

and Human Resources. Mr. Moon entered the United States Marine Corps in July 1968 and went on to a successful career of defending the interests of his nation. His outstanding service in the Vietnam conflict earned him numerous honors including three bronze stars, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Combat Action Ribbon, and the National Defense Service Medal.

After departing Vietnam, Mr. Moon went on to serve as Post Commander of his local VFW post, 2873, and served the people of Grover Hill, Ohio as their mayor for sixteen years. In his terms as local Post Commander, he was awarded the distinction of All State Post Commander. Mr. Moon also served on numerous national committees before achieving the top post in the VFW such as the Americanism committee which helps to inspire the American patriotic spirit within the populace of our nation, especially our youth. Mr. Moon was elected VFW Commander-in-Chief on August 21, 1997 at the VFW National Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah.

My fellow colleagues, join me in saluting a true American patriot, one who believes the American spirit should continue to thrive in the hearts of all Americans, VFW Commander-in-Chief, John E. Moon.

COMMENDATION OF SARA ATKINSON AND ERIN ENO PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD WINNERS

HON. PATSY T. MINK

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 1998

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate and honor two young Hawaii students from my district who achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service in their communities. Sara Atkinson of Kealahou and Erin Eno of Wailuku have been named two of my states top honorees in the 1998 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, an annual honor conferred upon the most impressive student volunteers across America.

Sara Atkinson is being recognized for her initiative in developing a mentoring program for children who were at-risk for violence and substance abuse. Today, through Sara's commitment, over forty children now have mentors. These mentors not only counsel, but also participate in other community services like fund raising and food drives that benefit Hawaii's needy. I commend Sara for her dedication to assist and improve the community in which she lives.

Erin Eno is being recognized for her commitment to help the elderly. Erin sewed lap blankets and wheel chair bags for residents at a local nursing home. When Erin was told she was too young to volunteer, she decided to do something on her own initiative. She solicited fabrics from a local factory and generously gave her time and talent to sew blankets and wheelchair bags that benefited local nursing home residents. Erin is strongly committed to contributing to the community. Through her creativity and ingenuity she found a way to assist senior citizens in her community.

I applaud the selfless contributions made by Sara Atkinson and Erin Eno. I believe they are

shining examples of how young citizens can make a positive impact on the lives of others. I commend them for their desire to help others. What they have done will encourage other young people to follow in their footsteps.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JANICE BRALY, ELEANOR LEMA, CAROL BLASINGAME, SALLY MAGNISON, AND SHIRLEY KIRKPATRICK

HON. GEORGE P. RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 1998

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Janice Braly, Eleanor Lema, Carol Blasingame, Sally Magnuson and Shirley Kirkpatrick for being recognized as the recipients of the Common Threads Award. The award recognizes women whose roots are in agriculture, and who have dedicated themselves to their community through volunteer service and philanthropic giving.

Janice Braly of O'Neals is a former State President of California Woman for Agriculture and a California 4-H foundation member. Among her other accomplishments are a University of California Davis Dean's Policy Council Member and Castaic School Board Association President. She is currently a member of both the California Cattle Women and the Madera County Cattle Women.

Eleanor Lema of Merced is a three-term Chapter President of California Women for Agriculture. She has been active in the Merced Chamber of Commerce for 10 years. Her accomplishments include being a Merced County Farmland Trust Board member for six years, a Merced Farm Bureau member for 20 years and a member of the Soroptimist Club, where she served as a board member for 15 years.

Carol Blasingame of Fresno served as a Director for the Big Fresno Fair Director for three years. In 1996, she was President of the La Feliz Guild. Carol is a member of the Board of Directors of the Fresno City & County Historical Society, Chairman of the Fresno Fair Education Program, serves on the Ag Fresno Advisory Board, and is a member of California Women for Agriculture.

Sally Magnuson of Ballico served as President of the P.T.A. at three different schools, as a Brownie Leader, and as a Cadet Scouts Leader. She is a past President and the founding member of the League of Women Voters of Merced County. Sally was formerly active on the California State Reclamation Board, as the President of the Sierra Club of Merced, and as a member of the Merced County Library Commission.

