

am proud to join with the Riverdale Jewish Community Relations Council in honoring him with its Community Service Award.

HONORING WAKEFIELD TAXPAYERS & CIVIC LEAGUE 100TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 23, 2013*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, citizens groups are the backbone of a democracy, banding together to make their lives, their neighborhoods, their country a better place.

I am privileged to have one such extraordinary group in my district, the Wakefield Taxpayers and Civic League, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary. It was formed in 1913 to "maintain the integrity of the community" and is one of the oldest such organizations in New York City.

The League involves itself in improving their community by, for example, getting the outer walls of P.S.W. 1 repaired; getting the retaining wall abutting a playground on Carpenter Avenue, in danger of falling, fixed; advocated successfully for the closing of 'topless' bars in a residential neighborhood; initiated a study to change zoning regulations that allowed motels to be built in residential areas; and fought illegal construction and illegal rentals in two- and three-family homes.

The League maintains a lively and deep interest in politics and I have appeared before them many times seeking their endorsement, as have any other person seriously seeking to represent them.

Wakefield is a beautiful community because its residents work hard to keep it so. The League works closely with the District Attorney's Crime Assistance unit and has a Wakefield Civilian patrol to deter crime. It has stopped crimes in progress, alerted the Fire Department to fires, and saves lives by bringing medical attention to accident scenes.

The Wakefield Taxpayers and Civic League is a model of what citizens can accomplish by working together in their neighborhoods. I am proud to be associated with them and congratulate them for 100 years of building and maintaining a model community.

HONORING HITCHCOCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Houses of Worship have been central to American communities since the founding of our country. One such House of Worship, the Hitchcock Presbyterian Church in Scarsdale, is now celebrating its centenary.

In 1913, a group of 19 gathered to worship in a portable chapel borrowed from the Presbytery of Hudson River and set on the corner of Walworth Avenue and Fenimore Road. The Reverend George Smyth helped that group organize Hitchcock Presbyterian Church, build a sanctuary, organize the Sunday School, Women's Guild, Missionary Society and Women's Prayer Group.

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In 1949 Dr. Smyth retired and the Reverend Dr. Robert W. Youngs was installed as senior pastor. By then increased attendance necessitated two worship services each Sunday.

In 1959 the Reverend James S. Stewart became senior pastor and served until 1972. During these years the Weekday School was begun and the three women's organizations merged to form the Guild, and in 1991 became the Presbyterian Women of Hitchcock.

The Reverend J. Scottie Griffin became senior pastor in July 1975 and served until 1982. The growing Asian population in this area stimulated the development of the Living in America program to serve the international community.

In September 1983 the Reverend Robert S. MacLennan became senior pastor and served until December 31, 1992. During his ministry there was increased dialogue with the local Jewish community. In 1984 Special Ministries to Japanese, an interdenominational ministry to Japanese-speaking people in the metropolitan area, began holding Japanese language worship once a month.

In 1986 a fire destroyed the sanctuary building but not the program or the mission of Hitchcock Church. The rebuilding was completed and a sanctuary dedicated on October 7, 1990.

In May, 1995 the Reverend Donald J. Steele became the pastor. During his 10 year ministry, the church became very active in mission work and supported "Beyond Borders"—a literacy program in Haiti.

The congregation called The Rev. Dr. John W. Miller of Dallas as new pastor and he began his ministry in 2008.

In congratulate the Hitchcock Presbyterian Church on the celebration of 100 years of serving its congregants. The church has contributed enormously to its worshippers and I wish it many more years in our community.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF BEAR CREEK HIGH SCHOOL'S STUDENT JOURNALISTS

**HON. JERRY McNERNEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor Bear Creek High School's newspaper, The Bruin Voice, which has been recognized as the best in the Nation. The Bruin Voice recently won the prestigious National Scholastic Press Association's Pacemaker Award for excellence, in addition to receiving Best in Show for its coverage of student protests.

The student journalists at Bear Creek High School put a tremendous amount of effort toward producing a newspaper of outstanding quality. They have displayed exceptional writing and reporting skills and have produced compelling editorials and cartoons. The accomplishments of Bear Creek High School's student journalists are emblematic of their pursuit of excellence and commitment to their fellow students, faculty and our community.

I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Bear Creek High School's journalism students, and their extraordinary dedication to producing an award-winning newspaper.

HONORING EILEEN MASON

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Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Eileen Mason arrived in Larchmont in 1968 in pursuit of a good local school for her three year-old daughter, Alison, and later a son, Gregory. Eileen was very active in the PTA. As Health and Safety Chair at the Murray Avenue School, she spearheaded the drive which although failing to reinstall the traffic light, resulted in the school system's first school crossing guard.

From 1972 to 1983 she worked to create after school clubs for "latch-key kids" and help mainstream students with disabilities. In 1980, she was chair of the Middle States High School Evaluation team for School and Community.

Eileen became interested in the cable franchise proposals in the late 'seventies while doing publicity for several local organizations including the Girl Scouts, The Garden Club of Larchmont, the Woman's Club of Larchmont and the PTA. Offering news to the community has been the focus of her thirty years with LMC-TV.

Her own original programs started with "It's Your Community" and the establishment of water control measures at the Reservoir and coastal zone management and environmental concerns. She produced a series on Save the Sound, a Connecticut organization based in Stamford, as well as programs for the Federated Conservationists of Westchester County.

Other organizations benefitting from her coverage are the League of Woman Voters, Summit, Cancer Support Team, Girl Scouts, Kemper Memorial Park Preservation, Hispanic Resource Center, Mamaroneck Library's Children's Department and Larchmont Public Library's Friends, Rye Arts Center, Memorial Day and Holocaust Memorial events.

For the past twelve years she has produced monthly programs for Larchmont-Mamaroneck Interfaith Council. I congratulate Eileen Mason who is being awarded the Special Recognition Award for her extraordinary contributions to LMC-TV productions as a volunteer.

HONORING ALPHA EPSILON PI INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY

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Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I extend my congratulations to the Alpha Epsilon Pi International Fraternity on the celebration of its centenary. With more than 177 active chapters across the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, France, and Israel, and over 9,000 undergraduate brothers, there is certainly much to celebrate.

The fraternity is celebrating the largest event in its history—the Centennial Celebration on August 8th honoring the first 100 years of its existence and its success in cultivating generations of Jewish leaders on college campuses across the world.