

New York State High School basketball championship trophy.

Stepped in a proud athletic history, the Hurricanes of Westhampton Beach had to climb a steep mountain to attain this landmark championship. In the six years previous to winning the 1998 title, coach Rich Wrase led his team to six straight league titles, three Suffolk County championships and a trip to the state Final Four championship round. Their quest culminated last weekend when the Hurricanes rolled over defending state champion Syracuse-Westhill to win the New York State public school title, then whipped New York City powerhouse Wadleigh High School to win the state Federation Class B championship.

So much credit for Westhampton Beach's 28-0 season success lies in the contributions of its leaders on and off the court. Coach Rick Wrase's disciplined leadership kept these young men focused on winning a state title. On the court, senior point guard Dale Menendez proved himself a team leader by scoring 19 points, adding 5 rebounds and 4 steals in the win over Syracuse-Westhill to earn the Most Valuable Player honors for the Class B Tournament. Senior classmate Jermain Hollman also came up big for the Hurricanes, contributing 22 points, 8 rebounds and 4 assists to earn the Most Valuable Player award in the Federation title game.

As impressive as Menendez's and Hollman's offense contributions are, Westhampton Beach earned its championship with impenetrable team defense. Utilizing an aggressive, trapping attack, the Hurricanes dogged opponents mercilessly, holding Syracuse-Westhill to just 36 points. Then, up by just two points at halftime of the Federation title game, the Hurricane defense stepped up and held previously undefeated Wadleigh to just 19 second half points.

The work ethic and close-net feel of this high school basketball team is a team reflection of my hometown, Westhampton Beach. The entire community is filled with pride for these young men, who have worked hard and sacrificed together to reach this goal. So I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me and all my neighbors in saluting the Westhampton Beach Hurricanes, the 1998 New York State high school basketball champions.

TRIBUTE TO VICTIMS OF ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 22, 1998

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to commemorate the 83rd Anniversary of the Armenian genocide. On April 24, 1915, more than two hundred Armenian religious, political, and intellectual leaders were arrested and killed. From 1915 to 1923, 1½ million people lost their lives in the slaughter. Another half million lost their homes and property, and watched as the symbols of their religion and culture were destroyed.

Regrettably, the world's inaction in the face of these atrocities sent a message that human rights violations would be tolerated. Hitler and other leaders saw nothing to deter them from

waging genocide campaigns against other groups. Today we are still fighting the same kind of hatred in Eastern Europe, Southeast Asia, and other parts of the world.

The Armenians who survived have maintained thriving cultures in the Middle East and built vibrant communities in the United States and around the world. We in Congress join them in honoring the memory of those who perished in the killings, and we use this opportunity to renew and strengthen our commitment to protect human rights around the world.

A TRIBUTE TO LYNN O'SHEA

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 1998

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to acknowledge the very special contributions to my community and to humanity in general by an outstanding individual, Ms. Lynn O'Shea.

Lynn O'Shea is best known for her dedication to enriching the lives of people with disabilities, especially in her 15 years of work as Executive Director of Seguin Services. On May 1, 1998, Lynn is leaving Seguin to become Executive Director of a similar agency that is closer to her home.

As an employee of Seguin for 15 years, Lynn has served in many roles. Under her leadership, Seguin has been fiscally sound in the face of continuing funding crises and has grown into a \$15 million organization that provides jobs for over 400 people. More notably, Lynn has responded to the growing needs of foster care homes for infants and children with disabilities and severe medical conditions by launching a foster care program that is now recognized as a model in Illinois. Most importantly, Lynn has helped people with developmental disabilities to live and work in the same way their neighbors do, she has broken down barriers to community integration by supporting developmentally disabled adults find jobs in the community, and she has established small single family homes with permanent foster parents.

Lynn is a role model not only for the citizens of Illinois, but for all workers in the social work industry. She is highly regarded in her field among her colleagues in Illinois. Her leadership style and never-say-no attitudes have earned her respect, admiration and love from her management team.

It is with great pleasure that I ask my colleagues to recognize her accomplishments and to thank Lynn for her extraordinary work, leadership and dedication to helping citizens throughout the state of Illinois.

