

HONORING MS. ESTHER KRAUS

**HON. JERRY MORAN**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 7, 1999*

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize the dedication of Mrs. Esther Kraus to the young people of Kansas. She has served with distinction for ten years as the coordinator of the We the People . . . Program for Kansas' First congressional District.

Mrs. Kraus' superior efforts on behalf of this program have far exceeded the normal duties of a district coordinator. She has tirelessly promoted the program, identifying local people who are interested in civics and government and finding ways for them to contribute to the goals of We the People . . . Mrs. Kraus has also provided materials and support to high school government teachers who are interested in entering their classes in the competitive Citizen and the Constitution hearings. My district has been proud to be represented for the past two years on the national level in this prestigious competition. Mrs. Kraus has also been a dedicated participant in state and national coordinators' meetings related to We the People . . . She has never missed a single state or national meeting.

Esther Kraus has performed a remarkable and valuable service to Kansas' First District. She has tirelessly promoted for young citizens an understanding of the United States Constitution. Through her efforts, the youth of the First District have become aware of this document and the power which it holds. On her tenth anniversary as a district coordinator for the We the People . . . Program, I would like to recognize and commend her for her excellent job promoting education and patriotism among the youth of Kansas.

**H.J. RES. 55, THE MAILBOX  
PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT****HON. RON PAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 7, 1999*

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, because this is small business appreciation week I would like to remind my colleagues of the importance of enacting HJ Res 55, the Mailbox Privacy Protection Act. HJ Res 55 repeals recently enacted Post Office regulations requiring Commercial Mail Receiving Agencies (CMRAs) to collect personal information about their customers, such as their name, address, social security number, and photograph. These regulations not only force small businesses to intrude into their customer's privacy, they could impose costs as high as \$1 billion on small businesses during the initial six-month compliance period. The long term costs of this rule are incalculable, but could conceivably reach several billion dollars in the first few years. Some small businesses may even be forced into bankruptcy.

Businesses like Mailboxes, etc., must turn the collected information over to the Post Office. Mr. Speaker, what business in America would not leap at the chance to force their competitors to provide them with their cus-

tomers names, addresses, social security numbers, and photographs? The Post Office could even mail advertisements to those who use private mail boxes explaining how their privacy would not be invaded if they used a government box.

It is ironic that this regulation comes at a time when the Post Office is getting into an ever increasing number of enterprises not directly related to mail delivery. So, while the Postal Service uses its monopoly on first-class mail to compete with the private sector, it works to make life more difficult for its competitors in the field of mail delivery.

Mr. Speaker, Congress must do more than talk about how it appreciates small business, it must work to lift the burden of big government from America's job-creating small businesses. Passing HJ Res 55 and protecting Commercial Mail Receiving Agencies from the Post Offices' costly and anti-competitive regulations would be a great place to start.

**CONGRATULATING ALEXANDER  
GRAHAM BELL ELEMENTARY  
FOR RECEIVING THE BLUE RIBBON  
SCHOOL DESIGNATION****HON. JAY INSLEE**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 7, 1999*

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, Alexander Graham Bell Elementary is an outstanding elementary school in the First Congressional District of the State of Washington. The students and staff of Alexander Graham Bell Elementary recently received the Blue Ribbon School designation awarded by the U.S. Department of Education.

The Blue Ribbon School designation is a very prestigious award. It is given to schools who are especially effective in meeting local, state and national education goals. Blue Ribbon Schools, such as Alexander Graham Bell Elementary, serve as models for other schools seeking to improve the quality of education for their students.

The staff, students and parents at Alexander Graham Bell Elementary are committed to achieving high academic standards. Over 75% of their fourth graders met the state standard on the Washington Assessment of Student Learning in reading this year. Their math scores also doubled from last year's results.

Clearly these remarkable achievements do not occur by chance. More than 100 parents volunteer at Alexander Graham Bell Elementary. These dedicated parents mentor students, serve as "lunch buddies" and assist teachers. Education at Alexander Graham Bell Elementary is a community priority, and its teachers, parents and staff should be commended for the commitment they have made to our children.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION****HON. JULIA CARSON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 7, 1999*

Ms. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent for one vote on Thursday, May

27, 1999, missing rollcall 166 on approving the Journal. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

**A TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM E.  
RAPFOGEL****HON. NITA M. LOWEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 7, 1999*

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my great admiration for William E. Rapfogel, a remarkable leader and citizen who this year receives the Distinguished Community Service Award at the Centennial Anniversary National Dinner of the Orthodox Union.

