

right to any compensation for this difference in value.

In summary, as a result of this exchange the Admiralty Island Monument land ownership pattern will be consolidated, the city of Sitka will receive valuable lands in fee ownership on which parts of its water system are located, and the corporation will be free of a problematic reversionary interest in its property. As a bonus, the Federal Government realizes a net benefit in the value of the exchange. This is a sound deal in the best interests of all parties.

It is my hope that this legislation can pass this body and the Congress in the near future.

HONORING THE DETROIT RED WINGS STANLEY CUP VICTORY

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 1997

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, the Detroit Red Wings were rewarded for their excellence last Saturday night by sweeping the Philadelphia Flyers and bringing home the Stanley Cup for the first time in 42 years. Several images from the Red Wings triumphant run for the Cup will forever be imbedded in the hearts and memories of Wings fans everywhere. The steel-jawed determination of head coach Scotty Bowman, who became the first coach to win the Stanley Cup with three different teams; the spectacular performance of playoff-MVP goaltender Mike Vernon, who turned away shot after opposing shot; or the gritty play of Brendan Shanahan, Darren MacCarty, the "Grind Line"; and of course the international flair of the team, led by the likes of Sergei Fedorov and Igor Larionov.

However no player demonstrated the unwavering intensity and unselfishness of the team more than the captain Steve Yzerman. After years of personal triumphs, Yzerman's leadership finally brought home the Stanley Cup to the great State of Michigan. His perseverance and unwavering dedication gave one of the classiest players in pro sports the recognition he has so long deserved.

The Red Wings are an example of a team working together in the pursuit of excellence. Their play and accomplishments should be applauded, along with the integrity and commitment to overcome the many obstacles that stood before them. The State of Michigan is proud to salute the 1997 Stanley Cup Champions, the Detroit Red Wings.

HONORING AARON EDD JACKSON HENRY, "DOC"

HON. MIKE PARKER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 1997

Mr. PARKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a very special man and a great American who has recently passed away. Aaron Edd Jackson Henry, better known to friends and family as "Doc," was born July 2, 1922, and died May 19, 1997.

During his life, Doc Henry served as 1 of the 200 U.S. soldiers during World War II to

live in a multiracial experiment leading to the 1945 congressional bill outlawing segregated military housing, he organized the Coahoma County Branch of the NAACP in 1953, he was president emeritus of the Mississippi State Conference NAACP, and he owned and operated the Fourth Street Drug Store which is famous locally for being a center of civil rights activity.

Doc Henry also served on numerous other boards and organizations, such as the National Caucus and Center for Black Aged, the Federal Council on Aging, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the Southern Regional Council, the Mississippi Council on Human Relations, Mississippi Action for Progress, Inc., and the Civic Communications Corp. He was involved in such civic organizations as the American Legion, the Elks, the Masonic Order, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Yet through all of this community involvement, he still made personal time for his wife, Noelle Celestine Henry, and his daughter, Rebecca Elizabeth Henry.

Doc Henry's quest for equality took him across the Nation and around the world. He was instrumental in enacting laws that impacted the core of human rights in our Nation. For these accomplishments, he has been recognized with honorary doctorates from Mississippi Baptist Seminary, Tougaloo College, Rust College, Mary Homes College, Prentiss Institute, Queens College, and Boston University. He also received accolades such as the Distinguished Mississippians Award, the Clarksdale Hall of Fame Award, the NAACP's Living Legacy Award, the Jammie Whitten Award, and the prestigious Hubert H. Humphrey Award.

Though the voice of a great humanitarian has ceased to resound to believers of civil rights everywhere, Doc Henry will live forever in our hearts and memories.

TRIBUTE TO ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 1997

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to congratulate St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Hammond, IN, on the joyous occasion of its centennial celebration this Sunday, June 22, 1997. The day's festivities will begin with a Mass of Thanksgiving at 3:00 p.m., officiated by the Most Reverend Dale J. Melczek. Following the mass, a gala reception will begin at 4:30 p.m. in the parish's Panel Room Banquet Hall. The reception will include dinner, several guest speakers, and live performances by the Lubo Pala Slovak Folk Band, the Vychodna Slovak Folk Dance Ensemble, soprano, Dorothy Hoover, the St. John adult choir, and the Stanley Paul Orchestra.

The founding of St. John the Baptist Church is one of struggle and triumph. In the spring of 1897, after successfully petitioning Bishop Joseph Radermacher for a Czechoslovakian priest to serve those in the community of Slovak heritage, a welcoming committee met Father Benedict Rajcany in Hammond on April 17, Holy Saturday. His first mass was offered

on Easter Sunday 1897 at Sacred Heart Church in Whiting, IN, since no Slovak church existed at the time. Soon after, the Slovak Catholic Union Branch 130 transformed its meeting hall into a church, which was dedicated on July 4, 1897. The church was dedicated to St. John the Baptist because the new pastor stated he felt like "one crying in the wilderness" in his new assignment in the United States.

