

appointed to the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation by Governor McWherter in 1988, and continues to serve in that capacity; he was Grand Marshal of Tatertown Festival in 1978 and 1990; he was named a "Paul Harris Fellow" by the Rotary Club; he received the outstanding citizenship award in 1959, and was named "Boss of the Year" by the local Jaycee Chapter in 1978.

He was honored by local townspeople with a "Bob Owen Day" in his honor. At that time, an annual "Bob Owen College Scholarship" was set up by the Bank of Gleason, to be awarded to a high school senior, based upon their overcoming financial and hardship difficulties.

The Tennessee House of Representatives passed a resolution in his honor, he was made an honorary staff member of the 77th Legislative District of the Tennessee House of Representatives by then State Representative John Tanner.

The Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society presented him an Honor Plaque for Outstanding Citizenship, and he was named Rotarian of the Year by the Rotary club in 1978 and 1979.

In keeping with his humble nature, Bob Owen, said, "I'm in the banking business by default, because I couldn't find anything else to do."

Regarding his life, he continued, "It's been a great ride, I came from a humble background. My Mom had to be something out of this world. My father died when she was only 47 years old, and she raised three children with the sweat of her brow, and a lot of love."

It may be accurate for the community to refer to him as the last of the country bankers, but Bob Owen is a world-class citizen, who cares deeply for his community and the people he serves.

As was so appropriate by stated by the late Billy O. Williams, Associate Poet Laureate of the State of Tennessee, during a presentation on Bob Owen Day in Gleason:

"He must have done some things just right, as he walked down life's highway, 'Cause folks have come from all around, on this his special day.

Being fair, being honest and being kind, has been his life's ongoing.

May the good 'Lord' bless, years of happiness,

for Robert H. 'Bob' Owen."

#### A TRIBUTE TO GUS A. PEDICONE

### HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 1998*

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to utter a few words about Gus Pedicone, a man truly worth honoring. Born and raised in Philadelphia, Mr. Pedicone has been a great leader to his community. His achievements are well worth noting as they demonstrate the positive results that come with hard work and determination.

Perhaps such determination and desire to succeed came about through Gus's early years as a soldier. Serving in both World War II and the Korean conflict, Gus displayed his commitment to serve this community, a commitment that has now spanned over fifty years. Soon after his career as a soldier, Gus entered the political arena, first as a committeeman, then as a Republican Ward Leader for the 26th Ward. At the pinnacle of his political career in 1971, he was even a candidate for United States Congress.

Obtaining degrees from both the Palmer Business School, and the highly esteemed Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania, Mr. Pedicone's business savvy is self-evident. He started his own air freight business in 1965, which became a very successful endeavor. Gus was also on the State Tax Equalization Board for 14 years, and was a recent appointee to the State Board of Automotive Manufacturers. While too often such success is coupled with a loss of community spirit, Gus has proven his loyalty as a member of the Sons of Italy and as a past member of the Lions Club.

Aside from all these accomplishments, Mr. Speaker, Gus Pedicone should be recognized for his legacy as a role model. He is well known throughout the Philadelphia community as a gentleman and a man of his word. Just the other day, I spoke to his Democratic counterpart, the Honorable Ronald Donatucci. Although Mr. Pedicone and Mr. Donatucci spent years opposing each other on election day, Ron had nothing but praise for Gus. All of us can only hope to be so well thought of by our opponents.

Gus Pedicone is a truly remarkable man. His diverse achievements in both the private and public realms give way only to his continuing desire to serve his community as best he can. He has had a positive effect on all aspects of our community for over fifty years, and for this I would like to express my deepest gratitude.

#### IN HONOR OF HERMAN FINK ON HIS 102ND BIRTHDAY

### HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 1998*

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to congratulate Herman Fink of Santa Ana, California, on his 102nd birthday. As a well-known Santa Ana resident, Mr. Fink has lived on the same street (Flower Street) in Santa Ana for 59 years. During that time he has become known as "the Honorary Mayor of Flower Street" to all those who live around him.

An avid world traveler, Mr. Fink has been to the farthest reaches of the world. He has traveled to nearly every land on earth, from Egypt to Australia, from France to South America. He loves to travel and has lived his life as an adventure, seeking out the treasures of discovery and savoring the immense richness of many foreign lands.

Herman Fink was married for 67 years to his wife, Clara. Theirs was a perfect marriage, according to his only daughter, Lorraine Ellison of Garden Grove, California. Many happy years of marriage, a lovely daughter, two granddaughters and two great grandchildren have filled his life with love and joy.

