

1990s and early 2000s. The Chamber continues to promote economic vitality in the Denver region by encouraging personal networking opportunities and entrepreneurial training.

Joe has been a particularly strong voice in bringing needed vision to the Denver metro area's enormous transportation needs. Just as civic leaders in the past brought stagecoach lines and railroads to connect the people of the West, Joe has brought his considerable talents to the task of improving our highways and transportation systems in the Rocky Mountain region. Joe has not been a prisoner of old ways of thinking about transportation, but has embraced 21st century visions of better ways to move people and goods in our communities.

His desire to serve Colorado and its people has not only manifested itself in his professional life. Joe serves on the board of the Denver Foundation, an organization dedicated to charity and civic improvement. Joe also serves on the boards of the Denver Zoological Foundation and the Denver Public Schools Foundation. And if his plate was not full enough, he also volunteers for the Hospice of St. John Foundation.

Among the qualities I admire most in Joe Blake, however, is his ability to get things done in ways that bring people together instead of dividing on ideological or partisan lines. Although Joe has a long history of involvement with the Republican Party, he has never allowed partisanship to inhibit good public works. In large part, I believe Joe's success with people is a direct reflection of his reputation for decency, genuineness and personal warmth. In short, he is a uniter and not a divider and that is why I enjoy working with him and learning from him.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Mr. Joe Blake for the positive impact he has had on the West and in Colorado, through his leadership at the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce and in so many other ways. Joe Blake is a pioneer in the best tradition of our history.

CONGRATULATING HON. JOSEPH J. CORCORAN ON THE OCCASION OF BEING HONORED AS RECIPIENT OF THE 53RD ANNUAL AMERICANISM AWARD BY B'NAI B'RITH AMOS LODGE NO. 136, SCRANTON, PA

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2005

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to the Honorable Joseph J. Corcoran, former Lackawanna County Pennsylvania Commissioner, who is being presented with the 53rd annual Americanism Award by B'nai B'rith, Amos Lodge No. 36.

Mr. Corcoran's 28 years of public service to the people in Lackawanna County have produced an array of positive improvements to the quality of life in that region. Mr. Corcoran has been a leader in economic development, transportation planning, historic and architectural preservation, tourism and culture, care

for the elderly and abused, library growth, family entertainment and environmental protection.

Although I am relatively new to representing Lackawanna County, I have worked closely with Joe Corcoran on some of his projects but have seen the results of many of his projects firsthand.

Joe always saw the big picture and his body of work reflected the values and work ethic of his constituency. He remained steadfast in his focus on long-range planning and leveraging local dollars with private, state and federal funding.

A native of Scranton, Joe earned an associate degree in business administration from Lackawanna College and a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Scranton.

In 1975, at the age of 24, he was elected as the youngest ever Scranton controller, serving two terms. In 1984, he became Lackawanna County majority commissioner, serving five terms, until 2004.

In reviewing his accomplishments, he implemented the first-ever annual audit by national "Big 8" accounting firms which upgraded Lackawanna County's municipal bond rating. He created the County Railroad Authority, Multi-Purpose Stadium Authority, Solid Waste Management Authority, Performing Arts Center Authority and Heritage Valley Authority.

He funded the start-up of the Steamtown National Historic Site; constructed a dedicated children's library in downtown Scranton and new libraries in the Abingtons, Carbondale and Mid-Valley; directed the opening of the Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour, Lackawanna Valley Railway, Lackawanna County Recycling Center, Lackawanna County Visitor center and Lackawanna Trolley Museum. He also revived the 1905 Laurel Line Tunnel Electric Trolley Excursion and the Lackawanna Stadium on Ice.

He championed the restoration of Court House Square, the Koch-Conley Building, the PG&W Building on Jefferson Avenue and the Adams Avenue County Administration Building. He managed the rescue of the Montage Mountain Ski Resort and development and operation of the Montage Performing Arts Center. He oversaw the development and financing for both the \$35 million Lackawanna County Prison and the \$8 million, 68-bed, Alzheimer's Wing at the Lackawanna County Health Care Center.

He chaired the Wilkes-Barre Scranton International Airport Board of Control and helped develop the master plan and financing program for the current \$65 million capital expansion underway at the airport. He implemented the region's first Tax Incremental Financing to fund construction of Glenmaura Corporate Center and to facilitate the Fleet Pennsylvania Services relocation on Montage Mountain.

