

Members of the Minnesota Maroon team were: Chris Arnesen, International School; Michael Born, Mankato East; Matt Colvin, Dassel-Cokato; John De Nero, Blake; Nate Dobel, Mounds View; Susan Dorsher, St. Cloud Tech; Ben Konkeli, St. Paul Central; Yael Levi, St. Paul Academy; Sam Linsay-Levine, St. Paul Central; Jon Moon, St. Paul Central; Dan Owens, Rochester Mayo; Tim Rantasha, St. Cloud Tech; Leo Shklovskii, St. Louis Park; Tim Sjoberg, Rosemount; and Vishan Wong, Mounds View.

Team Coaches were: Tom Kilkelly, St. Thomas Academy; Bill Boulger, St. Paul Academy; Marlys Henke, St. Paul Central; and Mike Reiners, a three-time member of the State all-star math team.

IN HONOR OF SALLY A. DELSON

### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 19, 1997*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay a respectful tribute to Sally A. Delson, executive director of the State of Israel Bonds' Organizations Divisions. Ms. Delson, who is being honored this weekend at a State of Israel Bonds tribute luncheon, has played an integral role in the divisions' growth over the past 30 years.

For the past 30 years, the Israel Bonds' Organizations Division has grown tremendously under Sally's guidance. Originally comprised of Landsmanshaften groups, the division later grew to incorporate a variety of Jewish and Zionist organizations. The organizations division's success can be seen in the high volume of sales—more than \$200 million in bonds—sold in New York since 1952.

Sally's first foray into her work for a Zionist cause was prompted by her grandfather's prediction when she was just 9 years old. Her grandfather, a renowned Rabbi, told her that one day after the birth of a Jewish state, she would work for that state. After a visit to the Tomb of Rachel while in Israel following the Six-Day War, Sally remembered her grandfather's prophecy and renewed her commitment to work for the advancement and security of the State of Israel.

Over the 30 years that Sally has been with Israel Bonds, she has proven to be an invaluable crusader working to fulfill its mission of maintaining Israel's economic security. Her colleagues and supporters see her as a source of inspiration and credit her with the organizations division's success.

On Sunday, the State of Israel Bonds will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the First Zionist Congress and the eve of Israel's 50th anniversary of independence. They will also celebrate Sally Delson—wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and devoted daughter of the Zionist movement.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues rise with me in this tribute to Sally Delson. The Division of Organizations of State of Israel Bonds and the Jewish community as a whole are fortunate to have a woman such as Sally working for their cause. I am thrilled to have Ms. Delson in my district.

TRIBUTE TO DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

### HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 19, 1997*

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Paterson Alumnae Chapter. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a sisterhood of college educated women of color committed to public service. The sorority was founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C. on January 13, 1913 by 22 women. Chapters of the sorority reach throughout the United States, Germany, Korea, Haiti, and Liberia. Approximately 180,000 women have been initiated into Delta Sigma Theta and are sustained by the bond of sisterhood. The challenges and successes of more than 80 years have assured its members of the organization's endurance.

The Paterson Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. was chartered on November 12, 1978. It was the 13th chapter chartered in the State of New Jersey. The founders saw a need for a public service organization in the city of Paterson. The chartering ceremony held at the Paterson Boys Club was conducted by past regional director, Chappelle Armstead.

The Paterson Alumnae Chapter has maintained a consistent presence in the city of Paterson since its inception. Through its many projects and service activities, the chapter continually keeps an active interest in the welfare of the lives of Paterson citizens.

The Paterson Alumnae Chapter was a key in the organization of the local chapter of the Northern New Jersey Tri-County Chapter of the National Pan-Hellenic Council whose primary purpose is to coordinate the activities of the eight historically black Greek-lettered sororities and fraternities.

The Paterson Alumnae Chapter believes in coalition building and to that end, has worked with various community organizations on several service projects. A few of the projects and activities the Paterson Alumnae Chapter is involved with include a candidate's forum for local and State political candidates, an annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Celebration, a Kwanzaa workshop, Adopt-A-Black Business, a School America Literacy Project, and the 1997 Teen Summit.

The current officers of the Paterson Alumnae Chapter are Linda G. Smith, president; Ada Downing, vice president; Sharon Briggs, secretary; E. Florine White, treasurer; and Pamela Davis, financial secretary.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, the members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., their family and friends, and city of Paterson in recognizing the Paterson Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Sorority, Inc.'s outstanding and invaluable service to the community.

HONORING JOSEPH ANTHONY SWANICK

### HON. JON D. FOX

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 19, 1997*

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding individual and honored constituent, Joseph Anthony Swanick, who died recently in his Montgomery County, PA, home with his family all around him. I mention this, Mr. Speaker, because the fact that he was surrounded by those he loved the most, his family, is typical of the way he lived his life and was certainly the way he would choose to die.

