

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### INTRODUCTION OF H. RES. 451 CALLING FOR PEACE, JUSTICE, AND STABILITY IN KOSOVA

**HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 29, 2000

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a distinguished group of co-sponsors, I am today introducing a Resolution of the House calling for a review of our policies in Kosova so that we can consider changes in order to fulfill the goal of our government and of the international community in bringing about conditions for a lasting, just, and stable peace for its beleaguered people.

Recent reports from Kosova indicate that our effort there is not progressing well. We are introducing this resolution to suggest areas of this effort that need to be immediately addressed to improve our prospects for success.

The continued detention in Serbia of thousands of Kosovar Albanians, many of whom are doctors, lawyers and teachers, has dismayed the Kosovar people who believed that, when NATO ended its operation against Serbia and declared victory, the abuses of their human rights by the brutal regime of Slobodan Milosevic would also end. Now, more than nine months later, the families and friends of those illegally imprisoned still suffer the anguish of separation and uncertainty as to the fate of their loved ones. The continuation of this outrageous situation has undermined the faith of the Kosovar people in the international community's commitment to human rights and is a major source of the unrest that continues to frustrate our objective of establishing full peace in Kosova.

Similarly, the situation in the divided city of Mitrovica, has also undermined the effort to bring peace to Kosova. Thousands of Kosovar ethnic Albanians have been unable to return to their homes in the northern part of Mitrovica since the beginning of the NATO peacekeeping mission last June. Hundreds more have been driven from their homes by Serb residents assisted by Serbian paramilitaries since NATO established its presence. The injustice of this situation calls into question our credibility when the international community speaks of respect for human rights, ending ethnic cleansing, and adhering to UN Resolution 1244, which if enforced, would have prevented this.

Efforts to re-start the economy of Kosova have not borne fruit. We believe that this is mostly the product of a flawed approach on the part of the United Nations Administration in Kosova and the European Union which has taken on the responsibility for economic reconstruction there. The people of Kosova have demonstrated their business acumen and their entrepreneurial abilities despite a decade of apartheid-like conditions under Serbian misrule. What they need is economic empowerment, not charity through well-intentioned, but misguided conventional assistance projects.

The UN should not allow the question of the ultimate political status of Kosova, impede Kosova's economy. The people of Kosova should be given access to all of Kosova's economic assets—electric grids, agricultural properties, and, most important, to the Trepca mines—the single most valuable economic asset in Kosova.

As support for the international effort in Kosova is being undermined by the slow pace of change, this resolution is being introduced to point to a different course for the international community. Withdrawal is not an option. We believe that consideration of an alternative approach, hopefully one that can genuinely achieve our espoused objectives—lasting peace, justice, and stability for Kosova, and therefore for the Balkans—is the correct policy. As Senator JOHN MCCAIN eloquently stated on March 21, 2000, "Despite the unacceptable circumstances of the weak and endangered peace in Kosovo, it is infinitely preferable to the widespread atrocities committed during the course of Serbian aggression, atrocities that would surely reoccur were NATO to fail in our current mission."

I invite my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join in supporting this critical resolution.

#### H. RES. 451

Whereas on June 10, 1999, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) military air operation in the former Yugoslavia victoriously concluded with the withdrawal of all Serbian police, paramilitary, and military forces from Kosova;

Whereas, shortly following the NATO victory, nearly 1,000,000 refugees and hundreds of thousands of internally displaced persons attempted to return to their homes in Kosova in the belief that a peaceful, stable, and just society would be created through their diligent efforts, supported by the international community;

Whereas United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 (June 10, 1999) established the United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) as the sole administration of the province until such time as its political status is decided;

Whereas some 2,000 citizens were illegally detained and kidnapped to Serbia by Serbian forces as they withdrew from Kosova in violation of the Geneva Conventions and international humanitarian law;

Whereas a provision requiring the return of these illegally detained citizens of Kosova was dropped from the Military Technical Agreement negotiated between NATO and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in order to end the conflict more expeditiously;

Whereas an additional 5,000 Kosova citizens are believed to be detained in Serbian prisons;

Whereas hundreds of Kosova Albanian citizens have been prevented from returning to their homes in the divided city of Mitrovica by Serb Kosova citizens who are believed to be assisted by Serb paramilitaries who have illegally re-entered Kosova;

Whereas the present international peacekeeping force in Mitrovica has proven inadequate to perform the task of maintaining peace and eliminating wide scale human rights violations in that town, and there

have been allegations of partiality to Serb residents by elements of the peacekeeping force;

Whereas recent violence in Mitrovica led to the expulsion of hundreds more Albanians from their homes who have been unable to return;

Whereas more than nine months following the establishment of UNMIK, adequate services such as police, sanitation, telecommunications, electricity, and water supply for the citizens of Kosova still are not reliably available throughout the province;

Whereas Albanian citizens of Kosova have been prevented by the United Nations from utilizing major economic assets in Kosova such as the Trepca mine that could provide needed stimulus to the economy of Kosova;

Whereas persistent deprivation and the creation of an aid economy that is contradictory to development of a flourishing free market economy is fostering criminality;

Whereas, in view of the disproportionate share of the military costs borne by the United States during the NATO operation, the European Union has agreed that it will undertake the major share of the costs for economic reconstruction in Kosova;

Whereas the European Commission and the World Bank have estimated the costs for the reconstruction of Kosova over the next 4 to 5 years at 2,300,000,000, with nearly half that amount available to be spent by the end of 2001;

Whereas the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2000 (as enacted by section 1000(a)(2) of Public Law 106-113) capped United States contributions for economic reconstruction in Kosova at 15 percent of the total; and

Whereas despite its generous pledges, the European Union has been dilatory in actually disbursing urgently required funds for Kosova: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved, That—*

(1) the European Union should disburse its pledged funds for Kosova more rapidly;

(2) pledged funds by the European Union required to provide baseline services for Kosova such as police, sanitation, water, telecommunications, and electrical supply should be made available immediately, and the administration of these services should be put in the hands of the people of Kosova at the earliest possible date;

(3) the strategy for economic reconstruction in Kosova should be focused on utilizing private investment and empowerment of the people of Kosova to take charge of their livelihoods instead of fostering their reliance on donated assistance;

(4) the United States Government should make it a priority to promote noncorrupt government and business practices in Kosova by providing judicial training and technical advice and assistance to police, border police, and customs officers;

(5) the United Nations Security Council should demand the immediate and unconditional return of all Kosova citizens from Serbia; and

(6) a more capable international peacekeeping force should be established in Mitrovica so that all residents are able to return in security to their homes.

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CONGRATULATING DAN GERAWAN  
AND RICK SCHELLENBERG

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 29, 2000*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dan Gerawan of Gerawan Farming and Rick Schellenberg of Schellenberg Farms for their part in "reinventing government," by helping to develop a new fruit inspection program known as "Partners in Quality" (PIQ), in Reedley, California.

