

public service. In 1964, Mr. Bellamy graduated from Indiana University and continued his education at the University of Michigan where he received his Juris Doctor cum laude and Order of the Coif in 1967. He has continued his scholarly work in law and has been nationally recognized for his writing on constitutional questions. Mr. Bellamy currently serves as the chairman and chief executive office of Bank Calumet, with which he began his affiliation in 1975.

While Calvin Bellamy has dedicated considerable time and energy to his work at the bank, he has always made an extra effort to give to the community. Some of the organizations for which he serves as the director of include: the Lake County Community Development Committee, the Northwest Indiana World Trade Council, and the Northwest Indiana Local Initiatives Support Corporation. Additionally, he has served as president and director of the Hammond Public Library, Lake Area United Way, and the Legal Aid Society of Greater Hammond. He has also been active with the Hammond Historical Society, the Lake County Bar Association, Northern Indiana Arts Association, and the Indiana Bankers Association.

Although his work and community service put extraordinary demands on his time, Calvin Bellamy has never limited the time he gives to his most important interest, his family, especially his lovely wife, Cathy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending Calvin Bellamy for his lifetime of dedication, service, and leadership in Northwest Indiana. His large circle of family and friends can be proud of the significant contributions this prominent individual has made. Our community has certainly been rewarded by the true service and uncompromising dedication displayed by Mr. Calvin Bellamy.

93RD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 1999

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I recently had the pleasure of attending a forum on "The Upsurge of Anti-Semitism in Russia" sponsored by the American Jewish Committee at its 93rd annual meeting. This forum was attended by several Members of Congress and provided a useful opportunity for representatives of the AJC and Members of Congress to exchange their thoughts on the rise of anti-Semitism in Russia and the response of Congress.

In this connection, I distributed a statement regarding the March 23 passage of H. Con. Res. 37, a resolution that condemned the anti-Semitic statements made by certain members of the Russian State Duma, as well as commending fair-minded members of the Duma for their efforts to condemn such statements. This resolution passed the House of Representatives unanimously. As Chairman of the Helsinki Commission, I was proud to have introduced this resolution in the House, along with every member of the Helsinki Commission. A companion resolution in the Senate, S. Con. Res. 19, has been introduced by Com-

mission Co-chairman Senator BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL and Ranking Commissioner Senator FRANK LAUTENBERG.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I submit this statement for the RECORD.

STATEMENT OF THE HONORABLE CHRISTOPHER
H. SMITH

Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. It's a pleasure to meet with you today, at this 93rd annual meeting of the American Jewish Committee and the forum on "Confronting the New Upsurge of Anti-Semitism in Russia."

With the fall of the Soviet Union, many of the "hidden" ills of that society that had been "frozen" by a totalitarian regime devoted to superficial "order" re-emerged. One of these was open anti-Semitism. Freedom of the press has given rise to countless anti-Semitic publications and leaflets. As you know, two suspicious explosions took place in Moscow recently near the Maria Roshcha and Chorale synagogues. These are only the most recent instances of arson or suspected arson against these two synagogues. Other synagogues and Jewish cemeteries in the former Soviet Union and Russia have been hit as well.

In post-Soviet Russia, the residue of official anti-Semitic propaganda of the Soviet era—disguised by Moscow as "anti-Zionism"—was bound to find a certain reception among certain less-discriminating elements. These attitudes, freed from the constraints of the Iron Curtain and now aided by the Internet and an unrestrained press, and then reinforced and cross-pollinated by neo-Nazis and racists throughout the world. In their fervent anti-communism, some extreme nationalists have attempted to present a distorted picture of Jews as allies of communists destroying Russia during the Soviet period. In Russia today the communists blame Jews for being allies of capitalists destroying Russia. Finally, the economic malaise experienced in Russia has engendered hatred intolerance against not only Jews, but toward many ethnic minorities, especially the so-called "dark people" from the Caucasus.

It is deplorable when vandals and hate-mongers attempt to spread bigotry in any society, but we must admit that such unfortunate incidents do not take place only in Russia. And, I have yet to meet any member of the Russian Jewish community who wants to return to the Soviet period. But I—and I know I can speak for other Members of the House of Representatives—have been outraged by the antics and attitudes that have been exhibited by some members of the Russian Duma, especially in the ranks of the Communist Party.

In December of last year, Mr. Viktor Ilyukhin, a Communist Party member and chairman of the Duma security committee, stated that Yeltsin's "Jewish entourage" is responsible for alleged genocide against the Russian people. Another Communist Party member, retired General Albert Makashov, speaking at public rallies, referred to "the Yids" and other "reformers and democrats" as responsible for Russia's problems and threatened to make up a list of targets and "send them to the other world."

Incidentally, I have seen films of Mr. Makashov's performance. It is quite sobering. I can only say, "Heaven help the Russian people and the world," if he and his ilk ever do triumph.

In fairness to the many conscientious Russians inside and outside of the government, these anti-Semitic statements were widely condemned in Russia. In response to the public outcry, both in Russia and abroad, Communist Party chairman Zyuganov explained

that the Party had nothing against "Jews," just "Zionism." When fair-minded members of the Duma attempted to pass a resolution condemning Makashov's statement, it was voted down by the communist majority.

