of Catholic schools and their tremendous impact on students and communities throughout the nation is evident in the Fifth Congressional District of Illinois, where schools like St. Ferdinand Catholic Elementary, St. Patrick High School, and Notre Dame High School for Girls provide a quality education while instilling values that will serve their students throughout their lives. These schools provide strong academic curriculums and engender significant parental involvement. They not only teach students the importance of academic achievement, but also provide a balanced perspective on life that promotes responsibility, justice and social service.

Catholic schools also promote ethnic and racial diversity. Increasing numbers of children in Catholic schools in my district come from our minority communities. Students in Catholic schools achieve exceptionally high graduation rates, with increasing numbers advancing to higher education and giving back to the community through volunteer service.

It is also important to recognize that the Catholic school experience fosters more than just scholastic excellence. It provides spiritual guidance to students by encouraging fundamental ideals and an appreciation for family values, community service, and faith in their own lives. This, in turn, shapes Catholic school students into leaders of tomorrow.

I want to take this opportunity to applaud the recent accomplishments of two teachers at a Catholic school in my district—Mother Theodore Guerin High School in River Grove, Illinois—who have been recognized for their outstanding service to their students and to their community. Sister Adelaide Ortegá received the Dr. Nathan Jones Special Achievement Award last October. This honor is awarded to educators for their outstanding work with African-American students. Sister Ortegá has taught Art for thirty years and is the sponsor of the African-American Club at Mother Guerin.

I also want to recognize Mary Stephany, a social science teacher at Mother Guerin who has been chosen as an Ambassador to Chicago's Field Museum for 2003–2004. In this role, Ms. Stephany will be a liaison for her school, serve on education advisory committees to the museum, and mentor other teachers.

I thank these two outstanding individuals as well as all of the dedicated Catholic school teachers in my district for their love of learning and their devotion to their students.

Mr. Speaker, I support this important resolution and encourage Catholic schools in my

district and across the United States to continue contributing to the development of strong moral, intellectual and social values in America's young people. I thank my colleague, Representative VITTER, for introducing this resolution, and I thank the National Catholic Educational Association and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for their sponsorship of Catholic Schools Week.

#### TRIBUTE TO MARK JOSEPH LUMER

**HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 28, 2004*

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Mr. Mark J. Lumer of Huntsville, AL, for his 28 years of outstanding service in supporting the U.S. military, in particular, our soldiers in Kosovo, Bosnia, Afghanistan, and the Middle East. He is the Contracting Executive at the United States Army Space and Missile Defense Command, USASMD, in Huntsville, AL. I stand today to applaud Mark Lumer for his many years of service and loyalty in North Alabama's role in supporting our soldiers in the field.

Mark Lumer has risen through the ranks of the Federal Government and earned his current position as the Principal Assistant Responsible for Contracting at the USASMD Contracting and Acquisition Management Office with offices in Washington, DC; Huntsville, AL; Colorado Springs, CO; and Kwajalein Missile Range in the Marshall Islands. As the Director of Contracts, he oversees over \$14 billion in active contracts, annual expenditures of about \$2 billion and a staff of approximately 80.

Mark Lumer achieved the highest distinction in his field as a member of the Senior Executive Service when he was recognized by President Bush in 2001 with the "Presidential Meritorious Rank Award." In 2000, the Secretary of the Army presented Mr. Lumer with the "Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service," the Army's highest civilian award. In addition, he has been recognized nationally for his contributions to the small business industry located in historically underutilized business zone (HUBZone) areas and received an award from the President of the National Institute of Severely Handicapped for his innovative contracting techniques that substantially increased job opportunities for handicapped individuals.

A native of New York, residing in both Virginia and Alabama, Mark Lumer has made Huntsville his home away from home. He has taken an active role in the Huntsville community serving as a board member of the U.S. Space and Rocket Center Foundation and the Space Center Museum Committee. In addition, Mark Lumer is a leader in the Huntsville community as a much sought after speaker for local organizations such as the Huntsville Association of Technical Societies, Huntsville Chapter of the National Contract Management Association, and the Huntsville Association of Small Business in Advanced Technology.

Among his many contributions to North Alabama, Mark Lumer is most recognized for his support to the small business community to include minority and women-owned businesses. He is also an advocate for historically black

colleges, universities, and minority institutions and ensures grants are awarded annually to these schools through local programs such as the Education and Employment for Technological Excellence in Aviation, Missiles, and Space.

I join his family, his wife Gail, his son Michael, his son-in-law Mo, his daughters Anne and Sarah, and friends and co-workers in congratulating him on a job well done. On behalf of the people of Alabama's 5th Congressional district, I want to express my gratitude to Mark for his extraordinary service to our community and our Nation.

#### HONORING COLONEL J. THOMAS MANGER, FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE CHIEF

**HON. TOM DAVIS**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 28, 2004*

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. WOLF, and I rise today to honor Chief Tom Manger for 27 years of dedicated service to the Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD).

The FCPD is the largest local police department in the Commonwealth of Virginia, with 1,300 sworn and 500 civilian members. Manger first joined the FCPD in 1977 as a patrol officer. He quickly rose through the ranks, demonstrating great commitment to the safety and security of Fairfax County and the greater Washington, DC metropolitan area. Manger was promoted to deputy chief in 1995 and to acting chief in 1998. On January 10, 1999, the Fairfax Board of Supervisors appointed him chief of police.

Through impressive organization and development efforts, he brought officers closer to the people they serve, making community policing a top priority. Moreover, he held the department to the highest ethical policing standards, instituting a number of new policies to increase FCPD accountability to the public. Fairfax County's crime rate is the lowest in the country for a jurisdiction over one million people.

