

advocacy organization for day laborers, and a South Central Los Angeles food distribution center. Compassionate Ministries fed and clothed more than 22,000 people last year.

Other programs include PrimeTime which provides fellowship for seniors and Loveline, a phone ministry for homebound seniors. In His Image serves families of special needs children on a weekly basis, providing Sunday School classes, parent connections and support groups, respite events for the parents, an all-inclusive sports programs for the entire family and special events like the Special Olympics Unified Basketball event, San Gabriel Valley Region. Parent Education Seminars, Support Groups through the Recovery Ministries, Sunday School, Sunrise Preschool and Academy of the Arts are also among the many services that the First Church of the Nazarene of Pasadena offers to its members and the community.

I am proud to recognize the First Church of the Nazarene of Pasadena for its 100 years of offering a place of loving care and joyous worship to the people of the San Gabriel Valley and I ask all Members to join me in congratulating the congregation for their remarkable achievements.

IN MEMORY OF CAROL SEAVER,  
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

**HON. GWEN MOORE**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 21, 2005*

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and accomplishments of Carol Seaver. Ms. Seaver, a Milwaukee-area activist and advocate for victims of domestic abuse, enjoyed a life of service and compassion. She died February 10, 2005.

Born Carol Zagar, Ms. Seaver was raised on the south side of Milwaukee and went on to the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where she met her husband, Ted Seaver. She was active in the civil rights struggle in other parts of the country, but moved back to Milwaukee in 1968, where she continued her education and focused her work on service to the elderly. She worked as the director for the Interfaith Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, serving senior citizens throughout Milwaukee, before working for the Milwaukee Women's Center.

At the Milwaukee Women's Center, Ms. Seaver was the founder and director of the Older Abused Women's Program, the first of its kind in the nation. The program, which offered counseling and support services to elderly women suffering from abuse by partners or caregivers, celebrated its 10th Anniversary in 2002. That same year, Ms. Seaver was honored with the National Sunshine Peace Award, presented in recognition of extraordinary efforts in the field of domestic violence.

In 2004, the Carol Seaver Suites at the Milwaukee Women's Center were dedicated in her honor, providing emergency housing for older or disabled women fleeing domestic abuse.

Friends and colleagues of Ms. Seaver credit her with enormous compassion and dedication to the cause of elder abuse. It saddens me to note the passing of such a committed and caring individual. I am honored to have known

Carol Seaver, and to have this opportunity to celebrate the many contributions she made to the lives of residents of the Fourth Congressional District.

HONORING BRIAN JAMES MCINNIS  
FOR INNOVATIVE VOTING  
PROJECT AT UC DAVIS

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 21, 2005*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of Brian James McInnis, a student at the University of California, Davis, to increase student participation in the electoral process. In 2004 Brian McInnis conceived and coordinated with the Yolo County Clerk/Recorder, the first UC Davis Early Voting Satellite Station which had the effect of increasing student participation in the 2004 Presidential Election by 100 percent, resulting in 3,000 more students voting.

Brian took full responsibility for every aspect of the UC Davis Early Voting Project, was faultless with regard to dependability and fairness, and made the program so successful that early voting will be extended to other satellite locations.

Brian, who was reared in Marin County, California, has been enrolled at UC Davis since 2002, majoring in history and economics. He has been active in the Associated Students of UC Davis where he has served in numerous capacities, including Founder and Chair of the Associated Students of UC Davis Lobby Corps Program. Currently Brian is Director of External Affairs for ASUCD.

Nominated by UC Davis Chancellor Larry Vanderhoef, Brian was the honorable mention recipient of the 2005 USA Today's All-USA College Academic Team program which recognizes students who excel in leadership roles both on and off campus. Brian was also recently recognized as "Advocate of the Year" for his work with the California State Legislature and the University of California Board of Regents.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we commend Brian James McInnis for his outstanding record of community service and dedication to the democratic process, and who serves as an inspiration for all young people who may want to become more effectively involved in public service.

TRIBUTE TO ANTOINETTE "TONI"  
DENISE WILLIAMS-MCCEARY

**HON. DONALD M. PAYNE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 21, 2005*

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today in memory of Antoinette Denise Williams-McCeary who was a life long resident of my Congressional district. Mrs. Williams-McCeary, lovingly known by friends and family as "Toni", was the third of 10 children and a mother of one.