By the time World War I began in 1914, the church had been enlarged to accommodate 650 parishioners. By 1921, the first regular assistant, Father Michael Kosko, was appointed to the church. During his ministry, Father Rajcany continued to place emphasis on the English language and on the Americanization of his parishioners. Some objected, but their reluctance was soon overcome. At approximately the same time, priests from St. Joseph College in Rensselaer, IN, journeyed to assist the parish on weekends.

By 1925, it became apparent that a new and larger church would be needed. That same year, the future pastor of St. John, Reverend John Kostik, C.P.P.S., arrived as a permanent assistant. Later, at the suggestion of Father Rajcany, Father Kostik was appointed pastor of St. John by Bishop John F. Noll. Also during that year, the parish was placed under the supervision of the Society of the Precious Blood, and it continues to be served by priests of the society to this day.

Groundwork for the new church, the work of Chicago architect Herman Gaul, began in May, 1930. Knowing the economic seriousness of the times and the dangers of bankruptcy, Father Kostik placed the success of the \$300,000 venture in the hands of St. Therese, the Little Flower of Jesus. Amazingly, during this period of financial disaster, the parish lost only \$340, and the entire debt was retired by 1942. The new Romanesque style church, with its 190-foot steeple, stands as a tribute to God from those founders of Slovak heritage.

In the late 1940's, much-needed additions to the parish were begun. Plans conceived by then-pastor Father John F. Lafko, C.P.P.S., were carried out by his successor, Father Gabriel Brenkus, C.P.P.S. In 1948, construction on the first phase of the new school, consisting of classrooms, a convent, and the Panel Room Banquet Hall, began. After its completion in 1951, the second phase of construction, consisting of an auditorium, gymnasium, and additional classrooms, began in 1955. The final addition to the St. John the Baptist complex was a new rectory, which was completed in 1967.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating the parish family of St. John the Baptist, under the guidance of Father John Kalicky, C.P.P.S., and former pastor-in-residence Father Edward Homco, C.P.P.S., as they prepare to celebrate their centennial in 1997. Their slogan, "We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe," reverberates throughout the community in a celebration of faith—faith in God, faith in country, and faith in people. In this spirit, St. John has enhanced the quality of life within the Hammond community through its religious, educational, and cultural contributions for the past 100 years.

THE PASSING OF JAY B. WHITE,
"AMERICA'S FINEST LAWYER"

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 1997

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I announce the passing of Attorney Jay B. White. Jay was a lifelong friend and a giant in the legal profession. Cleveland, OH, mourns the loss of one of her most distinguished sons, and a man who was one of the Nation's finest criminal defense lawyers. My wife, Jay, joins me in expressing our deepest sympathy to Jay's loving wife, Addye, and members of his family.

A few days ago, on June 13, 1997, the Cleveland Bar Association honored Jay for 50 years as a practicing lawyer, an honor representing a very special milestone in his legal career. Jay and I were boyhood friends and I always knew that he would achieve great things. As a young man, he knew the value of perseverance and hard work.

Jay was born in Cleveland and graduated from West Virginia State College. He earned his law degree from Western Reserve University Law School in 1946. After graduating, Jay began his law practice in Cleveland. At a time when law firms were not opening their doors to hire black lawyers, Jay was more determined than ever to succeed. He concentrated on representing persons charged with crimes and became an outstanding trial lawyer. It was in this capacity that he became one of the founders of the National Association of Defense Lawyers in Criminal Cases, which was founded in 1958 at Northwestern University Law School. He also served on its board for many years. Jay was a past president of the John Harlan Law Club and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

Mr. Speaker, saying goodbye to those whom we hold dear is difficult. In the days ahead, I will miss my good friend, Jay White. Not only did we share a special friendship, but we also enjoyed a special bond through our marriages. It was Jay White who introduced me to my wife, Jay. In turn, she introduced Jay to Addye, his devoted wife of 33 years. Jay's love of people garnered a host of friends and admirers all over the Nation who loved him and mourn the loss of their friend.

I am proud to have been a lifelong friend of Attorney Jay B. White. Our thoughts and prayers are with Addye, their son, Jay B., daughter, Joy, Jay's brother, Reggie, and members of the White family during this difficult period. Jay was a very special individual who, with his unique personality, carved out his own niche in this community. He was unlike anyone else I have ever known. Jay will always be remembered in his own famous words, as "America's finest lawyer."

