

Through this type of research, scientists can now account for about 30 percent of isolated cleft lip. Researchers supported by NIH's National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) are working to identify the causes of cleft lip, develop better ways of treating clefts, and provide information on whether they might occur again in a family. Hopefully, better prevention strategies can also be an outcome of this work. Through continued research, American families can look forward to prevention of cleft lip and palate.

This is just one example of how the research funded with taxpayer dollars at the NIH is improving the health and well-being of all Americans.

TRIBUTE TO FRED BARON

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, today I pay tribute to the life of one of my long time friends, Fred Baron.

Widely known as one of the best trial lawyers in America, Fred Baron dedicated his life to making sure fairness was represented in the law and that the rights of the marginalized could not be trampled over. He was truly a champion of the working man, spending his whole career representing workers who had developed occupational illnesses. He was a pioneer in uncovering the harm that asbestos exposure causes.

I was most proud of Fred Baron when he advocated on behalf of several hundred children in the west Dallas section of my district who lived near a lead smelter that polluted their neighborhood. Thanks to his efforts not only were those families able to move, but the area has now been cleaned and is being made once again livable.

Fred Baron will long be known for the charitable work he and his wife were committed to. In 2002 he and his wife Lisa founded the Baron and Blue Foundation to help nonprofit organizations fight the problems of homelessness and displacement. The foundation was exceptionally helpful in helping many of the hurricane evacuees Dallas has seen in the last few years. Fred even spent many days after Hurricane Katrina consoling and counseling the victims who had made their way to Dallas, bringing them food, toiletries, and helping them out however he could.

Madam Speaker, Frederick Martin Baron is survived by his wife Lisa Blue-Baron, his son Andrew; daughter Courtney and her husband Brad Singer and their daughter Liza; daughters Alessandra, Caroline, and Nathalie; brother Robert and sister Joan; and the countless others he touched in the years he spent with us.

CONGRATULATING DR. ROHIT T. AGGARWALA AND THE CITY OF NEW YORK FOR RECEIVING THE "FRIEND OF THE ENVIRONMENT AWARD"

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. ACKERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Rohit T. Aggarwala, the Director of New York City's Office of Long-term Planning and Sustainability, within New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg's Office of Operations, for receiving the prestigious "Friend of the Environment Award" from the Alley Pond Environmental Center (APEC) on November 13th, 2008. APEC, located in Douglaston, Queens, is a superb educational center committed to environmental understanding and awareness. Rit, as he is known by his friends and colleagues, is at the forefront of Mayor Bloomberg's PlaNYC initiative, a sweeping sustainability plan for New York City's future.

A native of New York City, Dr. Aggarwala holds a BA, MBA, and PhD from Columbia University, as well as an MA from Queen's College in Ontario. Prior to joining the City government, Dr. Aggarwala worked at the Federal Railroad Administration, and currently chairs a subcommittee at the Transportation Research Board, which is part of the National Academy of Science. He is the author of several articles about transportation policy and about the history of New York City.

Under Rit's leadership as Director, New York City's Office of Long-term Planning and Sustainability is implementing a long-term sustainability plan to ensure New York City's continued prosperity, growth, and health. On Earth Day, 2007 the Mayor's Office of Long Term Planning and Sustainability released PlaNYC, which included 127 separate initiatives to protect New York's future, including: housing an additional 1 million New Yorkers affordably; increasing access to parks, playgrounds and open spaces; reclaiming brownfields; developing critical backup systems for the aging water network to ensure reliability; providing additional reliable power sources and upgrading existing power plants; and reducing water pollution so we can open the City's amazing waterways for recreation.

Madam Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in commending Dr. Aggarwala and New York City's Office of Long-term Planning and Sustainability for all of its hard work and dedication promoting sound environmental building practices, and for helping New York City lead the world as a Green global citizen.

HONORING RYAN MICHAEL CURTIS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ryan Michael Curtis of Kansas City, Missouri. Ryan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of Amer-

ica, Troop 1247, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Ryan has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Ryan has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Ryan Michael Curtis for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE RONALD G. MARMO

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the work of a great man, Hon. Ronald G. Marmo, who will retire after more than forty-one years at the Passaic County Courthouse. He will be honored on November 17, 2008 by his friends and colleagues for his outstanding service to the community.

