

After college graduation, Dick taught high school social studies at Lakeview High School. His dedication to his students was not limited to the classroom. As a football coach, he was able to give to his students the same satisfaction in sports that he enjoyed as a student. As a teacher and coach, Dick was able to capture the energy and minds of the students he taught.

Not only was Dick an inspiration to students, but also to teachers. In 1972, he began representing teachers with the Michigan Education Association. His dedication to improving education prompted him to cofound Local 1, the first collective bargaining unit in Macomb County. Dick was instrumental in bringing together 16 school districts into 1 united group.

In 1982, Dick returned to Lakeview Public Schools as the assistant superintendent of curriculum and personnel where he turned his talents to review texts books and curriculum. For the past 11 years, Dick has been the director of consultant services of the Macomb Intermediate School District. His vision to provide quality education for our youth has made him successful in training teachers. He has used his leadership skills to guide teachers to inspire and teach the next generation.

I have known Dick for over 20 years and have witnessed the caring attitude that Dick has toward both teachers and students. His simple goal of providing a quality education for our youth has inspired not only teacher and students, but parents and the community. Throughout the years, Dick has been a dedicated volunteer in Macomb County as well as defending and improving public schools.

On behalf of myself and those who have had the opportunity to work with Dick, I would like to wish him well and thank him for his numerous contributions to our community.

FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK  
HONOR JUDGE BLEWITT

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 17, 1997*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join with the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, Pittston, PA, in paying tribute to the Honorable U.S. Magistrate Judge Thomas M. Blewitt. The judge will be the recipient of the W. Francis Swingle Irishman of the Year Award at their 83d annual St. Patrick's Day banquet. I am extremely pleased to have been asked to participate in this annual tradition.

Judge Blewitt was appointed on February 21, 1992, to an 8-year term. From January 1, 1986 through February 1992, he served as assistant Federal public defender in the Scranton division. From May 1984 to January 1986, he was assistant district attorney for Lackawanna County. From December 1972 to October 1980, he was a special investigator for the Pennsylvania Department of Justice, Bureau of Consumer Protection.

A graduate of Scranton Prep in 1968, he went on to the University of Scranton, Marywood College and earned his juris doctorate from Temple School of Law in 1983.

Mr. Speaker, Judge Blewitt is well deserving of this prestigious award not only for his professional accomplishments but for his sincere commitment and involvement in his commu-

nity. He has served on the board of directors for the Friendship House Children's Center, Family Services of Lackawanna County, and is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association as well as the Federal Magistrate Judges Association.

Once again, I am pleased and proud to have the opportunity to bring judge Blewitt's accomplishments to the attention of my colleagues. I congratulate the judge on this fine honor and the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick on their 83d year.

A MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO  
ALEXANDRA APOSTOLIDES  
SONENFELD

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 17, 1997*

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention the recent passing of Alexandra Apostolides Sonenfeld, a role model and inspiration to many throughout California. Alexandra died in her sleep in San Francisco on July 26, 1996, just 10 days shy of her 100th birthday.

Alexandra Sonenfeld was born on August 6, 1896, in Sokraki on the Island of Corfu, Greece. One of nine children of Father Mandilla, a priest, and Barbara Chondroyianis, a schoolteacher, Alexandra accompanied her father on a trip to the United States when she was 10 years old. She remained in the United States until her recent passing, never rejoining her family in Sokraki.

Alexandra married Dr. Emmanuel Apostolides at the age of 20 and together they settled in San Francisco and raised three children—Alexander, Zoe, and Kleo. Her first husband passed away and she later married her second husband, Howard Sonenfeld.

In 1929, Alexandra Sonenfeld opened her home to wives of the members of the Order of AHEPA in San Francisco to discuss the formation of a women's auxiliary. Shortly thereafter, the first chapter of the Daughters of Penelope was established. In 1931, the Daughters of Penelope was chartered and incorporated in the State of California as a non-profit organization. In the decade that followed, Alexandra Sonenfeld devoted her time to the development and expansion of this organization across the United States as well as the formulation of bylaws and a constitution. In 1939, she was elected the first grand president of the Daughters of Penelope. Over the years, this worthy organization has grown to its current 390 chapters throughout the United States and Canada, including 4 chapters in Greece.

Mr. Speaker, words do not begin to convey the love and admiration with which Alexandra Sonenfeld was held by her family, friends, and supporters. Her life journey stands as a remarkable testament to faith and hope and her memory will continue to inspire countless people. It is only appropriate that the House pay tribute to this courageous woman today.