CLINTON MEMORIAL AME ZION
CHURCH ROOF DEDICATION
CEREMONY

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 1997

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, this past Sunday witnessed the dedication of a new roof for the

Clinton Memorial AME Zion Church at 151 Broadway in Newark, NJ. This accomplishment is truly significant to this particular house of worship. For many years the Clinton Memorial AME Zion Church had no stable church home. The early history of the church was marked by ups and downs and much movement from one location to another. The church was founded in 1822, the same year that free Black men went to Liberia to found Monrovia. This is just one example of the type of vision and moral and social commitment that has permeated the leadership and membership of this church throughout its existence.

While the church was founded in 1822 it did not find its present home until 1930 when Rev. J.M. Hoggard was pastor. Reverend Hoggard was a resident of my childhood neighborhood. He had a great impact on our community and many of its people.

I was fortunate to be affiliated with this church when I was a young man. It was one of the most progressive institutions around. It had the foresight to provide the youth with activities such as socials and sports in a setting that was moralistically sound. While the youngsters were being kept occupied and happy they learned the importance of morals, faith and religion. I think my participation in these programs helped shape my concepts of the youth programs I would run for the YMCA when I became an adult.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure my colleagues would have wanted to join me as I extended my congratulations and best wishes to the congregants of the Clinton Memorial AME Zion Church of Newark, NJ.

TRIBUTE TO IRA KLEIN

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 1997

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ira Klein, a young man who has demonstrated outstanding scholastic achievement. Ira is in Washington representing the State of California in the National History Day competition and I would like to congratulate this remarkable eighth-grader on his award-winning report.

The theme of this year's National History Day competition was "Triumph and Tragedy in History" and Ira's exemplary paper focused on the impact of the polio epidemic in America. What makes his report, entitled "Polio: Triumph and Tragedy," truly exceptional is that it focused on the individual victims of this dreaded disease, giving a voice to those countless persons who were afflicted by polio. Furthermore, Ira also brought to light the effect of Post-Polio Syndrome which continues to affect the victims of this disease even 40 years after its initial onset. The interest in this subject was inspired by Ira's uncle's own battle with polio and Ira transformed this personal connection with the ravages of polio into a truly insightful piece of history.

In successfully completing such an ambitious project, Ira demonstrated a level of academic achievement that far exceeds his age. I would like to commend Ira Klein for his exceptional academic accomplishment.

BROOKLYN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS: THE CREATIVE THINKERS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 1997

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have given special recognition and honor to the children of class 4-304 of New York City Public School 208 at 4801 Avenue D in Brooklyn on May 30, 1997.

I am delighted to have presented to the children of class 4-304 official Congressional Triumph Certificates for their magnificent drawings, poems and short stories on immigration. The following children interviewed their parents and represented their cultures through their art; bringing to life the special aspects of their homes:

Efuru Ballantyne; Richina Bicette; Laurae Caruth; Trevor Cayenne; Daniella Marie Clarke; Harrah Creary; Crystal Crossman; Valerie Delice; Kentasha Dickson; Dana Dooley; Ajani Edwards; Adonna Ferrell; Shariel Goldson; Zanita Green; Martin Gustave; Brandon Haynes; Colleen Hinkson; Shawn Hobbs; Alex James; Jodel Jeremie; Lauren Jones; Casey Gabriella Jones; Virginia Lowe; Makeda Marshall; Terrill Ocona; Torin Perez; Ricardo Soares; and Samantha Ward.

These students' creative expressions detailed how immigration laws affect their families, specifically because they come from all parts of the world: Haiti, Africa, Japan, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, St. Lucia, Grenada, St. Vincent, and Guyana. The teacher of this brilliant class is Ms. Sandra Cinkay. I commend Ms. Cinkay for her tutorage.

TRIBUTE TO RABBI MORTON HOFFMAN

HON. DEBBIE STABENOW

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 1997

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. Speaker, I wish to pay tribute to Rabbi Morton Hoffman upon his retirement from Temple Shaaraey Zedek. Rabbi Hoffman has served the people of East Lansing and the congregation of Temple Shaaraey Zedek since 1983. As a rabbi, he has served God and the families of East Lansing through his leadership in his temple, his knowledge of religion and history, and his commitment to his community and family.

Along with his duties as rabbi, Rabbi Hoffman has served as education director for Temple Shaaraey Zedek's religious schools, and has served on the Governor's Committee for the Establishment of the Annual Martin Luther King Day of Observance and the Governor's Committee for the Annual State Observance of the Holocaust Memorial Day. He is a member of the East Lansing Clergy Coalition and, in May 1990, earned the doctor of Hebrew letter degree from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

Rabbi Morton Hoffman's commitment to his community is unparalleled and his leadership will be missed.

I speak for all the people of the eighth district in thanking him for his service. I wish Rabbi Hoffman mazel tov in the future.