"Partners in Quality" was initiated in California's tree fruit industry in 1998. It is a voluntary program designed to increase the quality of fruit and decrease the amount paid to the United States Department of Agriculture's inspectors. Participants in the program must prove to the USDA that their in-house quality control is good enough to stand on its own, without the need of continuous USDA inspection. Once the packinghouse has proven itself, the USDA periodically audits the packing house instead of inspecting the fruit continuously. Once the packing house volunteers for this program, the USDA imposes stricter tolerances on the participants than on the regular inspection procedures, to ensure a higher quality.

Rick Schellenberg, with the help of Dan Gerawan, spearheaded the implementation of PIQ for the packing industry. The Partners in Quality team includes several USDA and state agricultural department officials, as well as members of the California pear and Florida citrus industry.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Dan Gerawan and Rick Schellenberg for their part in reinventing government. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Dan and Rick many more years of continued success.

IN HONOR OF MONSIGNOR EDWARD J. HAJDUK FOR BEING SELECTED AS THE BAYONNE CONTINGENT MARSHAL OF THE 2000 TRI-STATE PULASKI DAY PARADE

**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 29, 2000*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Monsignor Edward J. Hajduk, pastor of St. Henry's Roman Catholic Church in Bayonne for being selected as the Bayonne Contingent Marshal of the 2000 tri-state Pulaski Day Parade.

Born and raised in Bayonne, Monsignor Hajduk established his faith and resolve at a young age through guidance from his parents, the late John and Mary Hajduk, and an education devoted to the Catholic faith. He received his undergraduate degree in Theology from Seton Hall University, his graduate degree in Theology from the Catholic University of America, and was awarded an M.S.E. degree from the graduate division of Pastoral Counseling at Iona College.

For almost half a century, since the day he was ordained in 1953, Monsignor Hajduk's extraordinary dedication to his church and his

community has been unparalleled. Moreover, his unwavering commitment to youth has allowed him to provide spiritual guidance to generations of young people, enriching their lives and strengthening their faith.

Monsignor Hajduk's service to the church has allowed him to contribute to the development and direction of the Catholic faith in general, and the Archdiocese of Newark in particular. Since 1953, Monsignor Hajduk served as: the parochial vicar of Sacred Heart in Lyndhurst; Bergen County Catholic Youth Organization moderator; a member of the Theology Department of Felician College; the youth director of the Archdiocese of Newark; chaplain to Pope John Paul II; administrator of the St. James Parish in Newark; rector of Sacred Heart Cathedral; parochial vicar at St. Mary's in Dumont; dean of the Central Bergen Deanery; and until 1992, pastor of St. Hedwig's in Elizabeth. He has also contributed to parish evaluation and reorganization, and has helped with church renovations.

For his extraordinary dedication to the Roman Catholic Church and his commitment to the City of Bayonne, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Monsignor Hajduk on his many accomplishments, and for being selected as the Contingent Marshal of the 2000 tri-state Pulaski Day Parade.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CHARLES H. TAYLOR**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 29, 2000*

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, due to a flight cancellation, I was unavoidably detained in North Carolina yesterday and unable to cast a vote on rollcall votes 76, 77, 78 and 79. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 76, On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 2412. I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 77, On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended, to H. Con. Res. 292. I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 78, On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Con. Res. 269. I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 79, to Agree to the Senate Amendments to H.R. 5, the Senior Citizens' Freedom to Work Act. I ask unanimous consent that the permanent record reflect these intended votes.

IN HONOR OF THE 25TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF MARKET DAY

**HON. JUDY BIGGERT**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 29, 2000*

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, for those who believe that one person cannot make a difference, I offer you the story of Trudi Temple and Market Day, the nation's first and only fundraising food cooperative, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year.

I am sure that many of my colleagues know about, and have even participated in, Market Day. Market Day donates a minimum of 10 percent of the purchase price of restaurant-quality food products to the school or commu-

nity organization from which they were purchased. Proceeds from Market Day sales are used by schools and community organizations to fund a variety of expenditures, including computers, fine arts programs, playground equipment, assemblies, books, and field trips.

How important has this been to our nation's schools? Well, in the last 25 years, Market Day has raised \$250 million, benefiting more than two million school children nationwide.

But before all these schools could reap the benefits of Market Day, someone first had to come up with this great idea. And what makes this so near and dear to my heart is that the story of Market Day begins in 1973 at Walker Elementary School in Clarendon Hills, Illinois—in the heart of my 13th Congressional District.

Trudi Temple was asked by her daughter to bake a cake for the school's annual fundraiser. Instead of a cake, Trudi brought cases of fresh produce to school. The produce was a hit with the kids, faculty, and parents—such a hit, in fact, that it led to the school's first "Produce Day" the following week.

Before long, "Produce Day" evolved into Market Day and other Chicago area schools selected the program as their primary fundraiser. Now it serves more than 6,000 schools and other community groups in 20 metropolitan areas across the United States.

We all know the challenges that our schools face in educating our children—and often additional funding is needed to overcome these challenges. In these days of tight budgets and property tax caps, schools must turn to non-traditional funding sources. Thanks to Trudi Temple and Market Day, schools have at least one more way to help improve our children's educational experience.

So I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Market Day on its 25th anniversary and extending a word of thanks on behalf of the millions of students Market Day has helped.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN HANSAN

**HON. TONY P. HALL**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 29, 2000*

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to John E. Hansan, a pioneer in the field of social policy and a tireless advocate for the elderly, whose contributions in these disciplines span 50 years and counting. Celebrating his 70th birthday today, "Jack" Hansan has effected profound social change throughout his life and career. From his social worker days at the Minute Circle Friendly House in Kansas City, Missouri, through his active duty service during the Korean War, to his stint as chief of staff for the Governor of Ohio, and on to Washington, Jack has left an indelible mark on millions of Americans.

Jack's acumen for assessing real world problems and successfully carrying out visionary social programs has been a constant throughout his professional life. In the early 1960's, Jack developed an innovative educational program to give inner-city, pre-school children in Cincinnati a head start before entering kindergarten. The "Tot Lots" program was successfully rolled out in the metropolitan area and become the framework for what is today's Head Start program. From this early

professional success, Jack was selected as the first executive director of the Community Action Commission in Cincinnati, one of the first and largest anti-poverty agencies in the country. Jack designed and implemented several programs to combat poverty throughout the greater Cincinnati area. His plans became the blueprint for similar programs in cities throughout the country.

During this time, Jack entered into a doctoral program at Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts, with a concentration in gerontology. Nearing the completion of his studies, Jack was urged to accept a directorship position for the Ohio Department of Public Welfare to oversee a broad spectrum of programs for all 88 counties in Ohio. In 1972, Jack was named chief of staff to the Governor of Ohio, John J. Gilligan.

In 1976, after his tenure as the Governor's right-hand man, Jack came to Washington as the director of government affairs for the American Public Welfare Association, and later joined the National Conference of Social Welfare (NCSW). As executive director of NCSW, Jack initiated several breakthroughs in social policy: the kick-off of the first national conference on the homeless; the introduction of the first forum on long-term care; and the launch of the three-year project, "The Social Role of the Federal Government."

