

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.

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 Zachary for his achievement.

TOWN OF WINDHAM CELEBRATES  
200TH ANNIVERSARY

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

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*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.

The main focus of St. Patrick's in this century has been service to the community. During the Great Depression, the parish operated a school and tried to feed the hungry and cold of the area. St. Patrick's Hunger Center was installed many years later as a way to continue service to the less fortunate of the community. Also, a parish council was established to better service the congregation of St. Patrick's.

St. Patrick's has clearly been a beacon for the community of West Park in Cleveland during its 150 year existence. My fellow colleagues, join me in saluting a gem of the West Park neighborhood, St. Patrick's Parish.

#### INTER-CLUB COUNCIL AWARDS

### HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

### HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 24, 1998*

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, it gives my colleague, Mr. MORAN, and myself great pleasure to rise today and pay tribute to Mrs. Martha McCash and Mrs. Thelma Gallant McDonald, two outstanding citizens of Northern Virginia for their dedicated community service. On March 25, they will be honored by the Inter-Service Club Council of Springfield ISCC as co-recipients of the Bob Westmoreland Award for Person of the Year.

Martha is currently the Secretary of the Kiwanis Club of Springfield and formerly served as President. She coordinates the activities of twenty-two Kiwanis-affiliated Key Clubs in area high schools. Martha's devotion and hard work has earned her the support of the high schools' faculty advisors, the President of the Springfield Club, and the Capital Kiwanis Key Clubs Zone Administrator. Her past honors for outstanding community service include the Capital District Kiwanis Governor's Distinguished Service Award, the Kiwanis International Distinguished Club Officers Award for 1995, and 1996 and 1997, and the Capital District Kiwanis Distinguished Member Award for 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1997. Martha's clear dedication to service makes her truly deserving of the Bob Westmoreland Award.

Thelma has persevered through the great personal loss of being twice-widowed, to devote herself to community service. For ten years, she was involved in American Legion Auxiliary Unit 176 Junior activities. As a Girl Scout Troop Leader, Thelma was active in a program to provide performing groups to local schools. She has been involved with the Host Lions Club for thirty-five years, first as a spouse, then as member in 1994. There she trained and managed Lions Club sponsored baton corps, served on the Club Board of Directors, chaired the local Nursing Home Bingo prize project, and chaired a project that collected over one hundred lap rugs for a nursing home and seniors. In addition, she is active in church programs to aid handicapped children and a local nursing home, and has logged over one thousand hours of volunteer service at Fairfax Hospital. The Bob Westmoreland Award is well bestowed on Thelma with her unwavering commitment to others.

Mr. Speaker, we know our colleagues join us in congratulating these two outstanding women on their service and dedication. We appreciate their true spirit of giving and helping others that makes the Northern Virginia community such a fine place to live and work.

#### OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE CHURCH CELEBRATES 50TH AN- NIVERSARY

### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 24, 1998*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Our Lady Queen of Peace Church on its 50th Anniversary as a Church and Parish in the Archdiocese of Washington.

Fifty years ago, Our Lady Queen of Peace was little more than a mission of the St. Francis Xavier Church that at the time was said to be the largest parish in Southeast Washington. On the eve that it was formally announced as a parish, it had no building of its own and was in fairly embryonic state. It had been established as a mission in March 1943 during the turbulence of World War II by the late Monsignor Joseph V. Buckley. If there was a physical edifice to call home, it was distributed between three buildings: The City Bank Building, the Senator Theater and a small store building, all of which were clustered along Minnesota Avenue just below Benning Road. These were indeed humble circumstances and remained so for nearly nine years. The church's early parishioners, bolstered by their first pastor, Reverend James H. Brooks, set to work helping him to build and organize the new parish. In January of 1950, construction began on the church and school at its present location, the corner of Ely Place and Ridge Road, SE. The first Mass of the Eucharistic Celebration was held on December 24, 1951, in the building while it was under construction.

Even in that long ago generation, before Queen of Peace had a home of its own, its members were founding organizations to address social concerns extending beyond the church membership. That membership was composed of many converts and non-Catholics who were regular Sunday mass worshippers. Many of these organizations are cornerstones of Our Lady Queen of Peace and have been active for almost as long as the parish has existed. Such groups as the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Sodality, the Parish Credit Union, the Parish Council, the Men's Club, the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO), and the Scouting programs fall in this category. They have done much to make Our Lady Queen of Peace the still "young, but strong and active" church that it is. These groups, and their activities, encourage brotherhood in the true sense of the word both within and outside the parish.

Since that time, mainly under the umbrella of the Social Justice and Community Outreach committees of the Pastoral Council, new organizations have emerged in response to the needs of the neighborhood-at-large as well as the parish family. One particular endeavor the Church recently worked on with the community was to put pressure on the city to remove abandoned buildings located on Ridge Road SE that had become havens for drug traffic.

There are now groups and ministries providing real support: food for the mind as well as the body. Ministries such as Visitation of the Sick and Shut-In, the Community Empowering and Outreach in Public Housing and the Reclaiming Our Youth and Mentoring Program are but a few of these organizations. There are also ministries such as SOME and SHARE that prepare and distribute food for the hungry, the Prison Ministry and the Youth Ministry. The HIV/AIDS Ministry of Hope and Love is only a few months old and works side-by-side with the venerable St. Vincent de Paul Society that has been meeting the needs of the poor in the community for its 50 years in existence at Our Lady Queen of Peace.

Mr. Speaker, I ask this august body to join me in saluting a snapshot of this church, itself homeless for more than eight years of its early life, yet rooted from the start to build, love and serve families.

#### HONORING THE 60TH REDWOOD REGION LOGGING CONFERENCE AND DON ANDERSON

### HON. FRANK RIGGS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 24, 1998*

Mr. RIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 60th Anniversary of the Redwood Region Logging Conference and its 1998 Achievement Award Winner, Don Anderson.

For over 60 years the Redwood Region Logging Conference has provided a forum for the exchange of ideas by focusing on the improvement of forest management and harvesting practices in the redwood and Douglas-fir forests of Northwestern California. The Conference provides an opportunity to showcase the men and women of the logging industry to the communities in which they work and live.

The organization was founded in 1936 by Professor Emanuel Fritz. Thirty-six men attended the first meeting at the Eureka Inn in Eureka, California. Professor Fritz thought a logging conference was a great opportunity to bring loggers together for an exchange of ideas and to become better acquainted with one another. That first meeting was an unqualified success, and the Conference has been an annual affair since 1936, with only a short lapse during World War II.

The Redwood Region Logging Conference is an industry leader because of its exemplary education program. The goals of the program are to educate the public and students on forestry and logging practices in the Redwood Region. The Conference is the major sponsor of the Redwood Forest Institute for Teachers, the Temperate Forest Teacher Tour, the northcoast section of Future Farmers of America Forestry judging contest. Additionally, the Conference funds the transportation needs for the field trips which give children a better understanding of the forestry and logging industry. Each year, over \$10,000 of academic scholarships are awarded to forestry students from accredited forestry programs throughout California. Also, approximately two thousand children attend the annual Forest Education