Shelly Kirkpatrick of Exeter is a 4-H Diamond Star, an Officer of the Central California Chapter of California Press Women's Association, and a member of the Tulare County Cattlemen Association. She is the founding member of the Tulare County Chapter of California Women for Agriculture and was elected to the Recreation Commission for the City of Exeter. Shirley currently serves on the Tulare County Planning Commission and is a member of the California Farm Bureau Land Use Commission.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I congratulate Janice Braly, Eleanor Lema,

Carol Blasingame, Sally Magnuson, and Shirley Kirkpatrick for being recognized with the Common Threads Award. I applaud the contributions, ideas, and leadership they have exhibited in our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing these individuals many more years of success.

HONORING THE REV. BETSY SYMLIE

HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 1998

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of my colleagues a very special person in my district, the Reverend Betsy Smylie.

Reverend Smylie graduated from Harvard Radcliffe in 1975, and earned her Master of Divinity from Harvard in 1981. Upon graduation, Reverend Smylie began her career of service in Western New York.

Throughout her many years of service to our community, Reverend Smylie served as Vicar of Ephphatha and Diocesan Missioner to the Deaf. She has also demonstrated a true commitment to such important institutions for the Deaf as the St. Mary's School, Deaf Adult Services, and other agencies whose goal is empowerment for Western New York's hearing impaired.

In addition to her tremendous service to the Deaf, strong command of sign language, devotion to God and community, and leadership, she has obtained an extraordinary level of respect from our community, both as a scholar and preacher, and as an unyielding advocate.

Tragically, Reverend Smylie was admitted to the hospital on January 5th, 1998 with malignant brain cancer.

Mr. Speaker, today I would like to join with the Town of Hamburg, and indeed, our entire Western New York community, to express our sincere best wishes to Reverend Betsy Smylie for a complete and speedy recovery through God's Healing Hand as she battles cancer.

Reverend Smylie has always had a love for our American government. It is only fitting that I now ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in prayer for the Reverend Smylie, and for her husband, Reverend John Smylie, and their children, Shemalajah and Nathan.

IN HONOR OF REVEREND WATKINS

HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 1998

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I write to congratulate you on your calling to serve as the Senior Pastor of the 125 year old Nazarene Congregational United Church of Christ in Brooklyn.

As a native son of the State of Texas you exemplify the belief that everything and everyone in Texas is just a little larger than life. Your illustrious background has encompassed ministering to students at numerous colleges, universities and churches.

You have also served your country with excellence as Coordinator of Health, Education

and Welfare Transition Planning Group for the Ford-Carter Transition. As a scholar of all facets of economic justice, you served as a consultant to President Carter in several upper level positions which provided economic assistance to many Americans.

Your belief that "Loving pastoral care and efficient management of the business of the church is extremely important if greater emphasis is to be placed on the spiritual development of the congregation" is a phrase which embodies your caring and intelligent concern for your fellow man.

I feel that the lives of the parishioners of the Nazarene Congregational United Church of Christ will be greatly enriched by your spiritual leadership. It is my most sincere hope that you will continue to enjoy good health for many years to come and that you will be able to fulfill all your plans for the future.

TO ESTABLISH A SELECT COMMITTEE ON POW AND MIA AFFAIRS

HON. JIM RAMSTAD

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 1998

Mr. RAMSTAD. Mr. Speaker, over 2,100 Americans are still unaccounted for from the war in Vietnam, over 8,100 from the Korean Conflict, and nearly 78,800 from World War II. It is imperative that the accounting of each and every one of our POWs and MIAs be given the highest priority by our government and by this Congress.

Because I feel so strongly about finding new information on American POWs and MIAs, and as a result of the hundreds of thousands of family members who want to find the truth about their loved ones, I am asking my colleagues to cosponsor H. Res. 16—a resolution establishing a Select Committee on POW and MIA Affairs.

As many of you know, the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs released its final report several years ago. But as Members of Congress, we need to keep asking the tough questions and demanding hard answers on this issue.

This proposed Select Committee on POW and MIA Affairs will conduct a full investigation of all unresolved matters relating to any United States personnel unaccounted for from the Vietnam era, the Korean conflict, or World War II, including MIAs and POWs.

This temporary select committee will present its final report by January 5, 1999, setting forth its findings and recommendations as a result of its investigation, and then terminate.

We must continue with vigilance the work by our government to achieve a full accounting of every American POW/MIA. We have a moral obligation to give this issue our immediate and undivided attention. Please join me in this effort and cosponsor H. Res. 16.

IN HONOR OF LUCIE J. DUVALL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 1998

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lucie J. Duvall, Lieutenant of the Cleve-

land Police Department, on her retirement after twenty-five years of public service. Her outstanding service to the city of Cleveland will not be forgotten.