Completing his doctorate in gerontology in 1980, Jack was soon directing his energies toward health care and social programs for the elderly. Much of his work in his area includes the application of new computer technologies and data collection practices to provide a look ahead at the welfare of the aging population. Also in the area of applied technologies, Jack earned a commendation for his work spearheading the National Practitioner Data Bank project. Mandated by Congress, this groundbreaking program restricts the ability of incompetent physicians and dentists to move from state to state without discovery.

While Jack may be joining the ranks of septuagenarians today, he is by no means slowing down. He continues to teach classes and lecture on social policy and public administration. As an avid researcher, discerning editor and prolific writer, Jack is also looking to add a sixth book to his body of work. All things being equal, it's business as usual for Jack Hansan—pursuing his life's work and building on a 50-year legacy for which we are most grateful.

#### HONORING THE WOOLF FAMILY

### HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 29, 2000*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Woolf family for maintaining an unwavering commitment to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. The family was recognized at the Promise Ball 2000, in Fresno, on March 25, 2000.

The Juvenile Diabetes Foundation was founded in 1970 by parents of children with diabetes. The mission of the Foundation is to find a cure for diabetes and its complications, through the support of research. Since 1970, the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation has provided over \$326 million for diabetes research,

more than any other nonprofit, nongovernmental health agency in the world.

The Woolf family, a prominent farming family, has two diabetic children. Having been touched by diabetes, the Woolf family has been diligent in helping others to understand the challenges facing families with diabetes, as well as spreading the word about the progress toward a cure.

Mr. Speaker, I want to honor the Woolf family for their tireless commitment to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing the Woolf family many more years of continued success.

#### THE ORANGE COUNTY ONION HARVEST FESTIVAL

### HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 29, 2000*

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, as the Library of Congress celebrates its Bicentennial this year, the Local Legacies Project will provide an opportunity for each Member of Congress to describe a project of significant and historical importance in their district. This documentation will become immortalized in the collections of the Library's American Folklife Center.

The documentation will provide a diverse cross section of America's culture to be preserved for future generations.

The Orange County Onion Harvest Festival, held just outside of Pine Island, in Florida, New York, is an outstanding example of such an event. It is colorful example of a tradition that has endured for generations. It chronicles a celebration of the Polish agricultural heritage of a group of immigrants who settled in the "Black Dirt Region" of Orange County, New York, starting in the early 1800's; bringing with them Old World customs and traditions that continue today.

The Orange County Onion Festival depicts the courageous "never say die" struggle of a people to tame and convert a vast decomposing flood plain into land that fulfilled their most cherished dreams.

The "Black Dirt" lands rose out a glacial lake. This area known as the "Mucklands" had as its inhabitant's early man, mastodons, and the Mini and Unamis Indians, who used the giant rich swamp as their hunting grounds.

It took the efforts of entire families to tame and cultivate some 12,000 "Black Dirt" acres. Over the years, the pioneers endured in one long battle against disease, drought, winds, flooding rains and weeds from planting time in March or April until the Harvest months in July and August.

They grew into a colony of efficient, hard working, thrifty people. With perseverance and love of family, they established schools, churches, and social groups.

These people are an outstanding model of what can be accomplished in the face of adversity.

Gradually, over years of hard labor, the "Black Dirt" lands have emerged into what is now a scientifically run business using the latest available technologies. It has become the largest onion growing area in the State of New York and the third largest east of the Mississippi River.

The Onion Harvest Festival in celebration pays tribute to hardworking, land loving people

who have gone before; those who are here now, and those who are yet to come.

It is most heartening to observe, that in today's world, where the integrity of family, history, tradition and the virtual survival of family based agriculture remain continually threatened, an event such as The Orange County Onion Harvest Festival not only continues to exist, but thrives in the hearts and minds of all who work so hard to ensure its success.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to call to the attention of our colleagues the following dedicated citizens who worked so hard to make the onion festival such a success in 1999, and who worked to ensure that its history be included in the Library of Congress program in the year 2000: Ann Cortese of Pearl River, NY; Peter Zubikowski of Port Jervis, NY; Vincent Polaniak of Florida, NY; Linda LeMieux of Midletown, NY; Frances Sodrick and Barbara Morgiewicz, both of Pine Island, NY.

We salute not only this outstanding onion Harvest committee, but also all of their predecessors from prior years who have helped make the Orange County Onion Festival a truly historic, colorful event.

We look forward with great anticipation to many more Onion Festivals still to come.

#### THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE

### HON. STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 29, 2000*

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to a beloved member of the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Department who lost his life Saturday, March 25, in the line of duty. The heroism of Cero Niemi is credited with saving the lives of at least two fellow officers. Cero answered the call to duty as a gunmen showered police with bullets following the shooting of an innocent bystander, Jefferson resident Walter A. Olson.

Cero was the K-9 partner of Deputy William R. Niemi. The loyal German shepherd was born November 3, 1997, in Germany, and had received his Ohio Peace Officer Training and North American Work Dog Association certification in December 1999. Since that time, he had worked diligently for the K-9 unit at the sheriff's department, often assisting with felony apprehensions and drug arrests.

Mr. Speaker, the death of K-9 Cero has deeply touched folks throughout Northeast Ohio, and the grieving extends beyond his partner, his partner's family, and the sheriff's department. Many people were moved by the heroic sacrifice of this dog, and folks are left to wonder how anyone could shoot and kill a human being and then a police dog in the blink of an eye. The shooting deaths of Walter Olson and K-9 Cero have plunged the community of Jefferson into a period of collective mourning.

Mr. Speaker, Cero will be laid to rest tomorrow with full police honors, and officers and police K-9 units from throughout Ohio are expected to attend the service. Cero is the first police dog in Northeast Ohio to die in the line of duty in more than 20 years. I have asked that a United States flag be flown over the Capitol in honor of Cero Niemi, his partner, Deputy William Niemi, and the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Speaker, K-9 Cero is credited with saving the lives of at least two officers, and possibly more on this one violent morning. He died like any other officer in the line of duty; trying to make our streets and communities safe. K-9 Cero's duty and sacrifice are worthy of recognition, and I extend my sympathies to Deputy Niemi; his wife, Julie; their children, Heather, Brittany and Jonathan; and Cero's K-9 companion, Abby.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I would like to enter into the RECORD a poem in Cero's memory. It is by an anonymous author and captures the bond between officers and their K-9 partners.

GUARDIANS OF THE NIGHT

Trust in me my friend for I am your comrade. I will protect you with my last breath. When all others have left you and the loneliness of the night closes in, I will be at your side.

Together we will conquer all obstacles, and search out those who might wish harm to others. All I ask of you is compassion, the caring touch of your hands. It is for you that I will unselfishly give my life and spend my nights unrested. Although our days together may be marked by the passing of the seasons, know that each day at your side is my reward.

My days are measured by the coming and going of your footsteps. I anticipate them at every opening of the door. You are the voice of caring when I am ill, the voice of authority when I've done wrong.

Do not chastise me unduly for I am your right arm, the sword at your side. I attempt to do only what you bid of me. I seek only to please you and remain in your favor.