Mr. Corcoran recognized the future transportation needs of our region when he helped keep intact the rail connections between Lackawanna and Monroe counties for the eventual future resumption of rail passenger service between Scranton and Hoboken, NJ. But his most distinguished achievement is his key role in the funding and construction of the \$25 million Lackawanna County Stadium and the acquisition of the area's Triple A Baseball team, the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Red Barons.

Mr. Corcoran is the son of the late John J. and Lucille M. Dougher Corcoran. He resides

in his family neighborhood in Scranton with his wife, the former Jean Gallagher, and their son, Jack, a student at the University of Scranton.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. Corcoran, one of the finest public officials I have ever had the pleasure of working with, on this proud occasion. The Lackawanna County community is far better off today because of the remarkable service record of Joseph J. Corcoran.

TRIBUTE TO MR. WALLACE EDGECOMBE

HON. JOSÉ. E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2005

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Wallace I. Edgecombe for over 30 years of service to Hostos Community College in the Bronx. On Thursday, May 12, 2005, Hostos will honor Wally with a celebration that will also serve to raise funds for students who wish to study the Arts at Hostos.

In 1982, Wally oversaw the founding of Hostos' Culture and Arts Program, of which he became director. Twelve years later the Center for the Arts and Culture was constructed and under Wally's leadership the Center has become one of the premier multi-arts centers in the New York metropolitan area, presenting a virtual who's who of visual and performing artists of color. Now one of the pre-eminent Latino arts centers in the nation, the Hostos Center has presented and/or commissioned works by such internationally known musicians as Tito Puente, Celia Cruz, Orquesta Aragon, Ruben Blades and Dizzy Gillespie.

Born and raised in Havana, Cuba, Wally holds a Bachelors degree in History and Master's degree in Journalism from Columbia University. He has served as a panelist and site evaluator for the National Endowment for the Arts, the New York State Council on the Arts, the Lila Wallace-Readers Digest Arts Partners Program, and the Rockefeller Foundation. Wally has also served on the boards of the Museums of Contemporary Hispanic Art, the Bronx Council on the Arts, the Bronx Arts Ensemble, and the South Bronx Community Action Theatre.

Mr. Speaker, what makes Wally so special is his commitment to ensuring that the students of Hostos and the entire Bronx community are able to experience the beauty and richness of the Arts. I am thankful to Wally for helping to brighten the lives of so many of my constituents and I hope he continues his commendable work in the heart of the South Bronx.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring a great man and a dear friend of mine, Mr. Wallace I. Edgecombe.

HAPPY 40TH BIRTHDAY TO MR. PAUL ARTHUR RZEPECKI

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2005

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I warily rise today to reluctantly acknowledge Mr. Paul Arthur Rzepecki on the unexpected occurrence of his 40th birthday.

A former Eagle Scout, the singular Mr. Paul Arthur Rzepecki is, despite carefully crafted admissions policies, a graduate of Catholic Central High School and the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Following his graduation and eviction from his parents' house, Mr. Rzepecki surprised everyone, most notably himself, by acquiring gainful employment, which has inexplicably continued through this very day.

On a personal level, after standing up in my wedding—at least through the ceremony—Mr. Paul Arthur Rzepecki entered his own blessed union with his beloved Chari, who we hope is, in turn, blessed for her noble suffering; and the couple has two beautiful, delightful daughters, Emily and Kristin, who take after their

mother. In addition to acting as a husband and a father, Mr. Paul Arthur Rzepecki is also an enthusiast of minimalist painting, dead languages, blood sports, and Anheuser-Busch. He also maintains an assiduous physical regimen of watching others exercise.

Mr. Speaker, over the past 40 years of his presence amongst the less fortunate, Mr. Paul Arthur Rzepecki has a long list of accomplishments, which escape me at present, save for the ineluctable fact he introduced me to my wife Rita, who has yet to forgive him this sin. Yet, as America is a compassionate country, let us lose the past; hope for the best; and extend Mr. Paul Arthur Rzepecki our urgent hope his best years rest ahead.

A MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2005

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, through the following statement, I am making my financial net worth as of March 31, 2005, a matter of public record. I have filed similar statements for each of the twenty-six preceding years I have served in the Congress.

