leader of numerous professional organizations, is the author of several books on legal prac-
tice, and is a past officer of the California State Bar.

Mr. Speaker, Joe's record of commitment to our community is equally as distinguished as that of his wife. He is director of the Bay Meadows Foundation, Disability Rights Advo-
cates, and a Commissioner on the State Parks Commis-
sion. He also serves as Director of the Univer-
sity of California’s Hastings College of Law, President of the San Mateo Boys and Girls Club, and Chairman of the Heart Fund Finance for the San Mateo County Heart As-
sociation.

Mr. Speaker, Victoria and Joe are proud parents of two girls and represent the very best of our many volunteer citizens on the Pen-
insula. I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to these two outstanding com-
unity leaders and congratulating them on re-
ceiving this prestigious award.

HONORING SIDNEY PERMISSON

HON. PETER DEUTSCH
OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 19, 2001

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the achievements of Sidney Permisson, an outstanding and dynamic member of Broward County whose numerous contribu-
tions will leave a lasting effect on the Sunrise community. Mr. Permisson, who passed away on May 13, 2001, was a civic activist in Broward County for over 20 years.

Sidney Permisson was born on February 28, 1916, and raised in Brooklyn, NY. He completed two years of studies at Brooklyn College before he had to leave school to help support his parents. Mr. Permisson worked at a Brooklyn bakery for eight years and eventually became a delegate for the Cake Bakers Union, Local 51. During this time, he married Pauline Kravitz, his wife of 62 years. His work in the union eventually led him to become a mediator and a labor chief, where he stood up for hard-working men and women with no po-
titical clout or financial influence. Sidney Permisson retired in 1975 and moved to Sun-
rise, FL.

Upon his arrival, Mr. Permisson quickly be-
came active in the community. As his two daughters, Joyce Japelle and Elayna Finkle, will tell you, he believed in hard work, helping others, and doing the right thing. Friends de-
scribe Sidney Permisson as compassionate, sincere, honest, and always there to help. He fought to establish a countywide trauma net-
work, led a powerful condominium association, worked for environmental protection, kept tabs on local tax and education issues, and spoke out about consumer rights, good government, and health care. He was an inspiring public speaker. When Sidney spoke, people listened.

His efforts in the community brought him a great deal of deserved recognition. Mr. Permisson received the Sunrise Volunteer of the Year Award twice, in 1987 and 1988. In 1989, as president of the Gold Key Civic As-
sociation, a social assistance organization for Sunrise area residents, Mr. Permisson re-
ceived the President’s Special Recognition award issued by the Broward Regional Health Planning Council. He also received the Sunrise Political Club Humanitarian Award in 1990. Also in 1990, he was elected to the Broward Senior Hall of Fame for Outstanding Volunteer Serv-
ices. As president of the Statewide HMO Omb-
dusman Committee from 1986 to 1997, Sid-
ey Permisson worked for the establishment of 11 statewide HMO Ombudsman councils to help solve problems between subscribers and managed care providers. Finally, he received the HMO Patient Advocate Award and the Broward Regional Health Planning Council Dedicated Service Award in 1996.

Mr. Speaker, the accomplishments of Sid-
ney Permisson are a testament to his dedica-
tion and his passion. He leaves a lasting leg-
acy for the people of Broward County which greatly enriches our community.

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH
OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 19, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Richard M. Brennan, Cleveland Municipal Judge.

Judge Brennan, as he was known for 22 years, was elected in 1965 as the chief justice of the court. Even though they cancelled his position in the mid-1970s, he continued work-
ing as an associate judge, for he was continu-
ually striving to uphold the deepest integrity of the law. During these years, Judge Brennan accomplished many things. One of his most outstanding achievements was when he mobi-
lized community support for the construction of the Justice Center. When it was unanimously approved by voters in 1969, the whole com-
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munity was extremely pleased. Judge Brennan also played a vital role in devising a docket system in which lawsuits are delegated to judges.

Judge Brennan, who was an assistant Cleveland law director from 1960 to 1965, graduated from St. Ignatius High School, John Carroll University, and the Cleveland Marshall Law School. He unfortunately retired from Cleveland Municipal Judge in 1987, due to ill-
ness. Judge Brennan will forever be missed.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in hon-
oring the memory of Judge Richard M. Bren-
nan, a man that has touched the Cleveland community in countless ways. His love, dedi-
cation, and honor, will be missed.

Tribute to the late Justice Martin Dies, Jr.

HON. JIM TURNER
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 19, 2001

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in memory of Justice Martin Dies, Jr., who recently passed away on May 14, 2001, after a full life of 80 years.

Justice Dies, the son of U.S. Congressman Martin Dies, Sr., and Myrtle Dies grew up and was educated in Orange, TX. He later at-
tended the University of Virginia in Wash-

ington, DC and later, Stephen F. Austin Uni-
versity where he received his B.S. degree. When the United States entered World War II, Justice Dies left college to volunteer with the Navy.

While at officer’s school in New York, Martin was chosen as Commander of the Third Bat-
talion. He was later presented a Gold Sword at graduation as the outstanding member of the Battalion. In the war, Martin saw extensive naval combat in both the Philippines and in Okinawa, for which he received several med-
als and military citations. After Justice Dies’ ship was ordered to repel the Japanese inva-
sion at the Battle of Leyte, the entire crew re-
ceived the prestigious Presidential Unit Cita-
tion for bravery.

Near the end of the war, Justice Dies saw duty as Captain of the U.S.S. Richard W. Seusens.

