

where she raised her family. She is the proud mother two children, a daughter, Stacey, and a son, Richard. Her favorite pursuits include collecting miniature elephants, solving crossword puzzles, and playing bingo.

For well over thirty years, Mattie has served the residents of Paterson as an employee of the Post Office. Her commitment to public service is combined with a sincere interest in private enterprise. In Keeping with this interest, Mattie works part-time as a real estate agent for Shriver Realty of Paterson.

In addition to her professional and familial responsibilities, Mattie is also actively engaged in a number of religious and service-oriented organizations. A faithful member of the Grace Chapel Baptist Church, she serves the congregation as the President of the Senior Usher Ministry. Mattie is also a participant in the Hospitality and Pastor Aide Ministries. She is also a member and the financial secretary of the Passaic County African American Woman organization. She is also member of Chapter 22 of the Matron Star of Bethlehem, the Order of the Eastern Star, and the Royal Matron of Lady Love, Chapter #7.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, the people of Paterson, and Mattie's family and friends as we honor her for here extraordinary contributions to the community.

CONGRATULATIONS SOUTH
MIDDLE SCHOOL

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 1998

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, schools provide a foundation for both learning and growing. For three quarters of a century South Middle School has been able to provide students with a rigorous academic curriculum that is essential to prepare students for the future. Since the opening of South Middle School in 1922 there has been a strong emphasis placed on academic excellence, involvement in school co-curricular and athletic activities, and self-discipline and pride in taking responsibility for the development of each student reaching their academic height. I rise today to pay tribute to South Middle School, who ceremoniously celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary on Thursday, February 26, 1998.

Since its opening, South Middle School has provided the student body with elective classes and organizations that cater to even some of the most diverse interests. Even in the early days students were encouraged to join clubs, organizations, play sports and even become hall monitors. Today the students still have many opportunities to participate in school social functions and have even undergone recent changes that help move the school forward. These changes have included the universal use of school ID cards, and the introduction of such classes as technical education and computers.

Each year 800 to 1,200 students attend South Middle School, which is dedicated to providing its students with a racially diverse urban environment. Six times a year 200 of the school's white, black, hispanic and disabled male and female students will attend a dance at the school. It is activities such as these that provide students from all different

backgrounds with the chance to enjoy each other's company in such a positive setting.

The community has played a crucial part in making South Middle School an academic success and continues to take an active role in providing success for the future. The South Middle School staff is on a mission to provide comprehensive education to all students. The staff provides for the students' social, emotional, physical and intellectual needs, as well as their interests and special talents. Success is monitored through input and feedback from students, parents and the staff of the high schools they will eventually attend.

Mr. Speaker, the South Middle School has been an academic success as well as a strong foundation for both the students and the community. I encourage you and our colleagues to join me in recognizing the incredible contributions to the community and in congratulating them on 75 magnificent years of success, commitment and dedication.

TRIBUTE TO BERNADETTE
PLOTNIKOFF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 1998

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bernadette Plotnikoff, a dedicated community leader who is being honored as an inductee into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

Bernadette Plotnikoff began her career in education as a teacher at Carlmont High School in 1953. She has devoted herself professionally and in all her volunteer activities to educating children and teaching the community about child abuse and neglect. Through her work on county commissions and task forces, she has helped make San Mateo County a leader on issues affecting children. Ms. Plotnikoff has created several programs to benefit children, including the Male Adolescent Awareness Program to help sexually abused boys overcome the trauma associated with abuse.

Mr. Speaker, Bernadette Plotnikoff is an outstanding citizen and I salute her for her remarkable contributions and commitment to our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and congratulating her on being inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

TRIBUTE TO SANDRA WHYTE

HON. JOHN F. TIERNEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 1998

Mr. TIERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the accomplishments of my constituent, Ms. Sandra Whyte of Saugus, Massachusetts. She was a member of the Women's Olympic Hockey Team that captured the gold medal at the XVIII Olympic games in Nagano, Japan. Not only was she a member of a victorious team, but she will also go down in history as a member of the first United States Women's Hockey Team ever to compete at the Winter games.

Sandra was a member of the team, and a prominent one at that. At her forward position she scored two goals and acquired numerous assists during the course of the Olympics; these helped carry the team to the gold medal against Canada. Her playing ability as well as her sportsmanship throughout the games should be commended. Mr. Speaker, Massachusetts' Sixth District is proud to honor Sandra in her pursuits of excellence and in her representation not only of the district, but of the United States as well.

