

mark two other important milestones this Sunday: he and his congregants will celebrate the 25th anniversary of his pastorship of the Congregational United Church of Christ, on the same day as his 75th birthday.

A truly gifted and dedicated professional, Reverend Lehman has built a proud legacy of service to the spiritual needs of his congregants. This Sunday, September 28, 1997, the Congregational United Church of Christ community will join in praising his outstanding life of service with a special festival service. Friends, family, and colleagues will come from across Long Island, 13 States, Australia, and England to honor the lifetime of service to the church.

Throughout his 50-year career, Reverend Lehman has dedicated his time, energy, and talents to his alternate calling: educating ministers, rabbis, priests, and seminarians in the skills of pastoral care to the sick. Upon graduating from Oberlin Graduate School of Theology, Reverend Lehman was assigned to his first church in Elyria, OH. It was there that he began his training in clinical pastoral education, completing a 2-year residency at University Hospital in Ann Arbor.

For the next 40 years, Reverend Lehman was employed by the New York State Department of Mental Hygiene, teaching clinical pastoral education to clergy and seminarians at two psychiatric hospitals, the first in Gowanda, NY. Then in 1967, Reverend Lehman arrived at Central Islip Psychiatric Center, on Long Island. During his teaching career, Reverend Lehman trained more than 600 clergy and seminarians for careers in pastoral care.

Though retired from Central Islip Psychiatric Center, Reverend Lehman still serves as pastor of the Congregational United Church of Christ. Reverend Lehman married his first wife, Priscilla, while living in Gowanda, and they had two children, Nancy and Thomas. Priscilla Lehman succumbed to cancer in 1989, and he eventually married again, to longtime family friend, Marilyn Birkmann Blume.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Rev. Richard J. Lehman for his remarkable lifetime of service to God and man. Through the Grace of God, our Long Island community has been truly blessed with the ministry of this gifted and spiritual man.

SUPPORT OF THE INTERFAITH ASSEMBLY ON HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING ON OCCASION OF ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 1997

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Interfaith Assembly on Homelessness and Housing on occasion of its 10th anniversary.

For 10 years now the Interfaith Assembly on Homelessness and Housing has served the homeless of New York City with sensitivity and understanding. This coalition has reached out to those in our society who are without shelter and offered a helping hand. Whether helping individuals rebuild their lives through the Speakers' Bureau and Project Success Pro-

gram or tirelessly advocating for public policy that maintains decent and affordable housing for all New Yorkers, the Interfaith Assembly on Homelessness and Housing has provided the city of New York with a valuable service that we all ought to recognize and acknowledge.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the Interfaith Assembly on Homelessness and Housing for its dedication to the homeless, its fight for affordable housing, and its ability to effect change in a city that desperately needs it. Through testimonials that have touched the hearts of many and raised the consciousness of many more, this broad and diverse coalition, which includes a wide range of religious organizations throughout the city, ought to be proud of the work they have done to spread compassion and serve others.

As we all know, there is a lot more that we must do to end homelessness in New York and across America. I look forward to working closely with members of this coalition in the battles ahead, and sincerely hope that our efforts will one day be unnecessary as our society comes to recognize that decent affordable housing is a right we all deserve.

TRIBUTE TO THE ANTIOCH BABE RUTH ALL STAR TEAM

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 1997

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the championship victory of the Antioch All Star Team on Saturday, August 17, 1997, at the 16-18 Babe Ruth World Series. The city of Antioch, which is in my district, recently celebrated their homecoming with a parade through the city and a civic celebration at city hall. The accomplishments of these fine young men are a great honor to the city of Antioch.

The 16-18 Babe Ruth World Series was held in Jamestown, NY, where the players from Antioch competed against other such teams from around the Nation. Throughout the 1-week tournament, the team exhibited a true show of perseverance and a dedication to excellence. They managed to come from behind in several of their games, proving to the other teams that they would not give up. These athletes were not only dedicated to winning the game, but also dedicated to each other. The players from Antioch practiced long and hard to earn the right to play for the national championship, and through their hard work on the field and their commitment to teamwork, they rose from underdogs at the beginning of the series to the champions on the final day.

It is wonderful to see such positive support from the community for this talented and dedicated group of East Bay teens. They show us that when we bestow our faith in our children, they can truly achieve excellence.

The Antioch Babe Ruth All Star Team is deserving of the honor as the best 16-18 Babe Ruth League team in the country. These ball-players are an excellent example of the kinds of things that young people in our communities can achieve. I hope you will join me in congratulating them for their achievement and their ambition.