During his 78 years on Earth, Joseph Swanick achieved much for which he could be proud. However, his greatest pride and joy came in the accomplishments of his wife, Catherine, and his two children, Patrick, born in 1957 and Anthony, born in 1960.

Joseph Anthony Swanick, a retired business owner and hospice volunteer, died on Monday, June 2, 1997, at 2 a.m. of complications due to emphysema and heart disease at his home in Penllyn, PA. But how he died is not nearly as important as how he lived his extraordinary life.

Mr. Swanick, a decorated veteran of World War II, was born on February 9, 1919, in Philadelphia to Harry and Molly Swanick. After graduating from Northeast Catholic High School, Mr. Swanick attended the University of Pennsylvania for 1 year before volunteering to serve in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II.

Stationed in Tibenham, England, during the war as part of the 445th Bomb Group, he participated in numerous air raids on Germany and the Nazi occupied territory as a waist gunner in a B-24 Liberator. Briefly injured during the war, Mr. Swanick returned to the United States after his tour of duty was completed. He received numerous decorations including the Distinguished Flying Cross, for his wartime service.

In his comments and reflections about his father during the funeral mass, Tony Swanick, who serves as my press secretary and has been my friend for many years, talked about his father's bravery. Citing John F. Kennedy's book, "Profiles in Courage", in which President Kennedy chronicled the lives of American statesmen who stood up for their beliefs against great opposition, Tony reminded us that "courage has many faces and heroes can come from anywhere."

"To me, my Father was a hero, in many ways—a 'profile in courage.' He was honest and kind. He lived his Roman Catholic faith as best he could. He loved his family with a passion I've never seen equaled. \* \* \* Tony noted that the heroics of war came relatively easily for Joe Swanick. He, along with other brave, young Americans conquered that fear in their youth while defending our Nation against Nazi oppression, tyranny, and inhumanity. "But," Tony added, "the bravery of self sacrifice was something nurtured throughout a lifetime and perfected for his family's sake. He was the most selfless man I've ever known."

Mr. Swanick attended and graduated Temple University where he earned an associate degree in business. Later in life, when his

sons were looking at college with some apprehension, he again attended classes at Temple University just to show them that they had nothing to fear. Both went on to college.

In September 1952, Joseph Swanick married Catherine M. McCall with whom he has shared his life since. Together they raised their two children and taught them the lessons, morals, and ideals which would stay with them throughout their lives.

After working as a salesman for Colonial Beef Co., Mr. Swanick founded his own wholesale meat business, Joseph Swanick Inc., in 1960 and remained in business until his retirement in 1984. Because he was a man who believed in doing what was right, Joe Swanick refused to sell to country clubs and places he knew discriminated against blacks or Jewish people. Also, during financial recessions, he would take meat and other items from his own business and deliver it secretly to members of his church who had nothing to eat. As a father and teacher, he brought his children with him to learn the importance of performing charitable works while avoiding the spotlight.

"He taught me tolerance," Tony Swanick said, "that it is okay if you disagree with people or don't even understand them. But, it is not okay to hate them or persecute them for it. From him, I learned to open my mind to new experiences and people who were different and close my heart to bigotry and intolerance."

Joseph Swanick also helped his children discover the beauty of our Earth by taking them on trips to locations throughout the world. But he also taught them to find the beauty within themselves and to trust in their own abilities. Mr. Speaker, we here in Congress often discuss the fact that too many children in America are neglected or abused. Here was a man who taught his children the importance of self worth every day.

Mr. Swanick and his family lived in the Elkins Park section of Abington Township, Montgomery County, for more than 20 years before moving to the Penllyn section of Lower Gynedd Township. Throughout his life, Mr. Swanick remained active in his church parish beginning with St. Stephens in North Philadelphia and including St. Dennis in Havertown, Delaware County. Much of his life with his family was spent at the Montgomery County parishes of St. Jame's Roman Catholic Church in Elkins Park and St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Ambler.

Following his retirement from the wholesale meat business, Mr. Swanick worked as a courier for the Montgomery Publishing Co., publisher of numerous weekly newspapers. Ironically, at the same time, his son, Tony, was an award-winning reporter for the newspapers. Mr. Swanick also believed in giving back to the community in much the way his wife and two sons did.

He was active as a volunteer for Wissahickon Hospice, based at Chestnut Hill Hospital, for more than 5 years, serving as a companion for numerous terminally ill patients in Philadelphia as well as Norristown and various other Montgomery County communities. His role was to ease the burden and emotional distress for both the patient and the family during the patients final months of life. He dedicated much of his free time to helping others—a Swanick family trait. His wife, Catherine, organized and ran a group called Birth-

right which promoted adoptions. Pat was involved in numerous charities he organized at St. Joseph's University. And Tony worked with me to co-found the Montgomery County AIDS Task Force and to create a public health department for Montgomery County. He still serves on the board of trustees of Norristown State Hospital.

