

Mr. Costa was an esteemed leader, establishing many firsts within the New Bedford, Mass., Portuguese community. He was a founder and past president of the Luso-American Soccer Association as well as the Portuguese American Athletic Club in New Bedford.

An entrepreneur, he began by purchasing Phillips Press and continued with the founding of Costa Imports. He founded the first Portuguese-language radio station in the United States, WGCY, now broadcasting as WJFD-FM in New Bedford, and produced the first Portuguese variety television program, "Passport to Portugal" on WTEV-TV. He initiated a daily TV cable program "Panorama of Portugal," currently known as The Portuguese Channel, and purchased and published what is known as "The Portuguese Times" newspaper, also in Southeastern Massachusetts.

Mr. Costa relocated to Washington, D.C., to represent Portugal as the Portuguese language broadcasting director for "Voice of America." He returned to New England as co-owner and director of Radio Club Portugal, "WRCP."

In recognition of his services to the Portuguese community, the government of Portugal conferred upon him the rank of *comendador da ordem do infante dom henrique*. Various civic organizations recognized his achievements as well. The Seven Castles Club named him Man of the Year, as he received the Merit Award from the United Way as well as the Portuguese-American Federation.

He received official citations from the Massachusetts and Rhode Island houses of representatives, the Medal of Prestige from the Portuguese Continental Union and the Annual Achievement Award from the Prince Henry Club.

In retirement, he produced the only Portuguese-language radio program in South Florida on WHSR-AM, where the transmission continues via his Web site, [radioportugal.net](http://radioportugal.net). He also wrote periodic chronicles published in *O Journal* entitled "Desabafos."

Survivors include his widow; two sons, Carlos Alberto Costa and his wife, Susan, of Westport, Mass., and Luis Manuel Costa and his wife, Nancy, of New Bedford; a daughter, Ana Maria Costa of New Bedford; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a nephew.

His funeral will be at 9 a.m., Friday from the Dartmouth Funeral Home, 230 Russells Mills Road, Dartmouth, Mass., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 in Immaculate Conception Church, New Bedford. Interment will be private.

Arrangements are by Porter Funeral Service, Westport.

#### HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF DR. RUBEN OLIVAREZ, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

##### HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Superintendent of the San Antonio Independent School District, Dr. Ruben Olivarez, for his contributions to the local community.

Dr. Ruben Olivarez has dedicated his career to educating our youth. In 1970, Dr. Olivarez started his career in education. Having taught at J.T. Brackenridge Elementary School, he is

no stranger to the educational needs of our community. He has held a number of important educational posts over the years, including a professorship at the University of Texas at Austin, the title of Principal in the Fort Worth Independent School District, the post of Deputy Commissioner of the Texas Education Agency, and many others.

On January 11, 2000, Dr. Ruben Olivarez was named Superintendent of the San Antonio Independent School District, which has a student population of approximately 57,000. He is currently responsible for the "Vision 2005 and Beyond" plan for educational improvement. Dr. Olivarez has helped to provide the guidance our schools need, keeping the needs of our students an important priority.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the Superintendent of the San Antonio Independent School District, Dr. Ruben Olivarez, for his dedicated service to our local schools.

#### CONGRATULATING PATTY LAWLER ON BEING NAMED WOMAN OF THE YEAR BY THE LACKAWANNA COUNTY FEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC WOMEN

##### HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Patty Lawler as the Lackawanna County Federation of Democratic Women names her Woman of the Year.

Patty is the daughter of James and Dolores Lawler. She was born and raised in the MidValley area, and currently lives in Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania.

Patty is a graduate of St. Patrick's High School in Olyphant. She graduated from Marywood University with a bachelor of arts degree in education and theater. Patty was active in many clubs and organizations on campus and was president of the class of 1971. She was a member of the Student Pennsylvania State Education Association and the Marywood Players. She held leading roles in many productions on campus and chaired several committees including Sophomore Parents' Weekend and the Junior Prom. Patty is listed in the 1971 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities*.

Patty completed her graduate work at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. in theater and directing. She participated in Shakespearean productions and represented the university at a meeting with Ed McMahon in New York City.

Patty currently works as a second grade teacher in the Lakeland School District, where she is in her 27th year in the education field. She has served as director of the Lakeland Curtain Club and also teaches theater courses for Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit. She has also worked at a summer camp for the Association for Retarded Citizens of Wyoming County where she trained campers in the basics of acting for a performance on the last day of camp.