A man of high principle, piercing intelligence, and extraordinary skill, Mr. Rapfogel has touched countless lives in the New York area through a variety of professional and civic activities.

For seven years, Mr. Rapfogel has been the Executive Director of the Metropolitan New York Coordinating Council on Jewish Poverty, one of New York City's largest not-for-profits. Through the Met Council, Mr. Rapfogel has been instrumental in expanding home care, housing, and employment opportunities, while also providing crisis intervention and other services to deserving recipients.

Mr. Rapfogel's commitment to social progress is matched by a life-long devotion to the Jewish community. He has been the Executive Director of the Institute for Public Affairs of the Orthodox Union and of the American Jewish Congress Metropolitan Region.

In addition, Mr. Rapfogel contributed his time and energy to all New Yorkers by serving as an able and effective Assistant Comptroller of New York City.

We are a stronger community thanks to William Rapfogel's vision and leadership. I am confident that Mr. Rapfogel's exceptional example will remain a source of guidance and inspiration to his colleagues and admirers for many years to come.

**IN HONOR OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE OHIO BOYCHOIR****HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 7, 1999*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 25th Anniversary of the Ohio Boychoir, a community choir rich with talent, passion for music and community pride.

Established in 1974, the Ohio Boychoir is a very distinguished non-profit organization open for all boys from third grade to voice change regardless of race, creed or economic status. The major goals of the Ohio Boychoir are to develop appreciation for music and vocal quality. One of Ohio's most prized cultural assets, the Ohio Boychoir is supported by contributions and grants from individuals, corporations foundations and other organizations.

Over the past 25 years the Boychoir has been invited to give concerts at many prestigious venues. In 1982, the choir sang at National Christmas Tree Lighting at the White House and at the Bach Festival at the Kennedy Center. Based on their incredible performance in the past, the choir was invited to

sing at a High Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, France and at the Franciscan Church in Salzburg, Austria in 1984. They have also sung at the Air Force Academy Cadet Chapel in Colorado Springs.

In addition to the many tours and concerts, the Ohio Boychoir has been recognized with a very unique international award. The Ohio Boychoir was selected to be presented with the Gold Award at the Munich International Music Festival.

The Boychoir of Ohio has brought countless hours of entertainment across the world. They have filled the hearts of thousands with joy and excitement through their music.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in honoring the Ohio Boychoir on the 25th Anniversary and wish them luck on future performances.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 7, 1999*

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, because of weather-related travel difficulties, I was unfortunately detained in Massachusetts on Monday, May 24, 1999 and missed votes as a result. Had I been here, I would have voted in the following way: I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 145 and 146.

#### CENTRAL NEW JERSEY BENEFITS FROM THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF BARRY FISHER

##### HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 7, 1999*

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the accomplishments of Barry Fisher and his contributions to our central New Jersey community. Mr. Fisher has been active in his community for many years and continues to give his time and efforts.

Mr. Fisher was recognized by the Marlboro Jewish Community Center at a ceremony on June 5, 1999.

Barry Fisher has been active and involved in many civic organizations. He is on the board of the Federation of Greater Monmouth County and the Western Monmouth Advisory Board. He is vice president of the Freehold Hebrew Benefits Society, vice president of the New Jersey branch of the United Synagogues of Conservative Judaism, and he is on the board of trustees of the Western Monmouth Jewish Community Center. He held the position of president of the Marlboro Jewish Center and served on the board of directors of the Freehold Center Partnership.

Mr. Fisher also maintains his business, Ace Aluminum, which his family opened when they moved to Monmouth County in 1953. He and his wife Rose have raised four children, including twins.

Barry Fisher's work over the years has contributed to the growth and well being of the central New Jersey community as a whole. I urge all my colleagues to join me in recognizing Barry Fisher and his accomplishments.