Following the war, Justice Dies completed his legal education at Southern Methodist Uni-
versity Law School. In 1947, he was named a member of the Barristers at SMU. While at-
tending law school, he married Ruth Marie White of Lufkin in 1946. Upon graduation, he began practicing law with the firm Dies, Ander-
son and Dies.

In 1959, Justice Dies was elected to the Texas Senate from the Third Senatorial Dis-

trict. During his tenure in the Senate, he was widely recognized as a moving force in the ef-
fort to modernize government services for the disabled, for which he received numerous awards. Additionally, Justice Dies took great in-
terest in improving the Texas park system. In 1965, the 750 acre park at the Dam B. Res-
ervoir was named in his honor. The Martin Dies, Jr. State Park has been widely praised as one of the most beautiful and visited public parks in Texas.

In 1969, Justice Dies was sworn in as Sec-
retary of State of Texas. Two years later, he was appointed Chief Justice of the 9th Court of Appeals where he served with distinction until his retirement in 1989. During that time he served on the Texas Judicial Council, serv-
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ing four years as the President of the Council. He also received the Texas Handicapped Per-
son of the Year Award, was a fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation, and served as a mem-
ber of the Judicial Manpower Commission.

Justice Dies will be remembered for his great courage, his high moral and ethical stan-
dards, and above all, his compassion for others. We share our grief with his family at his passing, as we were honored to share the joy of his life.

Retirement of Dr. David E. Epperson

HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE
OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 19, 2001

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ob-
serve that Dr. David E. Epperson, Dean of the University of Pittsburgh’s School of Social Work, is retiring after nearly 30 years.
EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO BRETT KAUBLE,
MICHAEL KRUSE, MICAH KUBIC

HON. SAM GRAVES
OF MISSOURI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 19, 2001

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor three students from my district: Brett Kauble of Kansas City, Michael Kruse of Platte City, and Micah Kubic of Kansas City, for winning the Congressional Award Gold Medal. In obtaining this award they have spent the last two years completing 400 hours of community service, 200 hours of both personal development and physical fitness activities, and a four-night expedition or exploration.

The Congressional Award challenges our Nation’s young people to realize their full potential through goal setting in the areas of public service, personal development, physical fitness, and exploration. These three students are an outstanding example of the promise and bright future of this Nation. The lessons they have learned striving toward this award will serve them well into future pursuits. This award is a testament not only to the talent, commitment, and discipline of these students, but also to their families, communities, and schools, who supported these students along the way. For their hard work and dedication, I congratulate them. I applaud their accomplishment today, and I encourage them to always pursue future goals with the same vigor.

HONORING LEONARD ABESS

HON. PETER DEUTSCH
OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 19, 2001

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Leonard Abess, a successful banker whose philanthropy during his 97 years of life contributed greatly to the enrichment of the Miami community. It brings me great sadness to report that Leonard passed away on June 3, 2001. Today, I wish to celebrate his life’s achievements and mourn the passing of a great man.

Leonard Abess was born in Providence, RI to Romanian Jews. He moved to Washington, DC in 1917, to live with an older sister after the death of his mother. He then enrolled in college at New York University where he took accounting classes at night while working full time during the day.

Leonard moved to Miami in 1925 to open an accounting firm inside First National Bank, where he was an independent auditor. Twenty-one years later he co-founded City National Bank, which is now the largest nationally chartered bank based in Florida. He went from making $25 a week as a young accountant to making millions.

All those who knew Leonard would tell you he never let his riches stop him from caring about people. Leonard Abess despised bigotry and worked hard to ensure that others could benefit from his philanthropy. He treated everyone with love and dignity.

In 1949, when local hospitals refused to hire Jewish doctors, Leonard and a group of Jewish residents pooled their resources to form Mount Sinai Medical Center in Miami Beach. The hospital, of which Leonard was a founding member and a former chairman of the board of trustees, now has a $300-million-plus operating budget.

Leonard’s public service won him countless accolades. He was the recipient of the Anti-Defamation League’s Man of Achievement Award and was also named their chairman emeritus. Leonard was the Humanitarian Award winner from the National Conference of Christians and Jews. He and his wife, Bertha, who died in 1997, were recognized as Philanthropists of the Year by the National Society of Fund Raising Executives.

Leonard Abess was survived by his daughter Linda Ellis and son Leonard Abess, Jr.; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Mr. Speaker, along with his family and the community of Miami will be at a great loss for his wonderful spirit and generous philanthropic contributions.

IN HONOR OF HIRAM HOUSE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH
OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 19, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Hiram House, which will receive a historical marker for the important role it has served in the lives of Ohio youth for over a century.

Hiram House was founded in 1896 as Ohio’s first “Settlement House” to address the needs of Cleveland’s immigrants and others in poverty. It was one of the first of its kind in the entire Nation. For the next 105 years, this organization effectively pursued its mission of providing a quality outdoor experience for youth that promotes character, self-confidence, and leadership.

Today, Hiram House offers a variety of Summer Camps, School Camps, Educational and Adventure Programs, and year-round Group Retreats for children—especially those from the inner city and disadvantaged homes. Following the theme of American History and the Pioneer Spirit, the camp features covered wagons, tepees, log cabins, and a frontier fort to provide children with a glimpse of life on the early frontier.

The Hiram House continues to make a profoundly positive difference in the lives of more than 7,000 children a year. It is my hope that it continues its service to the community for another century and beyond.

My distinguished colleagues, I ask you to join me in honoring Hiram House and the countless individuals who have provided admirable service to the Cleveland area for over a century.