

pay heed to the local heroes of our community. Recognizing Douglas Klepsch will allow us all to take stock in our actions and reflect on how we too can make a difference in our neighbor's lives. I wish Douglas Klepsch success in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING MICHIGAN REPRESENTATIVE BOB EMERSON: THE AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN'S 1997 INDIVIDUAL HEALTH ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR AND HURLEY MEDICAL CENTER: THE AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN'S 1997 CORPORATE HEALTH ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR

HON. DEBBIE STABENOW

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 1998

Ms. STABENOW. Ms. Speaker, I wish to recognize the American Lung Association of Michigan's 1997 Individual Health Advocate of the Year, Michigan Representative Bob Emerson and the 1997 Corporate Health Advocate of the Year, The Hurley Medical Center.

Bob Emerson was first elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in 1980 and has a 100 percent voting record against tobacco. As past chairperson of the Public Health Subcommittee, he has been a strong advocate against the dangers of smoking and a leader in educating our children of its dangers. Representing the Flint area, Representative Emerson is also the founder and chairperson for the Greater Flint Health Coalition. I am proud to have served in the state legislature with Bob and I know first hand that he is a fighter and champion for our children. And as someone who fought side by side with him against tobacco companies. I am very pleased his work is being acknowledged through this award.

On the corporate level, the Hurley Medical Center has become a national leader in treating Asthma and related illnesses. By sponsoring a summer Asthma camp, children from around Michigan have had the opportunity to enjoy nature and the summer weather in a safe environment. The Medical Center is also responsible for an innovative education program that many other medical organizations across the country have used as an example in effectively treating the disease.

Both award winners overwhelmingly met the criteria set by the American Lung Association of Michigan. The work completed by Representative Emerson and the Hurley Medical Center are wonderful examples for our communities and are rooted in social responsibility, innovation, and activism.

The American Lung Association is one of our county's most important health organizations. Their commitment to our children, public health, and education is unbarrelled. I am very proud that our Michigan chapter is one of the strongest in the nation and I thank them for taking the time to recognize the individual and corporate advocates that make a true difference in our communities.

A TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM VON ALVEN

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 1998

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a great American and resident of Northern Virginia, William H. von Alven, who has served the country faithfully and ably for twenty-six years at the Federal Communications Commission. Mr. von Alven will retire from the FCC on April 30, 1998, and I am pleased to join Congressman Frank Wolf, FCC Chairman William E. Kennard and the employees of the FCC in congratulating Mr. von Alven on this remarkable accomplishment. Mr. von Alven is seventy-eight years old and has worked right up to the present point.

Mr. von Alven received his B.S. from the University of Idaho where he was elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa. After pursuing graduate studies in engineering and management at Harvard and UCLA, he worked extensively in the private sector and edited the best selling book Reliability Engineering, which was in print for more than 30 years. Mr. von Alven served as president of many communications industry institutes and societies, and chaired several international conferences. He received the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Centennial Medal, and a Department of Defense award for his contributions to the Advisory Group on the Reliability of Electronic Equipment. In 1996, he was awarded the Telecommunications Industry Association's Certificate of Recognition and the FCC's Catherine Forester Public Service Award.

Mr. von Alven will retire as a Senior Public Utilities Specialist. He has managed the Part 68 terminal equipment registration program since its inception at the FCC in 1976 and has made many important contributions to the FCC. He will be greatly missed by his friends and colleagues at the Commission. Mr. von Alven is just one example of the many extraordinary federal employees residing in my district. Through his long years of service, he is certainly deserving of special recognition by the Congress.

FORT COLLINS HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE BOWL TEAM TO COMPETE IN THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOWL

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, the winners of the Rocky Mountain Regional Science Bowl will soon be in Washington, D.C. to compete in the National Science Bowl. Since the regional winners are from my congressional district—The Fourth Congressional District of Colorado—I am especially proud of the young people who worked so hard to come to represent the Rocky Mountain region, the State of Colorado, and their school.

Fort Collins High School truly fielded a Science Bowl team of great accomplishment this year, Mr. Speaker. Our community will be well represented in the competition.

As a member of the Education Committee, I am truly encouraged by these students. Indeed the success we have been working toward as a nation is embodied in the Fort Collins High School team. Despite national test results and international comparisons showing U.S. students lagging, Colorado's Science Bowl champions are proof that American students are capable of high achievement in the field of science.