Together you and I shall experience a bond only others like us will understand. When outsiders see us together their envy will be measured by their disdain.

I will quietly listen to you and pass no judgment, nor will your spoken words be repeated. I will remain ever silent, ever vigilant, ever loyal. And when our time together is done and you move on in the world, remember me with kind thoughts and tales, for a time we were unbeatable, nothing passed among us undetected.

If we should meet again on another street I will gladly take up your fight, I am a Police Working Dog and together we are guardians of the night.

HONORING GEORGE ROACH ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION'S 2000 COMPUTERWORLD PERMANENT RESEARCH COLLECTION

**HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 29, 2000*

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to congratulate Mr. George Roach, a constituent and neighbor from Long Island, who as a system specialist with the Consolidated Edison Company has recently been honored by Computerworld Smithsonian Program (CWSP). Each year the CWSP identifies and honors individuals and organizations whose vision in the use of Information Technology produces a positive social, economic or educational change. The CWSP is considered one of the most prestigious awards program in the information technology industry. As a 2000 laureate, Mr. Roach's pioneering work was inducted into the Smithsonian Institution's 2000

Computerworld Permanent Research Collection.

Mr. Roach and his team of Customer Operations, Information Resources and Treasury Operations employees were instrumental in implementing Con Edison's use of the Intell-A-Check Program. This new development allows customers to choose the method of billing that is most appropriate for them, whether is by writing a traditional check, using a telephone key pad or authorizing payment over the Internet. Customers utilized these various electronic payment applications over 1.85 million times in the year 1999 alone. Through his innovation, Mr. Roach has significantly cut costs and improved customer satisfaction.

Mr. Roach's work was recognized by Bill Gates, a leading pioneer in the technology field. When Roach's efforts came to the attention of the prominent Chairman and CEO of Microsoft Corporation, he nominated Roach for inclusion in the Smithsonian Institution's Permanent Research Collection. Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my distinguished colleagues to join the Computerworld Smithsonian Program in commending Mr. Roach for his groundbreaking work in the field of information technology. On behalf of the people of Long Island, I would like to thank Mr. Roach for the prestige and high level of technology his work has brought to our area of New York.

IN HONOR OF MR. MARK SMITH, RECIPIENT OF THIS YEAR'S CIRCOLO ITALIANO CLUB OF BAYONNE MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 29, 2000*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Mark Smith of Bayonne, New Jersey, for being named this year's "Man of the Year" by the Circolo Italiano Club of Bayonne.

Starting out in the Bayonne Police Department's Patrol Division in 1983, Mr. Smith's keen abilities and dedication to his career helped him to move quickly through the ranks. In 1985, Mr. Smith was promoted to detective of the Narcotics Squad; and, by 1988, he was assigned to the City of Bayonne Department of Public Safety's Detective Bureau.

Mr. Smith's remarkable and impressive career on the police force has earned him numerous service and valor awards. He has received more than forty Excellent Police Service Awards and more than twenty departmental commendations, as well as the Hudson County American Legion Police Officer of the Year Award in 1992; the City of Bayonne Police Department Valor Award in 1991; the New Jersey State PBA Valor Award in 1991; and the Hudson County 200 Club Valor Award in 1991, and again in 1999.

In addition to his work for the police force, Mr. Smith has been active in a variety of community service organizations. He has served on the board of the Chandelier Golf Charity Committee and the Hudson County ARC, and has dedicated his time as a member of the Bayonne Hospital Citywide Health Steering Committee, the Bayonne Elks Club, the Bayonne Chapter of UNICO, and the Bayonne Family Y.M.C.A.

For his dedication and service to the citizens of Bayonne, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Mark Smith on being named this year's Circolo Italiano Club's Man of the Year.

HONORING DEACON WALTER O. HEATH

**HON. GARY A. CONDIT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 29, 2000*

Mr. CONDIT. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to Deacon Walter O. Heath. I am very proud to join with the Second Baptist Church of Modesto, in my district in California's magnificent Central Valley, in honoring Deacon Heath for his many years of unselfish dedication to the church and its members.

Walter was born in Mill Flat, Louisiana, on March 8, 1913 and moved to California in 1944. He joined the Second Baptist Church in 1945, later becoming a deacon. He served on the committee to bring the Reverend Howard Clark to the church as pastor and worked to secure the land to build the new church at California and Marshall Avenues in Modesto. Additionally, Deacon Heath helped revive the Silver Square Lodge No. 66 in 1950. For the past 55 years, Deacon Heath has provided financial support, time, energy and spirit to the Second Baptist Church family.

He continues to help members of the Church who are in distress by giving them a second chance in life. He is one of the longest serving chairmen of the Second Baptist Church Deacon Board. In honor of his longstanding commitment to God and his community, I would like to join with Second Baptist Church in declaring April 8, 2000, Walter O. Heath Appreciation Day.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to rise and join me in honoring the remarkable and tireless contributions of Walter O. Heath.

HONORING DICKRAN KOUYMJIAN

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 29, 2000*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Dickran Kouymjian for being named "Man of the Year" by the Armenian National Committee of Central California. The Armenian National Committee is a grassroots organization, which deals with any and all concerns of both Armenian nationals and Armenian-Americans.

Dr. Kouymjian was selected to be "Man of the Year" as a result of his many outstanding accomplishments. Kouymjian earned a B.A. in European History from the University of Madison, Wisconsin. He earned an M.A. in Arab Studies from the American University of Beirut, and a Ph.D. in Armenian Studies from Columbia University. In 1977, Dr. Kouymjian was invited to Fresno from Paris, to establish a new program in Armenian Studies at the California State University, Fresno. There he reorganized the Armenian Studies Organization and founded the Center for Armenian Studies

as well as the Armenian student newspaper, Hye Sharzhoom.

Since 1988, he has served as the first incumbent of the Haig & Isabel Berberian Endowed Chair of Armenian Studies at Fresno State. Dr. Kouymjian has taught a wide range of subjects: Armenian, Islamic, Classical, and Byzantine history and art, Western and Oriental humanities, film, genocide and Saroyan studies. He also serves on the editorial boards of five publications in Armenian studies and the Board of Scholars of the Zoryan Institute, NAASR, and the Armenian Film Foundation.

Dr. Kouymjian has been awarded a Fulbright Senior Lectureship by the United States government to teach in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature at Yerevan State University in Armenia. Along with his many other accomplishments, he has been given the highest honor bestowed by the Armenian church to scholars and writers, the St. Sahag and St. Mesrob medal, by Catholicos Karekin I.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Dr. Dickran Kouymjian for being named "Man of the Year" by the Armenian National Committee of Central California. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Dr. Dickran Kouymjian many more years of continued success.

#### TRIBUTE TO ESTHER K. SHAPIRO

### HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 29, 2000*

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Esther K. Shapiro who will be awarded the Anti-Defamation Lifetime Achievement Award on April 4, 2000. This is indeed a high honor.

Esther Shapiro has devoted her life to social justice and civil rights. Her passion for human rights is longstanding. It began in the 1940's when Esther and her late husband, Harold, were evicted for hosting an African-American in their government-owned housing.

