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COMMENDING NEW PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL ON BEING NAMED TOP PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN NEW JERSEY

LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend New Providence High School on being named the top public high school in New Jersey by New Jersey Monthly Magazine. This is an accomplishment of which the school and the community should be very proud.

New Providence High School has been a model of success. It has been continually ranked among the top public schools in the state for its high test scores and curriculum. New Providence High School has excelled in nearly every major aspect of students' education with fine teachers and a supportive staff. New Providence High School was named a 2011 National Blue Ribbon School by the Department of Education. This is the highest honor a school can receive in the Nation.

New Providence High School has truly executed the school district's motto "Dedicated to Excellence." I congratulate the students, faculty members, parents and members of the community for these outstanding distinctions.

IN HONOR OF JACK H. SCHRON, JR.

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Jack H. Schron, Jr., a member of the Cuyahoga County Council serving the Sixth District.

Councilman Schron graduated in 1970 from Florida Southern College with a Bachelor of Science degree and received his Juris Doctorate in 1975 from Ohio Northern University. Following his licensure to practice law in both Ohio and Florida, Councilman Schron served in the United States Army legal corps, from which he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel after 28 years of service.

In addition to his military service, the Councilman has also acted as President and Chief Executive Officer of Jergens, Inc. for over 25 years while also co-founding Tooling University—an internet education business. In addition to his professional career, Schron served a twelve year tenure on the Chagrin Falls Board of Education and was a member of the Clean Ohio Council, the Manufacturing Advocacy and Growth Network, and Wire-net—an economic development organization that works to serve manufacturing businesses in the Cleveland, Ohio area.

Elected to the Cuyahoga County Council in 2010, Councilman Schron is Chair of the Economic Development and Planning Committee.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Jack Schron, a dedicated member of the Cuyahoga County Council.

ON THE TRAGIC SIKH TEMPLE SHOOTING

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to stand in solidarity with the families as well as the victims of the Sikh Temple shooting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, which took place on Sunday, August 5, 2012.

Six people were killed and four wounded, including a police officer, in this horrific violence as people sought to peacefully worship with family and neighbors in their sanctuary. Observation and practice of one's religion should be inviolate, but on that fateful Sunday, it was so heinously violated.

While what causes someone to do such a dastardly deed will remain a mystery to all, faith will console where reason cannot. We can find some solace in the heroism displayed by those in the line of fire, who as ordinary citizens and first-responders risked their lives and limbs to protect others.

The shooter, blinded by ignorance and hate, underestimated the strength and resolve of the Sikh community. Upon hearing of the shooting, Sikh congregations around the country dedicated their services to the victims of the shooting. The Sikh community will overcome this tragedy and we as a country will support them because what impacts them directly impacts all indirectly.

IN HONOR OF CHARLES M. GERMANA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Charles M. "Chuck" Germana, a member of the Cuyahoga County Council serving the Fourth District.

In 1971, Councilman Germana began a career as an Independent Insurance Agent with the Four Star Insurance Agency in Parma, Ohio and has continued his work with the agency since then. He has been a 32-year Board member, Treasurer, and two-time President of the Parma Area Chamber of Commerce. He has been an active member of the Northeast Ohio City Council Association having served as a Board member, Treasurer, Vice President and President. He is also actively involved in the Parma Hospital Health Care Foundation.

Since being elected to the Cuyahoga County Council in 2010, Councilman Germana has been named the Chair of the Intergovernmental Relations and Collaboration Committee and has advocated for a charter government that inspires confidence in the electorate through an open, ethical, transparent and fair manner of holding all meetings and transactions.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Chuck Germana, a dedicated member of the Cuyahoga County Council.

WVOW RADIO 60 YEARS OF SERVICE IN LOGAN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of a local radio station in the heart of the coalfields of southern West Virginia. This year, WVOW Radio celebrates 60 years of excellence in journalism and service to the greater Logan County area and beyond.

In 1954, Mr. Bill Becker, an attorney, and his lovely wife, Mrs. Martha Jane Becker, an educator, took on the management of a struggling two-year old AM radio station in Logan County. Not only did they take on the management of the station, but they put their heart and soul into the daily operation of this station, often adding their personal touches to the programming, advertisements, and live-remotes. In fact, many of my constituents can fondly recall WVOW's annual Christmas programming, "Santa Claus", in which Bill and Martha Jane added their very own personal touch.

You see, in rural West Virginia, our local media, especially local radio, play a critical role in our communities. Yes, they are known for their music, sports, and commercials, but more importantly, and maybe less noticed, is the invaluable service this station has provided to its listeners in literally saving lives.

For instance, when an earthen dam broke in the Buffalo Creek area of Logan County in February of 1972, WVOW was the first to warn nearby residents to evacuate their homes immediately, undoubtedly saving countless lives from the wake of destruction that loomed near. Also, during this summer's widespread derecho and heat wave that swept through my Congressional District, WVOW was a victim of the mass power outages that we all experienced. However, they knew they had the obligation to their listeners to get back on the air and pass along critical, potentially life-saving, information. Through their hard work and sheer determination, the station was able to get back on the air and provide the much needed information to their audiences.

While these are just two examples of the essential role WVOW has played in our communities through their history, there are countless other stories of how, through news coverage and public service announcements, they have kept citizens informed and helped raise public consciousness on a variety of quality of life issues.

In an era where mega media corporations are chasing the all-mighty dollar, WVOW has remained steadfast to Bill and Martha Jane Becker's philosophy—first aired 60 years ago—a rock solid commitment to always serve their even-more-all-mighty listeners, first and foremost.

I ask that my colleagues join me today in wishing a Happy 60th Birthday to WVOW Radio in Logan, West Virginia, and to extend our best wishes to their dedicated and talented staff for 60 more productive and blessed years!