In 1982, she began work in the financial services field. Unfortunately, that career came

to an abrupt halt after developing pulmonary sarcoidosis, a multi-system disorder that currently has no cure. Yet as the saying goes, "when one door closes another one opens". Instead of resigning in defeat, she became a champion of the less fortunate through volunteer work.

She served as coordinator of the Self Help and Resource Exchange (SHARE), a program that is engaged in self-help food distribution systems, economic development, community service and educational programs. Mrs. Williams-McCeary also gave of herself by feeding neighborhood children and assisting her church in various capacities.

Ms. Williams-McCeary passed away on April 9, 2000. Her family created the Antoinette Denise Williams-McCeary Foundation in order to carry on her legacy of giving. The organization's primary focus is to provide financial assistance to the National Sarcoidosis Resource Center which conducts research in hopes of finding a cure.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in honoring Antoinette Denise Williams-McCeary, who in life and death continues to help others in need. I am proud to have had her in my Congressional district and wish her foundation never-ending success in its future endeavors.

9/11 CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW ACT

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 21, 2005*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the 9/11 Can You Hear Me Now Act with Representatives CHRIS SHAYS of Connecticut, ANTHONY WEINER, MAJOR OWENS, and CAROLYN MCCARTHY of New York.

The attacks on the World Trade Center in 1993 and on September 11, 2001, exposed serious communication problems for the New York City Fire Department, FDNY. Since these attacks, there have been major efforts to improve the FDNY's communication system, but much more needs to be done.

As we all know New York City is repeatedly mentioned as a top terrorist target and the lack of a fully-functional communications system is a threat not only to FDNY and New York residents lives, but also to all those who visit there.

The terrorist attacks were not just attacks on New York City, but on the Nation. With New York as a continuing top terrorist target, the protection of New York City is becoming a national responsibility. Other cities with tall buildings throughout the country face the same challenges with their communication systems and will need the same upgrades. Improvements in New York will lay the groundwork for improvements to communications systems across the country.

Recognizing this need, the 9/11 Can You Hear Me Now Act instructs the Department of Homeland Security, DHS, to provide the FDNY with a communication system that must be capable of operating in all locations and under the circumstances we know firefighters face and will continue to face when responding to an emergency in New York City.

This bill would require a communication system that includes three components—radios,

dispatch system and a supplemental communication device. It would require it to work in all buildings and in all parts of the city, something that the radios, unbelievably, do not now do. The supplemental communication device would allow firefighters to transmit an audible emergency distress signal when a firefighter is in need of immediate assistance, and DHS would work with the city of New York in their planned upgrades of the emergency 911 system and any interoperability initiatives with other public safety communication systems.

I urge all of my colleagues to support this important legislation.

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IN HONOR OF THE GLENDALE SALVATION ARMY'S 80TH ANNIVERSARY

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**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 21, 2005*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise may to congratulate the Glendale Salvation Army for 80 years of providing outstanding social services to the City of Glendale and surrounding communities.

Established on June 1, 1925, the Glendale Salvation Army has a firm vision of maintaining a multi-program facility while serving a multi-ethnic neighborhood. The Glendale Salvation Army provides spiritual social services and excellent community outreach.

The Salvation Army participates in several outstanding programs that bring hope to the hearts of those that walk through their doors. Meals on Wheels provides hot, nutritious meals to those unable to leave their homes or prepare their own food. Volunteer drivers deliver the meals and socialize with the recipients. The Lord's Kitchen is a growing partnership with nine Glendale churches that help Glendale's homeless and low-income families with food and rental or utilities assistance. The Nancy Painter Home is a partnership with the City of Glendale and U.S. Housing and Urban Development. The home provides hope for families trapped in a cycle of homelessness. Six families with children may live in the facility for up to 2 years while they put their lives back together. The Salvation Army is also supportive of Silvercrest which is a 78 unit senior low-income housing complex. In addition, the organization supports an outstanding after school tutoring program for middle school students. These are just some of the exemplary services that the Glendale Salvation Army provides to meet the specific needs within the community. Each program remains faithful to the Army's vital mission.

I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in congratulating the Glendale Salvation Army for 80 years of exemplary public service, and for its immense commitment to the City of Glendale and its residents.