It is only fitting that he be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on earth, for he has a long history of dedication and commitment to his community.

Judge Marmo was born in my hometown, Paterson, New Jersey, on June 8, 1942, to Tony and Rose Marmo. He grew up in the Stony Road section of Paterson, and attended St. Bonaventure Elementary School, and then went on to St. Bonaventure High School. Throughout his years at St. Bon's, he was taught by Franciscan nuns and priests, who instilled values and imparted teachings that served him well throughout his careers.

He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Rutgers University, and a Juris Doctorate degree from Seton Hall Law School. Following graduation, he served as a law clerk to the Honorable Gordon H. Brown, Judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey Criminal Division in Passaic County. Upon completion of his clerkship, he was appointed an Assistant Prosecutor in the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office. He served in that office for twenty-two years, under five different County Prosecutors. In 1970, he was designated Chief Trial Counsel and in 1975 he was appointed Chief of the Trial Section, a position he held for fifteen years.

Notwithstanding his supervisory position, his primary role throughout his years with the Prosecutor's office was as a trial attorney. He served as the State's attorney in hundreds of jury trials including dozens of homicide cases. He tried two lengthy capital cases which each resulted in a jury verdict of the death penalty. He was commonly assigned the trials of the most celebrated cases. Governor Jim Florio appointed him Judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey in 1990. Judge Marmo was assigned to the Civil Division for two years, and later for two years to the Family Division. Otherwise, Judge Marmo was primarily assigned to the Criminal Division. He served for ten years as the municipal prosecutor for the Borough of North Haledon, as well as serving ten

years as the municipal prosecutor for the Borough of Ringwood, where he has resided for thirty-eight years.

Judge Marmo and his wife Pat have been blessed with two children and eight grandchildren. Their daughter, Kim Ann is married to James Martin, and they are the parents of four children, Ryan, Connor, Blake and Raegan. Their son, Michael Marmo, and his wife Christine, also have four children, Shannon, Kelly, Jennifer, and Michael.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing the accomplishments of community leaders like Judge Marmo.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Judge Marmo's family, friends, and everyone he has worked with throughout the years, and me in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable achievements of the Honorable Ronald G. Marmo.

RECOGNIZING BRIAN KELLY OF NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Brian Kelly, a true pillar of the Napa Valley community. Mr. Kelly is being honored by the Napa Valley Education Foundation for his many contributions to education in our community.

Mr. Kelly is a longtime Napa resident whose life's work has been giving back to his community, especially working to advance educational opportunities for young people. He is a past treasurer and board member of the Napa Valley Education Foundation and the priority he places on education is shown on his own resume. Mr. Kelly has a BS in management from CSU Hayward, an MBA in finance from UC Berkeley, and is a graduate of the Wine Executive Program from UC Davis as well as the Advanced Management Program at the Haas School of Business.

It would be difficult to find someone more involved in his community than Brian Kelly. Whatever the community or charitable function in the Napa Valley, Mr. Kelly and his trademark bow tie are ever-present. He serves or has served on the boards of Aldea Children & Family Services, Napa County LAFCO, Napa Chamber of Commerce, Napa Valley Conference & Visitors Bureau, Napa Valley Vintners Community Health Center, Community Foundation of the Napa Valley, Hospice of Napa Valley, Napa City-County Library, Queen of the Valley Hospital, and countless others. He is also a successful businessman who is president, CEO, and founder of Charter Oak Bank in Napa.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, it is my distinct pleasure to thank Brian Kelly for his many years of service and congratulate him on this well-deserved recognition. He has been a model citizen and leader in Napa County and his presence has enriched the lives of everyone in our community. I join his wife Maggie and his daughters Kathleen, Megan and Jennifer in wishing him continued success and fulfillment.

HONORING LEE ANGELICH

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with Congressman RADANOVICH to congratulate Lee Angelich upon his induction into the Fresno Hall of Fame. Mr. Angelich will be honored at the 50th anniversary enshrinement dinner of the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame on Thursday, November 6, 2008.