#### IN HONOR OF DANIEL J. BADER OF MILWAUKEE

##### HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 7, 1999*

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, on June 2, 1999, the American Jewish Committee, Milwaukee Chapter, will host a dinner in honor of one of Milwaukee's kindest and most generous citizens, Mr. Daniel J. Bader.

Dan is the President of the Helen Bader Foundation, a charitable foundation named for his mother, Helen Bader, a true philanthropist who passed away in 1989. After her death, Dan and his family sought to create a lasting way to fulfill her dream of making Milwaukee and the world better places for human growth and development. Since the inception of the foundation in 1992, more than \$50 million in grants have been awarded with the expressed intention of advancing the well-being of people and promoting successful relationships with their families and communities.

As President, Dan spearheads the foundation's every-day interaction with projects and programs here in the United States, mainly in Wisconsin, and abroad in Israel. He also holds a seat on the seven-member Board of Directors, which evaluates grant proposals and provides strategic oversight of the foundation's grant programs, mainly in the areas of Alzheimer's disease and dementia, early childhood development in Israel, economic development, education, Jewish life and learning, and supportive programs for central city children and youth.

Dan Bader's commitment to education, the strengthening of our communities, and the improvement of life in Israel and in Wisconsin make him a bright light of opportunity to disadvantaged families in Wisconsin and in Israel. In fact, the American Jewish Committee considers his work to be a complement to its own vital human relations agenda. And that is why the AJC is honoring Dan Bader on June 2.

Dan Bader is a successful businessman and family man. His decision to maintain his family's commitment to their fellow man speaks volumes about his character. Thousands of people in Wisconsin and around the world have benefitted from his work and generosity. We in Milwaukee are proud to call him colleague, neighbor, and friend. I congratulate him on his accomplishments and I join with the American Jewish Committee of Milwaukee in thanking him.

#### HONORING THE BEACON HOUSE ASSOCIATION OF SAN PEDRO

##### HON. STEVEN T. KUYKENDALL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 7, 1999*

Mr. KUYKENDALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Beacon House Association of San Pedro, a licensed, nonprofit alcohol and drug recovery program located within my district. This month, the Association is celebrating its 25th year in operation. It is a distinguished program that has assisted over 3,000 individuals seeking help for substance abuse problems.

For 25 years, the Beacon House Association has provided residential services to newly recovering alcoholics and addicts. The facility has been so successful due to its culture that one must do "whatever it takes" to complete the rigorous program. The success rate for the individuals of the Beacon House is exceptional, with nearly 70% of those treated remaining substance free following the program.

The Beacon House Association is also very active within the San Pedro community. The individuals undergoing treatment devote nearly 20,000 hours each year to volunteer community service. They are actively involved in tutoring local students, removing graffiti from the community, and staffing local festivals and functions, among other things.

Drug and alcohol abuse is a serious problem afflicting our society, but programs like the Beacon House Association provide the appropriate rehabilitative care to those individuals with the greatest need for help, ultimately returning them to the community as fully productive citizens.

I commend the Beacon House Association of San Pedro for an outstanding twenty-five years and I wish them continued success.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 7, 1999*

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from the House Chamber for four rollcall votes held on Wednesday, May 26. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall votes 158, 159, 160, and 161.

#### IN HONOR OF REV. JAMES M. LYNCH'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

##### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 7, 1999*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend James M. Lynch for 25 years of Ordination.

Reverend Lynch was born in Cleveland, Ohio and attended St. Edward High School. He went on to study at Borromeo College and St. Mary's Seminary. Throughout his career Reverend Lynch has worked hard to serve his community. By going on many international missions he has also helped less fortunate people throughout the world. Recently, he took a permanent oath in the Maryknoll Missionaries and is unfortunately no longer a priest of the diocese of Cleveland.

Since 1911, thousands of concerned Catholics across the United States have responded to the worldwide cry of the poor by becoming Maryknoll Missionaries. Today, world renowned Maryknollers help many people overseas build communities of faith. Some work in war zones with refugees, others minister to the sick, the elderly, orphans or people with AIDS. Through lives of dedicated service, Maryknollers translate the gospel of love into different languages and in different cultures. Reverend Lynch is currently helping people in need as a Maryknoll Missionary in Puno, Peru.