TRIBUTE TO FRANK LEONE

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 1998

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to introduce you to Mr. Frank Leone. On March 31, 1998, Frank will be honored as the Distinguished Citizen of the Year by the Passaic Valley Council Boy Scouts of America.

Frank was born and raised in the Fort Apache section of the Bronx, New York. After graduating from James Monroe High School in 1945, Frank joined the United States Navy. During the Second World War, he served with distinction aboard the aircraft carrier, USS Keersage. When Frank returned home, he studied electronic engineering at Farleigh Dickinson University and the Stevens Institute of Technology.

Upon graduation, Frank moved from New York to his current home in Oakland, New Jersey. It is there that Frank and his wife, Ellen, have raised their three children. Making use of his education, he began a brilliant career in the private sector, specializing in electronic engineering and sales. During this time, Frank was able to glean valuable business insight through his interactions with companies such as Allen and Dumont Labs, Curtiss Wright, and the Walter Kidde & Company. Characteristically, Frank used his knowledge to help the residents of Oakland. For twelve years, beginning in the late 1960s, Frank was President of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce, where he fostered a positive environment for the local business community.

In 1963, Frank began his auspicious career in public service when he was elected to serve on the Oakland Borough Council. After leaving the Council in 1965, Frank became the Acting Postmaster of the United States Post Office in Oakland. In June 1967, he received an official appointment to the post from President Lyndon B. Johnson.

In addition to his duties as Postmaster, Frank's reaffirmed his commitment to the people of Oakland by serving as the Civil Defense Director and the head of the Oakland Office of Emergency Management for twelve years. During the 1984 flood of the Ramapo River, Frank coordinated the relief effort in the Oakland area and toured the affected areas with Governor Thomas Kean.

Frank belongs to an extensive array of professional and service oriented organizations. In the past, Frank has held a number of important posts in these groups, including terms as the Vice President, the Legislative Chairman, and a National Presidential Aide for the National Association of Postmasters. Currently, he is the State Vice President and

Chaplain of that organization. In addition to these critical professional commitments, Frank is the Deacon of the Ramapo Valley Baptist Church, the Adjutant for VFW Post #5102. He is also active in the American Legion Post #369 and is the Financial Secretary of the Oddfellows Lodge.

Mr. Speaker, in light of Frank Leone's outstanding contribution to Oakland and Passaic County, I would ask that you join me, our colleagues, and Frank's friends and family as the Passaic Valley Council Boy Scouts of America honor him with their Distinguished Citizen Award.

THANK YOU DAVID PRUDER

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 1998

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, we would not have safe and secure communities without a police force which is dedicated to protecting our citizens from harm. They put their lives in danger every day to make our lives better. Police forces across this nation perform their duty with limited resources to protect their citizens. And, in many communities volunteer reserve units provide additional officers who are essential in maintaining peaceful communities.

Today, I would like to recognize one of those officers who has volunteered for 20 years with the Bay City Police Reserves and who has been Reserve Chief since 1988. Reserve Chief David C. Pruder has selflessly served the people of Bay City with integrity and outstanding leadership since 1977. Under Reserve Chief Pruder's leadership, the volunteers have made a tremendous difference in the community by donating an incredible 3,000 hours per year.

Reserve Chief Pruder should be proud of his efforts and accomplishments. David Pruder has led by example that volunteers are essential to a safer society. His efforts have made our community safer and our quality of life better. He often recognizes the officers in his unit for their accomplishments and dedication and always gives credit where credit is due. Today, Mr. Speaker, I rise to do the same for him.

David Pruder has touched so many lives with his Police Reserve work, but that is just the tip of a wonderful iceberg. Not only has he made our citizens safer, but he has dedicated many hours over the past 13 years to the Special Olympics to provide disabled individuals with the opportunity to compete in athletic events. He also coaches softball, cross country and skiing. Additionally, he has served on the Board of Directors in Bay and Arenac Counties.

He could not have had such a successful career and fulfilled life without the support of his wife, Kim and their two children Jeff and Stefannie. His loyalty and dedication is also evidenced by his 25 years of employment with S.C. Johnson Wax.

