



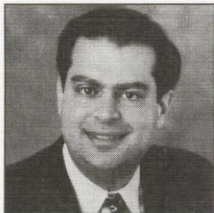
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MAY 19, 1996

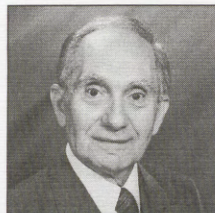
Today we honor a distinguished group of Americans. Each of them represents the very essence of the American way of life, having greatly contributed to our national identity while preserving the distinct values and heritage of their ancestors.

The Ellis Island Medals of Honor have been aptly named, for the Island is a symbol of the diversity of our nation's people—a people whose genius, culture, artistry and thought have joined to form a single mosaic of many cultures and ancestral backgrounds. It is from this diversity that the United States is still a beacon of hope for so many, and the greatest democracy the world has ever known.

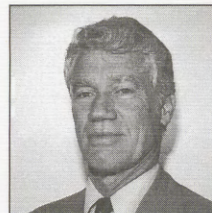
So this day is a celebration of not only the outstanding accomplishments of the Medalists, but also an acknowledgement of the spirit, hard work, and values of our ancestors... those who took the "American dream" from just a hope, and made it a reality.



Hon. Spencer Abraham
Lebanese
United States Senator



Sarkis Acopian
Armenian
Conservationist



Hon. Wendell R. Anderson
Swedish
Community Leader



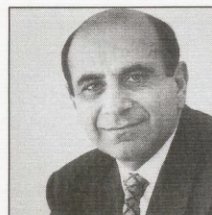
Peter Angelos, Esq.
Hellenic
Attorney



Robert Annunziata
Italian
Business Leader



Nicola M. Antakli
Syrian
Business Leader



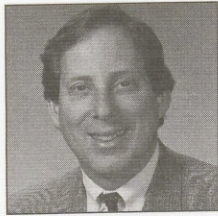
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Armenian
Community Leader



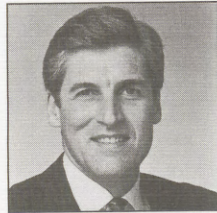
Martin S. Begun
Russian
Educator/Community Leader



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Bruce Bendell
 Eastern European
 Business Leader



James M. Benson
 Swe/Eng/Ire/Scot/Ger/Fr
 Business Leader



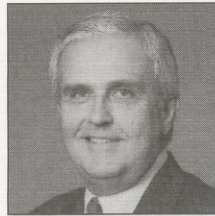
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 Russian
 Business Leader



A. Steve Betzelos
 Hellenic
 Business/Community Leader



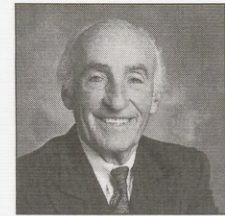
Lena Biorck Kaplan
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 Community Leader



W. Paul Brogowski
 Polish
 Business Leader



**Hon. Dan Burton
 Welch**
 Member of Congress



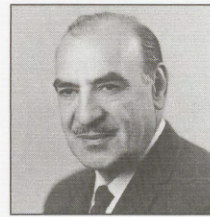
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 Italian
 Business Leader



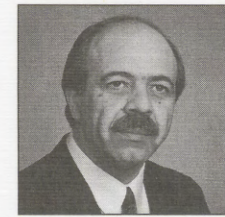
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 Author



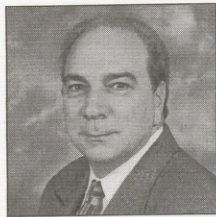
John A. Cavanagh
 Irish
 Business Leader



Hon. Anthony Celebrezze
 Italian
 U.S. Circuit Court Judge



Andreas D. Comodromos
 Cypriot
 Business/Community



Anthony D. Dalesandro
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Tarik S. Daoud
 Iraqui/Arabic
 Business/Community Leader



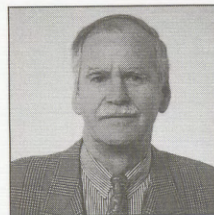
Ruda B. Dauphin
 Polish
 Media Director



Bettie Dawood *
 Lebanese
 Business/Community Leader



Countess Nadia de Navarro-Farber
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 Real Estate Developer



Jean-Jacques de Saint Andrieu
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 Business Leader



Hon. Dennis DeConcini
 Italian/English
 United States Senator (Ret)



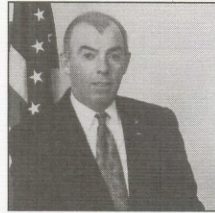
Ramon Abi-Rashed DeSage
 Lebanese
 Industry Leader



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 Portuguese
 Community Leader



Frederick W. Devine
 Irish
 Labor Leader



Richard "Bo" Dietl
 German/Italian
 Business Leader/Author



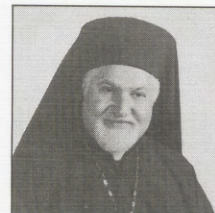
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 Business Leader



