

fateful decisions: the most important is whether or not to run again. If he chooses to stay in office for another term, he risks sparking demonstrations. Though Kyrgyzstan is not Georgia, something akin to a Rose Revolution should not be excluded as a possible scenario. If Akaev opts to step down, however, we should not expect that he, his family and entourage would permit free and fair elections. More likely, he will try to select a successor—as Boris Yeltsin did with Vladimir Putin in Russia—and act to ensure his victory. But that course, too, could lead to protests.

Any decision Akaev makes—with intrusive, anxious neighbors looking over his shoulder—is risky and might have resonance beyond Kyrgyzstan's borders. For that reason, the elections in Kyrgyzstan next year are of great interest not only to the voters of that country but to capitals near and far. Mr. Speaker, I hope to be able to report to this chamber next year that democratization has made strides in Central Asia.

HONORING THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RUTH HYMAN JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF GREATER MONMOUTH COUNTY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding achievements of the Ruth Hyman Jewish Community Center of Greater Monmouth County, located in my Congressional district in Deal, New Jersey. I would like to congratulate the center and its supporters on 65 years of exemplary service to the Jewish community of Monmouth County.

Since its founding in 1939 in Long Branch, my hometown, the Jewish Community Center of Greater Monmouth County has served as a crucial hub for the surrounding Jewish community. In 1960, the Center purchased a plot of land in Deal and over the next 11 years, the Center and its leadership worked to raise funds and construct a new facility.

The Ruth Hyman Center is commemorating its 65th anniversary at a celebration this weekend. The Center is taking this opportunity to recognize the great contributions of their leaders, past and present, for their dedication to strengthening the community and expanding the Center. I would like to specifically acknowledge the contributions of Dr. Larry Karasic, Judge Ira Kreizman, Leon Katz, Patti Blume, Dr. Fred Ezon, Donald Epstein, and past Chairman of the Board Emanuel Mullen that are being honored at this weekend's event.

This weekend, the Center will also dedicate the Stanley Benn Swimming Pool and the Lillian and Ken Cayre Youth Center. I commend the Center and all the capital campaign donors on these important additions.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the vast achievements and continued service of the Center. Once again, I congratulate the Ruth Hyman Jewish Community Center of Greater Monmouth County on its 65th anniversary and I wish them the best of luck in all your future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF BOB CRUZ

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bob Cruz, whose lifelong dedication to San Benito County consists of many volunteer and local government positions. Bob will be stepping down as the San Benito Supervisor for District 5, where he has served for 8 years.

Born and raised in San Benito County, Bob has been a strong advocate for affordable housing in the community and has been instrumental in the construction of 58 affordable homes in our community. In addition to serving on the County Board of Supervisors, which he chaired for two years, he has also served as Director and Chair of the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District Board. Furthermore, he was the first Supervisor in San Benito to sit on the Children's and Families First Commission, and he immediately took an active interest in establishing this commission and working towards ensuring that early childhood development programs and services are continuously available for children until they begin kindergarten.

In addition, Bob has served on the Mental Health Advisory board, the Building/Expansion Committee, the Treasury Oversight Committee and nearly a dozen other local government commissions. Working beyond his posts in the local government, Bob also oversaw the creation of YMCA programs throughout the County.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate Bob on his long and honorable career and thank him for his contribution to our society. Bob has consistently gone above and beyond the roles bestowed upon him, and has left a legacy of community leadership. I wish him all the luck in his future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING THE HONORABLE H.L. "SONNY" CALLAHAN ON RECEIPT OF THE MOBILE BAY AREA VETERANS DAY COMMISSION'S PATRIOT OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise to pay tribute to former Congressman Sonny Callahan on the occasion of his being honored by the Mobile Bay Area Veterans Day Commission with its Patriot of the Year Award.

Congressman Callahan is certainly no stranger to many in this chamber. For 18 years, he served as the representative of Alabama's First Congressional District, during which time he established a level of public service second to none. During his nine terms in the House of Representatives, he worked tirelessly on behalf of the residents of south Alabama, ensuring that their needs and concerns were heard and that their individual problems received the attention they deserved. He displayed a tireless dedication to all citizens of the First District who, in turn,

demonstrated their confidence in his abilities by returning him to Washington, D.C., time and again for almost twenty years.

