

Ann's work personifies those principles as she lives a faith-filled life.

Born to William S. and Margaret McDonough Coughlin on March 13, 1940, Frances Lillian Coughlin was the youngest child of this loving and legendary South Buffalo family. She joined her only brother, William ("Yappo") and her sisters, Mary Joan, Patricia, Marjorie and Rita at the family home on Stevenson Street. She was just a teenager when her parents died within 12 months of each other and she went to live with Mary Joan, her brother-in-law, Jerry Flanagan, and their young family on Downing Street. Such would be the life story of the Coughlin's and so many other members of the "Greatest Generation"—the family would always be there in some way to take care of and take in those who needed help and a home.

These lessons clearly left an imprint on young Frances' heart as her vocation led her to join the Sisters of Mercy on September 15, 1958, the same year she graduated from Mt. Mercy Academy. Continuing education remains a cornerstone of Sister's hard work and growth as a member of this religious community. She earned degrees from Trocaire and Medaille Colleges in the 1960s and received her master's in pastoral studies from Loyola University in 1990. She earned continuing education credits from Notre Dame University and became a board certified chaplain in 2001 from the NACC (National Association of Catholic Chaplains).

In her earlier years, Sister taught at several Catholic schools in Buffalo and served as the music minister at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School in Orchard Park. She was the pastoral care minister at Mercy Hospital prior to her current work as a pastoral caregiver to the children and families of Our Lady of Victory Basilica Baker Home for Children. Sister Margaret Ann has also been recognized by her high school alma mater with the justly deserved "Spirit of Mercy Award."

Not an easy life, Sister has suffered great loss and battled life threatening illnesses which may have weakened her physical health yet has certainly strengthened her sense of empathy and her ability to listen, counsel, comfort and console. A teacher and a preacher, Sister lives her life as an example of God's mercy and love in word and action. The love, laughter and gifts of Sister's life have certainly influenced the lives of so many others who belong to her extended network of family and friends, especially her beloved nieces and nephews and their children, who lovingly call her "Aunt Sister."

Sister Margaret Ann's Golden Jubilee will be celebrated with family and friends on Sunday, September 14, 2008, at the Monsignor Nash Council Knights of Columbus in South Buffalo. Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask that the House of Representatives join with me and those whose lives have been lifted in hope and faith because of the life work of Sister Margaret Ann Coughlin in congratulating her on this significant anniversary. We extend our best wishes for her continued health and happiness and our deepest thanks to this woman of faith for her outstanding service to others.

## 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE DANBURY NEWS-TIMES

**HON. CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2008*

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate the News-Times of Danbury, Connecticut, on the 125th anniversary of the founding of their paper. With circulation extending to some 30,000 residents in western Connecticut, the News-Times helps us stay in touch with the people and places that make up our community.

The paper connects the citizens of greater Danbury and serves as a forum for public conversation, providing readers with an opportunity to discuss local, state, and national issues of concern. As they say, a well-informed citizenry is essential to any democracy, and the News-Times provides an invaluable link between residents and the leaders, decisions, and issues that shape their lives every day.

A hallmark of a quality local newspaper is the attention it pays to local issues that affect the lives of its readers. So I would like to take this opportunity to thank the News-Times for its excellent coverage of Candlewood Lake. I have been intimately involved in the recent negotiations with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the owner of the lake, First Light, to ensure that the environmental and property protection concerns of local residents are heard when it comes to decisions about how the lake is managed. The News-Times has covered every step of this process, and it's clear the paper takes this issue as seriously as I do.

With September 7, 2008, marking the 125th anniversary of the Danbury News-Times, I would like to extend my congratulations on the continuing success of your publication. It's my hope that today marks the beginning of another 125 years of peerless local reporting.

## HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MR. VINCENT A. LAINO, JR.

**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2008*

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and honor Mr. Vincent A. Laino, Jr. of Exton, Pennsylvania, for earning accolades as Chief Financial Officer of the Year from the Philadelphia Business Journal and Drexel University's LeBow College of Business. Mr. Laino is the current senior vice president, CFO, and CIO of Weston Solutions.

