

"Minsi" means "people of the stony country." The Lenni-Lenape word "Totauwei," from which we get the name Totowa, has been translated to mean "heavy falling weights of water" or "where the water dives and reappears." Many historians believe this was in reference to the Great Falls of the Passaic River in Paterson.

Settled by the Dutch around 1620, Totowa soon became part of the thriving, larger Dutch colony in the New York-New Jersey area. The colony changed to British rule in 1664 until the War for Independence began in 1776 and set the stage for a new nation.

Totowa's shining moment in our nation's history came during the summer and fall of 1780 when General Washington and his Continental Army positioned themselves along the Totowa ridges, protected by the high ground and overlooking the river barrier to the East. During this time, some of our greatest patriots trod on Totowa's soil. Among this group were Generals Washington, Wayne, Knox, Stirling, Huntington, Glover, Saint Claire, Howe, and Greene. Additionally, the famous Marquis de Lafayette, Baron von Steuben, and the young Colonel Alexander Hamilton were also Totowa's honored guests.

During Washington's encampment, the Army's most valued possession was their artillery, gathered at great risk and cost. General Washington and his Artillery Officer, General Henry Knox, chose to place their cannons close to Totowa Road where they could be used to support the army, but were to be quickly withdrawn Westward in the event of a British breakthrough. Indeed some of the street names such as Artillery Park Road, Knox Terrace, Battle Ridge Trail, and Lookout Point Trail reflect this proud period in our history.

The Borough of Totowa was part of Essex County and then Bergen County before the County of Passaic was formed in 1837. Until the incorporation in 1898, Totowa was part of Manchester Township. The first election in the new municipality showed 85 registered voters with 75 voting on April 12, 1898.

From humble beginnings, Totowa has enjoyed steady growth until the end of World War II, which brought an influx of young families into the Borough thus doubling the population in the following decade. Today, through the efforts of citizens past and present, Totowa has become a balanced community with a blend of commerce, industry, and residential areas designed to provide affordable suburban living for its residents. In return, Totowa citizens have developed a tradition of volunteer service to their community, giving freely of their time and energy to benefit their neighbors.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, and Totowa's Mayor, Council, and residents in celebrating the truly momentous occasion of the Borough of Totowa's 100th Anniversary.

IN HONOR OF JOSEPH M. CONDON  
ON HIS ATTAINMENT OF EAGLE  
SCOUT

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 24, 1998*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Joseph M. Condon of Cleveland, Ohio, who

will be honored March 29, 1998 for his attainment of Eagle Scout.

The attainment of Eagle Scout is a high and rare honor requiring years of dedication to self-improvement, hard work and the community. Each Eagle Scout must earn 21 merit badges, twelve of which are required, including badges in: lifesaving; first aid; citizenship in the community; citizenship in the nation; citizenship in the world; personal management of time and money; family life; environmental science; and camping.

In addition to acquiring and proving proficiency in those and other skills, an Eagle Scout must hold leadership positions within the troop where he learns to earn the respect and hear the criticism of those he leads.

The Eagle Scout must live by the Scouting Law, which holds that he must be: trustworthy, loyal, brave, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, clean, and reverent.

And the Eagle Scout must complete an Eagle Project, which he must plan, finance and evaluate on his own. It is no wonder that only two percent of all boys entering scouting achieve this rank.

My fellow colleagues, let us recognize and congratulate Joseph for his achievement.

HAROLD JORDAN: AMERICAN  
HERO

**HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I have always been partial to the charm and character of small towns and small town people. That is why I travel home to my congressional district nearly every weekend, to spend time in the picturesque towns with the remarkable people of the 22nd district of New York.

Harold Jordan, of Greenwich, New York, epitomizes what I love most about my constituents: the undeniable selflessness and camaraderie which exists among neighbors who always look out for one another and the needs of the community. Harold has been a member of the Greenwich Volunteer Fire Department for forty-seven years, and still maintains active status, having responded personally to 90% of the calls in 1997. He has constantly put himself in harm's way for his fellow citizens, saving countless lives and dollars in property damage over his long and storied term of service. Harold has spent the majority of his life protecting his community in this way, and as a former volunteer fireman myself, I understand and appreciate the commitment required to perform such vital public duties.