At the national level, Congressman Callahan was one of the most effective and well-liked members to ever serve in the House. A strong believer in responsive and responsible government, he was very conscious of the necessity to work with members from both sides of the aisle and was a master at forging alliances with colleagues regardless of party affiliation. From 1994 to 2000, he served as the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee's Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs. For the following two years, he served as Chairman of the Appropriations Committee's Energy and Water Subcommittee. In both positions, he brought both a deliberative approach and a desire for consensus-building to his committees. His strong leadership skills and his desire to work in unison with his colleagues engendered a great level of devotion and praise among the men and women with whom he served.

More than anything else, however, the Patriot of the Year Award is a tribute to Congressman Callahan's efforts on behalf of the veterans in his district. Having served in the United States Navy during the Korean War, he has for many years been keenly aware of the many challenges facing men and women who have served and continue to serve in the armed forces of the United States. Many thousands of Alabamians who devoted large parts of their lives in service to their country could always count on Sonny to provide a voice for them in agencies where they would otherwise have not been heard, and support for them when they had nowhere else to turn.

Mr. Speaker, I can think of no higher honor that could be bestowed on a man whom I not only consider to be tremendous congressman and mentor, but a close personal friend. Along with his family—his wife, Karen, his sons, Scott, Chris, and Patrick, and his daughters, Shawn and Kelly—and his many friends and former colleagues, I wish to extend to Congressman Sonny Callahan my warmest congratulations on receiving the Mobile Bay Area Veterans Day Commission's Patriot of the Year Award.

SAVING THE ANAHEIM ANGELS

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the city of Anaheim and its quest to save the Anaheim Angels.

While I completely understand the team's desire to garner more TV attention and more marketing dollars, there must be another way besides changing the name to the Los Angeles Angels.

What's in a name? Well, how about a 2002 World Series Championship. The Anaheim Angels won the team its first national title.

Secondly, and more importantly, it's part of the deal. In 1997, the Angels and the city of Anaheim made an agreement, and naming the team the Anaheim Angels was part of that agreement. To change the name would not

only be a breach of faith with the people of Anaheim and all Angels fans, it would be a breach of contract.

The Anaheim Council is against the name change. The Los Angeles Council is against the name change. The people have spoken. Don't change the name of a champion. Save the Anaheim Angels.

HONORING TERESE McDONALD'S
SERVICE TO HOUSE SCIENCE
COMMITTEE

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to let my colleagues know that Terese McDonald, the longest serving Democratic staff member in the history of the Committee on Science, has announced her retirement at the end of this Congress.

Terese came to the committee in the 94th Congress when Olin "Tiger" Teague was the committee's chairman, and for almost 30 years, she has carried out her duties during the tenure of seven different chairmen and eight different ranking minority members. For most of this period, Terese has served on the full committee Democratic staff and has worked on administrative, investigative and legislative matters. For instance, when the committee decided to do a sweeping, year-long review of U.S. science policy in the 1980s, Terese was selected to serve on that staff.

In recent years, Terese has reported directly to the committee's Democratic Chief of Staff and, among her many duties, has maintained the committee's records. Quick to blush, Terese is famous for her even temperament, her sense of humor and her willingness to help out all who need her services. These fine qualities continued to shine through Terese's demeanor even during an incredibly trying period last year when the home she shares with her husband, Paul, was washed away by Hurricane Isabel.

Terese is an important part of the committee's corporate memory. Her experience, knowledge and warm smile will be impossible to replace. The Science Committee's Members and staff wish Terese and her family well as she moves on to new endeavors. Thank you, Terese, for your many years of dedicated service. We will miss your service.

HONORING THE TURTLE CREEK
CHORALE

HON. MARTIN FROST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker I rise to recognize the 25th anniversary season of the Turtle Creek Chorale, of Dallas, TX. Since its inception in February 1980, TCC has entertained, educated, united, and uplifted their audiences through music that is distinguished for its innovation, diversity and artistic excellence.

Under the direction of Dr. Timothy Seelig, this all male 225 member chorus continues to

perform an annual subscription series in Dallas at the Meyerson Symphony Hall. Additionally by their constant commitment to musical excellence they have had the distinguished opportunity to perform in numerous venues including New York City's Carnegie Hall, Canada, and throughout Europe.

