

IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF DR.
VANG POBZEB

HON. MARK GREEN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2005

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to commemorate the life of Dr. Yang Pobzeb, an extraordinary man who recently passed away on August 23, 2005 after a life of passionate service to human rights and Hmong people across the globe.

Dr. Pobzeb began his activism in the mid-1970s and was among the first to achieve national recognition in the Hmong American Community. In 1987 he founded the Lao Human Rights Council—an organization devoted to improving the living conditions of Hmong people both in Laos and the U.S. Dr. Pobzeb was a tireless advocate for a people and culture that faced tremendous persecution, and he took every opportunity to remind the international community of the plight of the Hmong people in Laos. I was proud to work together with him, time and time again, in this fight.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to commemorate the life of such an incredible man. Dr. Pobzeb was truly an exemplar of compassion and dedication, and on behalf of the citizens of Wisconsin's Eighth Congressional District, I offer my condolences to his family, and pay tribute to his life of activism and sacrifice.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST
WISHES TO FATHER LAWRENCE
SOLER

HON. CHET EDWARDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a champion of the Waco, Texas community, Reverend Lawrence Soler. I would like to extend my most sincere thanks and congratulations to Father Soler for his principled service and dedication to the needs of his parishioners. We are celebrating Rev. Soler's 50th year in the priesthood.

Rev. Lawrence Soler has served as Pastor of Sacred Heart Church for over 27 years. He also served as Pastor of St. Francis Church for several years. During his tenure at Sacred Heart Church, Rev. Lawrence Soler directed the fundraising and construction of a new \$1.2 million dollar sanctuary to accommodate the ever-increasing Catholic community of south Waco. In the last 2 years, he directed the fundraising and construction of a new Parish Activity Center also.

During his service at Sacred Church, he has conducted thousands of marriages, baptisms, confirmations, and communions. The work of Reverend Soler is a model of selfless service and sacrifice. His generous spirit and tireless efforts on behalf of the community have undoubtedly touched countless lives.

It is my privilege to honor the contributions of Reverend Lawrence Soler and I personally want to thank him for the shining example has given to us all and wish him well in his future endeavors.

Thank you my friend.

A TRIBUTE TO ROSEMARY
CHILDREN'S SERVICES

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rosemary Children's Services of Pasadena, CA, upon its 80th anniversary.

In 1920, Mrs. Emma Spear and the women of the Pasadena Shakespeare Club established a shelter program for abused, neglected or abandoned teenage girls in Pasadena, because the only alternative at that time was juvenile hall. Rosemary Cottage opened in April of 1920 and could house 10 girls and a housemother. Their name came from William Shakespeare's "Hamlet" "There's Rosemary, that's for remembrance; pray you, love, remember."

In 1928, a new "Cottage" was built and made available to 19 teenage girls. In the 1940s, Rosemary Cottage introduced treatment services, improved their property and hired social workers to meet the United Way standards. Rosemary's group home program was launched in 1967 by the generous donation of a home from Robert Romberger. The group homes program was the first step in teaching independent living skills to teenage girls in placement situations. Since then, three other group homes have been acquired and can house up to 43 at-risk girls.

Rosemary Children's Services help hundreds of children of all ages. Along with their excellent residential program, they provide foster care to nearly 400 girls and boys in Southern California, many of whom have been the victims of neglect, sexual, or physical abuse. They sponsor a school that provides specialized education in a small structured environment and their mental health program includes out-patient services for teenage girls, individual and group therapy, exercise programs, artistic activities and training in various life skills.

I am greatly honored to recognize Rosemary Children's Services for its 80 years of loving care and support to countless children in our community, and I ask all Members to join me in congratulating Rosemary Children's Services for their remarkable achievements.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
MARION GATEWOOD

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Marion Gatewood has been recognized for being inducted into the Muskingum County Farm Bureau Hall of Fame; and

Whereas, Marion Gatewood has been acknowledged for his dedication and commitment to farming by the members of the Muskingum County Farm Bureau; and

Whereas, Marion Gatewood should be commended for his outstanding dedication to Muskingum County and for his exceptional knowledge and contributions to their farming community.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in hon-

oring and congratulating Marion Gatewood for being inducted into the Muskingum County Farm Bureau Hall of Fame.

COMMENDING THE GENEROSITY
OF GALENA PARK,
CHANNELVIEW, AND SHELDON
ISD

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2005

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the generosity three school districts in our Congressional District have shown to our neighbors in Mississippi.

Galena Park ISD, Channelview ISD, and Sheldon ISD have united and adopted Pascagoula public schools in Mississippi. Twenty-three Galena Park Schools, eleven Channelview Schools and seven Sheldon ISD schools are collecting donations to provide school supplies clothing and other necessities to students in Pascagoula.

Pascagoula serves almost 9,000 students at 16 campuses. Reports indicate that two schools were completely destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. The rest of the Pascagoula campuses sustained severe roof and window damage.

In addition to sending badly needed resources to Pascagoula, Galena Park, Channelview and Sheldon ISD have also enrolled hundreds of students from Louisiana and Mississippi.

I'd like to thank the leadership and staff at these three school districts for opening their doors to the children who have been affected by Katrina. I wish the best to our neighbors in Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama as they rebuild their lives.

TRIBUTE TO MS. REEVES DIXON

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2005

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sympathy that I rise today to give a final goodbye to a wonderful woman who dedicated her life to helping others live well. Ms. Reeves Dixon passed away on September 2, 2005. She was a fine woman and will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

This daughter of the Bronx life's resume is long and impressive but I want to take a moment to highlight the important contributions she made to the people of my community.

Since 1980 Reeves worked with the 163rd Street Improvement Council, serving first as the Assistant Executive Director and later as its President and CEO. As CEO of the 163rd Street Improvement Council Reeves pushed the organization to plan, design, develop and implement affordable housing and support services that focused on meeting the housing and human services needs of the residents of the Southeast Bronx.

Most of the Council's clients have incomes below the median level. In an effort to help empower these low income families the council offers an integrated program which provides quality and affordable housing through