In the 1960's, she was drawn to the civil rights activities in the Deep South, and was part of the Michigan Friends of the South, an organization that courageously supported the efforts of Martin Luther King, Jr., the Freedom Marchers.

In her hometown, Detroit, Esther devoted her effort to win equal opportunities in housing, labor and politics for African-Americans. She was the first director of Detroit's Consumer Affairs Department where she worked to protect all consumers from abuse and scams.

Although recently retired, Esther Shapiro remains an activist as a consumer consultant to non-profit, government and business organizations, and currently serves as advisor on consumer affairs to Councilwoman Maryann Mahaffey, President Pro-Tem of the Detroit City Council.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating this remarkable woman, Esther K. Shapiro, for her passion for human rights. I wish her good health and happiness as she continues to make this world a better place for all.

#### CONGRATULATING THE STEEL—HIGH ROLLERS BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

### HON. GEORGE W. GEKAS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 29, 2000*

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, today I congratulate the Steel-High Rollers Boys' Basketball Team of Steelton, Pa., on winning the PIAA Class AAA State Championship. This is not the first time for these talented young men. They also celebrated victories upon winning at the state championship in 1998 and in 1992.

Starters Walt Chavis, Tanel Woodward, Kurt Cheatham, Joe Zimmerman and Scott Attivo play important roles on the Rollers. But it is all the players on the team who deserve the credit for this victory. These young men have sweated through hours upon hours of warm-ups, drills and scrimmages to become the great team they are today.

Coach Rick Binder is to be commended on training and shaping these young men into a formidable team. In just three seasons, Coach Binder has guided the Steel-High-Rollers to three District 3 AAA championships and two PIAA—AAA championships.

I must also recognize the communities of Steelton and Highspire for the support they have given to their hometown team. When communities join together in a unifying spirit, the sky is truly the limit. It is self-evident the amount of pride and support these towns show, not only to this winning team, but to their school and all of its fine students.

The Steel-Rollers deserve much praise for their victory. I know the U.S. House of Representatives joins me and the communities of Highspire and Steelton in honoring these hard-working and talented young men. Congratulations and continued success.

#### JEWISH WOMEN'S ARCHIVE MAKING VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR UNDERSTANDING OF HISTORY

### HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 29, 2000*

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to represent a Congressional District that is home to an important cultural institution known as the Jewish Women's Archive. The organization, which is located in the town of Brookline, Massachusetts, was established in 1995 to record and publicize the remarkably rich history of Jewish women in North America. Among JWA's key projects are a "virtual archive" that provides an on-line directory of source materials that are available on Jewish women in libraries and other facilities in the United States and Canada, and its Oral History Project, which is focused on the life stories of twentieth century Jewish women.

Another important JWA initiative, which coincides annually with Women's History Month in March, is the "Women of Valor" program, an educational and outreach project aimed at helping the Jewish community and, indeed, people of all faiths in North America, to de-

velop a better understanding of the accomplishments of Jewish women. Each year, JWA, in collaboration with Ma'ayan: The Women's History Project in New York, selects three Jewish women who have made notable contributions to our history, creates posters and other educational material providing details about their lives, and then disseminates the materials to more than 8,000 schools, libraries and other interested institutions. Past honorees have included Hadassah founder Henrietta Szold, trade union leader and social welfare activist Rose Schneiderman and poet Emma Lazarus. This year's Women of Valor are former Congresswoman Balla Abzug, anthropologist Barbara Myerhoff and Canadian track and field Olympian Bobbie Rosenfeld.

I would add that, as part of Women's History Month, Joyce Antler—JWA Visiting Director of Research—made a presentation on March 22 before the President's Commission on the Celebration of Women in American History. Her testimony, which touched on many aspects of the role of women in history, cannot be reproduced here in toto, but I would like to excerpt one paragraph, because it sums up so well the important mission of JWA:

I would like to mention one final strategy used by the Jewish Women's Archive to bring women's history to the public. Last spring, we mounted a program in Boston around the life and legacy of Justine Wise Polier, the activist judge who was a 1999 Woman of Valor. The evening began with moderator Martha Minow of the Harvard Law School asking the question, "How can a woman so influential in her own lifetime be largely forgotten less than two generations later? And how does a legacy get passed on to another generation?" The evening began with my own remarks about Polier's life and legacy, followed by personal reflections from Nancy Gertner, a U.S. District Court Judge in Massachusetts, who enthusiastically embraced the similarities between her life and Polier's and left audience members greatly stimulated by the current relevance of Polier's concerns, convictions, and commitments. We have developed other programs across the country in which we bring the past to the present by matching the life and legacy of women of achievement in other generations to those of women today. These programs highlight historical materials that we have collected but place them in new contexts that have local and contemporary relevance. This matching process generates great excitement by allowing audiences to connect in fresh ways to the lessons of the past.

Mr. Speaker, in recognition of the excellent work the Jewish Women's Archive performs in helping us to connect with the past in new ways, I submit the following JWA statement on this year's Women of Valor program to be printed in the RECORD.

SCHOOLS, SYNAGOGUES, UNIVERSITIES AND JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER TO HIGHLIGHT JEWISH WOMEN'S CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 2000

In Boston and around the country, Jews and non-Jews, women and men will have the opportunity to learn about the important, but often-ignored accomplishments of Jewish women during Women's History Month this March. This month, thousands of institutions will celebrate Women's History Month by showcasing the accomplishments and contributions of three Jewish women: a leading political activist, a pioneering anthropologist and a gold-medal winning Olympic athlete.

While most Americans are familiar with political activist Bella Abzug, few know about the accomplishments of anthropologist Barbara Myerhoff and Canadian Olympic athlete Bobbie Rosenfeld. All three women are featured in the year 2000 Women of Valor educational poster series produced by the Jewish Women's Archive. In Boston, institutions such as Temple Israel, the Leventhal Sidman JCC, Harvard Hillel and dozens of other places will display the posters throughout Women's History Month and conduct programs highlighting the important role women have played in history. The posters are complemented by a workbook featuring a biography of each Woman of Valor, worksheets and suggested educational activities. In addition, individuals can learn more through an interactive multimedia Women of Valor exhibit on the Jewish Women's Archive website at [www.jwa.org](http://www.jwa.org). The unique and innovative exhibit includes speeches, photographs, news clips, letters and film clips from archives and libraries throughout the country.

"History teaches us about who we are and where we have been," said Gail Twersky Reimer, Executive Director of the Jewish Women's Archive. "For too long, the contributions of Jewish women have been ignored. Each in her own way, Bella Abzug, Barbara Myerhoff and Bobbie Rosenfeld changed our world. Understanding their work and recognizing their contributions enriches and completes our knowledge about the past."

The Women of Valor poster series was created to increase awareness of, and interest in, women's history and to stimulate the development of programs that celebrate the lives of Jewish women, past and present. The posters portray their subjects in pictures and narrative, using each woman's own words to create a compelling picture of her achievements and the times in which she lived. Women of Valor posters and accompanying educational materials have been sent to more than 8,000 institutions and organizations throughout the United States and Canada.