To this day, Mr. Fink lives in his own house in Santa Ana. He is in excellent health and his days are filled with friendship. At his birthday party on September 26, his favorite restaurant beamed with love and friendship. Herman Fink is a man who is loved by many people, a genuine testament to a life well-lived.

#### IN HONOR OF THE COMMUNITY UNITED FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE ADDICTED 25TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 1998*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to the Community United for the Rehabilitation of the Addicted, Inc. (CURA) for their innumerable contributions throughout New Jersey. For years, this agency has been dedicated to the treatment and rehabilitation of Spanish speaking individuals who are addicted to drugs or alcohol. Because of its unique treatment philosophy, the program boasts one of the highest success rates of any similar program in the country.

CURA was established in 1973 in response to the poor success rate of Spanish speaking addicts in other programs. CURA offers long-term residential drug-free rehabilitation programs, outpatient drug-free rehabilitation programs, short-term residential programs for alcoholic addicts who are 18 years or older, an outreach prevention program in surrounding communities for "high risk" youngsters 12-17 years of age, and supplemental services which include vocational evaluation and training, high school equivalency preparation, a health examination, HIV education and prevention, recreational activities and job placement assistance.

I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the outstanding work of the Community United for the Rehabilitation of the Addicted. I would like to commend the CURA staff, Board of Trustees and Chairman Miguel Rivera. I encourage them to continue to serve their communities for many more years to come.

#### WORLD POPULATION AWARENESS WEEK

### HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 1998*

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call World Population Awareness Week 1998 to the attention of my Colleagues. October 24-31 marks the 13th annual celebration of World Population Awareness Week. More than 300 family planning, environmental, educational, community and service organizations in 61 countries are co-sponsoring the week in an effort to raise awareness of the need for universal voluntary family planning.

I call the Governor of Vermont's, the Honorable Howard Dean, proclamation to the attention of my colleagues.

#### WORLD POPULATION AWARENESS WEEK PROCLAMATION—1998

Whereas world population stands today at more than 5.9 billion and increases by more than 80 million per year, with virtually all of this growth in the least developed countries;

Whereas the consequences of rapid population growth are not limited to the developing world but extend to all nations and to all people, including every citizen of the State of Vermont concerned for human dignity,

freedom and democracy, as well as for the impact on the global economy;

Whereas 1.3 billion people—more than the combined population of Europe and North Africa—live in absolute poverty on the equivalent of one U.S. dollar or less a day;

Whereas 1.5 billion people—nearly one-quarter of the world population—lack an adequate supply of clean drinking water or sanitation;

Whereas more than 840 million people—one-fifth of the entire population of the developing world—are hungry or malnourished;

Whereas demographic studies and surveys indicate that at least 120 million married women in the developing world—and a large but undefined number of unmarried women—want more control over their fertility but lack access to family planning;

Whereas this unmet demand for family planning is projected to result in 1.2 billion unintended births;

Whereas the 1994 international Conference on Population and Development determined that political commitment and appropriate programs aimed at providing universal access to voluntary family planning information, education and services can ensure world population stabilization at 8 billion or less rather than 12 billion or more.

Now, therefore, I Howard Dean, Governor of the State of Vermont, do hereby proclaim the week of October 25-31, 1998 as World Population Awareness Week, and urge citizens of the State to take cognizance of this event and to participate appropriately in its observance.

#### SAVE THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION ACT OF 1998

**HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 1998*

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing H.R. 4820, the Save the International Space Station Act of 1998. This is a straightforward bill that contains several provisions that will restore accountability to the program while preserving our commitment to our international partners in the Space Station program. More importantly, it lays the groundwork to help prevent future cost growth and schedule delays by putting NASA on a track to solve systemic problems. The bill should be non-controversial. Most members have seen these provisions before. This legislation was drafted around the bipartisan Sensenbrenner-Brown amendment to the Civilian Space Authorization Act for fiscal year 1998 and 1999, which the Committee on Science adopted and the House of Representatives passed last year.

Basically, the bill precludes additional payments to the Russian Space Agency to meet its existing obligations unless Congress concurs that additional payments serve the taxpayer's interest. It requires the Administration to develop a contingency plan and report that plan to Congress for removing each element of the Russian contribution from the critical path for assembling the International Space Station. It does contain two new provisions from the Senate, which were worked out on a bipartisan basis. The first of these new provisions is a total cost cap on the program. The International Space Station has never had a legislatively imposed cap on the total cost of the program before. The Senate has made

such a cap a priority and the bill contains a measure worked out between the Senate and the Administration. The second new provision concerns cross-waiver authority under which NASA will negotiate agreements with other Station partners to reduce our liability to one another in the event of problems with the Space Station. Ultimately, this measure must be passed for the Space Station to be assembled and operated in space.

