

In an effort to address the neighborhood's concerns about crime and gang activity, Monsignor Moretta took the lead in bringing the successful Project CLEAR anti-gang program to Boyle Heights. I remember well when Monsignor Moretta first approached me about obtaining the federal funding needed to start and maintain the program. Monsignor Moretta explained that he was very concerned about our community because he was increasingly attending funeral services for those killed in gang-related violence, including the funerals of innocent bystanders caught in the line of fire.

Today, through intelligence-gathering, visible community patrols, gang-related arrests, and the investigation of gang-related crimes, the officers in the CLEAR Unit are credited with reducing crime in the area. The officers also work closely with school officials to reduce gang activity and local gang-intervention organizations to divert "at-risk" youth from gang involvement.

Monsignor Moretta has also led efforts to protect our children and families from a number of projects that raised significant health and safety concerns in the community.

Under his guidance, the Mothers of East Los Angeles (MELA) was formed in the 1980s to bring the community together to protest the building of a state prison. As part of this effort, Monsignor Moretta led 200 Latina mothers on a lobbying mission to Sacramento where they successfully voiced their concerns about the proposed prison with the governor and state legislators.

Ever since then, on behalf of the community's ongoing quest for social and environmental justice, Monsignor Moretta, in coordination with MELA and other local leaders, has worked to ward off other harmful projects. They have been at the forefront of efforts to stop the expansion of a plant that recycles petroleum and battery acids. They joined forces to oppose the siting of a toxic incinerator. And, most recently, they have been organizing to protest the proposed construction of a power plant that will increase toxic emissions in the area.

In addition to environmental causes, Monsignor Moretta and the Mothers of East Los Angeles have joined forces to bring stability and pride to neighborhoods through homeownership. They worked together to make low-income housing units available to area families. They also established the Boyle Heights Resident Homeowners Association and the Mothers of East Los Angeles Home Ownership Center to provide information and resources to help families become first-time homeowners.

Madam Speaker, on the occasions of Monsignor Moretta's 40th Anniversary of ordination and his 25th Anniversary as pastor of Resurrection Church, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Monsignor Moretta—or Father John as the community lovingly refers to him—on both of these significant anniversaries and, above all, in thanking him for his tireless advocacy on behalf of the Boyle Heights community.

BP'S 2008 A+ FOR ENERGY
TEACHERS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 15, 2008

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to commend twenty-five local educators from Northwest Indiana who have been recognized for their outstanding achievements in promoting energy education and conservation through innovative classroom activities. These individuals will be honored as part of BP's A+ for Energy program at a very special luncheon that will take place at the Radisson Star Plaza Hotel in Merrillville, Indiana, on Monday, July 21, 2008.

BP's A+ for Energy program, being offered in Indiana for the second year, recognizes community educators who have gone above and beyond to bring real-world, innovative ideas into our schools, allowing students to become involved in classroom, after-school, extra-curricular, or summer activities that will not only challenge and enrich their lives, but will also teach them the importance of energy conservation.

The twenty-five individuals selected as the winning A+ for Energy teachers, based on their grant submissions, were chosen by two independent panels of experts in the fields of education, science, and the environment. Each recipient will be awarded a cash grant of either \$5,000 or \$10,000 to take back to their schools, as well as a scholarship to attend a three-day energy training conference sponsored by BP, in partnership with the National Energy Education Development (NEED) Project and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL). It is estimated that more than 8,400 students will benefit from these grants.

This year's A+ for Energy honorees are: Karen Augustyn of Tolleston Middle School in Gary (Project P.O.W.E.R.—Providing Our World with Energy Resources), Patricia Casella of Jefferson Elementary School in Hammond (Experience Energy! Talk It, Live It, Touch It, Share It), Stanley Casella of Montessori Academy in the Oaks in Hobart (The Elementary Energy News Network), Barbara Cerwinski of Saint John the Evangelist School in Saint John (SJE is Hot About Global Warming), Dr. Charles Costa of the Northwest Indiana Education Service Center in Highland (TREE: Transforming the Region through Energy Enrichment), Edna Crittenden-Gregory of Roosevelt High School in Gary (Energy-Wise Conservation Calendar), Michelle Frantal of Forest Ridge Academy in Schererville (Saving Two by Two), Dana Hoeckelberg of Forest Ridge Academy (The Energy K'Nexion Club), Susan Labovic of Forest Ridge Academy (Now Broadcasting . . . Electricity), Kathryn Midkiff of Gavit Middle/High School in Hammond (Green Circle Project), Mary Moriarty of Gavit Middle/High School (Renewable Energy), Sandra Platt of Lake Central High School in Saint John (Lake Central High School—Blue Goes Green), Thomas Puplava of the Diocese of Gary Catholic Schools in Merrillville (Energy from the Sun), Jill Sayers of Lake Prairie Elementary School in Lowell (Art and the Science of Energy: A Fusing of Concepts), Glenn Smith of Forest Ridge Academy (Super Solar Power at Our Indianapolis