CODIFICATION OF RECENT LAWS  
IN TITLE 49, UNITED STATES  
CODE, TRANSPORTATION

HON. HENRY J. HYDE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 17, 1997*

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a bill to codify in title 49, United States Code, recent laws related to transportation, and to make other technical and conforming amendments to the Code. This bill was prepared by the Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the House of Representatives under its statutory mandate to prepare and submit periodically revisions of positive law titles of the Code to keep those titles current. This bill makes no change in the substance of existing law.

Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of the bill and a section-by-section summary—containing reviser's notes—of the bill should contact John R. Miller, acting law revision counsel, U.S. House of Representatives, H2-304 Ford House Office Building, Washington, DC, 20515-6711. The telephone number is (202) 226-2411.

Persons wishing to comment on the bill should submit those comments to the acting law revision counsel no later than April 30, 1997.

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
BOMBING OF THE ISRAELI EM-  
BASSY IN BUENOS AIRES—HOUSE  
CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 50  
URGES ACTION FROM ARGENTIN-  
EAN AUTHORITIES

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 17, 1997*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, 5 years ago, on March 17, 1992, the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires, Argentina, was destroyed by a massive suicide bomb, and several nearby buildings were also destroyed. In that bombing, 29 people were killed and an additional 252 innocent people were injured, many seriously.

Victims of the attack included employees of the Israeli Embassy and their families, children from a nearby Roman Catholic primary school, men and women from a nearby Roman Catholic church shelter, a Roman Catholic priest, and others. Two years later the Jewish Community in Buenos Aires was also destroyed in a terrorist bombing in which 86 people died and over 200 were injured.

Despite worldwide attention to these catastrophes, we are now marking the fifth anniversary of this hideous terrorist bombing and yet we still have had no prosecution and even no sign of progress in identifying those who carried out this vicious attack. It is time for the Congress to express our serious concern about this outrageous and unacceptable situation.

Mr. Speaker, on this tragic anniversary, with 12 of our distinguished colleagues, I introduced House Concurrent Resolution 50 which notes the fifth anniversary of the bombing of the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on March 17, 1992, and calls upon the

Argentinean Government to take more aggressive steps to solve the crime. Our resolution "notes with regret" that this is the fifth anniversary of the Israeli Embassy bombing and "police and judicial authorities in Argentina have not identified and initiated prosecution of the perpetrators of these two barbarous acts of terrorism." The resolution also urges the Supreme Court of Argentina to designate a single judge to conduct the investigation of the Embassy bombing in order to improve the efficiency of the inquiry. Currently, the full membership of the Supreme Court is in charge of the investigation, and this has hampered the effectiveness of the investigation.

I invite my colleagues to join as cosponsors of this legislation and urged redoubled effort to solve these horrendous crimes. The text of House Concurrent Resolution 50 follows:

H. CON. RES. 50

Whereas on March 17, 1992, the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires, Argentina, a school, and several nearby buildings were destroyed by a powerful suicide car bomb blast in which 29 innocent children, women, and men lost their lives and an additional 252 innocent people were injured;

Whereas the victims of this terrorist attack included employees of the Israeli embassy and their families, children from a nearby Roman Catholic primary school, women and men from a nearby Roman Catholic church shelter, a Roman Catholic priest, and people across the spectrum of Argentine society;

Whereas Argentina's Jewish community, which numbers over 300,000 and is the largest Jewish community in Latin America, has suffered periods of severe Anti-Semitism during periods of military rule and feels particularly vulnerable to assault from certain radical Islamic groups and from indigenous far right extremists in Argentina;

Whereas Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility for the bombing of the Israeli Embassy and praised the name of the alleged suicide bomber, Abu Yasser, by calling him a "martyr struggler," and Islamic Jihad is a terrorist organization that is supported by Iran and United States State Department officials have stated that Iranian diplomats collected information to plan the bombing;

Whereas the failure of Argentine and international efforts to bring the perpetrators of the embassy bombing to justice made Argentina a prime target for a second devastating terrorist attack on July 18, 1994, just two years after the bombing of the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires, when the Asociacion Mutual Israelita Argentina (AMIA) Jewish Community Center was destroyed in a similar car bombing in which 86 people died and over 200 people were injured; and

Whereas the effectiveness of the investigation of the Israeli embassy bombing, which is being conducted by the Supreme Court of Argentina, has been hampered by the inefficiency of having the entire membership of the court in charge of the investigation:

