

the community. They are by name, Rev. Frederick H. Meyer, Rev. Carl F. Pohlmann, Rev. Hilbert J. Wuebbens, Rev. David Langseth, Rev. Jerrett L. Hansen, Rev. Kurt M. Friederich, Rev. Patrick W.F. Cabello Hansel, and most recently, Rev. Katrina D. Foster.

Today, Rev. Foster continues to lead the church and its vital role in our community. Currently, the church celebrates services in Spanish and English, has a Youth and Luther League program, and a Sunday school program for children.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the ministers, members, and friends of Fordham Evangelical Lutheran Church on their 80th anniversary in the South Bronx community.

FIRE CHIEF RICHARD TREMITIEDI
HONORED FOR 35 YEARS OF
DEDICATION AND SERVICE

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 9, 1995

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Fire Chief Richard R. Tremitedi, a Hoboken firefighter for 35 years. A testimonial dinner will be held in his honor today in East Rutherford, NJ.

Chief Tremitedi joined the fire department in 1960. Through the years, he rose through the ranks by attaining the highest score on every promotional test that he took. In March 1990, he became Fire Chief of the city of Hoboken and he has served in that capacity with pride and dedication.

Chief Tremitedi's many achievements include writing the city's smoke detector ordinance as head of the Fire Prevention Bureau during the 1980's. The ordinance required property owners to place fire detectors in common areas as well as in each apartment. This made buildings safer places for everyone.

In the 35 years that Chief Tremitedi served as a firefighter, he has touched the lives of many people. The career of a firefighter is truly a noble one. There are not many people that are courageous enough to enter burning buildings on the verge of collapse to put out fires. However, people like Chief Tremitedi and other firefighters dedicate their lives to doing just that. Firefighters are genuine heroes who risk their lives to help others. Many people owe their safety and security to Mr. Tremitedi. He has created a better and safer environment for the residents of Hoboken.

In September, 1995, Chief Tremitedi officially resigned as Fire Chief. He leaves behind a tradition of valor and dedication. He is truly a remarkable man who has served the community with all his heart. He was always available to answer the call of duty. Chief Tremitedi will continue to serve as a member of the State Fire Master Planning and Research Advisory Council. He also plans to write a book about managing the costs of fire protection.

It is an honor to have such a brave and dedicated man serving my district. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Richard R. Tremitedi for his service and dedication to the community.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF YITZHAK RABIN

SPEECH OF

HON. OWEN B. PICKETT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 8, 1995

Mr. PICKETT. Mr. Speaker, I have had the pleasure of visiting with Yitzhak Rabin both in the United States and in Israel. Although intense and superbly focused on his leadership responsibilities for Israel, he maintained a steady and even demeanor that endeared him to all. His vision for the future of Israel had been clearly formulated in his mind and his every word and every motion appeared to be in execution and fulfillment of this vision. Whether you agreed with him or not you could never doubt his own confidence in this vision nor in his conviction and determination to see it become a reality.

He articulated his plans with clarity and precision. Regardless of the circumstances he would not yield to the temptation to sacrifice accuracy in the interest of saving time.

He loved his country intensely and was determined that his role in its leadership would be remembered for the good he achieved.

Yitzhak Rabin was a man of courage, a man of vision, a man of action, a man devoted to his country, and a man of God.

Only God will ever know why he was taken from us at this time and in this way. We know that we have lost a wise and forceful leader. We have lost a friend and we have lost a true believer in the virtue and dignity of peace.

May God rest his soul.

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SPEECH OF

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 8, 1995

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sorrow I rise to reflect a moment upon the loss of Israel's brilliant and devoted prime minister, Yitzhak Rabin.

The assassination of Prime Minister Rabin was an unspeakable tragedy of worldwide proportions. Prime Minister Rabin was a statesman of the world and the genius of the Middle East peace plan. He dedicated his life to peace and in the end gave his life for peace. His contributions will never be forgotten.

Prime Minister Rabin was a leader among leaders. He was a soldier, politician, statesman and peacemaker at various points throughout his career of public service. It was Yitzhak Rabin the general who captured Arab territories in 1967 and Yitzhak Rabin the peacemaker who in 1993 shook hands with PLO leader Yasser Arafat and agreed to return much of that land in exchange for peace. To excel at any one of his callings alone could have been grounds for greatness. Instead, Prime Minister Rabin was a master of all his roles.

Prime Minister Rabin's commitment to peace in the Middle East came from early experience with the absence of peace. Arabs began attacking Jewish settlements when he

was a boy of seven. He was 14 when he was trained in the use of arms during the Arab riots and general strike of 1936. In World War II, he served in the Allied forces. In 1945, he led a daring raid to free 200 Jews that is credited as the inspiration of the raid in the novel "Exodus." He was said to be the inspiration for the novel's hero, Ari Ben Canaan.

The world has lost Prime Minister Rabin, but the peace process in which he provided such exemplary leadership is still alive and is of critical importance to the entire world. We cannot permit his loss to destroy peace in the Middle East. Instead, the free world should do all it can for the Israelis and Palestinians to achieve that goal.

While peace must be our primary goal, we must also be certain that those responsible for the assassination of Prime Minister Rabin are brought to justice. His murder is an affront not just to the Rabin family, to Israel or to Jews, but rather to everyone who believes in the ideals for which he stood.

We cannot allow terrorists—terrorists of any religious or political persuasion—to rule the world. We must put our foot down and see that the peace process continues. We in the United States must offer moral leadership and do all we can to bring these parties together.

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SPEECH OF

HON. FRED HEINEMAN

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 8, 1995

Mr. HEINEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and respect to a man whose mission was to bring about lasting peace in the Middle East. Yitzhak Rabin, Prime Minister of Israel, lost his life in pursuit of his dream, a dream worthy of us all, peace in the Middle East. Mr. Rabin, a key army general during the 1967 war, was one of Israel's great leaders. A true visionary who pushed hard for peace even in the face of fierce opposition.

I hope that Mr. Rabin's murder will only push Israel and the other parties involved to work that much harder to complete the peace process. Mr. Rabin's death makes a difficult task, much more difficult, but I know it can be done because it must be done. Israel has a history of overcoming all obstacles. This tragedy is another obstacle that I know Israel will overcome.

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OF YITZHAK RABIN

SPEECH OF

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 8, 1995

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express great sadness.

America, and the world is saddened by the tragic loss of a great leader, and a man of peace.

Let no enemy of the peace process take comfort in the act of a madman. Yitzhak Rabin's legacy will live on as others step in