ELIZABETH PORTUGUESE LIONS CLUB TO DEDICATE "LION TRI- ANGLE MONUMENT"

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 1998

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Elizabeth, New Jersey Por-

tuguese Lions Club and congratulate its members for all they have done for the community. For their tireless efforts, the "Lion Triangle Monument" is being dedicated in their honor. The Monument will be unveiled on Saturday, April 25, at the corners of Elmora Avenue and West Grand Street in Elizabeth.

Since its establishment in 1979, the Elizabeth Portuguese Lions Club has raised funds for its community-based projects, ranging from soup kitchens to the establishment of the Elizabeth Portuguese Leo Club, the youth branch of the club. Last year alone, the club raised over \$15,000 for community projects.

It is only fitting that the Elizabeth Portuguese Lions Club's motto, "Our City; Our Nation; Our Neighborhood," will be printed on the tiled sides of the monument along with images of Elizabeth, hand-printed by Fernando Silva. The project, a truly magnificent work of art, will not only serve as a symbol for the club's continued commitment to its community, but will also bring pride and beauty to the neighborhood.

I would especially like to thank the president of the club, Helena Goncalves, her board, the members of the club, as well as the prominent elected officials—Freeholder Donald Goncalves, Councilman Manny Grova Jr., and Councilman Tony Monteiro—for all their contributions to the project. Special thanks and congratulations go out to Nelson Goncalves, past Governor of the Lion's District 16-E, who has just been appointed as New Jersey State Chairman for the Lions. These selfless individuals will be on hand, along with members of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, to celebrate this gala event.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF RIVERBANK ARMY AMMUNI- TION PLANT

HON. GARY A. CONDIT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 1998

Mr. CONDIT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Riverbank Army Ammunition Plant, the Army's only producer of cold drawn casings for mortar rounds, for its receiving of the Secretary of the Army 1997 Environmental Award for Installation Environmental Cleanup during a ceremony held on Monday, April 27, 1998.

The Army awards panel selected Riverbank AAP for its efforts in putting together a string of environmental accomplishments while cleaning up groundwater contamination on and around the installation.

The Army industrial installation, located near Riverbank, CA in the 18th Congressional District is on schedule to complete its cleanup program nearly 20 years early, saving the government millions of dollars.

Riverbank AAP achieved a number of environmental firsts during their cleanup program. It was the first federal NPL facility to complete a final record of decision marking the end of all environmental investigations and the start of final cleanup.

It was also the first federal facility to earn an installation-wide construction complete status from the EPA signifying that all remedial actions were in place and the program could move into long-term monitoring and operations phase.

Riverbank AAP continues to push for deletion from the NPL, saying there is no longer a threat to human health from the groundwater contamination that initiated the cleanup efforts.

"If the EPA looked at Riverbank today, there would be no risk to human health," said Jim Gansel, the Commander's representative at Riverbank AAP. Gansel credits the installation's environmental successes to a strong community relations program. "Our relationship with the community of Riverbank is the basis of everything we have accomplished here," he said.

Each year, the Secretary of the Army's environmental awards recognize, installation, team or individual efforts in Environmental Quality, Pollution Prevention, Pollution Prevention Weapons Acquisition, Recycling, Environmental Cleanup, Natural Resources Conservation and Cultural Resources Management. A total of 15 awards—10 installation, one team and four individual—are presented.

I consider it an honor and a privilege to represent Riverbank AAP.

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 1998

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark an important anniversary. This year, the Western Pennsylvania Hospital is celebrating its 150th year of providing quality health care to the people of southwestern Pennsylvania.

Founded in 1848, Western Pennsylvania Hospital was the first chartered hospital west of the Allegheny Mountains. The Hospital has grown and evolved over the years, but it has always been known for its quality of care and its commitment to the community. Today, the Hospital is a 542-bed tertiary-care medical center with a staff of 620 dedicated health care professionals. The Hospital provides a full range of health care services, including treatment for cancer, high-risk pregnancies, diabetes, cardiovascular disease and burns. The Hospital supports an active medical research program and operates a school of nursing that has graduated over 3,500 students.

The Western Pennsylvania Hospital is known especially for its treatment of brain tumors. In fact, the Hospital is one of only 13 hospitals in the world using the Peacock System to treat such tumors. The Peacock System utilizes detailed computerized mapping of the brain to target radiation precisely at brain tumors—which prevents damage to the surrounding healthy brain tissue.

Western Pennsylvania Hospital is also well known for its work in treating burn victims. Not only does the Hospital operate a Burn Trauma Center to treat burn victims; it also operates a summer camp for burned children and a Back to School Program for children with burns.