Weston Solutions is an employee-owned environmental services firm based in West Chester, Pennsylvania. Joining the company in September 1988, Mr. Laino began as a manager of financial systems after receiving both a bachelor of science in business administration, accounting, and computer systems management and a master of business administration and financial management from Drexel University. By 1994, Mr. Laino was in-

roducing innovative ideas and business models to Weston Solutions, which earned him the title of vice president and simultaneously the company's chief information officer.

Through his years at Weston Solutions, Mr. Laino has brought change to Weston's business strategy with his mastery of business development and administration. The culmination of his efforts proved a success when, in 2001, he assumed the title of CFO for his continuous strategic leadership and vision. Before working at Weston Solutions, Mr. Laino was a project manager, auditor and systems analyst at E.I. DuPont de Nemours in Wilmington, Delaware, for 7 years.

On July 17, 2008, an elegant awards ceremony was held in his honor at the Sheraton City Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for earning this award in the category of Extra Large Business of 2008. In addition to his dedication to Weston Solutions, Mr. Laino is active in the community serving on the board of directors at Delaware County Community College Education Foundation and treasurer of the Society for American Military Engineers.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Vincent A. Laino, Jr., for this well-deserved honor. As a leader and role model in both the community and business world, may he continue to serve both Weston and the community with honor and distinction.

## HEDRICK MEDICAL CENTER

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Hedrick Medical Center for 120 years of caring for the citizens of Chillicothe and of the Greater Livingston County community.

Hedrick Medical Center has faithfully served this community since opening in 1888 and continues this service through an affiliation with Saint Luke's Health System. They will celebrate this constant service with a celebration on Friday, September 12, 2008.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Hedrick Medical Center and its 120 years of service. It is truly an honor to serve this fine organization in the United States Congress.

## RECOGNIZING ADAM SHERMAN RECIPIENT OF THE NATIONAL HISTORY DAY KEN COSKEY NAVAL HISTORY SPECIAL PRIZE

**HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2008*

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Adam Sherman of Scottsdale, Arizona, for his honored participation in this year's National History Day program. Adam, a student at Desert Mountain High School in Scottsdale, received the Ken Coskey Naval History Special Prize for the best naval history project in the Nation. In addition, Adam was chosen as one of only 12

students from over 2,300 to present his exhibit at the White House Visitor Center in June of this year.

The National History Day program is a contest that engages teachers and students from across the Nation to explore unconventional methods in learning about history. Its focus is to move beyond the traditional textbook and expand into resources such as libraries, museums, and archives. This year's theme was "Conflict and Compromise in History."

Adam's project—"Prelude to Pearl Harbor: The Panay Conflict and President Roosevelt's Compromise"—examined the scope of a little-known Japanese attack on an American gunboat years prior to Pearl Harbor and our nation's entry into World War II. In December of 1937, Japanese warplanes attacked the USS *Panay* as it evacuated American refugees ahead of the Japanese takeover of Nanking, China. The attack wounded several civilians and sailors on board, including Mr. Fon Huffman, USN Retired. Adam included a taped interview with Mr. Huffman, the only living survivor of the attack. Huffman tells of the chaotic attack and moments of heroism when, in the midst of the chaos, he gave his life preserver to a civilian who could not swim and helped others to safety.

Adam has shown his passion for history by participating in the program for the past three years, over the course of which his work has been awarded a number of honors including 1st place at the Arizona State Finals for Best Individual Exhibit in 2006. A true student of history, Adam has donated his 2008 exhibit to the Naval Historical Foundation.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Adam Sherman's accomplishments.

IN HONOR OF MILANA BIZIC

**HON. JASON ALTMIRE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2008*

Mr. ALTMIRE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Milana Bizic. Ms. Bizic is a western Pennsylvania resident who was recently honored as the Serb National Federation Person of the Year.

Ms. Bizic is known throughout the Serbian community as a person committed to preserving and celebrating Serbian culture. The granddaughter of Serbian immigrants, she is a lifelong member of the Serb National Federation, a contributing writer for the federation's magazine, *Srbobran*, and the author of a website dedicated to Serbian heritage. She has contributed time, talent, and financial resources to the Serb National Federation and the Serbian community. Ms. Bizic has said that her parents taught her to be American first, last, and always, but to remember her Serbian heritage.

Ms. Bizic's award was presented by the Pittsburgh-based Serb National Federation, which was founded more than 100 years ago to help Serbian immigrants, and now provides Serbian Americans with the opportunity to share and celebrate their background.