Lee Angelich, the youngest of five boys, was born to a Serbian immigrant family and starred in track and field in high school and college. Mr. Angelich qualified for the State Finals his senior year at Shasta High School. In his two years at Sacramento Junior College, he led the Panthers to league and state titles and in 1941 he led them to a national title. Mr. Angelich placed second in the 120 high hurdles and fifth in the high jump at the national meet. He then went on to the University of California, where in 1943 he won Pacific Coast Conference titles in the 120 high and the 220 low hurdles, and finished fifth and sixth respectively in the same events at the NCAA Championships. In 1943, Mr. Angelich joined the Navy and served as an officer on the U.S.S. *Rixey* in the Pacific. After the war, he enrolled at California State University Fresno and placed third in the West Coast Relays in the 120 high hurdles.

After completing his education Mr. Angelich began coaching. As a coach he stressed fundamentals, defense and teamwork. He guided boys' teams at Kerman High, Porterville High and Fresno High to eight league championships and an overall record of 255-76 from 1947 to 1963. His Kerman team won the Central Section small schools championship, and his Fresno High teams won forty-eight straight games at home, second best in section history. Under Mr. Angelich, Fresno High won four consecutive North Yosemite League titles (1957-1960). He is one of the rare coaches to win central Section titles in two different sports, as Fresno High captured the boys' track-and-field championship in 1957. He became one of the winningest high school basketball coaches in central section history. Additionally, after turning down a chance to coach Greece's national men's basketball team in 1959, he organized and coached the Libyan national team that participated in the North African Games in 1961.

Madam Speaker, we rise today to commend and congratulate Lee Angelich upon his achievements and induction into the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Angelich congratulations on his many accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO WALTER J. BAMBERG

HON. TERRY EVERETT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. EVERETT. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the life and public service of long-time Montgomery, Alabama resident Mr. Walter J. Bamberg, age 78, who passed away on October 3 after a brief illness.

Walter Bamberg was an institution in central Alabama. His life epitomized public service. A U.S. Army Korean War veteran, Bamberg began his career as a Montgomery radio and television personality in the early 1950's. During his 12 years on the air, Bamberg took advantage of the space craze gripping the nation as creator and host of a popular local children's program called "Captain Zoomar" on WCOV-TV 20.

In 1964, Bamberg left Montgomery broadcasting to serve as Job Placement Director for the Rehabilitation Research Foundation at Draper Correctional Center in Montgomery. Five years later, he was appointed as District Director for Alabama Second District Congressman Bill Dickinson. Bamberg supervised constituent outreach duties of Congressman Dickinson's south Alabama offices for two decades. He was so effective that Dickinson tried on at least one occasion to convince Bamberg to join him in Washington, but he declined to leave Alabama and the life he enjoyed directly serving the people.

In 1989, Bamberg retired from Congressional service and was appointed by President George H. W. Bush as U.S. Marshal for the Middle Judicial District of Alabama. His responsibilities extended over 15 counties. Bamberg was also a member of the Montgomery County Republican Executive Committee.

He was active in local politics, including a run for Montgomery City Commission, and he remained engaged in community affairs after his retirement from the U.S. Marshal Service. Once cannot think of Montgomery Republican politics without thinking of him. He liked to joke that he was a Republican in Alabama when the party could hold their convention in a phone booth.

I was pleased to visit with Walter Bamberg in April while attending the funeral services for Congressman Dickinson. Barbara and I offer our condolences to his wife, Peggy, and children, David, Dale Franklin, Matt, and entire family during this time of loss. Walter Bamberg was an Alabama institution and a man of many talents. His legacy of public service lives on in the strength of the Alabama Republican party.

COMMENDING THE ROME AREA HERITAGE FOUNDATION

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. GINGREY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the Rome Area Heritage Foundation, which in 2003 commissioned Georgia artist Suzanne Royal to paint two reproductions of a portrait of First Lady, Ellen Axson Wilson. Mrs. Wilson spent her youth in Rome, Georgia where she met, courted and later married President Woodrow Wilson. Today, she is buried in the town she always considered her home—at historic Myrtle Hill Cemetery in Rome, Georgia, in the heart of the 11th District.

The original portrait of the First Lady was a gift from Miss Martha Berry to the citizens of Rome and Floyd County to be permanently displayed in the Carnegie Library, forerunner of today's Rome Floyd County Library. One of the reproductions was donated in 2005 to the State of Georgia to hang in Georgia's Capitol.