Created in partnership with MIT's Center for Educational and Computing Initiatives, the Jewish Women's Archive website is the cornerstone of the Archive itself. It includes interactive multimedia exhibits, an on-line database and resources on North American Jewish women. This unique and invaluable research tool is the first stage in the development of a searchable Internet directory of all source materials on Jewish women available in repositories throughout the United States and Canada.

Now in its third year, the Women of Valor Project is funded by grants from the Covenant Foundation, Righteous Persons Foundation and the Dobkin Foundation. In previous years, the project has featured Glikl of Hamelin, Rose Schneideman and Henrietta Szold (1997); Rebecca Gratz, Lillian Wald and Molly Picon (1998); and Emma Lazarus, Justine Wise Polier and Hannah Greenbaum Solomon (1999). Women's History Month was designated by the United States Congress in 1987 to raise awareness among students and adults, female and male, of the many and diverse accomplishments women have made throughout history.

The Jewish Women's Archive was founded in 1995 to uncover, chronicle and transmit the historical record of Jewish women's lives—their impact on Jewish culture and their active participation in society at large.

One of our nation's leading political activists, Bella Abzug (1920–1998) was a civil rights and labor attorney, a U.S. Congresswoman,

and an international women's rights activist. As an attorney Abzug mounted an appeal on behalf of an African American man sentenced to death on groundless charges of raping a white woman, and defended numerous clients during the infamous "with hunts" instigated by Senator Joseph McCarthy. In Congress, she promoted an agenda focused on social and economic justice. After leaving Congress, Abzug continued to champion women's and civil rights. She presided over the first National Women's Conference in 1977 and worked with other women to found some of the leading feminist organizations of our day.

Barbara Myerhoff's (1935–1985) groundbreaking research into American Jewry, their lives, culture and religion initiated a sea change in the field of anthropology, leading other anthropologists to expand from studying exotic communities in foreign countries to studying communities in their "own backyards." Her work affected not only her fellow anthropologists, but also helped a broad audience of men and women understand the importance of storytelling to their own lives. A creative and renowned professor and anthropologist, Myerhoff won an Oscar for her film *Number Our Days*, based on her 1979 book by the same name.

One of Canada's most outstanding athletes, male or female, Bobbie Rosenfeld (1904–1969) championed women's sports both on and off the field. As a competitor in the first Olympic Games to include women in 1928, Rosenfeld led her team to a gold medal in the 400-meter relay and a silver medal in the 100 meter. Despite bouts of severe arthritis, Rosenfeld led her softball league in home runs and was voted outstanding women hockey player in Ontario in 1931. When her arthritis became too severe for her to compete, Rosenfeld began coaching track and softball and eventually became a sports columnist for the *Toronto Globe and Mail*.

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IN MEMORY OF THE LATE REPRESENTATIVE EDWARD HEALEY

**HON. PETER DEUTSCH**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 29, 2000*

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, today I honor the memory of State Representative Edward Healey, who passed away on March 15, 2000, at the age of 75. It is with a tremendous feeling of sadness that I speak in his honor: Florida has lost an outstanding leader who may never be replaced.

While Edward was born in Elmhurst, New York, he began his long-term affiliation with the State of Florida after moving to the area in 1957. Though he was not a lifelong resident, few have done more to serve the citizens of Palm Beach County: Edward was elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 1974 where he served until 1980. He also served in the House from 1982 to 1984, and was elected again in 1986. Since that time, he has subsequently been re-elected to serve the Palm Springs area in each election.

In addition to his extraordinary work in the state legislature, Representative Healey made numerous contributions to the Palm Beach County community throughout his years in Florida. Edward was active in local government through his participation in the Palm

Beach County Criminal Justice Commission, the Palm Beach County Health Care Taxing District Board, and the Palm Beach County Bar Association, where he was a member of the Legislative and Local Government Liaison Committee.

Though Edward Healey's commitments were numerous, he will always be remembered as someone who completely dedicated himself to the community through his work with local and national civic groups. He was involved with a myriad of organizations throughout his life: these organizations included the Florida Wildlife Federation, the Health Care Task Force, the National Audubon Society, the Nature Conservancy, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), the Urban League, and Common Cause. While this list is far from complete, I am positive that every organization that Representative Healey worked with will miss his leadership and dedication in the coming years. Mr. Speaker, while Edward Healey's passing is a tremendous loss for the Palm Beach County community, I can say without hesitation that his memory will live on through the work of the many organizations to which he dedicated his life. Though we will all miss his presence, I would like to thank and praise Edward for his hard work and leadership in improving the world at large.

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TRIBUTE TO ALEXANDRA LENNOX VAIL

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 29, 2000*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Alexander "Al" Lennox Vail, a longtime friend, who passed away on January 4, 2000. He was 78. Vail was a California rancher, whose family had owned and managed Santa Rosa Island and its 54,000-acre cattle operation there for nearly a century.

Vail was born November 24, 1921 in Los Angeles, California, thirty minutes after his twin brother Russ. The two brothers grew up playing on the island that their grandfather had purchased in 1902, with partner J.V. Vickers. At just 21 years old, Vail began working full-time on Santa Rosa Island as a cowboy. In 1962, he became the general manager of the ranching operation.

Vail and his twin brother continued to manage the ranching operation, off the coast of Santa Barbara, until 1998. At that time, the last cattle were removed under an agreement to protect the island's native plants. Since 1998, the Vails and the Vickers (the Vickers are silent partners) continued to run a commercial elk and deer hunting operation on the island, which Vail managed until his sudden death.

Al will forever be remembered throughout the livestock community for his ethics and stewardship of the bounteous resources of an island that was in his family for almost 100 years.

Vail is survived by his wife, Catherine "Kay" Sutherland Vail of Santa Barbara; his daughters, Nita Vail of Sacramento and Mary Vail of

Moorpark; twin brother Russell Vail and sister Margaret Vail Woolley, and their families of Pasadena.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Alexander "Al" Lennox Vail for his dedication to the well-being of the animals and the land. Vail will be remembered by his family members and those who knew him for his integrity, honesty, and hard work. I urge my colleagues to join me in extending my condolences to the Vail family.

RECOGNIZING THE NCAA DIVISION  
II NATIONAL CHAMPION METRO  
STATE ROADRUNNERS

**HON. DIANA DeGETTE**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 29, 2000*

Ms. DEGETTE. Mr. Speaker, today I honor the NCAA Division II National Basketball Champion Metro State Roadrunners from Denver, Colorado. The Roadrunners capped off a remarkable season with a stunning victory over Kentucky Wesleyan, last year's NCAA Division II champions, by a score of 97-79 on March 25, 2000. Metro State finished the season with a 33-4 record and bring home to Denver the State of Colorado's first NCAA national basketball championship trophy ever.