TRIBUTE TO STEPHEN H. MARCUS,  
WISCONSIN 2004 BUSINESS LEADER  
OF THE YEAR

**HON. GWEN MOORE**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 21, 2005*

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Stephen Marcus, a Milwaukee business leader and philanthropist, who was recognized this month by the Harvard Business Club of Wisconsin and the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel as the Wisconsin 2004 Business Leader of the Year.

Mr. Marcus joined the family business in 1962, after graduating from the University of Michigan Law School. By 1980, Steve Marcus was President of the theater, restaurant and hotel business. He became chairman in 1991, succeeding his father Ben.

Marcus Theatres is the ninth largest theatre circuit in the United States. The family's investments, under Stephen Marcus' leadership, extend from southern Wisconsin to southern California.

To be a truly successful business leader, you must be a leader in your community. You accept chairmanships to raise funds that help your community thrive. You sit on boards that fund and approve grants to organizations that reach people in need and lift them up. You give of your time, your energy, your resources and your leadership skills. Steve Marcus is that kind of leader and he is the kind of person that makes a difference. For these and many other reasons, I am pleased to congratulate Steve Marcus for being named the Wisconsin Business Leader of 2004.

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RECOGNIZING MIKE RIPPEY OF  
AMERICAN CANYON, CALIFORNIA

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 21, 2005*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize former Napa County Supervisor Mike Rippey of American Canyon, California as the Sierra Club honors him with the Earl Thollander Award for his outstanding environmental achievements.

Mike's keen interest in the environment has led him to a lifetime dedicated to environmental preservation. After earning his Bachelor of Science degree from California State University, Humboldt and his Masters Degree from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, Mike returned to Napa County where he has made numerous invaluable contributions to our community.

Mr. Speaker, Mike is known to be a soft-spoken man, but his actions resonate throughout the community. After garbage companies threatened to turn the Napa County into San Francisco's dumping grounds in the 1980's and 90's, Mike quickly took action. A passionate and dedicated man, Mike worked tirelessly to fight the garbage companies, spearheading an opposition group that raised awareness of the potentially hazardous landfills. His activism was met with overwhelming success. He was not only able to stop the creation of these landfills, but also encouraged

the garbage companies to implement recycling as a method of reducing unnecessary waste.

He has also served on multiple environmental boards across Northern California including the CalFed Task Force-Bay Area Water Forum and the Bay Conservation and Development Commission. Mike also chaired the Napa County Local Agency Formation Commission working to prevent urban sprawl.

Mr. Speaker, from 1992 until 2004, Mike served on the Napa County Board of Supervisors. During his tenure, Mike played an integral role in the creation and implementation of the Napa River Flood Control Project. Each year heavy winter rain has caused the Napa River to flood, destroying many homes and hundreds of acres of land. Instead of constructing man made channels to re-direct the flooding river, Mike helped design an environmentally sound alternative to allow the river to flow naturally without damaging homes or land.

Mike's most recent accomplishment has been the creation of the new solar powered Sheriff's office which is the only law enforcement building in the country to have been awarded a National Leadership in Energy Efficiency Gold Certificate.

Mr. Speaker, it is necessary that we take this time to thank Mike Rippey for his service and dedication to protecting our environment and ask that you join me in wishing him the best in all his future endeavors.

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TRIBUTE TO SACRED HEART  
PARISH—100TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. DONALD M. PAYNE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 21, 2005*

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues here in the House of Representatives to join me as I rise to acknowledge the Sacred Heart Parish of Jersey City, New Jersey on the celebration of its 100th anniversary. Sacred Heart's role in serving the community began before the parish was approved and continues to this day with the St. Martin de Porres Soup Kitchen.

The Parish consists of a campus of buildings that include the Dominican Priory, the Church, the School and the Parish Hall. While those buildings define the physical presence of the parish in the neighborhood and Jersey City community, the most important and lasting features of the parish are the people of Sacred Heart.

Sacred Heart Parish was approved by Bishop O'Connor on February 14, 1905. The Church building was designed by Ralph Adams Cram who was guided in the Dominican tradition by Father McNicholas, O.P. and Spanish Gothic was the basis for the church design.

The long history of Sacred Heart School is a story of deeply rooted faith, passionate work and a belief that the spirit inspires all undertakings. It encompasses the response of a parish, the Sisters of Charity, dedicated teachers and volunteers. It is a story of children educated in knowledge and values. And, it is a story of a good seed planted and sown and brought to fruition.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues agree that the Parish of Sacred Heart and the surrounding community have every right to be