The Turtle Creek Chorale has continually supported a diverse cross section of the Dallas community through its outreach programs which include benefit performances, complimentary concert tickets and choral education programs for persons living with and affected by HIV/AIDS, gay/lesbian youth, senior citizens, and school and church choral programs. The Chorale is also responsible for the groundbreaking breast cancer awareness program, "Sing for the Cure."

Their continual support from the Dallas business, artistic and spiritual communities, along with private contributions have allowed them to touch and change many lives in a nurturing and affirming environment through the universal and unifying power of music.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the valuable contribution that the Turtle Creek Chorale has made over the past 25 years and will continue to make for many years to come.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISH-
MENTS OF DR. MARION
BERGMAN

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. ISRAEL. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Marion Bergman, a pulmonologist and an attending physician at Brookhaven Memorial Hospital, and recipient of the hospital's 2004 Dr. Jacob Dranitzke Award.

Dr. Bergman was born in South Africa while the oppressive doctrine of apartheid was still in place. During her childhood she witnessed countless acts of racism and discrimination, acts that had a profound impact on her. While still young, Dr. Bergman began what would become a lifelong commitment to service when she began working in the severely poor area of South Africa called Soweto. The training she received there has affected her life's work in numerous ways—including a passion for an equitable health care system.

Dr. Bergman is now a highly esteemed pulmonologist and attending physician at Brookhaven Memorial Hospital where she has served with great distinction for over two decades. During her tenure, Dr. Bergman has served as Medical Director of Respiratory Care Services and, for a period, as president of the hospital. Dr. Bergman provides essential mentoring services to medical students, who she invariably instills with her dedication to excellence and giving. While carrying out this challenging career, Dr. Bergman has simultaneously worked towards a master's degree in public health from the Wagner School at New York University, raised two wonderful sons and contributed extensively to her community.

Specifically, Dr. Bergman serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Medical Education for the South African Blacks charity therefore maintaining a strong link to her past. This nonprofit group is a fundraising organiza-

tion that provides South Africans with a chance at higher-level education. Furthermore, Dr. Bergman is an active member of the International Women's Health coalition and recently traveled to Nigeria as part of this coalition. Finally, Dr. Bergman serves on the Executive Committee of the Long Island Chapter of the American Jewish Committee.

Dr. Bergman is being awarded the prestigious Dr. Jacob Dranitzke Award. Dr. Dranitzke was a child immigrant from Russia who went on to become a committed doctor on Long Island and served the Patchogue community with great distinction. Dr. Dranitzke was a founding member of the Brookhaven Memorial Hospital and served as the hospital's first chief of surgery.

Dr. Bergman has followed in the footsteps of Dr. Dranitzke with her unparalleled level of service to peers, to Brookhaven Memorial Hospital, and to her community. I wholeheartedly congratulate her on her remarkable achievements among which she can now include the presentation of this award, an award that could not be given to a more deserving person. Dr. Bergman is a leader in our community and in every community she enters.

IN RECOGNITION OF LEROY
HERBERT

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call the attention of my colleagues to LeRoy Herbert, a distinguished gentleman from my district, who is being honored by the Monmouth Medical Center Foundation, as they celebrate their Thirty-Third Annual Crystal Ball.

LeRoy traces his roots to Long Branch where he was born, raised and educated. He graduated from the University of Maryland in 1950 and joined the accounting firm Ernst & Ernst in New York City. He was admitted into the partnership in 1963 and subsequently transferred to Europe. In Europe, Herbert lived in London and Paris where his interest and enthusiasm for hospitals and philanthropy was sparked when he became involved with the American Hospital of Paris after learning that Americans were admitted to the facility regardless of their economic status.

LeRoy's ties to the Monmouth Medical Center began in the early 1970s, when his mother, Edna, was a patient of surgeon Charles Zukaukas, M.D., and internist John Stockfish, M.D. Herbert made his first charitable gift to the Medical Center in honor of the two physicians to express his gratitude for the excellent care she received. Soon after, LeRoy made an additional gift to name the hospital's Surgical Intensive Care Unit in honor of his mother.

Mr. Speaker, it is my sincere hope that my colleagues will join me in honoring and recognizing, LeRoy Herbert, as the Monmouth Medical Center Foundation honors him for his dedication and commitment to the Medical Center.