Mr. Speaker, Reserve Chief David Pruder represents the spirit of volunteerism and community service which makes our country one of the greatest nations in the world. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing David Pruder and wishing him well in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO LINDA LOPEZ

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 1998

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Linda Lopez, a dedicated community leader who is being honored as an inductee into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

Linda Lopez is an exemplary community volunteer who learned the value of service from her mother and sisters, activists in local church and school affairs, as well as the Chicano civil rights movement. Ms. Lopez is President of the Board of La Raza Centro Legal and has been a leader in helping to unionize employees with the Service Employees International Union. She was a founder of the North Fair Oaks Economic Development Organization, now the Community Council, which assists North Fair Oaks residents in presenting issues of importance to their community to the County Board of Supervisors. Ms. Lopez also was involved in founding the Fair Oaks Clinic. She uses her bilingual and community outreach skills with compassion and generosity, and is a devoted single mother of three sons.

Mr. Speaker, Linda Lopez is an outstanding citizen and I salute her for her remarkable contributions and commitment to our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and congratulating her on being inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

EXPLANATION OF VOTE

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 1998

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, yesterday during the debate on HR 856, the United States-Puerto Rico Political Status Act, I voted for the Miller-Burton substitute amendment to the Solomon amendment, which passed, but against the final version of the Solomon amendment (as amended by Miller-Burton).

I voted for the Miller-Burton substitute because it was vastly preferable to the underlying Solomon proposal. However, because I did not feel that any special "English only" provisions were worth supporting in the end, I opposed the Solomon amendment as amended by Miller-Burton. "English only" provisions are, as a rule, divisive, discriminatory, and serve no useful purpose. They simply have no place in this bill or this debate.

EXPANSION OF THE FORT
CLATSOP NATIONAL MEMORIAL

HON. ELIZABETH FURSE

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 1998

Ms. FURSE. Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, today I am introducing legislation to allow for the expansion of Fort Clatsop National Memorial in the First District on Oregon.

The Memorial was established through an Act of Congress in 1958. With communities all across America beginning to prepare for the centennial of the Lewis and Clark expedition, it is important that we pass this bill as soon as possible.

The present Memorial marks the spot where Meriwether Lewis, William Clark and Corps of Discovery spent 106 days during the winter of 1805. The Bicentennial of their historic journey is fast approaching and the Commissioners of Clatsop County and the Memorial's management approached me for assistance in preparation planning. Clatsop County currently owns the terminal piece of the Lewis and Clark Trail, known today as Sunset Beach, located nearby the Memorial itself. The County Commissioners would like to be able to donate this last piece of the Trail to the Memorial.

It has been established a quarter of a million people will visit Fort Clatsop National Memorial each of the two bicentennial summers, 2004 and 2005. It is imperative that solid preparation be made to accommodate this influx and permit the visitors not only to enjoy following in the footsteps of Lewis and Clark, but also avoid negative impacts that unplanned movement of visitors might create.

Unfortunately, the act of Congress which created the Memorial limited its size to 130 acres. This bill would permit the size of the Memorial to expand, in conjunction with the Memorial's General Management Plan of 1995, and permits acquisition of land through willing trade, sale or donation. The Clatsop County Commission gives this legislation its unanimous support and the entire North Coast community eagerly awaits its passage.

I will work closely with my colleagues on the authorizing Committee to pass this legislation which will benefit my constituents in Oregon, and urge the entire House to support it.

THANK YOU EDWIN KORN, JR.

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 1998

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, our communities only grow and succeed when there is strength in community and strong leaders. I rise today to pay tribute to one individual, Edwin Korn, Jr., who has been the backbone of Port Austin for almost 40 years, serving 36 of those years as the President of the Port Austin Village Council.

Edwin was born in Detroit and moved to Port Austin in 1950. He left Port Austin only twice; once to attain a higher educational level when he went to college and again to serve his country in the Army. Since then, he has been a strong presence in Port Austin and an important leader of the community.

Appointed clerk in 1962, he served one term as Trustee before becoming President. He has overseen some amazing changes in Port Austin including the switch from well water to lake water and the creation of the waste water facility. Although he will not seek reelection, I am sure he will remain a strong influence and continue to support efforts to improve the lives of the citizens of Port Austin and its surrounding area.

He created and is a member of the Sewer and Water Authority which will allow outlying