Metro State placed four players on the NCAA Elite Eight All-Tournament Team, including Most Valuable Player DeMarcos Anzures, John Bynum, Lee Barlow and Kane Oakley. It marked the first time four players from one team made the all-tournament team. In addition, Anzures, a senior who previously played for Denver's Skyview High School, was named a first team All-American and Coach Mike Dunlap was named National Coach-of-the-Year by the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

The Roadrunners finished a tremendous three-year run that includes a 86-15 record, three Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference championships and two North Central Regional titles. Although Metro State began this year with two straight losses, the Roadrunners rebounded by winning 33 of their next 35 games and doing so in a rather dominating fashion. In fact, Metro State led the nation in scoring margin by outscoring opponents by an average of 19.1 points a game, including their 18-point victory in the NCAA title game.

Members of the 1999-2000 Metro State Roadrunners include: Anzures, Bynum, Barlow, Dunlap, Michael Alcock, Rashawn Fulcher, Shane Ah Matt, Todd Gower, Jason Johnson, Patrick Mutombo, Clayton Smith, Chris Ford and Jody Hollins.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting these fine young men and Coach Dunlap for their outstanding achievement and stellar performance throughout this entire season. Congratulations to everybody associated with Metro State for bringing home this impressive championship—a victory of which all of the people of Denver and the State of Colorado can be very proud.

A LIFE REMEMBERED, A  
COMMUNITY CHANGED

**HON. STEVEN C. LaTOURETTE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 29, 2000*

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, today I offer my deepest sympathies to the family of Walter A. Olson of Jefferson, Ohio.

On Saturday, March 25 at about 6:30 a.m., Walter A. Olson was gunned down just 20 feet from his own front door in a random act of violence that has shocked this small, tight-knit community to its core.

Mr. Olson, a husband, father of six, and grandfather of three, was innocently going about his morning routine on Saturday—a walk to a nearby cemetery where his mother and brother were buried. It was during this peaceful walk that Walter Olson crossed paths with a troubled, 22-year-old neighbor toting a 12-gauge, pump-action shotgun. The black trenchcoat the young man wore was bursting with ammunition and concealed a second gun. The gunman, apparently hellbent on killing anyone in his path, spotted Walter Olson and shot him dead. He then continued walking down Center Street, reloading his shotgun as if nothing had happened.

This tragic, senseless act could have led to much greater carnage had it not been for the Jefferson Police and Ashtabula County Sheriff's Department, which were quick to respond to neighbors' 9-1-1 calls. A gun battle ensued, and the gunman apparently refused to lay down his arms even after he'd been felled by officers' shots. A police dog, Cero—credited with saving the lives of other officers—dies in the line of duty after being shot by the gunman. Police struggle to find a motive for this unprovoked rage.

Mr. Speaker, all too often we hear stories of disturbed, armed people walking into schools, daycare centers, restaurants and other public settings and opening fire indiscriminately on innocent people who have the misfortune of being in the wrong place at the wrong time. We watch the wrenching reports on the evening news with horror, and our hearts and prayers go out to the families. We hug our own children a little harder, and reassure ourselves that horrors like this will never befall our own community. All that changed on Saturday in the small town of Jefferson, Ohio.

Mr. Speaker, Jefferson, Ohio, is reeling in grief from the death of Walter Olson and the death of innocence of their community. The family and friends of Walter Olson have always known of his kindness, and strangers who never met him have been moved by the exemplary, humble life this religious, family man led.

Walter Olson was an Ashtabula County native, a former auxiliary police officer in Jefferson, and a member of the Jefferson Exchange Club and the Jefferson Chamber of Commerce. He'd worked for many years as a petroleum manager for Country Mark, Inc., and was working as a U.S. Census recruiter and field surveyor for Research Triangle Institute in Winston-Salem, NC, at the time of his death. He was a member of St. Joseph Calasanctius Church in Jefferson, where a memorial service was held this morning. He leaves behind his wife, Mary, the manager of the local Hardee's; his children Cindy, Isaac, Randy, Angel,

Robin, and Timothy; and his grandchildren Alyssa, Lillian and Warren. Walter Olson was just 51 years old.

Remarkably, Mary Olson holds no animosity toward the neighbor who shot and killed her husband, saying she "hates that there's a child out there who needed help; that he was so sad that he felt he had to do something like this." Her words speak volumes about the power of forgiveness and the goodness of the human heart.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 19th District of Ohio, I extend prayers and condolences to the Olson family and the community of Jefferson. I have requested that a United States flag be flown over the Capitol in Walter Olson's memory.

Walter Olson's time on Earth was not nearly long enough, but we can all take comfort knowing that he lived his life fully, that he loved and was dearly loved, and that he showered others with kindness. I urge the wonderful people of Jefferson to continue to reach out to each other in this time of grief and sorrow, and to realize that it will take time for this family and this community to heal. May God bless the family of Walter Olson, the community of Jefferson, Ohio, and the United States of America.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE MRS. RITA  
M. LEONE

**HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 29, 2000*

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to a classmate and good friend of mine at Cardinal Mooney High School, Mrs. Rita M. Leone. Her untimely death after a battle with leukemia deeply saddens me.

Rita was born on May 22, 1943 in Youngstown, Ohio to Michael and Maryann Sebest Check. She graduated from Cardinal Mooney and had been office manager and bookkeeper for the Stillson Donahay Agency for 20 years.

Rita was an active member of the Holy Family Church in Youngstown. She participated in the Altar Guild and was an integral member of Renewal Team Number 8. In addition, she served the church as a Eucharistic minister. She was also active in the Ladies Slovak Union Jednota and the Joliettes bowling team.

I want to send my sincerest condolences to her husband of 38 years, Victor Leone of Youngstown, and their lovely daughter Lisa Leone of Lakewood, Ohio. Rita was a beautiful person and I feel blessed to have been able to call her my friend.

HONORING REVEREND KARL  
VARTAN AVAKIAN

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 29, 2000*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Karl Vartan Avakian on his 20th Anniversary of Ordination and his 35th year of pastoral ministry. Reverend Avakian serves as the Minister to the Union of

the Armenian Evangelical Union on North America (AEUNA), a Fresno-based ecclesiastical union of 24 Armenian Protestant churches and mission projects in the United States and Canada.

The Minister to the Union "is the Pastor, the Spiritual Leader and the Chief Executive Officer of the AEUNA. He initiates new policies and programs, inspires and guides committees, implements policies and decisions of the General Assembly, the Board of Directors, or the Executive Committee".

Reverend Avakian was born in Alexandria, Egypt. He immigrated to Fresno, as a young man, and worked his way through undergraduate school and seminary. In 1979 Avakian was ordained a Minister of the Word and Sacramento and installed as Senior Pastor of the Armenian Presbyterian Church of Paramus, New Jersey. From 1988 to 1990, Avakian served as Moderator, or chief presiding officer, of the AEUNA.

On July 1, 1990, he was installed as Minister to the Union at the organization's Tenth Biennial General Assembly in Waltham, Massachusetts. He has served as Pastor, Spiritual Leader, and Chief Executive Officer of the California-based hemispheric ministry for almost a decade. His duties have included liaison assignments with the Armenian Missionary Association of America, Armenian Evangelical World Council, and Armenian Theological Students' Aid, Inc.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the Reverend Karl Vartan Avakian for his commitment to the Church and to the community during the last 35 years. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Reverend Avakian many more years of continued success.

