

"shall be a wall, a bulwark of salvation, wide as your land, as your imperial state; none mightier in the habitable world." It is to reappear the Book of Deuteronomy's injunction to the Jewish People: "Justice, justice shall you pursue."

And if I emphasize the role of Nuremberg in a story of the Holocaust, that is not simply because Justice Jackson himself hoped that the trial "would commend itself to posterity." Rather, it is because our role—the role of almost all of us—today in relation to the Holocaust is not simply to learn from it, but also to tell and to retell it, ourselves, to our children and to future generations. Those who were lost said, "Remember us." To do that, to remember and to repeat the story is to preserve the past, it is to learn from the past, it is to instruct and to warn the future. It is to help that future, by leading them to understand the very worst of which human nature is capable. But, it is also to tell that small part of the story that will also remind them of one human virtue—humanity's "aspiration to do justice." It is to help us say, with the Psalmist, "Righteousness and Justice are the foundations of Your Throne."

TRIBUTE TO THE DIAMOND JUBILEE OF THE VILLAGE OF EDGERTON'S HOMECOMING

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 1996

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today and bring to the attention of my colleagues an important event being held in Edgerton, Ohio, June 19–22. The Village of Edgerton will be celebrating the 75th Diamond Anniversary of the community's homecoming. This annual summer festival is a time for friends and neighbors to get together and honor their community spirit.

A true railroad city, Edgerton was surveyed in 1854 where the proposed Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana Railroad crossed the St. Joseph River. Named after former newspaper editor, Ohio State Senator and U.S. Congressman Alfred P. Edgerton, the city grew quickly. By the end of the Civil War there were two general stores, three saloons, a grocery, hotel, produce dealer, harness shop, house painter, four carpenters, two blacksmiths, and a wagon maker. Through the years, the occupations have changed but the sense of pride in community has remained.

This pride is manifested every summer through the village's homecoming. Throughout its history, Edgerton has been blessed by their enthusiasm and volunteer labor for its many projects. Anniversaries are a time to reflect upon a steadfast tradition of service, they are also a time to look toward new horizons. The residents of Edgerton have made it their responsibility to serve those in need by keeping pace with the ever increasing challenges facing mankind. This summer's celebration honors that heritage.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Edgerton's Diamond Anniversary Homecoming and encouraging the residents to continue to set the standard for community involvement in Ohio.

TRIBUTE TO MEND

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 1996

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Meeting Each Need With Dignity [MEND], which this year celebrates its 25th anniversary of service to the northeast San Fernando valley. With its efforts to provide comprehensive health, educational and employment services, MEND has played an invaluable role in the community. Today it serves as many as 13,000 people per month.

That total is indicative of MEND's growth and success in a quarter-century of operation. As recently as 1987, MEND had a client base of 2,000 people per month. With the increase in population in the area over the past decade, plus cuts in government funding, MEND has been forced to respond to a situation that approached crisis proportions.

In addition to providing general services, the agency offers food, clothing and English-language classes. I cannot imagine what life would be like for the poor, sick, elderly, and aspiring citizens in the northeast valley without the presence of MEND.

Last year MEND expanded its facilities, adding a waiting room, classroom, computer lab, separate medical and dental treatment rooms, a pharmacy, food warehouse and sorting room for clothes. I was particularly impressed that this \$1 million expansion was funded entirely by private sources.

MEND has come a long way since its opening in 1971, when Catholic and Protestant church members worked out of their own garages distributing donated food and clothing to poor people in the northeast San Fernando valley.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in saluting MEND, an organization that has done so much for so many over the past 25 years. Its dedication to the community and desire to help is a shining example for us all.

IN HONOR OF JOSE JOSE: A DISTINGUISHED MUSICIAN AND INDIVIDUAL

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 1996

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Jose Jose, a remarkable individual who has distinguished himself by his enormous contribution to Latino music and the Hispanic community. He will be honored during a performance at Radio City Music Hall on May 24, 1996.

Born in Mexico as Jose Romulo Sosa Ortiz, Jose Jose was destined to become a renowned international celebrity. The son of a tenor for the Mexican National Opera Company, Jose Esquivel, and a concert pianist, Margarita Ortiz, Jose Jose's talent and interest in music were influenced by the success of his parents.