Lt. Duvall entered the Cleveland Police Department on February 20, 1973 and soon after became one of the first females assigned to basic patrol. During her tenure in the Fourth District of the department, Lt. Duvall worked as a Scientific Investigative Unit and was instrumental in combating the prostitution problem in Downtown Cleveland. Lt. Duvall achieved the rank of Sergeant in 1981 and became a supervisor of the Hostage Negotiation Team. Lt. Duvall continued her work in the department as a member of the Child Pornography Task Force and was an original member of the Ohio Children's Trust Fund.

Lt. Duvall achieved a hallmark in her career in 1982 when she became the first female police officer to head a vice unit in America. Lt. Duvall was promoted to her current rank of Lieutenant in 1982 and continued her fight for the protection of children. Lt. Duvall graduated from the F.B.I. National Academy in 1984 and earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Dyke College in 1993. Lt. Duvall was recently named Detective Bureau Coordinator in the Bureau of Special Investigation in Cleveland in 1995.

My fellow colleagues, join me in saluting a model police officer, a woman who has pioneered numerous fields within the Cleveland police department, Lieutenant Lucie J. Duvall.

IN RECOGNITION OF PEACE CORPS DAY '98

HON. TONY P. HALL

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 1998

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today educators and former Peace Corps volunteers came together across the country to take part in Peace Corps Day '98. By speaking in classrooms throughout America, returned Peace Corps volunteers shared their experiences with a new generation of Americans to enhance cross-cultural understanding, and strengthen global education. The events of Peace Corps Day '98 teach young people the value of service to those who are in need.

Since 1961, when the Peace Corps was established by President John F. Kennedy, over 150,000 men and women have volunteered in over 132 countries around the world. I am proud to say that I am one of the 6,500 Ohioans among that number.

For 37 years, the Peace Corps has brought together bright, energetic people who are committed to service, and has equipped them with the tools to serve in foreign countries as representatives of peace. Today, over 6,500 Americans serve as Peace Corps volunteers in over 84 countries. These individuals are helping to create a better future for the local people with whom they work. Peace Corps volunteers are laboring to help communities improve sanitation, cultivate food, and gain access to clean water. These volunteers are teaching English, math, and science; and helping local entrepreneurs start new businesses. Most importantly, however, Peace Corps volunteers are America's diplomats of peace and friendship around the world.

But, it is not easy. I know first-hand the challenges and difficulties faced by Peace Corps volunteers. I also know the tremendous rewards from my own Peace Corps experience. Simply put, it changed my life. When I graduated from college in 1964, my dreams were to play pro-football, make big money, and drive fast cars. Instead, I found myself teaching English and riding a bicycle through the jungles of Thailand.

I remember my first night in Thailand. While sitting in a restaurant, I watched a cat chase a rat across the floor and devour it. I thought, "what am I doing here?" But as my experience progressed, and I got to know the villagers, my entire outlook on life changed. I came home to America with a better understanding and appreciation of the world, with my priorities in order, and prepared for a life of public service.

Peace Corps Day '98 continues the proud legacy of the Peace Corps to instill within young people an understanding of the importance of service and to foster a better appreciation for the world. Today, more than 350,000 students in all 50 states learned about life in developing countries by talking with former Peace Corps volunteers who served overseas. Some students were able to learn about the experiences of volunteers currently serving in countries like Panama through video conferencing and speaker phone.

After 37 years, Peace Corps volunteers continue to work against hunger, illiteracy, and poverty to provide more opportunities to people around the world. Their years of service has improved the lives of millions. The success of Peace Corps volunteers and the continuing needs of the developing world has prompted President Clinton to request more funding for the Peace Corps in order to increase the number of volunteers. At the same time, interest in the program has increased within the American public. In 1997, there was a 40% increase of individuals interested in serving as a volunteer since 1994.

Today, on Peace Corps Day '98, the Peace Corps deserves our appreciation and highest recognition as they continue to instill the value of service and volunteerism to young people throughout our nation.

TRIBUTE TO THE DOMINICAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION COMMITTEE OF HOSTOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE ON ITS CELEBRATION OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 1998

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Dominican Heritage Celebration Committee of Hostos Community College in my South Bronx Congressional District on its celebration of the independence of the Dominican Republic during the week of February 27–March 5, 1998.

On Friday, thousands of members and friends of the Dominican community gathered at the Hostos Center for the Arts & Culture Small Theater to open Dominican Heritage Celebration Week.