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ANNIVERSARY OF THE KODAK  
BROWNIE

**HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 29, 2000*

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the centennial anniversary of

the Kodak Brownie box camera. It was 100 years ago in my district in Rochester, New York, that George Eastman's visionary leadership first introduced consumers to photography. The price tag was one dollar, and film sold for 15 cents per roll. For the first time, taking pictures was within the reach of almost every American family.

Cameras in the 1870s were as big as breadboxes. The tools of the professional photographer's trade, including a bulky, unreliable camera, a tripod, and various liquid chemicals, were more than a single man could carry—"a pack-horse load" as Eastman described it. He resolved to downsize, simplify, and reduce the cost of the "burden" of taking pictures.

Look how far we have come in 100 short years. Today, photography and Kodak have moved into the Digital Age; cameras so small you can attach them to hand-held computers grab images and send them over the Internet for all to see; digital feature films bring new meaning to the movie experience; health care innovation promises to improve patient care through enhanced quality of care, especially for those in rural areas or homebound; Kodak technology made possible the spectacular images from the Mars Rover and dazzling images from space. From the 1896 development of the first Kodak product to capture x-ray images, to laser imaging and telehealth services that link patients and doctors regardless of time or distance, Kodak has led the way in innovation.

For over one hundred years, Kodak has been a leader in the Rochester community helping to make it the vibrant and nurturing community it is today. Kodak brings its products, culture and values to communities and workers in other countries. The Kodak name is synonymous with top quality products. As it expands its markets around the world, everyone snapping photos at family reunions, weddings, birthdays, vacations, and anywhere else should pause to thank George Eastman, the man who made all of their "Kodak moments" possible 100 years ago with his great invention, the Brownie.

TRIBUTE TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OF HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS

**HON. RON PAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 29, 2000*

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to the law enforcement officers of Hays County, Texas. April 8th is the date of the second annual Hays County Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (LEAD) sponsored by SAC-N-PAC Stores Inc. LEAD 2000 committees have been meeting since last October to make this year's event even more successful than the last, which raised \$7,500 for participating law enforcement departments.

As Event Coordinator Cheryl Warren Norton said, "With the growing rate of violence, especially among our youth, it is our responsibility and the general public's responsibility to assist our law enforcement officers in areas in which they are in need." The money raised through LEAD 2000 will go toward crime prevention programs aimed at fighting crime and violence on the local level. Local law enforcement is the backbone of public safety and protection across America, and I am proud to represent an area that recognizes its law enforcement personnel for the heroes that they are.

Some of the LEAD 2000 exhibits are SWAT, Mounted Patrol, the Dive Team, and possibly a Black Hawk Helicopter or Star Flight. The event will be held at the Hays County Civic Center and begins at 10:00 a.m. with an award presentation of bicycles for youth calendar contest winners, followed by an auction and fish fry.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in saluting our officers in blue across the nation, and I commend the LEAD 2000 organization as a model for other communities. This is an excellent way to show sincere appreciation for those who put their lives on the line for the safety of our communities.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, March 30, 2000 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 31

9:30 a.m.  
Energy and Natural Resources  
Energy Research, Development, Production and Regulation Subcommittee  
To hold oversight hearings to examine the Department of Energy's findings at the Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Paducah, Kentucky, and plans for cleanup at the site.  
SD-366

APRIL 3

1 p.m.  
Aging  
To hold hearings to examine the rising demand for older workers.  
SH-216

APRIL 4

9:30 a.m.  
Appropriations  
Interior Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Office of the Special Trustee, Department of the Interior.  
SD-138

10 a.m.  
Appropriations  
Transportation Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine the implementation of the Driver's Privacy Protection Act, focusing on the positive notification requirement.  
SD-192

1 p.m.  
Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe  
To hold hearings on the deteriorating freedom of media and speech in Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.  
334 Cannon Building

2:30 p.m.  
Armed Services  
Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focus-

ing on joint requirements, capabilities, and experimentation.  
SR-222

APRIL 5

9:30 a.m.  
Appropriations  
Interior Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of the Interior.  
SD-124

Indian Affairs  
To hold hearings on S. 612, to provide for periodic Indian needs assessments, to require Federal Indian program evaluations.  
SR-485

Judiciary  
Administrative Oversight and the Courts Subcommittee  
To resume oversight hearings on the handling of the investigation of Peter Lee.  
SD-226

10 a.m.  
Appropriations  
Defense Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Army programs.  
SD-192

APRIL 6

9:30 a.m.  
Appropriations  
VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Veterans Affairs.  
SD-138

APRIL 8

10 a.m.  
Appropriations  
Defense Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, focusing on medical programs.  
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APRIL 11

9:30 a.m.  
Appropriations  
Interior Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Energy.  
SD-138

10 a.m.  
Energy and Natural Resources  
To hold hearings on S. 282, to provide that no electric utility shall be required to enter into a new contract or obligation to purchase or to sell electricity or capacity under section 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978; S. 516, to benefit consumers by promoting competition in the electric power industry; S. 1047, to provide for a more competitive electric power industry; S. 1284, to amend the Federal Power Act to ensure that no State may establish, maintain, or enforce on behalf of any electric utility an exclusive right to sell electric energy or otherwise unduly discriminate against any consumer who seeks to purchase electric energy in interstate commerce from any supplier; S. 1273, to amend the Federal Power Act, to facilitate the transition to more competitive and efficient electric power markets; S. 1369, to enhance the benefits of the na-

tional electric system by encouraging and supporting State programs for renewable energy sources, universal electric service, affordable electric service, and energy conservation and efficiency; S. 2071, to benefit electricity consumers by promoting the reliability of the bulk-power system; and S. 2098, to facilitate the transition to more competitive and efficient electric power markets, and to ensure electric reliability.  
SH-216

APRIL 12

9:30 a.m.  
Appropriations  
VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Corporation for National and Community Service, Community Development Financial Institutions, and Chemical Safety Board.  
SD-138

Indian Affairs  
To hold oversight hearings on the report of the Academy for Public Administration on Bureau of Indian Affairs management reform.  
SR-485

10 a.m.  
Appropriations  
Defense Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, focusing on missile defense programs.  
SD-192

APRIL 13

9:30 a.m.  
Appropriations  
VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.  
SD-138

Energy and Natural Resources  
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markets, and to ensure electric reliability.

SH-216

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources  
Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee

To hold hearings on S. 2034, to establish the Canyons of the Ancients National Conservation Area.

SD-366

APRIL 26

10 a.m.

Appropriations  
Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense.

SD-192

SEPTEMBER 26

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the Legislative recommendation of the American Legion.

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CANCELLATIONS

APRIL 6

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources  
National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation Subcommittee

To hold oversight hearings on the incinerator component at the proposed Advanced Waste Treatment Facility at

the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory and its potential impact on the adjacent Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks.

SD-366

POSTPONEMENTS

APRIL 19

9:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by hearings on S. 611, to provide for administrative procedures to extend Federal recognition to certain Indian groups.

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