TRIBUTE TO RABBI JACOB FRIEDMAN

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.
OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, June 20, 2001

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, Temple Beth Torah of Ocean Township, New Jersey will be losing a leader, friend, and rabbi of over 36 years to retirement next weekend. Rabbi Jacob Friedman has been with Temple Beth Torah since its establishment and has seen his congregation expand to well over five hundred area families.

Rabbi Jacob Friedman was born in Jersey City, New Jersey on January 14, 1933. After graduating high school, he received his rabbinical education from the Rabbi Jacob Joseph School at Yeshiva University in New York City. After five years of service as Chaplain with the army and army reserves, Rabbi Friedman returned to his birth city to become the youth director and assistant rabbi at the Congregation Tabor. Then, in 1965 he relocated to Ocean Township and has since served as rabbi of Temple Beth Torah.

During his years in Ocean Township, Rabbi Friedman has been the President of the Shore Area Board of Rabbis, a member of the board of the Monmouth Jewish Federation, and Vice President and President of the American Association of Rabbis. As a member of the Jewish War Veterans, he worked his way from Post 125 Chaplain to New Jersey Department Chaplain to National Deputy Chaplain, and finally served as National Chaplain from 1985 to 1986. While not losing sight of the importance of Jewish youth, he served on the Youth Commission, International Youth Commission, and the International Kadimah Commission at the United Synagogues of America from 1966 to 1981. Using education as his tool to reach out to young people, he was a founding member of the Solomon Shechter Academy of Monmouth and Ocean Counties and served as dean of the academy from 1971 to 1974.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Rabbi Jacob Friedman for his hard work and dedication to his community and congregation.

HONORING CAROLINA SOUTHERN RAILROAD

HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR.
OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, June 20, 2001

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Carolina Southern Railroad for its efforts and achievements in restoring the Blue Basille drawbridge spanning the Intracoastal Waterway in the First District of South Carolina. After one and a half decades standing idle, the giant drawbridge, built in 1935, will finally be lowered. Three vintage Pullman cars pulled by a super chief type locomotive at the Historic Carolina Southern Railroad Conway Depot will travel to Myrtle Beach where the bridge will be crossed by the first passenger train since 1953. The train will then continue to the Myrtle Beach Depot that is currently undergoing restoration by the All Aboard Committee. The Carolina Southern connects Myrtle Beach to Conway, Loris, Tabor City, Chadburn, Whiteville, Mullins and the National railroad network beyond. I commend the Carolina Southern Railroad's Road Master, John Allison Gore, and his 20 man track crew who have been working feverishly to refurbish the abandoned two and a half miles of track into the city. I again recognize the Pippin family for its instrumental role in renovating the track and depot of the Carolina Southern Railroad. I again applaud the historic reopening by the Carolina Southern Railroad and acknowledge the benefits it will provide the citizens of South Carolina.

RECOGNIZING CONTRIBUTIONS, ACHIEVEMENTS, AND DEDICATED WORK OF SHIRLEY ANITA CHISHOLM

SPEECH OF
HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 12, 2001

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 97 honoring Shirley Chisholm. A woman whose self-confidence and faith propelled her to the heights of a pacesetter and trailblazer. She was never afraid to speak out on any issue she felt adverse to. An inspiration to all women, Shirley Chisholm was the first Black woman to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives as a Democrat in 1968, and was the first Black woman to seek the bid for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1972. Adversity has never been an issue with Ms. Chisholm. Throughout her life she faced diversity, not only for her ethnicity but also for her gender. Undaunted, Shirley Chisholm refused to allow discrimination to deter her mission for equality and justice. In fact, discrimination proved to be a tool she used in motivating her to devote her life to being a civil rights reformer and an ardent equal rights activist.

Ms. Chisholm sought a life of public service primarily to bring an honest and a more vocal servant to her district in Brooklyn, New York. She was such a popular figure among her constituents that she won her seat in each election by substantial margins. Throughout her tenure in Congress Shirley Chisholm was an active member of the Congressional Black Caucus and an outspoken advocate for the interest of the urban poor.

In times of inequality, her persistence led to monumental accomplishments, noteworthy of this historical recognition. She introduced legislation to establish publicly supported daycare centers and to extend unemployment insurance to domestic workers. During the Vietnam War she gained attention as a vocal critic, while most other Members remained quiet. While faced with enormous criticism, she continued to demonstrate strong advocacy of her beliefs.

Mr. Speaker, I’d like to close with an excerpt from “Journey to Justice,” the literary work of the late Audre Lorde, an African American woman, saying:

"Remain steadfast in the journey to justice. Strip the blindfold from the eyes of justice. Let her see the tears that fall because Justice gives none inequities looming in plain sight... Remember that we are the seeds of great queens, the Daughters of Teresa of Avila and Nerfertiti Sisters of Rosa and Winnie Mothers and aunts of Nia and Imani—those we love and strive to live the meanings of their names.

We can be who we are—Bold to create our own dignity. Ready to transform words into action Armed with courage and commitment Steadfast and straight ahead on the journey to justice.

These words exemplify the strong legacy of Shirley Chisholm. She has given our little girls another role model to emulate and has inspired them and all of us to dream without boundaries.

TRIBUTE TO TOM HUBBARD

HON. BOB SCHAFFER
OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, June 20, 2001

Mr. SCHAFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Tom Hubbard of Limon, Colorado, this year’s recipient of the Fred Steinmark High School Athlete of the Year award. The Steinmark Award honors an individual who makes a positive and lasting difference in the lives of others while at the same time achieving academic and athletic excellence. The award is a fitting tribute to a young man who has given of himself immeasurably during the course of his young life.

For four years, Tom Hubbard has achieved excellence. Not many can match his drive and dedication. As a student he graduated valedictorian with a 4.0 grade-point average. While Football is Tom’s main sport, for which he has earned all-state honors for the past two years, he has also excelled in track, baseball, and basketball being named to the all-state squad for each sport. Even with all his success Tom has remained humble, finding time to do the necessary chores on his family’s ranch as well as being a role model in the Limon community.

In the fall, Tom will be attending the University of Colorado where he will surely continue to push for excellence in academics and athletics. “In high school sports and academics I have strived to keep the importance of each in perspective,” said Tom in a recent Rocky Mountain News article. “My love of competition has helped me to use my God-given talents in a positive way. But talented teammates and classmates, dedicated coaches and teachers have helped me have an unforgettable high school career.” In addition to being an excellent student-athlete Tom is also a natural leader. Tom was senior class vice president, a peer counselor, president of the letterman’s club, and participated in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, all the time helping his family host numerous foreign exchange students from around the world.

Mr. Speaker, Tom Hubbard is a role model to which people of all ages can and should look up to. I think that we all owe him a debt of gratitude for his service and dedication to the community.

Tom’s community, state and nation are proud of him and grateful for his leadership.