

IN HONOR OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. ANGELA MERICI CATHOLIC CHURCH

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 12, 1998*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 75th anniversary of the first mass held at St. Angela Merici Catholic Church in Fairview Park, Ohio. The parishioners of St. Angela Merici and all the citizens of Fairview Park will join to celebrate the church's anniversary. Mayor Karl Kubb has dedicated May 17 as Diamond Jubilee Celebration Day for St. Angela Merici Parish.

The parish has come a long way from meeting in the basement of the old Fairview Village Town Hall in 1923. The early parishioners were dedicated to outreach programs in the community and to the education of their children. With the continued faith and dedication of the over 3,500 families in the church community today, the parish has carried on these original goals and grown rapidly. The parishioners believe that the young people in the community are their future and invest their time and talents to provide sports and scouting programs, day school and religious education as well as a teen ministry for the youth in the parish.

An extensive schedule of jubilee events includes a one-mile and five-mile run, a consecration of families, a family picnic, a clam bake, and a choral concert. Special masses, a school reunion, a golf outing, and the first annual Founders Day celebration are also planned for the following years. The jubilee celebration will close with an outdoor mass.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in recognizing the dedication and faith of the parishioners of St. Angela Merici Catholic Church as they celebrate 75 years of serving the Fairview Park community.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 20 GRADUATING SENIORS OF CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, HAYWARD'S UPWARD BOUND PROGRAM

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the achievements of the Upward Bound Program at California State University, Hayward (CSUH), in the 13th Congressional District of California. On Saturday, May 16, 1998, twenty high school seniors will be honored for graduating from the program at the Eighth Annual Awards Recognition Banquet.

In 1965, the Upward Bound Program was established at universities and colleges throughout the country. Upward Bound prepares low-income students who will be the first in their families to obtain a degree from a four year college or university. The program provides tutoring, instruction, counseling, career orientation, and an opportunity to experience educational development and personal growth within a college setting while students are still

in high school. In 1990, the Program at CSUH became one of the over 550 Upward Bound Programs nationwide. At present there are 72 participants from Southern Alameda County in the Program.

In order to be eligible for the Program a student must have the potential to succeed at the college level, even though his or her test scores and grades may not reflect it. The student must also come from a low income background as established by the U.S. Department of Education, or from a family whose parents or guardians have not graduated from a four year college.

The Program at CSUH consists of an academic year component and a summer session component. During the academic year students attend Saturday instructional sessions at CSUH, tutorial sessions during the week, and field trips to educational, cultural, and recreational sites. The Program provides assistance in preparing applications for college admission and financial aid, and makes a coordinated effort to maximize students' educational development by maintaining close communication with the students' teachers, counselors, and parents.

During the summer students spend an intensive 4 to 6 weeks living and studying on the CSUH campus. The students take high school level development and enrichment courses, and receive career, academic, and personal counseling. They also have access to all facilities, and sports, cultural, and recreational events, with the goal of giving them an opportunity to see what life will be like as a college student.

This year there will be twenty seniors graduating from the program, and I would like to congratulate them by name. They are: Sonia Abrego, Noemi Arrieta, Michael Barrett, Gabriela Bressler, Ricshell Bunton Jr., Damali Burton, Oliver Chang, Eujenia Garcia, Ana Gutierrez, Darryl Hampton, Anthony James, Joshue Jones, Peng Lim, Bogdana Marchis, Feliza Montes de Oca, Reyna Nava, Phuong Nguyen, Vanessa Perez, Marion Thurmond, and Andrea Williams.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and all my colleagues join me in congratulating these students on their achievements. CSUH's Upward Bound Program continues to be an effective vehicle for educational equity and opportunity through its efforts to help students progress along the path of academic success.

HONORING COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 12, 1998*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of the Centennial of the oldest social work training program in the nation, I hereby offer congratulations to the Columbia University School of Social Work. Evolving from a summer program organized by the Charity Organization Society in New York, the School of Social Work has a long and distinguished history of pioneering research, informed advocacy and exceptional professional training.

It is a remarkable accomplishment that social workers have played key roles in every major social reform movement, from settle-

ment houses to labor reform, to the New Deal, to civil rights and voter registration. Many of the things we take for granted today—Social Security, child labor laws, the minimum wage, the 40-hour work week, Medicare—came about because social workers saw injustice, acted, and inspired others.