Over the past few years, Chief Manger has faced challenges ranging from hurricane flooding to anthrax scares. Under his leadership, the FCPD received the Fairfax County Human Rights Commission award for combating bias crimes. In 2002, when sniper shootings shocked the nation, Chief Manger tirelessly worked to capture and convict the two snipers for the murder of FBI employee Linda Franklin.

Throughout his accomplished career, Chief Manger has received numerous awards, including the Silver Medal of Valor. He significantly contributed to the FCPD tradition of excellence and will be greatly missed. We extend our heartfelt thanks for nearly three decades of service to Fairfax County and wish him the best of luck as police chief in Montgomery County, Maryland.

Mr. Speaker, Fairfax County's loss is Montgomery County's gain. Chief Manger is an outstanding police chief, and a shining example to all others in his field. We ask that our colleagues join us in applauding Chief Manger.

MARATHON VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY TEAM, NEW YORK STATE CHAMPIONS

**HON. SHERWOOD BOEHLERT**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 28, 2004*

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Marathon Varsity Field Hockey Team for their outstanding performance this season. Winning the State Championship will remain a vivid moment of victory of each one of the team's members—for without their collective talent and dedication—it would not have been possible.

The long list of season accomplishments is truly something to take pride in. Breaking the state record with 68 consecutive wins, making the lady Olympians third in the nation with such an amazing winning streak, brings pride not only to Marathon but brings pride to the entire state of New York.

Head Coach Karen Funk deserves special praise for leading this fine group of student athletes to the highest possible achievement in the New York State Class C conference. Through Coach Funk's leadership these young ladies have proven that hard work and dedication on the practice field and in the classroom can produce champions on the playing field and in academics.

The 2003 Marathon Field Hockey Team: Ashley Abbatiello, Caitlin Barber, Shanna Barrows, Nikki Billings, Staci Billings, Rebecca Bliss, Grace Chrysler, Megan French, Jamie Gofgosky, Brittnei Griep, Danielle Griep, Katie Gutches, Leslieann Gutches, Stefanie Hatch, Ashley Holbrook, Emily McDonald, Theresa Parker, Jacki Rose, Margo Stone, Frankie VanDeWeert, Sarah Veninsky, Katie Yudiciatis, Coach Karen Funk, JV Coach Patti Trabucco, JH Coach Sue Malmberg.

IN HONOR OF CALIFORNIA STATE SENATOR BYRON D. SHER

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 28, 2004*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor California State Senator Byron Sher, the most highly regarded environmental legislator in California, who will be retiring this year after representing San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties in the California State Legislature for nearly a quarter century. Senator Sher will be honored on Friday, January 30, 2004 by the San Mateo County Democratic Party for his extraordinary public service.

Senator Sher began his public service in 1965 when he was elected to the Palo Alto City Council where he served for nine years, including two terms as Mayor. He was a Commissioner of the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission from 1978 to 1980, and served on the Committee on Environmental Quality for the National League of Cities and the League of California Cities. His work on these bodies would serve him exceedingly well in years to come.

Byron Sher was elected to the California State Assembly in November, 1980, where he served with distinction as a leader on environmental policy for over fifteen years. He was then elected to the Senate in 1996 in a special election to represent the 11th District, which is geographically and culturally diverse, spanning from Belmont to San Jose, and which includes major portions of the South San Francisco Bay and the San Mateo County Coast.

Throughout Senator Sher's legislative career, he has been regarded as the premier legislator on environmental issues. He is not only the first Chairman of the Senate Environmental Quality Committee, he is also the author of countless benchmark laws that have led the State of California to enact some of the most significant environmental protection policies in our Nation. Among the laws he has authored are the California Clean Air Act, the Integrated Waste Management Act, and the Safe Drinking Water Act. He has strengthened the State's timber regulations with his Surface

Mining and Reclamation Act and been at the forefront of computer recycling programs to ensure that the dangerous byproducts of the information age, such as mercury, don't contaminate our landfills and water supplies. Senator Sher also authored the Nation's first law to prevent toxic contamination of water supplies from leaking underground storage tanks. Virtually all his legislation is considered the gold standard for environmental conservation and protection laws throughout our country.

Senator Sher is also considered one of the foremost experts on consumer protection and government ethics. He has consistently been ranked one of the State's top ten legislators for intelligence and integrity by the California Journal Magazine. Despite the many demands on his time, Senator Sher continues to serve as a member of the Steering Committee of the National Council on Competition and Electric Services, as a California Commissioner on the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, and as a member of the Wildlife Conservation Board.

Byron Sher has also been an important part of the academic community. He was a Fulbright Research Scholar in New Zealand and held academic teaching positions in law at Southern Methodist University, the University of Southern California and Harvard Law School before coming to Stanford University. At Stanford, Senator Sher's passion for the rights of his fellow citizens could be seen in the coursework he taught as a professor of law: Consumer credit, consumer protection, as well as contract and commercial law. At Stanford he's been Chairman of the Human Relations Commission and the Faculty Senate, and was a member of the University Budget Priorities Advisory Commission.

Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to call Byron Sher my friend and my colleague in public service. This quiet, humble, decent and brilliant man is a source of great pride to the Democratic Party, to our mutual constituents, to all Californians and to our entire Nation. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and thanking Senator Sher for his lifetime of extraordinary service to California and our country. Because of him and his distinguished service, we are unmistakably a stronger and a better Nation.