HONORING CAPTAIN NIKOLAOS FRANGOS

HON. RON KLINK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 1997

Mr. KLINK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 1997 Hellenic Chamber of Commerce "Man of the Year Award" recipient, Capt. Nikolaos Frangos. Born in the town of Kardamyla on the island of Chios, Nikolaos's family was no stranger to the maritime merchants trade. Today, he is the owner of one of the largest dry bulk shipping fleets in the world. His shipping enterprise has grown to over 3,000 crew members and shore-based employees.

Captain Frangos has provided a great service to people throughout the world. During the gulf war he assisted the United States by shipping much needed supplies to our troops based in the Middle East. He is a gentleman worthy of the distinction of the Hellenic American man of the year. His accomplishments outside the shipping industry include his membership to the governing board of the Orphanage of Vouliagmeni and his membership to the Leadership-100 of the Archdiocese of America.

It is with great pride and honor that I urge my colleagues to rise and honor the life and contribution of Capt. Nikolaos Frangos and his wonderful family including his wife Stella and his children Angeliki, John, and Maria. His devotion to his family, his country, and the world are truly admirable.

BEST WISHES TOMMY AMAKER

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 1997

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, September 30, a reception will be held for Harold Tommy Amaker in New Jersey. Tommy Amaker is Seton Hall University's (SHU) first African-American men's basketball head coach. He is also the youngest coach in the Big East Conference, one of the top basketball conferences.

Mr. Speaker, I am a proud alumnus of Seton Hall University and my level of pride keeps going up when things like this happen. I was an SHU student when the great Seton Hall team in 1953 won the National Invitational Tournament (NIT). It was the premiere collegiate championship tournament. The Seton Hall team was led by Walter Dukes and Richie Regan. Richie Regan continues to serve the University as the Pirate Blue chairman. The Pirate Blue is an athletic fund raising group at Seton Hall.

I want to applaud Monsignor Robert Sheeran, president of SHU, who used personal leadership to recruit SHU's first African-American basketball coach. I would also like to commend Philip Thigpen, former national middle distance champ in the 50's, for his leadership in assembling a group of African-American alumni of SHU and its School of Law to host this reception.

Tommy Amaker and his challenge to return SHU to championship status have brought excitement. On March 20 he was named the

coach of SHU men's basketball team. Prior to this position he had served the Duke University basketball team for 13 years—4 as a player and 9 as an assistant coach. During his tenure he became the top recruiter for Duke's Blue Devils where he helped land highly-touted Shane Battier, a 6-foot-8 forward from Michigan; Jeff Capel, a current Duke guard, and Grant Hill, now of the Detroit Pistons. Amaker captained Duke as a senior and earned All-American honors. He received the Henry Iba Corinthian Award in 1987 as the Nation's best defensive player. In 1986 during the Final Four, he had the most steals, seven.

Academics are just as important to Tommy Amaker as are sports. He received a B.A. degree in Economics from Duke in 1987 and was drafted by the NBA's Seattle SuperSonics. After being cut in training camp, he returned to Duke as a management intern with the university administration for 1 year before enrolling in the Fuqua School of Business. He served as a graduate assistant while studying in the business school in 1988–89. He is a fine student and teacher of the game. He also has been successful in forming the Tommy Amaker Basketball Academy, a summer day camp for youth.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure my colleagues will join me as I extend best wishes to Tommy Amaker and his wife, Stephanie, as they undertake successful careers in the great State of New Jersey.

TRIBUTE TO DEKERRIAN WARE

HON. MARTIN FROST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 1997

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dekerrian Ware, the 1997–98 national poster child for sickle cell disease and a student in my congressional district. Dekerrian is 8 years old, and is a third grade honor student at David K. Sellars Elementary School in Fort Worth, TX.

Dekerrian is as active as most boys are his age by playing football, basketball, riding his bicycle, and keeping busy with his church activities. But because of sickle cell disease, there are times when he is too sick to do the things you and I take for granted.

Dekerrian, however, is a young man filled with strength and determination, and I believe that he will be able to achieve anything he sets out to do. Dekerrian is a true champion in life and in school as he copes with this genetic blood disease which has no cure.

Mr. Speaker, September is National Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month and there is still much to do in combating this disease. Sickle cell anemia, the most common form of the disease, affects 1 in 500 African-Americans, or about 72,000 Americans.

All newborn babies should be tested for sickle cell, because all forms of sickle cell disease are inherited. Children inherit genes for the disease from their parents, and we need to encourage everyone to learn more about sickle cell disease.

Dekerrian is a true hero to all of us who are fighting sickle cell, and an inspiration to those who confront this illness.

ROLLCALL VOTES 457, 458, AND 459

HON. ROBERT A. WEYGAND

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 1997

Mr. WEYGAND. Mr. Speaker, on September 26, 1997, I was unavoidably detained and was not, therefore, able to vote on rollcall votes 457, 458, and 459. Had I been able to vote, I would have voted "yea" 457 and "nay" on rollcall votes 458 and 459.