All hailing from my hometown of Fort Collins, Colorado, the Regional Championship Team consists of the following contestants: Miss Kristin Bjornsen, Mr. Stephen DiVerdi, Mr. Andrew Fangman, Mr. Jeremiah Way, and Mr. Jeremy Zimmerman.

Of course, these students could not have come so far on their own. Behind every successful team is the backdrop of encouragement and leadership. In this case, the students are most fortunate to have the firm backing and guidance of their families.

Surely, the parents of the champions are most proud, and have sacrificed themselves to help their children achieve great victories. They have every right to be proud.

Mr. Speaker, as you and my colleagues know, I have spent the past 10 years in public service working to improve Colorado's education system. My efforts to deliver more resources directly to classrooms, and treat teachers like real professionals have been motivated by my desire to see students achieve their potential.

Within that context, the success of the Fort Collins High School Science Bowl team is a triumph for our entire community, and a real sign that our hard work is paying off by creating school environments where ordinary children can become extraordinary students.

But Mr. Speaker, this day really belongs to the students. Bjornson, DiVerdi, Fangman, Way and Zimmerman are champions all the way. I urge my colleagues to help me welcome these students to their Capital City and wish them well in their pursuit of the National title.

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

HON. DAVE WELDON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 1998

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, founded more than half a century ago, the Voice of Democracy Scholarship Program allows high school students a chance to compete in a broadcast script writing contest. The competition, sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the U.S. Ladies Auxiliary, conducts this annual speech competition and provides the winners with a scholarship. I am very pleased that this year Scott Wilson, 18, from Palm Bay High School was selected as the winner from the state of Florida.

I commend him for his hard work both in this competition and as demonstrated in his academic achievements. In recognition of his selection as the winner of this competition, I am hereby submitting his speech to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for printing.

1997-98 VFW VOICE OF DEMOCRACY SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION "MY VOICE IN OUR DEMOCRACY"

(SCOTT WILSON, FLORIDA WINNER)

Stop and listen. Listen to the past, to the glorious voices of our Democracy. Do you hear them speaking? Their words softly vibrate with each ring of our liberty bell, and echo loudly in the crash of a judge's gavel. They whisper from the forgotten pages of our Constitution, and scream from the dying lips of a fallen soldier. Their words are of freedom, justice, and equality and their voice is the voice of democracy. Stop and look. Look to the future. Behold, the golden sun of the twentieth century casts its final rays over the ever-darkening horizon, and the dawn of a new millennium rises. Yet now, many have forgotten the timber of democracy's magnificent voice. Its whisperings are barely audible now, diminished by the passage of time. The voice of democracy must be amplified by the megaphone of a new generation, so that the America of tomorrow will need not strain to hear its mighty declaration. But it begins with me. I must be the first megaphone. America will hear my voice in our democracy.

In 1775, American democracy was but a newborn babe, struggling to snap the umbilical cord of a tyrannical British monarchy. Lack of unity heightened the struggle, as colonial Tories, too timid to jump from the safety of the nest, clung tightly to their mother country. Meanwhile, true American patriots, few in number, desperately needed a spokesman. And in the Virginian House of Burgesses, Patrick Henry stepped to the platform. Henry strongly felt that the colonists should arm themselves for a war with Britain, in which they would cast off the bitter yoke of political enslavement. He is forever remembered for seven, soul-stirring words which emulated the very heart of the American revolution: "Give me liberty, or give me death!" And later, at the genesis of the American Constitution, Henry was among the creators of the Bill of Rights, which insured the people of their basic freedoms. Yes, in the turbulent age of the Revolution, the voice of freedom was calling, and Patrick Henry answered its call. Today, the voice of freedom is still calling through the corridors of time searching for someone to magnify her majestic voice. I will be that someone, who like Patrick Henry, steps to the platform in defense of freedom's voice. And when I behold the basic freedoms of man covered by a menacing storm of political scheming and deceit, I will help to pull back the clouds to reveal the rainbow of liberties that is the American birthright, and the democratic promise.

Since the passage of the Emancipation Proclamation, the United States has grappled with the issue of racial equality. But like a boxer that beats the air, we have landed few direct punches to the face of inequality's true opponent—discrimination. And even in the 1960's, racism had not yet received its rightful knockout blow. That is, until Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., stepped into the ring. In August of 1963, 200,000 protesters marched to the Lincoln Memorial, and stood as sheep about its reflecting pool, listening to their shepherd speak these moving words: "I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal." Today, nearly thirty-five years later, we still dream his dream, because when the vote of equality was calling, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., answered its call. But like freedom's voice, the voice of equality searches for someone new. Here again, I will be that someone, who climbs into the ring of

combat. And when I pass through the peaceful fields of equality, freshly trampled by the deafening machine of unfounded discrimination, I will glean from the lives of the past, and sow the seeds of democracy for future generations, so that in due time, they will reap an abundant harvest of racial tranquility.