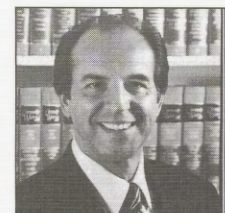
Samuel A. DiPiazza, Jr.
 Italian
 Business Leader



Hazel N. Dukes
 African
 Community Leader



Most Rev. John A. Elya
 Lebanese
 Religious Leader



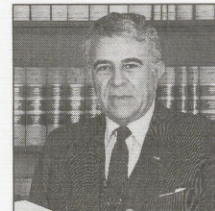
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 Italian
 Justice, New York State



Michael D. Francis, Esq.
 Austrian/Russian
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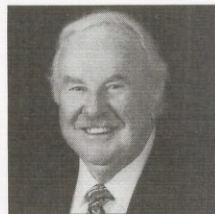
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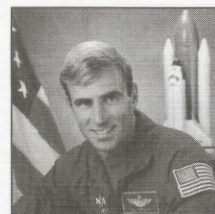
Hon. Benjamin Gilman
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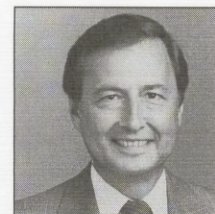
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George L. Graziadio
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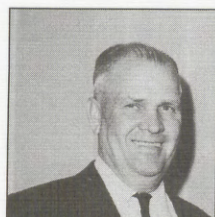
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 Astronaut



Eugene P. Grisanti
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Nahum Guzik
 Russian
 Business Leader



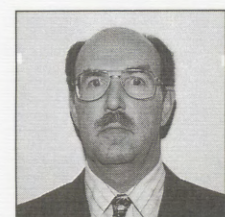
John Kaare Hagen
 Norwegian
 Business Leader



Antoine C. Harovas, M.D.
 Hellenic
 Physician



Maj. Gen. Marcelite J. Harris
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 Government Leader (Military)



John E. Herzog
 Hungarian
 Business Leader



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Arthur E. Imperatore
Italian
Business Leader



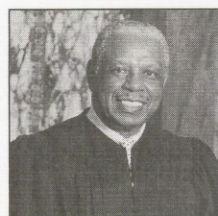
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Business/Community Leader



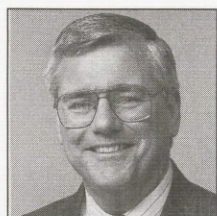
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German
Business Leader



Joseph Kazickas
Lithuanian
Business Leader



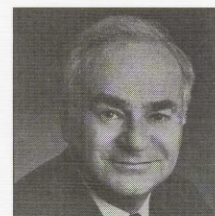
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African
Circuit Judge



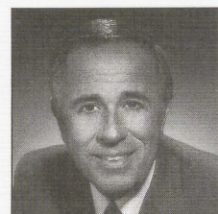
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Irish
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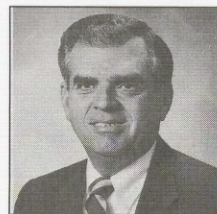
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Russian
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Murray Koppelman
Polish/Russian
Community Leader



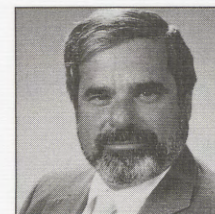
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Business Leader



Hon. Ray Lahood
Lebanese
Member of Congress



Carmella La Spada
Italian
Humanitarian



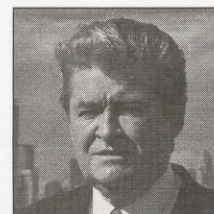
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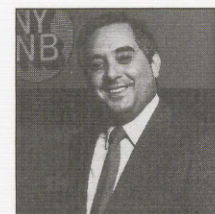
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Educator/Community Leader



Anthony Lomangino
Italian
Business Leader



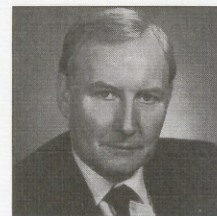
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Irish
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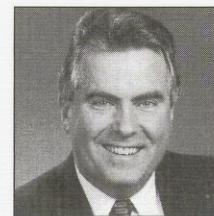
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Puerto Rican
Business/Community Leader



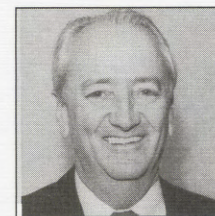
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Paschal McGuinness
Irish
Labor Leader



Brian McLaughlin
Irish
Labor/Community Leader



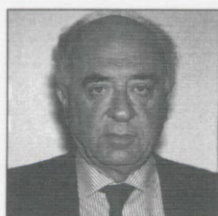
Dennis McSpedon
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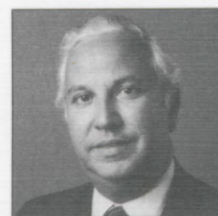
Haroutune Mekhjian, M.D.
Armenian
Cardiac Surgeon/Community Leader



Spiros Milonas
Hellenic
Business Leader



Luis A. Miranda, Jr.
Puerto Rican/Latino
Community Leader



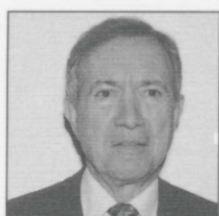
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Hispanic
Educator/Community Leader