Just as important as the lives and property which Harold has helped save is the example he's set for others around him, especially for young people. In our fast-paced modern society, the joy and responsibility of volunteering too often fall by the wayside in the quest for wealth and status. I am proud to say that people like Harold Jordan prove that in the 22nd district of New York, the spirit of voluntarism which made America great is still alive and well!

Mr. Speaker, I have always been one to judge individuals in large part by the amount of time and care they give back to their community. By that measure, Harold Jordan is

truly a great American. We should all strive to emulate the service of this small-town hero, taking time out of each of our days to further the health and well-being of our communities. With that in mind, Mr. Speaker, I ask all Members to join me in paying tribute to Harold Jordan in honor of his extraordinary forty-seven years of service as a volunteer fireman.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT JOHN  
REAGAN ON THE OCCASION OF  
HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE  
CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

**HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 24, 1998*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to a dedicated police officer who has spent 36 years protecting the lives and property of his fellow citizens, Lieutenant John T. Reagan of the Chicago Police Department.

Since 1962, Lieutenant Reagan has served the city of Chicago and his community, including many people from my district, as a member of the Chicago Police Department. Most recently he has worked in the Violent Crimes Office One Detective Division.

On March 5, 1998, however, Lieutenant John Reagan retired from the police force. His presence will certainly be missed, both by his fellow officers and by the members of his community who he has served diligently for many years.

Mr. Speaker, I salute Lieutenant John T. Reagan on his 36 years of service as a police officer. I would like to extend my very best wishes for continued success and happiness on his retirement and in the years to come.

TRIBUTE TO SISTER PATRICIA  
CODEY

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 24, 1998*

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention Sister Patricia Codey who is being honored this evening at the 55th Annual Dinner Dance of the Friends of Brian Boru.

Sister Patricia is being honored this evening with the organization's "Irish Religious of the Year Award." This award is given in recognition of her selfless and dedicated service, efforts and contributions that have served to improve the quality of life for the residents of the State of New Jersey.

Sister Patricia's remarkable record of leadership includes teaching at Saint Paul's in Clifton, law intern at the Essex County Prosecutor's office, and Assistant Federal Defender in the Federal Public Defender's office in Newark.

Additionally, Sister Patricia serves her fellow citizens as Representative in the Sisters of Charity Southern Provincial Assembly, the Red Mass Committee, the Seton Hall Law School, the Archdiocese of Newark Response Team, and the Judicial and Prosecutorial Appointments Committee in Essex County.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues and, Sister Patricia's family and

friends in recognition of Sister Patricia Codey's many outstanding and invaluable contributions to the community.

IN HONOR OF ZACHARY J. BROWN  
ON HIS ATTAINMENT OF EAGLE  
SCOUT

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 24, 1998*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Zachary J. Brown of Cleveland, Ohio, who will be honored March 29, 1998 for his attainment of Eagle Scout.

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TOWN OF WINDHAM CELEBRATES  
200TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON**

OF NEW YORK

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*Tuesday, March 24, 1998*

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I have always been partial to the charm and character of small towns and small town people. That is why I travel home to my congressional district every weekend, to spend time in the picturesque towns with the remarkable people of the 22nd district of New York. I truly believe that the people and places around my home are among the most beautiful and welcoming in the world.

Nestled in the scenic Catskill Mountains in upstate New York, the town of Windham typifies what I love most about my district. Much is said about the loss of traditional values in many parts of our nation. In Windham, however, like many of the towns and villages of the 22nd district, the spirit of community is still going strong. The citizens of Windham know their neighbors, and, in a tradition dating back to the founding of our nation, they know that if they are ever in need, their fellow citizens will be there for them without question. This spirit is the foundation on which America was built, and I am proud to say that in my district,

in Windham, New York, the people still put their community first.