I am truly honored to have this opportunity to formally recognize Milana Bizic for her ac-

complishments and thank her for the role she plays in helping Serbians in western Pennsylvania and around the country remember and celebrate their heritage.

BYBERRY FRIENDS MEETING  
HOUSE—200TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2008*

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 200th anniversary of the Byberry Friends Meeting House, located at 3001 Byberry Road in the far northeast section of Philadelphia.

In 1675, four adventurous Quaker brothers—Nathaniel, Thomas, Daniel, and William Walton—arrived in New Castle, Delaware, from England, in search of a new home and religious freedom. They walked nearly 50 miles along the banks of the Delaware River into Pennsylvania, arriving at Poquessing Creek. They were captivated by the region, which reminded them of their former home in Bibury, England, and so they established their home here. They had success farming and were able to establish good relationships with the Native American tribes who helped them survive their initial difficult years.

This community subsequently grew with the influx of more Quakers in the 1680s. The first Quaker meetings were held in the homes of members. As the community grew, members were able to build a log meetinghouse in which to worship. In 1808, 133 years after the Walton brothers settled here, the community built the larger meetinghouse that is still in use today. Members of the Byberry Friends Meeting were influential in the movement to abolish slavery.

Today, the Byberry Friends Meeting continues to hold weekly worship meetings. The school building, used for many years to educate the children of the Meeting, is used by a community day care academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the historic Byberry Friends Meeting House on this momentous milestone and honoring the contributions that the members of this community have made to the people of my district and Philadelphia.

REMEMBERING 9/11

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2008*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, as the years pass the memories will not fade, today stands as a day of mourning for those victims of the terrorist attacks of those infamous events, as well as, our nation as a whole. We must never forget as the rest of the world so eloquently put it: "We are all Americans." For all the destruction that those planes brought, they could not bring down what makes our country great, the American Spirit. In the face of adversity, we did not focus on what separates us, but

came together behind the uniting principle that we are first and foremost Americans. Taking care of those who were hurt and defending the country we love against future attacks is our charge, one that we bear with the greatest of honor, appreciation, and respect.

HONORING SERGEANT BRYAN J.  
TUTTEN

**HON. JOHN L. MICA**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2008*

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, I rise today, September 11, 2008, to once again honor and pay tribute to Sergeant Bryan J. Tuten, 33, who, like many other brave Americans, joined the military following the terrorist attacks on our homeland 7 years ago. Sergeant Tuten died in service to our country on Christmas Day, December 25, 2007, fighting insurgents on his second tour of duty in Iraq.

On Saturday, September 13, 2008, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2391 in St. Augustine, Florida, will hold a special ceremony to honor the life and service of Sergeant Tuten. The Post will be renamed the Veterans of Foreign Wars Bryan Tuten Memorial Post 2391.

On Tuesday, January 15, 2007, I included in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the following remarks and today I want to again honor Sergeant Tuten's life by reflecting on his service to the United States.

Prior to joining the Army, Sgt. Tuten, born in St. Augustine, Florida, graduated from St. Augustine High School and attended St. Johns River Community College. He was also a member of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in St. Augustine.

We should all remember Sgt. Tuten's courage and his ultimate sacrifice for our nation. The freedom and liberty we enjoy and peace in the world for others for which he fought are part of the great legacy that Sgt. Tuten leaves behind. He was laid to rest at San Lorenzo Cemetery in St. Augustine, Florida on January 4, 2008.

After the devastating events of September 11, 2001, Sgt. Tuten enrolled in the Army. His family remembers him as an avid sportsman who loved to fish and cook, and how he enjoyed the time he had playing with his daughter, Catherine. He was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division based in Fort Bragg, North Carolina which was deployed to Iraq.

With the passing of Sgt. Tuten, America has lost an outstanding citizen and a shining example of service to our nation. He will be remembered as a patriotic American, a pillar of our community and a compassionate husband and a loving father.

To his wife Constandina, his daughter Catherine, his son Gareth, his mother Ms. Sylvia Smallwood and his loving family and friends, we offer our deepest sympathy.

Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize Sgt. Bryan J. Tuten's contributions and to ask all Members of the U.S. House of Representatives of the 110th Congress to join me in recognizing his service in our nation's Armed Forces and remembering a great American hero.