

For nearly three decades, Mr. Kurowyckj helped manage his family-owned business, Kurowyckj Meats, Inc., in Manhattan's East Village neighborhood, a commercial and cultural hub for New Yorkers of Ukrainian and Polish descent during the post-World War II era. Founded in 1955 by Mr. Kurowyckj's father, the shop became an integral part of the neighborhood, and a mecca for gourmands throughout the tri-state area. Kurowyckj Meats was acclaimed throughout New York not only for its delicious, fresh pork products such as bologna, frankfurters, rolled bacon, sweet sausages, spicy salami, trays of smoked hams, and homemade kovbasa, but also for its personal customer service. It was praised by the New York Times as an "East Village haven" and written up glowingly in respected periodicals such as *Gourmet* and *Food and Wine* magazines. The shop was one of the last in the city to operate an original smokehouse, which lent a unique flavor to the store's delicacies. Sadly, the store closed in 2007, a victim of changing times and tastes.

Remembered for his continuous generosity, Mr. Kurowyckj made immeasurable contributions to the civic life of his community. For much of his life, Mr. Kurowyckj was a dedicated and energetic member of New York's Community Board 3, applying his strong leadership abilities and lifelong devotion to Lower Manhattan to maintaining and improving the quality of life in the neighborhood he loved.

Among his many volunteer efforts, Mr. Kurowyckj dedicated his time and attention to several local institutions in the community, including the St. George Ukrainian Church. His enterprising initiative and dogged perseverance were instrumental in enabling the church to move into its current location on East 7th Street, and its site remains a testament to his efforts.

As a distinguished leader of his community, Mr. Kurowyckj not only reached out to local residents, but to recent immigrants as well. Upon their arrival in the neighborhood, Mr. Kurowyckj provided assistance and knowledge to help them establish themselves in New York. His compassion and individual attention exerted a strong positive impact on the lives of countless individuals.

Mr. Kurowyckj's proud devotion to his Ukrainian heritage is carried on today by his wife, Iryna Kurowyckj, President of the National Board of the Ukrainian National Women's League of America. Mr. Kurowyckj is also survived by his son, Jerry, Jr., and daughter, Oksana.

Mr. Speaker, I salute the life and work of Mr. Jerry Kurowyckj and I ask that my distinguished colleagues in this House join me in recognizing his extraordinary service to others and immeasurable contributions to the civic and business life of our nation's greatest city.

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#### REMEMBERING COREY ANKUM

### HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 6, 2011*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember a Chicago hero. On Dec. 23, firefighter Corey Ankum tragically lost his life in the line of duty when the roof of a South Shore building collapsed. Corey was just 34 years old.

A former member of the Chicago Police Department, Corey had been a firefighter for just 18 months. He left the Police force to follow in the footsteps of his close relative, Gerald Glover, a veteran firefighter. Gerald, who rushed to the scene of the burning building in South Shore, remembered Corey as someone who "loved helping people."

Whether it was battling the flames of a burning building or helping to keep neighborhoods safe, Corey spent his life serving Chicago and protecting Chicagoans. His selflessness will live on through his memory, and the lives of his surviving wife and children.

I join the rest of Chicago in mourning the loss of one of our own. The city Corey gave his life to protect will never forget him.

May he rest in peace.

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#### IN RECOGNITION OF DR. BHUPENDRA PATEL

### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 6, 2011*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the achievements of Bhupendra Patel, M.D., a remarkable man who has dedicated himself in service to others. The Chief of the Department of Medicine at the Mount Sinai Hospital in Queens, Dr. Patel is also an important and inspirational voice for the thriving Indian-American community of our nation's greatest city. A selfless advocate for his patients as well as a dedicated and generous philanthropist, "Bhupi" Patel is truly an example and role model for the community, and I am proud to call him my friend.

Dr. Bhupendra Patel has demonstrated a lifelong passion for the study and practice of medicine. Born and raised in Kenya, he earned an MBBS from Baroda Medical College in India. The political unrest there, coupled with immigration of many of his friends to the United States, inspired Dr. Patel to conduct his medical internship and residency at the Long Island Jewish Hospital, where he worked as an internist. Dr. Patel continued to make important contributions to the field of medical education by serving as an Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at the renowned Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York.

Throughout his career, Dr. Patel has striven successfully to help serve the needs of the growing Asian-American community in New York City, serving as the President of the Gujarati Samaj of Greater New York and helping found the Nargis Dutt Memorial Foundation. As President of the Gujarati Samaj, Bhupendra Patel helped raise money for a new community center to serve the local Gujarati community. The Nargis Dutt Foundation that he helped found has committed itself to improving medical care for cancer patients throughout India for the past decade, supplying critically needed medical equipment to healthcare facilities there. Dr. Patel also serves on the board of "SHAREing and CAREing," an organization in Queens that for the last sixteen years has provided essential services to those afflicted with breast cancer, helping to ensure the quality of their medical and social services and providing them with critical tools to help them in their moment of need.

Dr. Patel's activism extends beyond the world of medicine. As President of the Indian-American Center for Political Awareness, he has worked not only to improve bilateral relations between India and America, but to increase political awareness of and boost the participation of the Indian American community. In so doing, he has helped pave the way for second generation Americans of Indian descent, urging them to remain involved and build on earlier progress. Dr. Patel's considerable contributions to medicine and philanthropy have been widely acknowledged; he has been honored by the Gujarati Samaj of Greater New York, the Indian Dental Association of the United States, and 100 Black Men, and was presented the "Outstanding Asian American" award by former New York Governor Mario Cuomo, as well as the prestigious 2008 Ellis Island Medal of Honor.

Mr. Speaker, in recognition of a lifetime of service to others, I request that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to Dr. Bhupendra "Bhupi" Patel, a great New Yorker and a great American who made immeasurable improvements to the quality of life of his fellow New Yorkers. Dr. Patel's selfless and enduring dedication to serving others and to the civic life of our nation serves as an inspiration to us all.

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#### HONORING STATE SENATOR DAVE ARONBERG

### HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 6, 2011*

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of a dedicated public servant, fierce consumer advocate, and my dear friend, State Senator Dave Aronberg.

A native of Miami, Dave attended Harvard College and Harvard Law School. Shortly after graduation, Dave began his work with the office of the State Insurance Commissioner taking on foreign insurance companies that refused to honor World War II era policies issued to victims of the Holocaust.

Dave's passion for public service next took him to the office of the Attorney General, where he became an Assistant Attorney General. It was in this capacity that Dave was responsible for prosecuting consumer fraud and led the lawsuits against "Miss Cleo's" fraudulent business holdings.

In 2000, Dave was chosen to participate in the prestigious White House Fellows program as a Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury for international money laundering. During his fellowship, Dave represented the Treasury Department at a global summit on money laundering and the laundering of terrorist assets in Malaysia. He then traveled as part of an official White House delegation to meet with foreign officials and to visit refugee camps in both Pakistan and Afghanistan.

After his fellowship, Dave returned to South Florida and in 2002 was elected to represent the 27th District of Florida in the State Senate. During his 8 years in the Senate, Dave continued his advocacy for strong consumer protections, was a member of Florida's Medicaid task force, and led the fight that successfully secured federal funding for the Everglades Restoration Project.