Throughout this century Columbia's faculty, students and alumni have worked tirelessly to address both the causes and symptoms of our most pressing social problems. National movements, such as the White House Conference on Children and the National Urban League, have emerged from projects undertaken by the School's faculty and administrators in cooperation with professional and community organizations. The entire nation has benefited from the work of people like Eveline Burns (Social Security); Mitchell I. Ginsberg (Head Start); Richard Cloward (welfare rights and voter registration); Alfred Kahn and Sheila B. Kamerman (cross-national studies of social services); and David Fanshel (children in foster care).

As your School, and indeed the social work profession, moves into its second century, they will be both challenged to respond to social change, new social problems, family change, and evolving societal commitments. Now more than ever, we will need well-trained and dedicated social workers to work with troubled children and families, organize communities for change, conduct cutting-edge research, administer social programs, and alleviate society's most intractable problems.

Mr. Speaker, it is with appreciation and admiration that I extend my best wishes to the Columbia University School of Social Work on its Centennial and look forward to its future activity and achievement.

IN HONOR OF VINCENT GANGONE

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 12, 1998*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Vincent Gangone, who has been chosen as an honoree for the School Settlement Testimonial Dinner, in Brooklyn, New York, along with his brother, John.

Vincent Gangone, the co-owner of a surgical supply store, was born at St. Catherine's Hospital in the Greenpoint/Williamsburg section of Brooklyn over thirty years ago. He attended the Grover Cleveland High School in Ridgewood, Queens, and the School of Pharmacy at St. John's University in Jamaica, Queens. Later, Mr. Gangone graduated from the Police Cadet Corps. Mr. Gangone then became a fixture in the Greenpoint community while working in a neighborhood pharmacy.

In 1990 Mr. Gangone came to a crossroad in his life and decided to open Salerno Surgical Supply with his brother. The Gangones' business, named after the Italian hometown of his parents, Nicola and Anna Gangone, has become a successful surgical supply store and a necessary addition to the Greenpoint/Williamsburg community.

It has been eight years since Salerno Surgical Supplies opened, and Vincent Gangone believes it was one of the best decisions he and his brother have made. The store allows

Mr. Gangone to serve and interact with the community, an element of the job that he cherishes.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues rise with me in this tribute to Mr. Vincent Gangone of Greenpoint, Brooklyn. He deserves sincere congratulations for receiving such a fine honor from the School Settlement Association. I'm proud to have him as a constituent.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE GREAT GEORGE FESTIVAL

#### HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 12, 1998*

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the momentous occasion of the opening of the Great George Festival in the City of Paterson, in memory of the late Grace George.

Grace was born in 1918. Her wealth of knowledge regarding the history of Paterson and dedication to promoting the historic district eventually led to a request from the Mayor that she leave her teaching job of 37 years at Eastside High School in August 1976. She then began directing and operating the Visitor's Center in the Historic District.

At the Visitor's Center, Grace conducted walking tours of Paterson's Historic District for groups of all ages. She also conducted and led educational workshops, presented slide shows and lectures to classes and organizations, and developed teachers' guides for teaching Paterson's history.

In 1994 Grace was presented with the Historic Preservation Committee Heritage Citizenship Award. She passed away in February of 1996. The legacy she leaves behind is one of pride and passion for the great historical past and the uniqueness of the City of Paterson.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, the family and friends of Grace, and the City of Paterson in recognizing the many outstanding and invaluable contributions Grace George has made to the City of Paterson. It is fitting that we honor a true pioneer such as Grace on this occasion of the opening of the Great George Festival.

#### IN HONOR OF THE 13TH ANNUAL SENIOR OLYMPICS

#### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 12, 1998*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Senior Citizen Resources for sponsoring the 13th annual Senior Olympics in Cleveland, Ohio.

Senior Citizen Resources, Inc. has been serving the 60+ population in the Cleveland area for 27 years. The organization provides much needed services such as transportation, nutrition programs, volunteer opportunities, and health programs to the senior citizens in the community. Thousands of senior citizens take advantage of the outreach programs and services offered by Senior Citizen Resources each year.