Patty is a past president of the Lackawanna County Federation of Democratic Women. She ran as a delegate for John Kerry to the 2004 Democratic National Convention and received the highest number of votes in each of the

counties in her district. She attended the convention in Boston in July 2004 not only as a delegate, but also as a member of the Pennsylvania State Education Association Caucus.

Patty is currently a member of the Pennsylvania State Education Association, the Lakeland Education Association, the Laurel Garden Club, and the Rock and Mineral Club of Northeastern Pennsylvania. She is a very active member of the Lackawanna County Humane Society, of which she is a former board member. She can still be seen walking dogs in the St. Patrick's Day parade or serving refreshments at fund raising events. Patty is a member of the Marywood Alumni Club of Northeastern Pennsylvania and belongs to Holy Rosary Parish in Scranton, where she is a member of the choir. Patty was recently appointed to the Saint Joseph's Auxiliary Board and is working diligently on this year's summer festival.

Patty received the Volunteer of the Year Award from the Association for Retarded Citizens of Wyoming County for organizing the adoption of a ward program at Clarks Summit State Hospital.

Quality education and honest politics are Patty's passions. She was exposed to politics at a very early age when she and her sister accompanied her parents to political functions. The family attended functions such as the National Association of Postmasters Convention at the Waldorf Astoria. Patty's father was the postmaster of Olyphant and first cousin to County Commissioner Mike Lawler and Assistant Postmaster General Jo Jo Lawler. The families were very close, and Patty recalls that, as little girls, she and her sister would accompany their dad to the corner in Jessup where the men met to talk about politics.

Patty Lawler has a devotion to the community and expresses that through her willingness to volunteer her talents helping others. The Lackawanna County Federation of Democratic Women is awarding this honor to her this year because she works so hard to make a difference in Lackawanna County.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Ms. Lawler on the prestigious honor of being named Woman of the Year by the Lackawanna County Federation of Democratic Women.

#### CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006

SPEECH OF

##### HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2005

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 95) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006, revising appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2005, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 through 2010:

Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to H. Con. Res. 95, the Republican Budget Resolution, and in support of the Democratic Substitute offered by Mr. SPRATT.

The Republican budget does not reflect the priorities of our Nation or my Minnesota constituents and will almost certainly have a negative impact on America's families. This legislation reduces support for law enforcement, fire fighters and local units of government. It fails to meet our commitment to our veterans—at a time when we are asking more and more of our military and their families. Even the Republicans' most creative use of accounting gimmicks and phony projections still yields a record federal budget deficit, makes no allowance for the President's plan for Social Security, and fails to include the Iraq war in the budget—which is currently costing taxpayers \$5 billion a month.

This budget eliminates opportunities for our children to be successful, including vocational education programs, safe and drug free schools, and Even Start. Republicans continue to underfund No Child Left Behind and college loan programs that provide access to higher education for millions of Americans. The budget proposes to make deep cuts in Medicaid—a proposal that will hurt low-income families, the elderly and disabled, health care workers and our hospitals. These health care cuts will also create severe budget difficulties for our states and have been strongly opposed by a bipartisan group of governors. The Republican budget slashes funding for clean water programs, farm conservation measures and funding for brownfields development.

In fact, the proposal put forward by the Majority inflicts so much burden on average families that it has been called 'unjust' by a broad religious coalition and was opposed by the major veterans organizations. If the federal budget is a document that reflects the values of President Bush and the Republicans in Congress then this budget is not only 'unjust' but void of mainstream American values.

I want fiscally responsibility, not larger deficits. My constituents demand a common sense budget that returns our nation to sound fiscal decision making and balances the budget within seven years using common sense, pay-as-you-go budgeting like every family does. We need to put family priorities first by maintaining strong national security, strengthening education, protecting veterans' health care and ensuring families are economically secure. For these reasons I strongly support the Democratic budget, a common sense alternative to the dangerous and irresponsible Republican plan.

This Congress must make a real effort, as proposed by the Democrats, to reduce the deficit rather than allow it to grow and remain a burden for the next generation. We need to be honest about the cost of the war in Iraq, rather than continue to pass so-called "emergency" supplemental appropriations as we did earlier this week. And we need to put families first. The President and House Republicans choose tax breaks for corporations over students and veterans' as their top priority.