And now I ask you: As the dawn of the new millennium rises, who will rise up with it, to echo the voice of democracy in the approaching age? Who will it be that opens the eyes of Americans to the truth of human equality? And who will it be that ensures future Americans of their right to freedom and justice? The past is speaking, but will you the future listen? The past is challenging, but will you the future respond? I am listening, and I will respond. I will be the new megaphone, that amplifies the democratic voice when freedom's rainbow cannot be seen, when justice's gavel is strangely mute, and when equality's harvest is trampled underfoot. America will hear me shout: "Freedom!" "Justice" "Equality!" Assuredly, my voice will be heard in our democracy.

IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM M.
CAFARO

HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 1998

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to a William M. Cafaro, who passed away recently at the age of 84. This remarkable self-made man contributed greatly to his family, his community and this country. He will be deeply missed.

William, a lifelong resident of Trumbull County, Ohio, emergency as a real estate developer and entrepreneur began in the 1940s with the purchase of property in Youngstown, Ohio. When he sold this property, he used the proceeds for other business investments. The 50's saw Cafaro develop, build and operate neighborhood shopping centers and strip plazas in northeastern Ohio. In the following decades, The Cafaro Co. developed more than 70 commercial properties and expanded into enclosed regional shopping malls in several states including Washington, Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia and Pennsylvania. Cafaro helped change the way America shopped.

Mr. Cafaro will be remembered by the people of the Mahoning Valley as a generous philanthropist and real estate developer. With a \$1 million gift, Cafaro was one of the major donors in Youngstown State University's capital campaign. The honors dormitory on the YSU campus bears his name. Other organizations, including Mill Creek Children's Center and St. Anthony Church, have benefitted from his kindness. His business savvy also began early. The shopping mall he opened in Niles, Ohio in 1969 has grown into a retailing and entertainment complex that promises continued growth. Surrounding the mall now are stores and restaurants offering everything from movies to groceries to home improvement goods. Cafaro's last deed for his community was to commit to the construction of a stadium for minor league baseball play. The Cafaro Company will absorb the \$7.5 million cost and donate the land for the project. Due to Mr. Cafaro's leadership, the groundbreaking for the stadium will begin in June 1998.

Cafaro was often recognized for his generosity and philanthropic work. On a number of occasions he was named "Man of the Year", including by the Wolves Club National Convention. In 1970, the president of the Republic of Italy made him a Knight of the Order of the Star of Italian Solidarity or Italian Cavalier. Most recently he received a lifetime achievement award from the National Italian American Foundation of Washington, D.C.

Simply by keeping the Cafaro Company headquarters in the Mahoning Valley, Mr. Cafaro showed the vision and pride he had for the area. He was a businessman whose handshake was his bond. A gentleman who honored his family and friends. He had an unparalleled sense of community which is evident nearly everywhere in the Valley.

The citizens of the Mahoning Valley and I mourn with the Cafaro family upon the great loss of this giant among men, William M. Cafaro.

IN HONOR OF POLISH
CONSTITUTION DAY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 1998

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the two-hundred seventh anniversary of the Polish Constitution. The Polish Constitution of May 3, 1791 established a tradition of democracy and human rights in Poland that continues today.

The Polish Constitution has the honor of being the first Constitution in Europe to give inalienable human and economic rights for all. In the turbulent 1790's of classical Europe, Poland emerged as a beacon for the future of democracy in this unstable land. While other nations surrounding its sovereign borders engaged in revolution and civil war, Poland maintained its integrity for many years under this Constitution.

The rise of Soviet communism in the post-World War II era stemmed the Polish democratic principle for forty years, but under the capable leadership of Lech Walesa, democracy embodied in this Constitution returned to the Eastern European "cradle of democracy." The human and economic rights that were abandoned by years of communist rule returned triumphantly in recent years.

My fellow colleagues, join me in honoring the people of Poland, their long struggle for democracy, and their timeless Constitution.

A TRIBUTE TO THE
WESTHAMPTON BEACH HIGH
SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL
TEAM

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 1998

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and emotion that I rise today in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to the boys high school basketball team at my alma mater. Westhampton Beach High School, on Long Island. This past weekend, the Hurricanes came home with the school's first ever