By passing this bill sooner rather than later, Congress can do its part to contain future cost growth and put this program back on track towards developing and operating a world-class scientific laboratory in space.

#### A TRIBUTE TO H.E.R.O.

**HON. ROBERT A. BRADY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 1998*

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor H.E.R.O., the Philadelphia based non-profit organization which endeavored, and succeeded, to make a positive change in our local community. Their motto, which is "Helping to Energize and Rebuild Ourselves", has become a prophecy fulfilled. They have served a dual role since their inception, gathering teens off the street to participate in positive events, while also helping to ease the pain of those who have suffered great loss.

H.E.R.O. came into the spotlight about two years ago after the Philadelphia community was emotionally torn over the grueling murder of Aimee Willard, a 22 year old star athlete who was killed after leaving a bar in Wayne, PA. In an effort supervised by Dorris Phillips, the assistant director of H.E.R.O., the organization transformed the site of where Aimee's body was found. Instead of allowing this site to remain a source of angst in the community, these volunteers decided to turn it into a source of pride.

They have put in an astounding effort to create a memorial for Aimee. Today, the place where Willard was found is marked by two plastic covered photos of her and a two-foot cross draped with a graduation tassel and rosary, set amid fifteen flower pots. Finding lots of help from neighbors, unions, and various city agencies, H.E.R.O. has assisted in planting a garden, building picnic tables and gazebos, and painting a mural of Aimee which was presented to the Willard family on September 13th of this year.

These contributions cannot go unnoticed. In the wake of tragedy, H.E.R.O. has emerged as an organization that is predicated on positive change in the Philadelphia community. Their success in changing the perceptions of the local youth are typified in the comments of one of its youth volunteers, Eugena Humphrey. As Humphrey stated in an article for the Philadelphia Inquirer, "People always talk bad about it; I know I sometimes do. Maybe if you make one change, other changes will develop." With organizations like H.E.R.O. around, positive change does not remain an intangible dream, but is rather allowed to become a reality. For this, the City of Philadelphia owes its sincerest thanks.

#### IN HONOR OF THE 1998 COLUMBUS DAY HONOREES

**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 1998*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, October 12, 1998, Columbus Day to pay special tribute to the 1998 Hudson County Columbus Day Parade and the Bayonne Columbus Day Parade Honorees.

From the Hudson County Parade: Michael Ricciardone, Parade Chairperson; Guy Catrillo, General Chairman; Nick Fargo, Jr., Grand Marshal; Scott Ring, Honorary Grand Marshal; Reverend James Pagnotta, Italian Clergy of the Year; Lois Shaw, Italian Woman of the Year; Mayor Anthony Russo, Italian Man of the Year; Renee Bettinger, Italian Stateswoman of the Year; Damian Andrisano, Italian Statesman of the Year; Surrogate Donald DeLeo, Italian Diplomat of the Year; Andrew Muscarnerio, Italian Educator of the Year; Peter Varsalona, Italian Veteran of the Year; Patricia Cassidy, Italian Policewoman of the Year; Frank Scarpa, Italian Policeman of the Year; Michael Pierro, Italian Fireman of the Year; Susan Loricchio, Miss Columbus; Glorio Esposito, Recipient of the Special Achievement Award; and Caroline Guarini, Recipient of the Golden Chalice Award.

From the Bayonne Columbus Day Parade: Marie Sestito, Parade Chairperson; Joseph Pelliccio, President, Parade Committee; Matthew Guerra, Grand Marshal; Captain Ralph Scianni, Public Safety Officer of the Year; and Lauren Boch, Miss Columbus.

I thank these men and women for their hard work and dedication. I am honored to have such outstanding individuals residing in my district. I am certain my colleagues will join me in paying tribute to them today.

#### TRIBUTE TO TOM BRADLEY

**HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 1998*

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, it was an honor to know Tom Bradley and we are all saddened by his death.

People wouldn't, by any stretch of the imagination, think of Tom Bradley as a revolutionary. He was soft-spoken. He was a conciliator. He didn't often show his emotion. And, while he labored hard, he always did so quietly and behind the scenes. He was a gentleman in every sense of the word.

No other single person, however, did more than Tom Bradley to break with the past and redefine the promise of the future.

Tom's own life marked a string of firsts.

He attended Polytechnic High School in Los Angeles—a majority white school—where he was the first elected black president of Poly's Boys League; he was the first black student inducted into Ephebian, a national honor society; and he was the captain of his school's track team.

When Tom joined the Los Angeles Police Department in 1940, there were 100 blacks on a force of 4000. When he retired in 1961, he was a lieutenant, the highest rank of any black officer on the force.