The Democratic substitute restores fiscal discipline and reduces the deficit while protecting the services our families depend upon, keeping our communities and economy strong. I am proud to support the Democratic substitute and I will continue to fight to ensure our families priorities are the priorities of Congress.

## 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SUCCESSFUL SALK POLIO VACCINE TRIALS

**HON. JOHN D. DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 12, 2005*

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to mark a historic day in the history of public health. Fifty years ago today, Dr. Thomas Francis, Jr. announced from the University of Michigan's Rackham Auditorium words that people around the globe were waiting to hear: the Salk polio vaccine works. With those simple words, eradication efforts began in earnest to rid the world of this terrible disease.

For generations in the United States, the polio disease struck fear in the hearts of millions of American parents and children. Late every summer, hot weather brought with it a rash of new cases of paralytic polio. No one knew how to prevent polio, nor was there a cure. Epidemics of polio could devastate whole communities. For example, an epidemic struck the state of New York in 1916 killing 9,000 people and leaving 27,000 disabled. In the 1940s and 50s, the number of cases reported in the United States ranged from 40,000 to 60,000 each year. This was the state of our nation affected by polio pre-1955.

Mr. Speaker, all that began to change in the early 1950s. At that time, Dr. Jonas Salk, a postdoctoral student of Dr. Francis's at the University of Michigan, developed a promising vaccine against poliomyelitis in his laboratory at the University of Pittsburgh. In what has been called the largest cooperative effort undertaken in peacetime, the Salk vaccine was tested in the most comprehensive field trials ever conducted. Overseeing those trials was Dr. Francis, Director of the Poliomyelitis Vaccine Evaluation Center and founding chair of the Department of Epidemiology at the University of Michigan School of Public Health.

Mr. Speaker, the polio field trials were unprecedented in scope and magnitude. Dr. Francis and his team of more than 100 statisticians and epidemiologists tabulated data received from hundreds of public health officials and doctors who participated in the study. The trials involved 1,830,000 children in 217 areas of the United States, Canada and Finland. No field trial of this scale has been conducted since.

This historic event is a source of pride for the University of Michigan and the state of Michigan as a whole. Since that day fifty years ago, polio has been nearly eradicated. In August 2002, there were no confirmed cases reported in the United States, and only 483 confirmed cases of acute poliomyelitis reported to authorities worldwide. These successes all began with the announcement from Rackham Auditorium fifty years ago today.

## HONORING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE JOHN PAUL II AND EXPRESSING PROFOUND SORROW ON HIS DEATH

SPEECH OF

**HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 6, 2005*

Ms. SCHWARTZ of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, April 2nd, 2005 the world lost a great leader, a champion of peace and a beacon of hope to so many.

The life of Pope John Paul II exemplified the virtues and duties of the faith he so devoutly taught. As a young man, he fought oppression by defying the Nazi regime to secretly study the teachings of his faith. As a priest, he fought for freedom by defying the Communist regime of Poland to teach the cherished values of Catholicism. As the Holy Father, he worked to end tyranny throughout the world.

After surviving an attempt on his life, John Paul II—with unparalleled compassion and mercy—beseeched humanity to "Pray for the brother who shot me, whom I have sincerely forgiven." Yet, just as his willingness to forgive was unmatched, so were his efforts to unite the global community.

As the world's leading arbiter of peace, John Paul II rejected efforts to use religion as a barrier or as a reason for war, instead using it as a bridge to bring people of different faiths together.

He traveled the world more than any other Pope, preaching non-violence and mediating conflicts.

He reached out to the most vulnerable—the sick, impoverished and abandoned children—never letting religion determine who to care for and help.

He unambiguously rejected anti-Semitism, asking for forgiveness for past Christian intolerances to Jews and courageously recognizing the state of Israel.

The world will forever be grateful for the conviction with which John Paul II served and led. And, he will be missed by the people of all faiths and of all regions. Through his love and service to God he served billions of Catholics, but through his love and service of humanity he served us all.

## HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF BEXAR COUNTY JUDGE MARCIA S. WEINER

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 12, 2005*

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments and initiatives of Judge Marcia S. Weiner, Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 of San Antonio, TX.

Judge Marcia Weiner first became a resident of San Antonio in 1956 when her husband, Dr. Bernard K. Weiner, was transferred to Lackland Air Force Base. Since then, Judge Weiner has become an attorney, teacher, active community leader, mother of three daughters, and a grandmother.

Judge Weiner earned a BA degree and lifetime teacher's certificate with honors in 1965,