

successfully persuaded the State Department to recognize Iranian Jews as political refugees, which allowed them to enter the United States. Many of the refugees became students of Rabbi Neuberger, who waived tuition for them. The school estimates that over the years roughly 1,000 people were brought to the United States due to the Rabbi's efforts.

Throughout his life Rabbi Neuberger also labored mightily to build bridges between different religious communities in Baltimore, understanding the critical importance of strengthening the inter-faith dialogue in this country to confront common problems.

Through his work over a half century, the campus expanded to include 90 acres and 800 students. Today Ner Israel teaches Talmudic Law and offers students numerous degrees, including a baccalaureate, master's, doctorate, Rabbinical Ordination and a teacher's diploma. Ner Israel is recognized as an accredited college by the state of Maryland, and its students may take courses at other colleges and universities in the Baltimore region and receive academic credits for their religious studies.

Rabbi Neuberger's family also contributed to his legacy at Ner Israel, as he is survived by five sons, three of which teach at the school.

Rabbi Neuberger had a tremendous impact on the spiritual, intellectual, and communal lives of thousands of Jews throughout the world. Rabbi Neuberger exemplified what it was to be a rabbi: someone with the wisdom to be a learned teacher and leader. His advice was sought out by community leaders of all faiths, and his wise counsel will be sorely missed.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF INTEL RIO RANCHO

**HON. TOM UDALL**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2005*

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 25th anniversary of the Intel Corporation facility in Rio Rancho, in my home state of New Mexico. Intel Corporation came to New Mexico in 1980 with just 25 employees and a tremendous vision for the future; today Intel is the largest employer in Rio Rancho, an area now known as the Silicon Mesa. Intel Corporation is a vital part of the local economy and a major contributor to civic and educational programs in Rio Rancho and the surrounding area.

Intel has been instrumental in the growth and economic development of Rio Rancho throughout the years; as plant operations expanded so did the number of employees and support services utilized by this technology giant. Intel expansion has resulted in numerous improvements in Rio Rancho; in 1997, the corporation donated \$30 million dollars for the construction of a much-needed high school.

Intel currently employs over seven thousand workers and subcontractors in New Mexico who benefit from wages that are well above the state average. Area businesses also flourish as Intel continually bolsters the local economy by purchasing goods and services in Rio Rancho. The city of Rio Rancho has grown, and continues to grow, around the presence of Intel Corporation.

Intel's involvement in Rio Rancho extends far beyond economic consideration, and commitment to community is evident by the corporation's participation in numerous philanthropic programs. Intel employees regularly volunteer time on many local art, education and cultural projects which are then matched by corporate funding. Intel also awards monetary grants to local organizations seeking to better the community and the state of New Mexico.

The Intel Corporation plays a key role in technology education in New Mexico. Intel partners with higher learning institutions in the state to create programs and curriculum that prepare students for employment at the Rio Rancho facility. Additionally, Intel provides access to technology in the Computer Clubhouse program and donates funding and equipment to local schools.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Intel Corporation on 25 successful years of business in Rio Rancho. Intel's presence in Rio Rancho has resulted in abundant resources for both employees and the surrounding community. Intel is an integral component in the growth of Rio Rancho and a stabilizing factor in the local economy. I thank the Intel Corporation for their consistent participation and lasting contributions to Rio Rancho and the state of New Mexico.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. PHIL GINGREY**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2005*

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, due to the passing of my good friend, Sam Smith of Cartersville, Georgia, I request a leave of absence from votes this evening so I may attend his wake.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF LILIA PEREZ

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2005*

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lilia Perez for her contributions to the Laredo, Texas community that recently resulted in the opening of a community center bearing her name.

Lilia Perez is a native Laredoan who grew up, attended school, and has worked her entire life in Laredo. A few short years after studying Business Administration at Laredo Junior College, Lilia was elected to the Webb County Community Action Agency Board, where she represented the poor of Laredo for over thirty years.

In 1982, Lilia Perez was elected a Commissioner of Webb County, making her the first female Commissioner in the county's history. Lilia has also served on the South Texas Region Community Development Block Grant Review Committee and the City of Laredo Planning and Zoning Commission.

Continuing her devotion to her community, Lilia was appointed to the South Texas Retired Senior Volunteer Board. Lilia's service to

seniors and the poor led the City of Laredo to name their newly-built Community Center in her honor.

The Lilia Perez Community Center was financed through the Community Development Block Grant Program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Community Center opened on September 30th, and provides meeting and storage facilities for seniors in the Laredo community.

I am honored to come before you today to recognize the contributions of Lilia Perez to Webb County, and I wish the Community Center the best as it serves our elderly citizens in Laredo.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF NJ STATE ASSEMBLYMAN AND NEWARK CITY COUNCILMAN DONALD K. TUCKER

**HON. DONALD M. PAYNE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2005*

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of a former colleague and a friend, Assemblyman/Councilman Donald Kofi Tucker. I have known Assemblyman/Councilman Tucker for most of my adult life, serving with him on the Newark Municipal Council for many years.

Donald served in the United States Air Force and following his honorable discharge, he became an activist in the Community. He was a man who looked after the needs of all the people. He was elected to the Newark Municipal Council in 1970 and began working as an elected official on behalf of the citizens of Newark. He worked diligently for decades as chairman of the Tax Abatement Committee of the Newark Municipal Council and he served as president of the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (NBCLEO) for many years. He was also appointed and served as chair of the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission. As one of the founders and chairman of the New Jersey Black Issues Convention (BIC), he had a mind to educate African Americans on the issues concerning the struggle for peace, equality and justice. He was elected to the New Jersey State General Assembly as an Assemblyman in the 28th Legislative District in 1997 and was named in 2001 and served as Speaker Protempore until his passing. Donald also supported the National Black Caucus of State Legislators (NBCSL). We must remember all the countless children and elderly he served as founder and president of "The Centre, Inc.," a community services multipurpose center serving children, youth and seniors on Elizabeth Avenue in Newark.

Assemblyman/Councilman Tucker had views he firmly believed in and supported those views very passionately. But at the same time, he was a gentle man who gave of himself wholeheartedly. Even while he was ill, he still put the needs of his constituents before that of his own health.

After lying in State in the Rotunda of Newark City Hall, a home-going service will take place on Tuesday, October 25, 2005 in Newark, New Jersey where his family, friends and colleagues will remember his legacy. I am certain that this legacy will live on in the people of Newark, throughout the State of New Jersey and across the Nation. He will be sorely missed.