500), Elva Sotello of Whiting Middle School in Whiting (Working for a Joule), Mary Beth Tabaczynski of Edison Elementary School in Hammond (Exploring the Power of the Wind), Georgia Veneziano of Our Lady of Grace School in Highland (Energy Dilemma: The Answer is Blowin' in the Wind), Jay Drew of Portage High School in Portage (The Biology of Alternative Fuels), Monica Hargarten of Liberty Elementary School in Chesterton (Exploring Energy), Lisa Hughes of Saint Patrick School in Chesterton (Solar Energy and the Greenhouse Effect), Angela Reyes of ALLWays Learning Child Development Center in Valparaiso (CampALLWays Energized), Christine Robbins of Hebron Elementary School in Hebron (Today's Students—Tomorrow's Consumers), Jean Sienkowski of Central Elementary School in Valparaiso (The Central Energy Academy), and Melody Winnell of Junior Junction Childcare in Portage (Rain Garden and Solar Greenhouse).

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my distinguished colleagues to join me in commending these outstanding, innovative educators on their recognition as BP's 2008 A+ for Energy teachers. Their hard work and creativity have played and will continue to play a major role in shaping the minds and futures of Northwest Indiana's young people, as well as in bringing to the forefront the importance of energy conservation.

HONORING MARIAN ORFEO

HON. JOHN F. TIERNEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 15, 2008

Mr. TIERNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Marian Orfeo, a constituent from Lynnfield, Massachusetts and Director of Planning & Coordination with the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA), on being named the new President of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA). Marian will assume the Presidency at NACWA's Annual Conference, which convenes in Anchorage, Alaska this week.

Ms. Orfeo has served the MWRA in varying capacities for nearly two decades. The MWRA provides wholesale water and sewer services to 2.5 million people in sixty-one communities across eastern and central Massachusetts, including several in the sixth congressional district. As the Director of Planning and Coordination, her responsibilities include long-range planning to construct and renew MWRA's water and wastewater facilities and infrastructure as well as short-term strategic business planning for all agency functions.

Marian also manages the Authority's performance reporting system and is a member of the Steering Committee for the MetroFuture initiative of the Boston Metropolitan Area Planning Council. Over her career, Ms. Orfeo has demonstrated leadership and committed countless hours and tireless energy to efforts dedicated to the improvement of Boston's water quality and public health. As a result, she has earned the trust and respect of her peers, who recognize her as an environmental champion.

Marian Orfeo's public service career pre-dates her twenty years of service with the MWRA. She previously worked for the City of

Boston for sixteen years during which time she was engaged with operations, administration, finance and planning functions. Marian has been an active member of NACWA since 1994 and a Member of its Board of Directors since 2000. She continues to be an ardent advocate for the need to develop a new, holistic approach to the nation's complex 21st century water challenges.

It is appropriate that the House recognize this personal accomplishment of Marian Orfeo. I am confident that NACWA will flourish under her leadership, and I trust that Marian will bring her contagious energy and enthusiasm to the position and help secure NACWA's role as a leading advocate for responsible national policies that advance clean water and a healthy environment.

TRIBUTE TO SILVER LAKE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 15, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Silver Lake Lutheran Church of Northwood, Iowa, on celebrating its 150th anniversary as a congregation.

On July 20, 1858, twelve families met under a tree in rural Northwood for Silver Lake's first service. Today's congregation still worships in the church built by the original founders. Silver Lake Lutheran Church, which has had several upgrades, is the oldest church in Worth County, Iowa and was moved from its original location. Built by the Silver Lake cemetery, the church was later set on logs and rolled to its new location.

During the Civil War the church faced some difficulties and a split between some church members, but Silver Lake's congregation remained strong in faith and continued to grow despite the struggle. Today, Silver Lake has 226 baptized members, and they support local and international charities with their Mission Endowment program.

Silver Lake Lutheran Church of Northwood is dedicated to benefiting the lives of those in Northwood and the surrounding rural areas, and for this I offer Silver Lake my utmost congratulations and thanks on a prosperous history. It is an honor to represent all the parishioners of Silver Lake and current Pastor Randy Baldwin in the United States Congress, and I wish them continued success, peace, and celebration as a community.

IN MEMORY OF GEORGE THOMAS
FITZPATRICK

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 15, 2008

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of George Thomas Fitzpatrick of Dunn, NC, who passed away on June 8, 2008 at the age of 82. In his passing, North Carolina lost a truly gifted and dedicated educator who was influential and beloved in his community, county, and State.