During the 1950's, Jose Jose's talent began to emerge. He joined the school choir and began performing at local festivals, and important social and sporting events. Upon learning

to play the guitar in the early 1960's, he formed a trio along with his cousin and a close friend. Jose Jose's first record received little recognition but he persevered on in his musical career. He began performing at prominent nightclubs like the Tropicana, EL Farolito and Peria Negra, and was soon offered a record deal with RCA Records. Soon after, in 1969, Jose Jose struck it big throughout the Hispanic community with his first hit song, "La Nave Del Olvido." Following the overwhelming success of this single, his career reached heights beyond his dreams.

The sudden success catapulted the singer to international stardom. Throughout the 70's and 80's, he toured major cities in the United States, Puerto Rico, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Brazil and Argentina, and made numerous television appearances performing such renowned hits as "La Nave Del Olvido," "Secretos," "Lagrimas," "40 y 20," "Gavilan O Paloma," and "El Triste." Today Jose Jose serves as an example of self-determination and hard work. His voice has touched the lives of so many and will continue to echo throughout the international community for many years to come.

It is an honor to have such an outstanding entertainer visit the 13th District and to perform at Radio City Music Hall. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Jose Jose, an entertainer for the ages.

THE NOVALIC FOUNDATION OF CROATIA

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 1996

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, this Chamber has heard many statements on the horrors that the recent wars on the territory of the former Yugoslavia visited on the peoples of that region. While no side remained blameless in these conflicts, in fact, all sides committed unspeakable crimes, it was certainly the Serb aggressors who showed the world degrees of inhumane cruelty, of barbarism that some of us had hoped would never be used again as tools to settle questions of territory or dominance.

I was one of the Members here who made many of the statements I just referred to as I followed these events closely and felt very strongly about them. Nonetheless, just the other day I was reminded again quite powerfully of the excesses of perverse cruelty in these wars. I was presented with a photo album of some of the churches of Eastern Croatia, the region that is still under Serb occupation. These pictures reminded me that this was not just a political and ethnic war, but it was also a war against culture and religion. The Serb invaders purposefully targeted the churches of the Croat and Hungarian ethnic communities in that region, shelling them with ferocity and great precision. About 67 churches lie partly or fully in ruin in or around the still occupied territories.

Not all news coming from that region is bad, however. These photos of the destroyed churches were presented to me in my office by a remarkable individual, Mr. Antun Novalic, a businessman from the town of Osijek, Croatia, right across a river from the occupied territories. In this area where the wounds of ethnic hatred are still festering, Mr. Novalic has

established a foundation with his own money, dedicated to rebuilding those churches regardless of the creed or ethnicity of the congregations. His plans also include the restoration of the old Jewish cemetery in the village of Vorosmart, an ancient Hungarian settlement in Croatia going back over a millennium. The cemetery suffered no war damage, but it suffered vandalism during the invasion and is generally in a neglected state.

Mr. Novalic was not asking for money in this country, as he told me he wanted to establish a record of accomplishment using his own funds before he would ask for others to contribute. He was here to seek moral support and to inform Americans who care about the fate of that region of the objectives of the Novalic Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Mr. Novalic for his noble idea and wish every success for his foundation. I wanted my colleagues to know that for every act of destruction, of seeding hatred, someone, somewhere is working selflessly on construction, on restoring ethnic harmony and tolerance. I hope the United States will remain allied to such people and give their efforts all reasonable support.

MACOMB COUNTY BIKE PATH: SHOWING THE POWER OF PART- NERSHIPS

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 1996

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, at a time when people all across America are looking for new ways to work together for the betterment of our communities, I want to call the attention of my colleagues to a project in my Congressional District that is a shining example of the power of partnerships.

A few years ago, I and others in our area worked together to establish the Macomb Bike/Hike Path. The idea behind the bike path was a simple one—to give people in Clinton Township a recreational resource to use and enjoy. The establishment of the bike path was a community effort, one which brought together the Federal Government, county government, and our neighbors to work together for a common goal.

Simply put, the Macomb Bike Path has been a tremendous success. It is heavily used by joggers, dog walkers, and many others who value it as an important recreational resource. And while many people use the bike path, until last year it was just that—an asphalt path running through a sparse tract of land.

Last year, however, Detroit Edison, as part of their ongoing efforts to improve our environment, agreed to contract with Cal Fleming Landscaping and Metropolitan Forestry Consultants to plant 114 trees along an empty stretch of the Macomb Bike Path. These trees, which are valued at \$20,000, include some of the most beautiful kind imaginable, including green ash, red oak, red and amur maples, and flowering crabapple trees.