The Western Pennsylvania Hospital is an outstanding institution of healing and learning which has served the people of western Pennsylvania with professionalism and compassion for the last 150 years. I commend the employees and volunteers of the Western Pennsylvania Hospital for all of their good works, and I wish them well as they continue to provide

high-quality health care services to the communities of western Pennsylvania in the coming years.

NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1998

SPEECH OF

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 21, 1998

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of an important provision in H.R. 2691, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Reauthorization Act, which prohibits NHTSA from lobbying at the state or local level. The provision is consistent with current federal law which prohibits federal agencies from lobbying Congress. In legislation considered by the House Committee on Science last year, I included similar anti-lobbying language to prohibit the Department of Transportation from lobbying state and local elected officials. I am pleased H.R. 2691 includes the anti-lobbying provision.

In 1996, Congress voted to repeal a provision of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) that penalized states without mandatory motorcycle helmet laws. By repealing the helmet penalty provisions of ISTEA, Congress determined that the issue of motorcycle safety was best determined by each individual state without a one-size-fits-all mandate from the federal government. Since that time, however, the U.S. General Accounting Office has determined that NHTSA has engaged in an active lobbying campaign to persuade states to enact laws mandating that motorcycle riders wear helmets. I strongly supported repealing the coercive and unfair helmet law penalties on states in 1996 and I further support the provisions of H.R. 2691 prohibiting the use of federal funds to lobby at the state and local level. I do not believe lobbying by any federal agency at the federal, state or local level is an appropriate use of tax-payer dollars.

TRIBUTE TO THE HILLSIDE COMMUNITY

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 1998

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to pay tribute to a special community and township in my District. On Wednesday, April 29, 1998 the Township of Hillside will celebrate its 85th anniversary. This vibrant municipality was officially founded on April 3, 1913. Lengthy debate over secession from Union Township preceded the official signing of the Bill, by then Governor James F. Fielder, which would establish its boundaries.

Nestled between Newark and Elizabeth, Hillside initially offered a passage route between these port cities. A railroad system proved to be an important link to transport items delivered through the port of Newark and Elizabeth, as well as residential commuters. This link through the suburban industrial town at-

tracted many companies, including Bristol Meyers, which chose to by-pass larger urban centers.

Hillside is a diverse Township which is reflective of our nation's unique ethnic and cultural blend. During the late 19th century immigrants from Italy, Poland, the Ukraine, Germany and many other countries established themselves in the area. Many of these immigrants entered the United States through historic Ellis Island. Later, more African Americans and Hispanics settled in the Township. Ultimately there would be at least 25 different ethnic groups residing in Hillside.

These diverse cultures have produced a rich amalgamation of religion and tradition. Each has contributed to the growth and progress of the township. Of course, this is a source of tremendous pride for me.

Hillside has and continues to move with pride toward the future and I would like to acknowledge and congratulate all of the citizens of the Township of Hillside on this very special 85th Anniversary Celebration.

A.M. ROSENTHAL ON TARGET AGAIN

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 1998

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to share with my colleagues yet another insightful opinion piece written by veteran New York Times journalist, A.M. Rosenthal. Today, our House of Representatives will consider legislation that expresses the sense of the Congress on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel, reaffirming the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the United States and Israel.

Mr. Rosenthal's article, however, skillfully describes some of the left-handed compliments that are coming Israel's way from too many media outlets. Yet what Israel has accomplished in the past five decades, in the face of hostility on its every border, is nothing short of miraculous.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, because Mr. Rosenthal's remarks are so timely and deserving of special attention, I would like to share them with my colleagues. Accordingly, I am inserting the Rosenthal article into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

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GIFTS FOR ISRAEL

(By A.M. Rosenthal)

On Israel's 50th anniversary, its friends can give the country certain gifts of importance. They can recognize Israel's achievements and take joy from them. And they can accept without denial or flinching the fact that after a half-century Israel's neighbors still want it dead.

So far, Israel has not received many gifts from my crowd—journalists. Much of the magazine, newspaper and TV coverage and assessment of Israel—not all, but too much—has ranged from delightedly doleful to dolefully despairing.

Israel's economic, societal and scientific successes have been mentioned. But not often is it pointed out that they were attained in the face of decades of hatred and attack from Arab nations and movements.