Joe Swanick loved to bring comfort to the ill through Wissahickon Hospice and, perhaps he knew he would need the services of hospice himself as his life came to a close. For the last 6 months, he received outstanding homecare from the Montgomery Homecare/Hospice based at Montgomery Hospital.

But, the real care came from his family, Pat and his wife Diana, Tony and particularly Joseph's wife, Catherine, who was by his side every minute providing him with the best medicine he could have, a warm hand on his, a smile, a prayer. "Dad always said 'I got me a good one,'" Pat said. "And he was right." Catherine and Joe Swanick took vows to care for each other for better or for worse, in sickness and in health and they did just that until in death they did part.

Mr. Speaker, when Joe Swanick died, hundreds came to bid him farewell. There were people from his grade school and his high school. The brave men who flew with him in B-24 Liberators in World War II were also represented as were those who worked for him. Members of Wissahickon Hospice who worked with him to care for others were joined by those from Montgomery Hospice who, ultimately, cared for him until his death.

Joe Swanick's death was not an easy one. In the end, he could barely draw a breath and his heart was weak, perhaps because he gave so much of it to others. Still, despite his pain and discomfort, his family was foremost in his mind. Catherine, Pat, Diana, and Tony gathered around him on his last day on Earth and prayed for him, cried for their loss, sang to him, held his hand, and made certain he left this world feeling loved. But to the end, Joe Swanick was selfless.

"In one of my last conversations with my Father before he became too ill to speak," Tony Swanick said. "He pulled me close and told me he wished there had been more he could have done for me during his life. Can you believe that? This man who gave me everything I value was lying there \* \* \* staring at death \* \* \* barely able to draw a breath \* \* \* and when he did, he didn't use that breath to ask me to help him or to make him more comfortable. He used that breath to tell me that he wanted to do more for me! To do more for me \* \* \*." Mr. Speaker, even at the threshold of death, Joe Swanick put his family first.

Joe Swanick had an incredible wit, loved to tell a good story, was quick with a laugh, and a smile and was for his family the embodiment of humanity, kindness, compassion, understanding, and love. But the consensus at his death was that Joe Swanick wasn't really gone forever. Before he died, Catherine reminded him, "You know Joe, up in Heaven, you'll have a whole new audiences for your World War II stories." Pat said he could see a glimmer in his father's eyes when he imagined the possibilities.

Joe Swanick was proud of his family and would be quick to tell anyone about them—whether or not they wanted to hear it.

"In fact," Pat said, "I've envisioned the scene in Heaven this week over and over again. I can see Dad saying:

'Saint Peter, wait 'til you meet my wife, Cass. She's the best!' or

'Saint Peter, did I tell you about my trip to Cleveland last summer to visit Pat and Diana?' or

'Saint Peter, have you ever been to Washington for Christmas? We visited Tony there last year during the holidays \* \* \*'

I can just see those conversations going on up there. I just hope Saint Peter doesn't get too tired of hearing about us and he still lets us in when our time comes."

Pat noted that his father was a Christian, faithful in his duties to God and his church. He was a patriot, flying nearly 30 wartime missions in World War II. He was an entrepreneur, "he always like this word—he said it was a fancy word even if he didn't know how to spell it." He was a volunteer, dedicating his time to others in need.

"Dad was a good friend and neighbor and a devoted husband," Pat said. "His best role, and perhaps I'm a bit biased, was simply being a dad. He was real good at it \* \* \* the best. He made a difference and we're all better off for having known him."

Pat is right, Mr. Speaker. I know this family well and I know they were all devastated by this great loss. It was a loss to Montgomery County and the entire Delaware Valley as well as to everyone whose lives Joe Swanick touched. Joseph Swanick practiced family values before someone turned the phrase into a weapon to attack those who were different.

Tony Swanick summed it up when he noted that many of us, in our youth, try so hard to be different from our parents. "Now," he said, "I've spent much of my adult life wishing I was more like them. To my dad \* \* \* my friend \* \* \* I can say only this. Yours is the most elegant soul I've ever known. Yours is the biggest heart I've ever seen. Yours is the most loving and gentle spirit I have ever encountered. You are the finest man I have ever known and we will miss you more than words could ever say. But now, it is time for you to be at peace with God. And so, I must say 'farewell' my Father, my friend. Farewell."

## "BEST TAX-CUT PROPOSAL APPEARS TO FACE ROADBLOCK IN CONGRESS"

**HON. DOUG BEREUTER**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 1997

Mr. Speaker, this Member highly commends to his colleagues the following editorial supporting the proposed capital gains tax cut which appeared in the Omaha World Herald on June 18, 1997.

[From the Omaha World Herald, June 18, 1997]

### BEST TAX-CUT PROPOSAL APPEARS TO FACE ROADBLOCK IN CONGRESS

Democrats and Republicans on Capitol Hill are negotiating the specifics of legislation to reduce taxes by a net \$85 billion over the next five years. Unfortunately, the best proposal in the tax-cut package—reducing the capital-gains tax—is the hardest one to sell politically.