During that time, Secretary of Defense Cohen and Assistant Secretary of the Navy Douglas, were visiting my district to tour Electric Boat and the Naval Undersea Warfare Center and to discuss current Defense appropriations and proposals that will affect national security.

Due to that visit, I missed votes on amendments concerning State Department appropriations. As we move to complete work on the Commerce, Justice, State appropriations bill, it is critical that we address concerns regarding the use of those funds by the State Department.

The Bartlett amendment, rollcall vote 458, would reduce payments made by the State Department to the United Nations, which is in the process of reforming itself; we should not take action that may prevent that reform.

I believe it is in our Nation's best interest to continue participation in the activities of the United Nations and we must do so in good faith, and that means making good on our financial obligations.

The Gilman amendment, rollcall vote 457, will withhold 2 percent of the State Department's salaries and expenses budget until the Department complies with the provisions of the 1996 terrorism bill. It is my hope that the Gilman amendment will encourage the Department to conform. We must ensure that the State Department is following the intent of the 1996 terrorism bill and designates foreign terrorists.

ADDRESS OF REYNOLD LEVY, PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE, AT THE EXHIBIT IN BUDAPEST ON THE LIFE AND WORK OF VARIAN FRY

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 1997

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I call the attention of my colleagues to an excellent address given earlier this month in Budapest, Hungary, at the opening of an exhibit on the Life and Work of Varian Fry by Mr. Reynold Levy, the new President of the International Rescue Committee. I am asking that Mr. Levy's address be placed in the Record.

Mr. Speaker, on July 1st of this year, Mr. Levy assumed the position of President of the International Rescue Committee (IRC). This organization was founded over half a century ago by a number of distinguished Americans in an effort to help mitigate the tragedy of displacement and destruction which accompanied World War II. Since its founding the IRC has been one of the leading organizations in the

world in helping to deal with the problem of refugees and those seeking political asylum, and the organization has been a major provider of and advocate for humanitarian assistance.

It is most appropriate that one of the first public responsibilities of Mr. Levy as the new president of the IRC was to speak at an exhibit honoring the activities of Varian Fry. Mr. Fry was designated by the IRC to go to France in 1940 in an effort supported by the United States government to bring to the United States 200 prominent Jewish intellectuals—writers, scientists, academics, journalists, historians, musicians, opposition political leaders, and others—who were in southern France, having fled the advancing Nazi forces and were seeking to escape. In recognition of Varian Fry's outstanding efforts in Europe in 1940 with the IRC, he is the only American who has received the honor "Righteous Among the Nations" from Yad Vashem, the Israeli memorial to Holocaust victims, for risking his own life to save the lives of Jews during the Holocaust.

Mr. Levy is a graduate of Hobart College, and he holds a Ph.D. in government and foreign affairs from the University of Virginia and a degree in law from Columbia University. His distinguished career includes a period of service as Executive Director of the 92nd Street Y, a leading cultural, educational and social service institution on Manhattan's upper east side. He later was a senior officer of AT&T Corporation, serving first as founder and chief executive officer of the AT&T Foundation, and later as Corporate Vice President, and Managing Director of International Public Affairs. After leaving his position at AT&T, he spent a nine-month sabbatical writing two books—one on the exercise of corporate and social responsibility and the other on what he sees as a renaissance in American philanthropy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that Mr. Levy's address at the opening of the exhibit in Budapest, Hungary, on the Life and Work of Varian Fry be placed in the RECORD. I urge my colleagues to carefully consider the thoughts of Reynold Levy, a distinguished American philanthropist and humanitarian.

REMARKS OF REYNOLD LEVY

Congressman Lantos and Mrs. Lantos, Ambassador and Mrs. Blinken, distinguished guests.

As President of the International Rescue Committee, I'd like to accomplish two objectives with some brief remarks.

My first objective is to explain why it is important to remember Varian Fry's life and work. A very distinguished Board member colleague of Congressman Lantos and Mrs. Blinken, Elie Wiesel, explains the matter definitively in this passage from his book *All Rivers to the Sea*.

"Memory is a passion no less powerful or pervasive than love. What does it mean to remember? It is to live in more than one world, to prevent the past from fading and to call up the future to illuminate it. It is to revive fragments of existence, to rescue lost beings, to cast light on faces and events and to drive back the sands that cover the surface of things, to combat oblivion and to reject death."

In recognizing Varian Fry we "Rescue a lost being . . . and drive back the sands that cover the surface of things."

My second objective is to offer a perspective on Fry's legacy.

For his heroic work and that of the Emergency Rescue Committee did not end with