

respect. I want to share with my colleagues and others throughout the nation some information concerning this distinguished individual who is being honored.

Judge John A. Howard is a native of Elyria, Ohio, and graduated from Elyria High School. He attended Florida A&M University where he received Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science Degrees. He went on to attend Ohio State University and Franklin University, receiving his law degree in 1949. He was admitted to the Ohio State Bar that same year.

Mr. Speaker, John Howard was appointed to the Elyria Mayor's Court in 1954. His career also included service as City Prosecutor and City Solicitor, and Chief Adult Probation Officer for Lorain County. In 1983, Judge Howard was appointed Interim Clerk of the Courts. His appointment in 1984 as Presiding Judge of the Elyria District Court represented the highlight of a notable legal career. Throughout his career, Judge Howard has demonstrated the highest level of integrity and devotion to duty. His efforts have won him respect and praise from his friends and colleagues.

Judge Howard has received numerous awards and honors from organizations throughout the State of Ohio. He received an award for Superior Judicial Service from the Supreme Court of Ohio, and an Honorary Doctor of Law Degree from Capital University. He has also been recognized by the National Conference of Black Lawyers, and he received the "Man of the Year" award on at least three occasions. He is also a member of the Florida A&M University Hall of Fame. Judge Howard's memberships include the American Bar Association; Ohio State Bar Association; and Lorain and Cuyahoga County Bar Associations. He is a member of the Lorain County Urban League; the Association of Municipal/County Judges; and the Ohio Judicial Foundation. Judge Howard is a former president of the Ohio State Bar Association.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join in the Appreciation Banquet honoring Judge John Howard. He is more than deserving of this special tribute. I take this opportunity to extend my best wishes and applaud him for a job well done.

A POEM IN TRIBUTE TO PFC.
FERREL F. McDONNELL, UNITED
STATES ARMY, 66TH PANTHER
DIVISION, COMPANY F, 262ND IN-
FANTRY REGIMENT, COMPANY
HEADQUARTERS

HON. JOHN F. TIERNEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 1998

Mr. TIERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recite a Poem written by Tom Cordle that is a tribute to Pfc. Ferrel F. McDonnell and the soldiers of the 66th Panther Division who died during the sinking of the S.S. *Leopoldville* on December 24, 1944.

Hell is not the place you think
For I have seen its murky ink
Though there is fire down in that hole
It's cold and wet and chills the soul
December Channel, dark and cruel
Coffin on that mournful Yule
Fifty years have passed away
Fifty years like yesterday—
Christmas Eve of '44

The *Leopoldville* just off shore
Of Cherbourg and its dancing lights
The U-Boat had us in her sights
Torpedo caught us in the hold
The water rushed in—Oh, so cold!
Steel and wood and flesh all met
Oh, God! I wish I could forget!
But heroes rose up everywhere
Brave hearts fought their own despair
To comfort wounded, dying, weak
And tried to find the words to speak
They gave their all that some might live
Till they had nothing left to give
Then prayed to find the strength to stand
"God, Oh God, make me a man!"

The *Brilliant* came through churning seas
Answering our urgent pleas
She pulled along our starb'd side
"Jump or die!" her crewmen cried
Men climbed up on the rolling rail
And prayed somehow they would not fail
To breach that twenty feet and odd—
And leaped into the arms of God

Some conquered space and borrowed time
And made the *Brilliant* or its lines
But others lost their deadly bet
And plunged into the dark, cold, wet
And swallowing sea and fought for breath
And knew the briny taste of death
Or fought the water's clawing pull
Till they were crushed between the hulls

Strong, young soldiers watching wept
For promises would not be kept
For children they had never seen
For all the dying of their dreams
Some were but boys, some not quite men
But they would not be boys again
For only men survived such sights
And all grew old in that one night

Cherbourg glittered on the shore
Laughing at our dreams of war
To die and never fire a shot
To die and never know for what
No glory, only senseless waste
With salty, oily aftertaste
No glory, only drowning dance—
Death by simple, crazy chance

But death is not the end of things
For those who've felt its searing sting
For hearts that will forever feel
For wounds that never really heal
We pay with photos, black and white
We pay with voices in the night
We ask the endless haunting why?
A son or husband had to die

What matters why the soldier falls?
What matters but the answered call?
Who measures sacrifices made?
Who dares deny the price was paid?
And there are channels yet to cross
And wars to fight that can't be lost
And men will die and do their part
Till freedom rings in every heart
So let there be no bitter tears
Let us remember better years
And those whose blood has bought and paid
That we might live lives unafraid
And let us honor valiant men
For here tonight, we say again
There is but one thing worth the price
Of such selfish sacrifice
"Freedom!" "Freedom!" "Freedom!"