Mr. Speaker, on March 27, 1998, Windham celebrates its 200th anniversary. After two centuries, Windham is still thriving and setting an example of small-town values, from which I believe many other cities and towns could learn a great deal about creating a wonderful environment to live and raise a family. In that spirit, Mr. Speaker, I ask that all members join me in paying tribute to Windham, New York on the occasion of its bicentennial celebration. May the next two hundred years be even better than the first.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP AT ITS  
FINEST—CHRISTOPHER JACKSON

**HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 24, 1998*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize an outstanding individual from my district, Christopher Jackson. Christopher, a senior at Marist High School, has proven himself time and time again to be an intelligent, energetic and multi-talented individual.

I have been acquainted with Christopher for several years now. For the past 28 years I have sponsored an "All American Boy, All American Girl" which annually recognizes outstanding seventh and eighth grade students in my district on their accomplishments both academically and service within the community. Christopher is the first and only participant of the "All American Boy" competition to have won twice.

Christopher Jackson possesses strong qualities as a leader amongst his peers and as a role model for others. He is a caring person who is always willing to lend a helping hand in the community. Christopher remains active both academically and athletically in school and performs various community service duties throughout the community, has excelled remarkably in his scholastic and athletic areas.

In the fall of 1997, Christopher was honored as a finalist of the Wendy's High School Heisman award. Out of a pool of 10,020 chosen for the competition, 12 national finalists were invited to New York City for the awards program and banquet. Students are nominated for this award based on their individual academic achievements, athletic accomplishments, and community service. Mr. Jackson has demonstrated all of the above with great performance and is a truly well developed individual.

I would like to extend my best wishes as Christopher graduates from Marist High School in May 1998 and with all his future endeavors. Christopher is an energetic and intelligent individual who will have a bright future with all he chooses to accomplish. I would also like to extend my warmest wishes to his family as Christopher is headed toward success.

TRIBUTE TO VERONICA "RONNIE"  
SOMMER

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 24, 1998*

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention Ms. Veronica "Ronnie" Sommer who is being honored this evening at the 55th Annual Dinner Dance of the Friends of Brian Boru.

Ronnie is being honored this evening with the organization's "Irishwoman of the Year Award." This prestigious award is given in recognition of her selfless and dedicated efforts, and contributions that have served to improve the quality of life for the residents of Essex County and the surrounding community.

Ronnie's remarkable record of leadership includes 20 distinguished years of service on the Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee, of which in 1996 she served as the Parade's Deputy Grand Marshall.

Additionally, Ronnie has served her fellow citizens as an active member of the "Women of Irish Heritage," where she has served as President from 1987 through 1989, and is currently the President for a second term; the New Jersey Irish Festival for 16 years; Independent Irish for 12 years; and many other numerous Irish organizations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues and, Ronnie's family and friends in recognition of Veronica "Ronnie" Sommer's many outstanding and invaluable contributions to the community.

IN HONOR OF ST. PATRICK'S  
PARISH

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 24, 1998*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the sesquicentennial of St. Patrick's Parish, one of Cleveland's foremost Catholic congregations. During its tenure, St. Patrick's has served as a beacon for the religious community of West Park in Cleveland and, recently, has taken numerous steps to service the people of the community.

St. Patrick's Parish was founded on March 17, 1848 in the home of Morgan Waters, a humble beginning for the church. In the first years of its existence, St. Patrick's was a parish without a home, but the generosity of many in its congregation served its special needs. In 1851, Patrick Lahiff donated a half-acre of land and after three years of construction, a wood frame church was built. The parish school was founded a few years later and several groups of Cleveland-area sisters such as the Sisters of Notre Dame and the Ursulan Sisters were brought in to educate the students.

After years of service to the parish community, the old wood church was torn down in favor of a large, impressive, spacious stone church. The new building was dedicated in 1898 and has continued to serve as a sanctuary for the community until this day. The parish received its first resident pastor in 1910 and has continued to grow in its population ever since.