Now, therefore, be it—

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring) that the Congress*

(1) Notes with regret that March 17, 1997, marked the fifth anniversary of the bombing of the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires, that it is now more than two and a half years since the bombing of the AMIA Jewish Community Center, and that policy and judicial authorities in Argentina have not yet identified and initiated prosecution of the perpetrators of these two barbarous acts of terrorism;

(2) Urges the Supreme Court of Argentina to designate a single investigative judge to conduct the investigation of the terrorist

bombing of the Israeli Embassy in order to improve the efficiency of the inquiry;

(3) Urges Argentinean judicial authorities to move forward aggressively in the investigation of the terrorism bombing of the AMIA Jewish Community Center because of the probability that there is a connection between that bombing and the bombing of the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires;

(4) Urges Argentinean authorities to acknowledge publicly the reports submitted by Argentinean, United States, and Israeli experts, which determined that the explosion at the Israeli Embassy took place outside the walls of the embassy;

(5) Urges the President and appropriate executive agencies to provide all appropriate assistance which has been or which may be requested by Argentinean government authorities in order to help that government in investigating these acts of terrorism; and

(6) Directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to forward a copy of this resolution to the government of Argentina.

IN RECOGNITION OF CAROLYN LANIER

HON. LARRY COMBEST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 17, 1997

Mr. COMBEST. Mr. Speaker, the pages of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD chronicle two centuries of actions affecting the everyday lives of Americans. Today, I'd like to add to that history with the account of an everyday American who has affected the lives of the needy beyond the boundaries of her community.

Carolyn Lanier has for 14 years served as the South Plains Food Bank executive director in Lubbock, TX. Her leadership has brought the food bank from its beginnings as a simple storeroom with shelves of canned goods, to its modern-day operation with refrigeration, a working farm and a dehydration plant. The food bank's success in feeding the needy and in helping other food banks created the necessity for the facility's Breedlove Dehydration Plant. Each day, the South Plains Food Bank under the leadership of Carolyn Lanier, its patrons and the many volunteer workers, feed as many as 16,000 people through 254 charitable agencies in a 20-county area of the vast Texas Panhandle-South Plains-Permian Basin Region.

Carolyn is the first to answer the compliment about her service by praising those working with her and the many financial supporters of the South Plains Food Bank. In recognizing those good works, it is helpful for those of us here in Congress and for people who study the pages of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to know that people just like Carolyn Lanier, who was qualified by the experience of feeding and caring for her family, saw a need and a way to help feed and care for an extended family of thousands and thousands she had never met.

Carolyn's success—and thus the success of the South Plains Food Bank—comes from her caring and her determined effort. Those seeing the need in their community can take heart from Carolyn's example. And those of us here in Congress seeking ways to meet those needs are gratified by these efforts. Government must be a servant of the people, doing all it can to encourage these charitable works.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 17, 1997

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on Thursday, March 13 and was unable to be present for rollcall vote No. 50, final passage of H.R. 852, the Paperwork Reduction Act. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

TRIBUTE TO REV. LESTER PRATT, SR.

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 17, 1997

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Rev. John Lester Pratt, Sr., pastor of Zion Shiloh Baptist Church. Reverend Pratt was born in Fredericksburg, VA, and attended Storer College in Harpers Ferry, WV. As an undergraduate he majored in education. He graduated from Manhattan Bible Institute and American Divinity School of Religion; earning undergraduate and masters degrees in theology.

In 1977 he was elected pastor of Zion Shiloh Baptist Church. He abides by the philosophy of, "I accept the challenge." Currently he is serving as secretary of the Progressive National Baptist Convention. Pastor Pratt has served as past moderator of New York Missionary Baptist Association, been a member of Cumberland Community Board and served as a member of the board of Hampton Ministers Conference.

The reverend is married to Mrs. Gertrude Pratt, and they are the proud parents of two sons, Leo, John, Jr., grandson, Leo Sterling Pratt, and have a wonderful daughter-in-law, Michelle. It is my pleasure to introduce Rev. Lester Pratt, Sr., to my House colleagues.

CODIFICATION OF TITLE 36, UNITED STATES CODE, PATRIOTIC AND NATIONAL OBSERVANCES, CEREMONIES, AND ORGANIZATIONS

HON. HENRY J. HYDE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 17, 1997

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a bill to codify and enact certain general and permanent laws, related to patriotic and national observances, ceremonies, and organizations, as title 36 of the United States Code. This bill has been prepared by the Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the House of Representatives as a part of the responsibilities of that Office to prepare and submit to the Committee on the Judiciary, for enactment into positive law, all titles of the United States Code. This bill makes no change in the substance of existing law.

Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of the bill and a description of the bill, containing a section-by-section summary should contact