IN HONOR OF LINDSAY LEACH,
BRONZE CONGRESSIONAL AWARD
WINNER

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 1998

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in praise of an outstanding young adult from the

18th Congressional District of Pennsylvania, Ms. Lindsay Leach, a Congressional Award medal recipient. Lindsay's commitment to self-development and community involvement serves as an inspiration to people of all ages, and illustrates the accomplishments that come with hard work and determination.

Without motivation, however, hard work and determination are destined to remain unfulfilled ideals. Lindsay's motivation breathed life into numerable commendable acts. Not only did Lindsay involve herself in volunteer work, but invested time in broadening her physical and artistic skills. While much of what is directed towards young people is prescriptive in nature, it is important to note that these acts were of Lindsay's own design and were completed with her own resolve.

Upon review of Lindsay's achievements, one is particularly struck by the considerable amount of time that was devoted to obtaining this award. Hundreds of hours over the course of months were invested. Clearly, Lindsay recognizes the immense value of giving one's time to others. It is my hope that your actions foreshadow a life distinguished by the pursuit of new challenges.

Congratulations Lindsay! Best wishes to you for continued success.

1998 CONGRESSIONAL OBSERVANCE OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. ALLEN BOYD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 11, 1998

Mr. BOYD. Mr. Speaker, since 1926, America has designated February as Black History Month, a time when we honor the achievements of African-American leaders and their contributions to our great nation. This month also provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon the progress that Americans have made as a nation in our struggle to promote the constitutional ideals of liberty, equality, and justice. In honor of Black History Month, I would like to take a moment to recognize Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, a Historically Black College in my district that has been nationally recognized not only for the great African-American leaders that it has produced, but for also its success in fostering these sacred constitutional principles.

At a time when there is an urgent need for greater access for minorities to higher education, FAMU has risen to meet the challenge. The school opened its doors on October 3, 1887, when segregation was required by law, with 15 students and one professor, but today, student enrollment is over 10,000. Even more impressive is the caliber of students that FAMU draws to its campus each year: the school competes with Harvard annually for the highest number of National Achievement Scholars. Recognizing FAMU's high quality education program, last year Time magazine and Princeton Review named FAMU The College of the Year.

FAMU's recent successes can be attributed to its President, Dr. Frederick S. Humphries. Dr. Humphries has also received national recognition; last month, The Orlando Sentinel named him the Floridian of the Year, an award that the paper grants each year to a person

who has made the most outstanding contribution to Florida. Dr. Humphries has tirelessly committed his time and energy to promoting the interests of FAMU and making the school and its community what it is today.

Black History Month is a time to celebrate the achievements of African-Americans. Today, in honor of Black History Month, I hope that the citizens of North Florida will take a moment to recognize the work that FAMU and Dr. Humphries have done to make high-quality higher education available to the nation's African-American students.

In addition, I would like to encourage my constituents to take time to participate in Black History Month. Last month, in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, I took part in several programs throughout North Florida to commemorate the legacy of Dr. King. I found these events to be a wonderful way to learn more about the history of our nation's African-American leaders, and also an opportunity to come together with other community members to share in celebration. I greatly enjoyed attending both FAMU and Florida State University's events honoring Dr. King and participating in Jackson County's Day of Service, among other events. I hope that the people of North Florida will use Black History Month as a chance to learn more about the great role that African-Americans play in every facet of our human society; for when we recognize the contributions of each individual to the whole, we can unify to build a more perfect America.

THE BROOKLYN IRISH-AMERICAN PARADE

HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 1998

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following: Whereas, The Brooklyn Irish American Parade Committee's organization and purpose is to honor the cultural, educational and historical contributions and accomplishments of the Irish to their community, borough, city, state and nation; and

Whereas, This parade encourages a knowledge and appreciation of an ancient Irish heritage; and

Whereas, This annual event is a celebration of Brooklyn's cultural diversity and richness; and

Whereas, This parade takes place in historic Park Slope on the hallowed ground of the Battle of Brooklyn and commemorates the Marylanders, Irish Freedom Fighters and Americans of other ethnic backgrounds who gave their lives to secure independence for our America; and

Whereas, The Spirit of '76 was, and still is, the ideal of the Brooklyn Irish American Parade; and

Whereas, This year's parade is dedicated to the memory of Patrick Heaney, Drum Major of the Clann Eireann Pipe Band of Brooklyn, for over forty years, and who was a loyal supporter of the Committee; and

Whereas, This year's Parade Theme is the bicentennial of the "Rebellion of 1798" when 100,000 Irish men, women and children, with inspiration from the American Revolution, rose up with bare hands and pitch forks to overthrow British occupation and oppression; and

Whereas, This year the Parade continues the memorialization of the Great Famine (1845–1850), when hunger and starvation devastated Ireland and its people with estimates of a million and a half who perished in Ireland, on coffin ships and in the fever sheds; and