2005 DISCLOSURE

Assets			
Real property:			
Single family residence at 609 Ft. Williams Parkway, City of Alexandria, Virginia, at assessed valuation. (Assessed at \$1,134,600). Ratio of assessed to market value: 100% (Unencumbered)			\$1,280,700.00
Condominium at N76 W14726 North Point Drive, Village of Menomonee Falls, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, at assessor's estimated market value. (Unencumbered)			121,600.00
Undivided 25/44ths interest in single family residence at N52 W32654 Maple Lane, Village of Chenequa, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, at 25/44ths of assessor's estimated market value of \$1,229,500.			698,579.54
Total real property			2,100,879.54
Common & Preferred Stock			
	# of shares	\$ per share	Value
Abbott Laboratories, Inc.	12200	46.62	568,764.00
Agere Systems Class B	184	1.42	261.28
Allstate Corporation	370	56.04	20,734.80
American Telephone & Telegraph	291.43	18.75	5,464.31
JP Morgan Chase	4539	34.60	157,049.40
Bell South Corp.	1422.3822	26.29	37,394.43
Benton County Mining Company	333	0.00	0.00
BP PLC	3604	62.40	224,889.60
Centerpoint Energy	300	12.03	3,609.00
Chenequa Country Club Realty Co.	1	0.00	0.00
Comcast	423	33.78	14,288.94
Darden Restaurants, Inc.	1440	30.68	44,179.20
Delphi Automotive	212	4.48	949.76
Dunn & Bradstreet, Inc.	2500	61.45	153,625.00
E.I. DuPont de Nemours Corp.	1200	51.24	61,488.00
Eastman Chemical Co.	270	59.00	15,930.00
Eastman Kodak	1080	32.55	35,154.00
El Paso Energy	150	10.58	1,587.00
Exxon Mobil Corp.	9728	59.60	579,788.80
Gartner Group	651	9.57	6,230.07
General Electric Co.	15600	36.06	562,536.00
General Mills, Inc.	2280	49.15	112,062.00
General Motors Corp.	304	29.39	8,934.56
Halliburton Company	2000	43.25	86,500.00
Hospira	1220	32.27	39,369.40
Imation Corp.	99	34.75	3,440.25
IMS Health	5000	24.39	121,950.00
Kellogg Corp.	3200	43.27	138,464.00
Kimberly-Clark Corp.	14738	65.73	968,728.74
Lucent Technologies	696	2.75	1,914.00
Merck & Co., Inc.	34078	32.37	1,103,104.86
3M Company	2000	85.69	171,380.00
Medco Health	4109	49.57	203,683.13
Monsanto Corporation	1426.1575	64.50	91,987.16
Moody's	2500	80.86	202,150.00
Morgan Stanley/Dean Witter	312	57.25	17,862.00
NCR Corp.	68	33.74	2,294.32
Neenah Paper Co.	462	33.62	15,532.44
Newell Rubbermaid	1676	21.94	36,771.44
One Group Prime Money Market	7123.72	1.00	7,123.72
Pactiv Corp.	200	23.35	4,670.00
PG&E Corp.	175	34.10	5,967.50
Pfizer	22211	26.27	583,482.97
Qwest	571	3.70	2,112.70
Reliant Energy	300	11.38	3,414.00
RH Donnelly Corp.	500	58.09	29,045.00
Sandusky Voting Trust	26	1.00	26.00
SBC Communications	2603.101	23.69	61,667.46
Solutia	1672	1.32	2,207.04
Tenneco Automotive	182	12.46	2,267.72
Unisys, Inc.	167	7.06	1,179.02
US Bank Corp.	3081	28.82	88,794.02
Verizon	1251.2993	35.50	44,421.13
Vodafone Airtouch	370	26.56	9,827.20
Weenergies (Wisconsin Energy)	1022	35.50	36,281.00
Total Common & Preferred Stocks and Bonds			\$6,702,538.77
Life Insurance Policies			
	Face \$	Surrender \$	
Northwestern Mutual #XXXXXX	12,000.00	65,492.31	
Northwestern Mutual #XXXXXX	30,000.00	157,326.55	
Massachusetts Mutual #XXXXXX	10,000.00	10,439.69	
Massachusetts Mutual #XXXXXX	100,000.00	253,956.40	
Old Line Life Ins. #XXXXXX	175,000.00	39,059.43	
Total Life Insurance Policies			\$526,274.38
Bank & savings & loan accounts			Balance
Bank One, Milwaukee, N.A., checking account			\$17,934.85
Bank One, Milwaukee, N.A., preferred savings			47,508.18
M&I Lake Country Bank, Hartland, WI, checking account			13,527.58
M&I Lake Country Bank, Hartland, WI, savings			364.47
Burke & Herbert Bank, Alexandria, VA, checking account			1,756.59
JP Morgan, IRA accounts			100,917.14
Total bank & savings & loan accounts			\$182,008.81