Thomas J. Moran
Irish/Italian
Business Leader



Bruce A. Morrison
Irish
Government/Community Leader



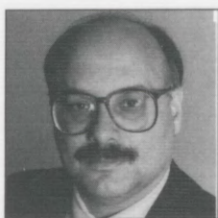
James H. Moshovitis
Hellenic
Business Leader



Jerome A. Nachman
Romanian/Russian
Journalist



Dr. Julius R. Nasso
Italian
Business Leader



Richard T. Nasti
Italian
Business Leader



Vincent Natrella
Italian
Community/Political Leader



Paul Nussbaum
German
Business/Community Leader



Harry L. Pappas
Hellenic
Business Leader



Hon. George E. Pataki
Hungarian/Irish/Italian
Governor - State of New York



Ludovit Pavlo, M.D.
Slovak
Physician/Community Leader



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Maryanne K. Penachio
Polish
Homemaker



Fannie Petalides-Holliday
Cypriot
Business/Community Leader



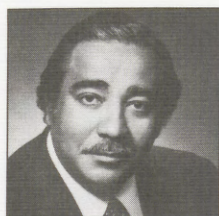
Joseph M. Pizza
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William F. Plunkett, Jr., Esq.
Irish
Attorney



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Hon. Charles B. Rangel
African
Member of Congress



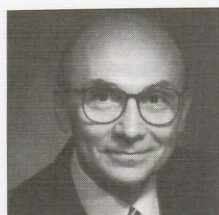
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Italian
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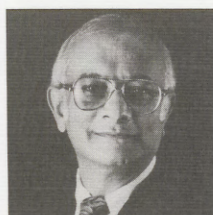
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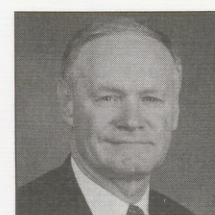
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Italian
Business Leader



Jack Rosen
Eastern European
Business Leader



Rustom Roy
Asian Indian (East)
Educator/Researcher/Author



Hon. Howard Safir
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New York City Police Commissioner



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S. Gary Schiller
Austrian/German
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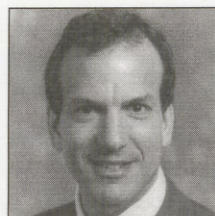
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Religious/Community Leader



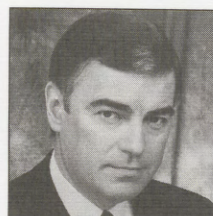
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Business Leader/Patron of the Arts



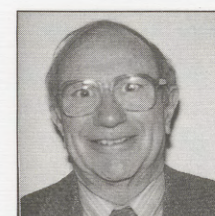
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Steven H. Shepsman
Eastern European
Business Leader



Rolland G. Smith
English/Irish
Journalist



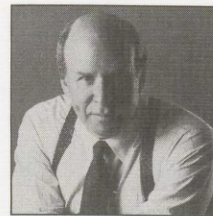
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Educator/Labor Leader



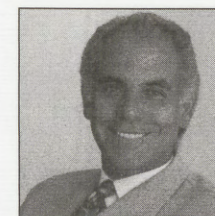
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Italian
New York State Senator



Sonja B. Stefanadis
Hellenic
Community Leader



Robert M. Stutman
Russian
Business Leader



Philip Suarez
Puerto Rican
Business Leader


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Lou Switzer
 African
 Business Leader



Joseph J. Talafous, Sr.
 Slovak
 Attorney, Business/Community Leader



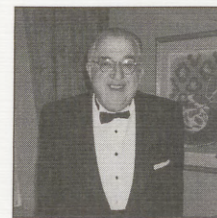
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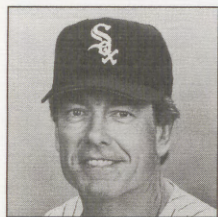
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 Public Official



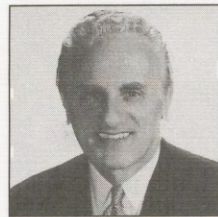
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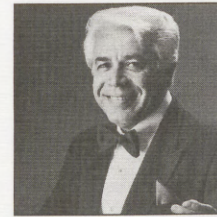
Jeffrey A. Torborg
 Swedish/German/English
 Major League Baseball Player,
 Coach, Manager, Broadcaster



Arthur Tracy
 Russian
 Entertainer "The Street Singer"



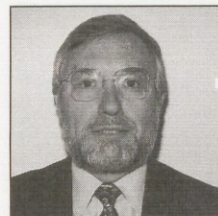
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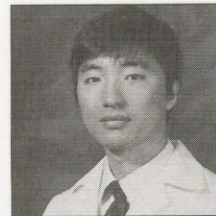
Jerry Vale
 Italian
 Singer/Entertainer



Dennis R. Washington
 Norwegian
 Business Leader



John S. Wilcha
 Czechoslovakian
 Business Leader



Dr. John D. Young
 Chinese
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Brad Zackson
 Rumanian/Russian
 Business Leader