This donation has gone a long way toward enriching and beautifying the bike path for our community and its residents. On one of my recent trips back home to Michigan, I walked the newly-renovated path and marveled at the beauty of the newly blooming trees.

Also helping out in our efforts to improve the path and care for these trees is the Macomb County Road Commission, the Boy Scouts of America Troop #157, the Bearing Burners Auto Club, the Lake Pointe Nursing Center, the Tree People Community Group, and the Inter-County Drainage Board.

Mr. Speaker, many people worked together to make this project a reality, but I want to give special recognition to several people from Detroit Edison and their contractors: Peggy A. Sorvala, John A. Cretti, Ronald L. McIntyre, Roberta C. Urbani, Paul Stricher, Cal Fleming Landscaping and David Breedlove.

I also would like to recognize Detroit Edison Chairman John Lobbia for his leadership in making projects like this one a reality.

The contributions of these men and women are a shining example of public service. They are truly people who promote and act on the values of our community and have a genuine concern for the people they serve. Their work on the Macomb Bike/Hike Path is an excellent example of what can be accomplished when government, citizens and private industry work together.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 1996

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, on the evening of May 22, 1996, I was recorded in the affirmative for rollcall vote 190. I should have been recorded in the negative.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM BUNN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 1996

Mr. BUNN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, due to a thunderstorm, my plane was approximately 2 hours late arriving at National Airport on May 21, 1996. Because of this delay, I was unable to cast my vote on vote numbers 180, 181, and 182.

Had I been present, I would have voted yea on vote 180, nay on vote 181, and yea on vote 182. I ask unanimous consent to have these votes entered into the RECORD at the appropriate place.

SALUTE TO REV. DR. REPSIE M. WARREN OF PHILADELPHIA

HON. THOMAS M. FOGLIETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 1996

Mr. FOGLIETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Rev. Dr. Repsie M. Warren, founder and pastor of the Society for Helping Church to congratulate her on her many years of service to the Philadelphia community.

Reverend Warren, educated at Elizabeth City State University, Philadelphia Antioch University, Philadelphia Lutheran Theological

Seminary, and New York Theological Seminary, began her tenure with the Society for Helping Church over 20 years ago. Rev. Warren established the Society for Helping Church in 1976, and the Society for Helping, Inc., a Social Service Agency for the deaf and hearing impaired, in 1977, where she serves as executive director. Reverend Warren has dedicated her life to improving the plight of the people within the Philadelphia community.

Reverend Warren is also an outstanding educator. Since her retirement from teaching in the Philadelphia Public School System, she has become an activist concerned about quality education. Reverend Warren has played a vital role in many programs in the Philadelphia community as the vice chair of the Black Clergy of Philadelphia & Vicinity, Inc. and vice president of the Southeastern Region of One Church One Child. Reverend Warren has been active in religious and community projects, holding memberships in various organizations for community enrichment.

I hope my colleagues will join me today in congratulating Rev. Dr. Repsie M. Warren for her many years of service with Society for Helping Church and the Philadelphia community. I wish the Reverend Warren and the Society for Helping Church the very best as they continue their service to the Philadelphia community.

INTRODUCTION OF ADMINISTRATION'S RETIREMENT PROTECTION ACT

HON. SAM GIBBONS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 1996

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, this bill we are introducing today is a good bill. It contains many provisions that will accomplish positive results in our retirement system. It will increase the number of families and individuals who can contribute to their retirement savings through an IRA by approximately 20 million. In addition, it will make retirement benefits available to approximately 10 million small businesses and their employees.

There has been growing concern about the adequacy of the pool of retirement savings available for our aging baby-boom generation. Some studies have indicated that the members of this group are saving at only one-third the rate they will need to retire at a standard of living which is similar to their current standard. This legislation certainly will expand the opportunity for these workers to increase their retirement savings. Also, younger workers could begin saving for retirement at an earlier age under the optional waiver of the initial waiting period for qualification to participate in their employer's plan.

In addition, the simplified 401(k) plan small businesses would be able to offer to their employees under this bill would allow many part-time workers to set aside retirement funds. Under this provision, any worker who makes at least \$5,000 for 2 consecutive years would be eligible. This would include many women who are in the work force on a part-time basis because of family responsibilities. Also, a great number of workers maintain part-time hours at some point in their careers for different reasons. This bill would allow them to