Whereas, The memory of the victims and survivors of when Ireland starved is sacred and never to be forgotten; and

Whereas, "The Great Famine" brought one million of Erin's sons and daughters to the port of New York; and

Whereas, It is only fitting that this year's Grand Marshal is William W. Whelan, President of New York City Fire Department Emerald Society and Chairman of the Great Hunger Memorial to be erected at Battery Park, New York in memory of the victims and survivors of "AN GORTA MOR", now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Brooklyn Irish American Parade Committee on its twenty third Annual Parade to be held on Sunday March 15, 1998; its Grand Marshal, William W. Whelan, and his Aides, Sister Elizabeth Hill, President of St. Joseph's College and Educator; Richie O'Shea, Band Leader representing Irish Culture; James Buckley representing Irish Business, Buckleys of Flatbush and Kennedys of Breezy Point; Frank Carroll, President of the United Irish Counties of New York; Mildred Kane representing Kings County Ladies A.O.H.; Michael Fitzgerald, President of Brooklyn's Shamrocks Gaelic Sports Club; Alfred F. Donohue, Kings County A.O.H.; Special Parade Honoree: Heinz M. Popp, President of Bay Ridge Car World and 1998 Benefactor to the Irish Community of New York; Parade Chairperson, Kathleen McDonagh; Dance Chairperson, Mary McMullan; Journal Chairperson, James McDonagh; Raffle Chairperson, Helen O'Shea; Parade Officers, Members and all the citizens of Brooklyn, participating in this important and memorable event; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to William W. Whelan, his Aides and the Brooklyn Irish American Parade Committee in Brooklyn.

CONGRATULATIONS TO UNITED STATES WOMEN'S GOLD MEDAL HOCKEY TEAM

HON. BARBARA B. KENNELLY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 1998

Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join with me in recognizing the incredible achievement of the United States Gold Medal Women's Hockey Team. I am particularly proud that Gretchen Ulion of Connecticut's First District played as a member of this team. Gretchen is an accomplished hockey player, having played on three United States Women's National Teams. Gretchen also left a legacy of records at Dartmouth College. She excelled while playing for the Big Green, setting 11 Dartmouth and 4 Ivy League records. She is also a hero off the ice. Prior to the Olympic games, Gretchen taught high school math and history at the Pingree school in Massachusetts. She plans to continue teaching in the fu-

ture. Gretchen is joined on the team by two other members with Connecticut roots: Sue Merz from Greenwich and Angela Ruggiero who is presently attending Choate Rosemary Hall in Wallingford.

The Women's Gold Medal in hockey is a great step forward for women and marks their contribution to athletics. The women's team's brilliant play showed not only their talent but their love of the sport. The team showed that a desire to prove themselves and earn respect for their game could lead to success. Women athletes prevailed in the 1998 Winter Olympics, winning eight of the thirteen medals earned by the United States. As Cammi Granato (captain of the 1998 United States Women's Olympic Hockey Team) carried the flag in the closing ceremonies, she became a symbol of the ideals that we cherish so deeply for our youth: heart, dedication, and unity, the kind of ideals that we now find in women athletes like Connecticut's Gretchen Ulion.

This Gold Medal, earned by the United States in the first-ever full medal Women's Olympic Hockey competition is a sign of things to come. As Jack Edwards of ESPN Sports Zone remarked, "They brought home the glittering gold. They'll have the rest of their lives to savor its aura."

THE PASSING OF PATRICK J. CAMPBELL

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 1998

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep regret that I inform our colleagues of the passing of one of the outstanding labor leaders in our nation, an individual whose footsteps will be difficult to fill.

Patrick J. Campbell is one of the few last members of a generation that truly knew the meaning of the word hardship. He is one of the last who learned at an early age that hard work is the path not just to success, but to survival.

Pat was born in New York City on July 22, 1918, and was orphaned six years later. This was an era when child welfare and social services were limited, so Pat went to work at a tender, young age. And work he did: shining shoes, hawking newspapers, and working in a candy-making factory.

At the age of 20, Pat moved to Rockland County, New York, in what is now my Congressional District. He became an employee at the Rockland State Hospital, but three years later his career was nipped in the bud with the dropping of enemy bombs on Pearl Harbor. Pat, at the age of 23, enlisted in the Army Air Force, and was one of the many of us who saw action in the South Pacific.

Soon after he returned to Rockland County, after a distinguished career of heroism in the service throughout World War Two, Pat signed up as an apprentice in Local Union #964, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners. Someone with Pat's talents, drive, and determination to work was not going to be kept down for long. He quickly moved up the ladder: to journeyman, to carpenter, foreman, general construction foreman, superintendent, and, finally, he was elected President of Local Union #964 in 1954.