My dear friend, George Thomas Fitzpatrick, was born in Elyria, OH, in 1925 and was the

son of the late Ben and Mary Fitzpatrick. He was the seventh of 11 children. After graduating from high school in Ohio, Reverend Fitzpatrick joined the Army during the midst of World War II. He established a fine military career that included flight training with the Army Air Corps and the Tuskegee Airmen. After bravely serving his country, Reverend Fitzpatrick used the GI Bill to enroll at Fayetteville State University, graduating with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. While at Fayetteville State University, he became a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Reverend Fitzpatrick continued his education, obtaining a masters degree from North Carolina Central University.

While at Fayetteville State University, Reverend Fitzpatrick developed an interest in education. Upon graduation, he accepted a teaching position with the Harnett County School System in Dunn, NC. Not only was Reverend Fitzpatrick an outstanding educator, he coached the men's basketball and football teams. Reverend Fitzpatrick became principal of South Harnett Elementary School in 1968. After a distinguished career in education, Reverend Fitzpatrick retired in 1984.

Reverend Fitzpatrick was not only influential to the community as an educator, but also as a spiritual leader. Being a man of great faith, Reverend Fitzpatrick was called to the ministry in 1964 at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church. He later became pastor of Piney Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church in Bolivia, NC; Mt. Zion Original Free Will Baptist Church in Wilson, NC; and North East Chapel Original Free Will Baptist Church in Mt. Olive, NC. He formally retired from the pulpit in 2004 after 44 years of service.

Reverend Fitzpatrick is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Antoinette Fitzpatrick; his children, John Fitzpatrick, Warren Monroe, Barry Monroe, Kevin Monroe, and Michael Fitzpatrick; and his grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, George was someone who influenced the lives of others for the better, but lived simply. Reverend Fitzpatrick loved to hunt and was a member of several summer baseball and softball leagues. He kept a small farm with hogs and chickens. Reverend Fitzpatrick was, above all, a respected and dedicated educator and pastor, a dedicated public servant, and a great North Carolinian. It is fitting that we honor him and his family today.

A TRIBUTE TO TOM LANTOS

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 15, 2008

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, poet and capitol tour guide Albert C. Caswell has penned a number of heartfelt tributes and recently, he wrote a piece dedicated to Representative Tom Lantos, our friend and colleague, who passed away on February 11, 2008. I was honored to travel with Congressman Lantos and his wife Annette in their native Hungary as a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee and as a Washington neighbor.

FROM OUT OF THE DARKNESS

(By Albert Carey Caswell)

From out of the darkness, as so comes the light!

From out of such evil, as so comes the good into that night . . . as ever there burning bright . . .

From out of a child, who has so witnessed such injustice . . . can so come the battle, can so come the fight!

To witness such darkness, to face such an early dark death!

To carry such horrors, so deep down in ones chest . . . as Satan's warriors aggress . . .

To stand up and fight, to become such a true champion of right . . . as this our world you so bless!

To forge victory, from all of your most noble deeds . . . to have the battle won . . .

To leave your homeland, for but a bright new shining future . . . that you have begun . . .

To witness within your soul, the cost of victory you behold . . . ever ready to fight, for a new day's dawn . . .

To be a crusader for all which is good, for those most noblest of causes. Tom you so would . . .

To fight off the darkness and evil hatred with all your might . . . to bring the light with all that you could!

To be a true champion among men, as is this fine son . . . who has so brought such hope and such good . . .

For the life of Thomas Lantos, is but a magnificent battle as won!

As this great warrior has so endeavored, to fight the good fight . . . when and wherever hatred's begun!

Who as a child, witnessed evil's contempt ever so vile . . . for our Lord's, most precious daughters and sons . . .

When you look, for hatred . . . in these our most trying of times . . .

As there too, you shall ever so find . . . a man of action, who so comes to mind!

To carry that fight, against dark ignorance and hate . . . for human rights, as is his life's mission so fine . . .

As a Father, and as a Husband . . . and truly a great Rhyme . . .

As all throughout his lifetime, Thomas Lantos . . . has took the greatest of stands!

As a great American Hungarian, as an example for hearts to carry on . . . so blessing our heartland

Whenever you walk into that the darkest of all nights . . .

Ever remember my child, that out of your faith, courage and your love . . . but comes the light!

For as long as we have men, who to great heights so ascend . . . than evil shall never so rule the night!

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT MONROE'S ELEMENTARY EDUCATION PROGRAM

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 15, 2008

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the University of Louisiana at Monroe (ULM) for its recent designation as one of only ten universities in our nation whose elementary education program received full passing marks from National Council on Teacher Quality for its preparation for future mathematics teachers.

As our nation's educators continue to strive to improve and strengthen education in America, the need to ensure our children have a