

Mr. Speaker, I encourage all Members to join me in celebrating their accomplishments by National Women's Rights History Project Act today.

HONORING THE INTERNATIONAL  
CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

**HON. TOM DAVIS**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 14, 2005*

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 35th year of the International Children's Festival, held in Fairfax County, Virginia.

The International Children's Festival is produced by the Arts Council of Fairfax County in cooperation with the Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts and the National Park Service. Since 1971, the Festival has allowed children from all over the world to come together and share cultural traditions through the international language of the arts. The inaugural event attracted 7,000 spectators, volunteers and performers. In two years the event became the International Children's Festival, which was extended to a two day event and nearly doubled its audience.

Many celebrities have served to make the event a success, and to bring attention to a worthy cause. Past participants include First Lady Nancy Reagan and Bob McGrath, also known as "Bob of Sesame Street". Some previous highlights have included the twentieth annual International Children's Festival themed, "The Americas, a Rainbow of Colors". This festival featured performers from North, South, and Central America. In the following years, performers from Europe, Jordan, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Siberia, Taiwan, and the Republic of Uzbekistan attended the festival giving the children an even wider appreciation of the arts from around the globe. Since 1971, groups from over 35 countries have participated in the festival. This year's event features international youth performers from Georgia, India, Mexico, and Nigeria. While many have traveled far to contribute, it has also remained close to its roots showcasing a variety of cultural arts performed by student groups from throughout the Washington metropolitan area.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to commend and congratulate the International Children's Festival on its 35th year. The Festival has enriched many lives, truly meriting recognition. I call upon my colleagues to join me in applauding the International Children's Festival's past accomplishments and in wishing it continued success in the many years to come.

COMMENDING JUDY AND ALAN  
ROOTH

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 14, 2005*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to commend two of Northwest Indiana's distinguished citizens, Judy and Alan

Rooth. On Sunday, September 25, 2005, Judy and Alan will be honored for their exemplary and dedicated service to our community and to the State of Israel. Their praiseworthy efforts will be recognized at the Northwest Indiana-Israel Dinner of State, as they receive the Jerusalem Medal. The Special Guest speaker is Dr. Mitchell Bard, executive director of the American-Israeli Cooperative Enterprise.

Judy Rooth is completing her fourth year as president of the Jewish Federation. She previously served as the Federation's Women's Division Campaign co-chair for 3 years, and she also chaired the Jewish Community Services of the Federation. Judy is a lifetime member of Hadassah and has served as board secretary for Congregation Beth Israel. She also served on the boards of Kneseth Israel and CBI. Judy is also active in the Kneseth Israel Sisterhood.

Alan Rooth has served on various committees and also as an officer of several organizations. He was vice president of the Jewish Federation and also served as vice president and co-president of Kneseth Israel. Alan served as the chairman of the Annual Walks for Israel. He has also served on the Kneseth Israel Board and Congregation Beth Israel for a total of 20 years. Alan is the School Board chairman of both Kneseth Israel and Congregation Beth Israel.

The Jerusalem Medal is given each year to worthy recipients who demonstrate their dedication and service to Israel, the State of Israel Bonds, and the Jewish community, and their own community at large. The Rooths are most certainly worthy recipients of this year's award. The Jewish Federation Community Building will be filled Sunday night with friends and family who have been blessed with the opportunity to know and work with Judy and Alan Rooth and who wish to celebrate with them as they receive the Jerusalem Medal.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Judy and Alan Rooth for receiving the 2005 Jerusalem Medal. Their dedicated service to both the State of Israel and our Northwest Indiana community is commendable and admirable. No government, leader, or military can safeguard the twin blessings of freedom and opportunity without the labors of dedicated, conscientious citizens. Their service and devotion to Indiana's First Congressional District deserves the highest commendation, and I am proud to represent them in Congress.

HONORING HERSHA ARNOLD

**HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 14, 2005*

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of a friend and fellow West Virginian, Hersha Arnold, who recently was given the prestigious Jerry Maldavir Award by the American Cancer Society.

Hersha has been a tireless advocate for public awareness about the risks of cancer, prevention, serving cancer survivors, and many other activities. She has been a leader

in her local community, the State of West Virginia and the South Atlantic region for the American Cancer Society.

In addition to her efforts for the American Cancer Society, Hersha has been a diligent volunteer for several causes including running a camp for children with cancer and serving as a strong leader for other State initiatives.

Hersha is a wonderful leader in her community and an invaluable asset to the efforts of improving cancer awareness in the State of West Virginia. We need more people like Hersha to attain the goal of eradicating cancer by 2015. It is with great pride that I am able to recognize my friend and fellow West Virginian for her significant contributions.

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING  
100TH BOMB GROUP OF THE 8TH  
AIR CORPS

**HON. PHIL ENGLISH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 14, 2005*

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the 100th Bomb Group of the 8th Air Corps. Having a history filled with grand achievements, it is with great pride that I commend these brave soldiers for their service and sacrifice during America's greatest war in history, World War II.

Flying its first mission in June 1943, the 100th Bomb Group concentrated its military efforts against airfields, submarine facilities, and aircraft industries in both France and Germany. During this time, the coalition was active in many valiant air raids including the bombing of Rjukan, Norway, which delayed the completion of heavy water for the German atomic bomb. Throughout eight noble missions to Germany, the troop experienced their heaviest losses, earning them the nickname, "The Bloody Hundredth." The 100th Bomb Group of the 8th Air Corps, however, did not lose hope. The group went on to fight in many renowned battles of World War II, including the Battle of the Bulge and the allied invasion of Normandy, which came to be known as D-day. Overall, this courageous troop flew 306 missions, lost 229 planes and sacrificed 785 men which were either killed or deemed Missing in Action, MIA. On April 20, 1945, the group flew its last combat mission to Oranienburg, Berlin, with no losses.

The freedom of the United States of America has depended upon the courage of men and women like the 100th Bomb Group, 8th Air Corps, for over 200 years. As members of the greatest military in the world, their time and efforts did not go unnoticed. The 100th Bomb Group received two Presidential Unit Citations for their efforts in Regensburg and Berlin, Germany, as well as the French Croix de Guerre with Palm for their distinguished service in France during World War II.

On October 1, the 100th Bomb Group of the 8th Air Corps will meet in Pittsburgh, PA, to celebrate its 60th anniversary and renew relationships of its members.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in celebrating the 100th Bomb Group of the 8th Air Corps on its 60th anniversary of the year of their final combat mission.