The seven-day Senior Olympics is one of the most unique and most popular activities

sponsored by Senior Citizen Resources. Some of the events held this week include bowling, miniature golf, darts, swimming, water walking, horseshoes, table tennis, basketball toss, softball throw, lawn toss, ballroom dance, golf, bean bag toss, volleyball, and shuffleboard. There are also special events for the physically challenged. The Olympics will conclude with a Victory Luncheon and an Olympic Parade featuring all the athletes.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in saluting the spirited participants of the Senior Olympics and the leadership of Senior Citizen Resources.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO ROBERT LITTLE AND NASA'S SSIP COMPETITION

#### HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 12, 1998*

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize a wonderful achievement of a constituent of mine, Robert Little of Saugus, California. Earlier this week, I had the opportunity to personally meet Mr. Little, but felt that I should share his recognition with the rest of my colleagues. This week, Mr. Little was honored by NASA as a High School National Champion in the 18th Annual Space Science Student Involvement Program (SSIP) competition.

The SSIP competition is an interdisciplinary program designed to address the need for greater literacy in the areas of science, critical and creative thinking, mathematics and technology. Nearly 10,000 students from Elementary through High School have competed in five categories including mathematics, science, technology, art, and creative writing. 29 national winners, along with their teachers, came together this week at the National Space Science Symposium to honor their achievements to date.

Robert Little, a student from Saugus High School, was entered in the Intergalactic Art Competition of the Symposium. All this week, his art work, depicting a scene from intergalactic space, as well as an essay describing the picture was displayed in the Ballroom of the Hotel Washington. His ability earned him the championship in the High School division of this competition.

I am proud to congratulate Robert as well as his teacher, Ken Jeffries, on their hard work in receiving this honor. I know that I join my entire community in expressing how proud we are of Robert's success. His hard work is an inspiration to us all.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to conclude by adding Robert's essay to the record depicting his championship scene for this competition.

#### SCULPTURE IN THE COSMOS

(By Robert Little)

Nebulae give our universe beauty. They are the cloudy sculptures of the cosmos. They are really quite simple. Consisting only of gases, debris, and stars, they are enormous star factories. In my illustration, the Eagle Nebula is portrayed with a star cluster nearly formed into a galaxy in the background. The Eagle Nebula has a very dramatic appearance with its three large columns. The column shown on the left of this illustration

is three light years in length. My illustration of the Eagle Nebula and its star cluster shows not only the beauty of nebulae, which inspires me, but also the relationship between nebulae and galaxies. Most of the mass in nebulae is made up of the debris from supernovas. A supernova is an exploding star. Stars explode when they are very old. They run out of the fuel needed to resist their gravity. The star collapses, explodes, and debris is scattered in all directions. In many cases, gas will drift until it clusters with other gases, and gravity holds them together. Inside the newly formed nebula there are usually a multitude of stars being produced.

If nebulae did not exist, we would have a very black empty sky at night. All stars are born from a nebula in a three-step process. First, ultraviolet radiation is emitted from a previous generation of stars onto the nebula. In the Eagle Nebula, the periphery of the columns becomes very hot and begins eroding. The gases near this area have been frequently clumping together. These clumps produce more gravity and grow dense. Next, the radiation erodes the gas from around the denser and stronger area. This creates a tadpole shape coming from the edge of the nebula. It is now an EGG (Evaporating Gaseous Globules), and is known as a protostar. Lastly, the protostar is separated from the nebula due to continuous erosion, and drifts into space. . . .

In the background of my illustration, a star cluster is nearly a galaxy. It lacks the great spiraling motion and contains more stars than gas. The forming of a galaxy is the result of star clustering. The star cluster gains gravity and forms a large spherical heap of stars with enormous gravity. This is a globular cluster. It pulls gas and other matter such as asteroids into the churning disk. Open clusters will not form a large mass but instead will eventually drift apart.

There is a continuous pattern related with stars and nebulae. Stars explode and the dust forms a nebula. The nebula gives birth to stars. Those stars once again explode and the dust adds to the nebula. It is all a cycle of birth, death, and recycling.

#### TAIWAN CELEBRATES PRESIDENT LEE'S SECOND ANNIVERSARY IN OFFICE

#### HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 12, 1998*

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in extending my best wishes and congratulations to President Lee Teng-hui of the Republic of China on Taiwan.

Two years ago, the people in Taiwan democratically elected a head of state for the first time in China's history. Incumbent President Lee Teng-hui took a resounding 54 percent of the vote on a platform of democracy and Taiwan's greater international assertiveness.

Two years later, Taiwan's astonishing economic progress and political progress have enabled it to survive the latest Asian financial crisis. Taiwan has been an exemplary nation in the world—reaching out to the Chinese mainland seeking peace and reconciliation and extending financial assistance to all needy neighbors in southeast Asia.

As we congratulate President Lee Teng-hui and the people of Taiwan, I wish to reassure them that many of us in the U.S. Congress