

and third stream of Hoagy Carmichael and Bix Beiderbecke, he clearly demonstrates not only his mastery of jazz history, but also his deep passion for this uniquely American art form.

I would like to thank Rob for his efforts to keep jazz alive in the hearts of enthusiasts and casual listeners alike who find too few options today when they turn on the radio. As Rob states, and I quote, "There are virtually no places left on radio where someone like me is given three hours weekly to program music free of focus-group driven playlists and to present it as I hope works best for listeners and artists who might otherwise be totally forgotten."

Mr. Speaker, I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate Rob for spending these past 25 years sharing his passion with us through the radio. Hot Jazz Saturday Night is the highlight of the week for many local and international jazz aficionados. With a large and loyal listener ship, I am confident that we will continue to hear Hot Jazz Saturday Night for many years to come.

THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
HANDLEY-MEADOWBROOK LIONS
CLUB

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 20, 2005

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding civic organization in Fort Worth, Texas on its 60th anniversary, the Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club.

The Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club was chartered on November 8, 1945 by Marlow C. Fisher. The club had 44 charter members. Since its founding, the Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club has been associated with Lions Clubs International, the world's largest service organization.

Over the last 60 years, the Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club has been a vital part of the Fort Worth and Tarrant County community. Club members have been involved continually in humanitarian efforts and public service projects that not only have improved the community but also the lives of an untold number of people.

The work of the Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club has resulted in direct financial contributions to such outstanding programs as the Texas Lions Camp for Handicapped and Diabetic Children, the Texas Lions Foundation and the Lions Club International Foundations. These foundations provide humanitarian and disaster aid in Texas and worldwide. In addition the club's work supports the Texas Eye-glass Recycling Center, the Leader Dog for the Blind and the Lions World Services for the Blind programs that provide blind persons with a guide dog, the Lions Organ and Eye Bank, the Lions Drug Awareness Council and the Julian C. Hyder Youth Camp for youth.

Members of the Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Clubs today continue to be committed to involvement in the community through a wide array of activities that make Fort Worth and Tarrant County a great place to live and work.

Fort Worth and Tarrant County have been fortunate to have the Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Clubs in its midst for the last six decades.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club on its 60th Anniversary and to offer appreciation for the excellent work it has rendered to Fort Worth, Texas, the United States and around the globe.

MOURNING LOSS OF LIFE CAUSED
BY EARTHQUAKE THAT OC-
CURRED ON OCTOBER 8, 2005, IN
PAKISTAN AND INDIA

SPEECH OF

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 18, 2005

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I regret that I was not able to be here to vote on this important measure. Sadly, I was attending the funeral of one of my constituents, a young Marine named Sergio Escobar, who died October 7 while serving our Nation in Iraq. But I want to take this opportunity to join my colleagues in expressing my condolences to all of those who have been affected by the massive earthquake that struck Southeast Asia on October 8, 2005.

The effects of this 7.6 magnitude earthquake have been devastating. At least 38,000 lives have been lost, with the death toll continuing to rise. Nearly 3 million people have been left homeless and are living in tents or on open ground in freezing temperatures. In some areas, entire villages have been buried in rubble. The Pakistani government estimates \$5 billion in damages to its infrastructure.

The areas worst hit by the earthquake, Pakistan-administered Kashmir and the NorthWest Frontier province, are in remote, mountainous regions. According to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, the terrain presents a logistical challenge unprecedented for any humanitarian operation. There is an urgent need for additional helicopters to deliver supplies and evacuate victims. Meanwhile, thousands of people are awaiting rescue, food, and medical attention.

The United States has rushed food and medical supplies to the region, and has committed \$50 million in initial aid for the relief and reconstruction effort. Nations around the globe have sent rescue workers, search and rescue dogs, tents, and equipment. Private aid organizations are also dispatching volunteers and assistance. Together, I know that we can make a difference and help people rebuild their lives.

Tragedies such as this earthquake and last year's horrific tsunami remind us that we must help one another—both before tragedies strike and also once rebuilding has begun. Nations were very generous in offering help for victims of Hurricane Katrina and I pledge to work with thy colleagues in Congress to ensure that our friends in India and Pakistan have what they need to recover from this tragic event.

My thoughts and prayers go out to all of the victims and their families.

TRIBUTE TO DR. JULIUS PERR

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 20, 2005

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, the State of Indiana lost a giant of the engineering community last month. On Sunday, September 25, Dr. Julius Perr passed away in his home country of Hungary where he revolted against a Soviet-led communist regime before coming to the United States as a refugee of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution.

Julius Perr and his wife Elizabeth, made Columbus, Indiana their home and found peace from the unrest in Eastern Europe. It was also in Columbus where Julius began a 41-year career as a mechanical engineer for Cummins Engine Company. In this time, he distinguished himself by submitting more than 300 patents on engine technology improvements, 80 of which are still in use today.

Cummins recognized Julius's extraordinary accomplishments by establishing an award in his honor. Each year, Cummins presents the Dr. Julius P. Perr Innovation Award to acknowledge innovative contributions of Cummins personnel.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the State of Indiana, I extend heartfelt sympathies to the family of Dr. Julius Perr, specifically his wife Elizabeth; his sons Andrew and Victor Perr; his daughters Maria Garrison, Elisabeth Perr-McColm and Karolina Perr; and his eight beloved grandchildren.

Julius Perr was commended by the U.S. Patent Office for setting an example for future generations of inventors. But it is his love of culture and allegiance to his community that will be most missed by those who know him the best. The State of Indiana was fortunate to call him one of its own.

WHATEVER IT TAKES TO REBUILD
ACT, PART II

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 20, 2005

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today Representatives CHARLIE MELANCON, WILLIAM JEFFERSON and I are introducing the Whatever It Takes to Rebuild Act, Part II.

On September 15, 2005, President Bush addressed the nation from Jackson Square in New Orleans, LA and offered the following pledge on behalf of the American people:

Tonight I also offer this pledge of the American people: Throughout the area hit by the hurricane, we will do what it takes, we will stay as long as it takes, to help citizens rebuild their communities and their lives.—President Bush, September 15, 2005, New Orleans, LA.

Just three weeks later, on October 7, 2005, Congress and the President broke this pledge by adding a clause to Public Law 109-88, the Community Disaster Loan Act of 2005, that requires Gulf Coast Communities who receive assistance from the federal government for lost tax revenues (to assist in the payment for police officers, firefighters, school teachers and other essential services) to pay back the