The U.S. Congress, though, has reacted much differently. On March 23 of this year, the House of Representatives passed unanimously, 421-0, House Concurrent Resolution 37, condemning anti-Semitic statements made by members of the Russian Duma and commending actions taken by fair-minded members of the Duma to censure the purveyors of anti-Semitism within their ranks. I was proud to have introduced this resolution in the House, along with every member of the Helsinki Commission as original cosponsors. A companion resolution in the Senate, Senate Concurrent Resolution 19, has been introduced by Commission Co-Chairman Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell and Ranking Commissioner Senator Frank Lautenberg.

In addition, several members of the Helsinki Commission and I have written to Mr. Zyuganov to express our dismay at his role and the role of his party in tolerating anti-Semitism in a participating State of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. In that letter, among other points, we urged Zyuganov to take every appropriate step to disassociate the Communist Party from racist and anti-Semitic positions and to reject individuals who hold those positions.

I would add that our Embassy and the State Department have performed commendably in expressing to Russian officials our deep concern about the rise of anti-Semitism in Russia.

I am informed by the State Department that in recent days at least, there have been no more anti-Semitic statements emanating from Duma members. However, as Elena Bonner remarked earlier this year at Helsinki Commission hearings, the parliamentary elections in December of this year will be an important indicator of Russia's direction for the future. Will Russia return to the democratic path of the early 1990s or will it turn backward in reaction? We hope that the lesson of ethnic intolerance, taken to its extreme conclusion now in the Balkans, should be clear.

In any event, let me assure you that as Chairman of the Helsinki Commission and as Chairman of the Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights of the House International Relations Committee, I will use every appropriate opportunity to combat anti-Semitism and intolerance in Russia.

TRIBUTE TO EDWARD A. KOZIARZ

HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 1999

Mr. WEINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to invite my colleagues to pay tribute to Edward A. Koziarz on the occasion of his being honored for his twenty-five years of service to the members of Plumbers Local Union No. 1, U.A.

The members of the Plumbers Local Union No. 1 have long been known for their commitment to community service and to enhancing the quality of life for all New York City residents.

This gathering is not only a festive happening, it is a chance for all of us to celebrate and pay tribute to a man who has dedicated his life to helping others. Edward A. Koziarz,

truly represents the best of what our community has to offer.

Edward A. Koziarz was born on November 13, 1936 in Ozone Park, New York. He and his loving wife, Annette, have three wonderful children and have taken great pride and joy in the successes of their four grandchildren.

Edward A. Koziarz was initiated into Plumbers Local #1 and appointed as a United Association Organizer in June of 1974. Since his election on July 1, 1978, Edward A. Koziarz has served as Local #1's Business Agent, a post he holds to this very day. Edward A. Koziarz has also served his brothers in Local #1 by serving as a delegate to United Association Conventions in 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991 and 1996.

Edward A. Koziarz has been among the pre-eminent labor leaders of New York City Civil Service Skilled Tradesman since 1974 and is one of the Founding Fathers of the New York City Comptroller's Prevailing Wage Council.

Edward A. Koziarz has long been known as an innovator and beacon of good will to all those with whom he has come into contact. Through his dedicated efforts, he has helped to improve my constituents' quality of life. In recognition of his many accomplishments on behalf of my constituents, I offer my congratulations on his being honored by Plumbers Local Union No. 1, U.A. in recognition of his twenty-five years of service to the Union as an Organizer and Business Agent.

MONTELLO STUDENTS SPACE SEED PROJECT ON SPACE SHUT- TLE DISCOVERY

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 1999

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, this past year, students from Montello, Wisconsin worked on a project that entailed an international experiment which was included on last fall's historic Discovery space shuttle flight.

The experiment involved vials of lettuce seeds from Wisconsin and chicory seeds from Italy being subjected to micro gravity, extreme heat and cold during the NASA flight. While in space, the project was tended by astronaut John Glenn. The seeds are being studied to determine the effects of space travel. Early results indicated that the space seeds did as well as the control seeds despite not being fertilized. This unexpected finding could have far-reaching implications for the environment.

The school-wide project included students of different ages and the central theme allowed all types of classes to be involved, such as English, history, and agriculture. The seed project, "Growing Montello Transglobally" is a joint effort with students from the Il Montello region of Italy. The students communicated over the Internet using an Italian translator program.

During a visit to Montello High in January, I had the opportunity to discuss the project with the students and was impressed by their interests and abilities. I toured classes where students had participated in computer portions of the project, from sharing and tracking information with their sister school in Montello, Italy, to downloading and sending digital photo-

graphs. I was also impressed by a video documentary of the project and related activities that was made in conjunction with the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA).

The Wisconsin students were able to go to Florida to view the Discovery launch in October. They raised their own money for the trip through a variety of fund-raisers which included selling cookies and T-shirts and hosting a spaghetti dinner.

Seventh and eighth grade students in the Montello School system are co-authoring a children's picture book. The students developed their own ideas for the characters, plot, settings, and illustrations featuring children from Montello, Italy and Montello, Wisconsin. The book will feature NASA projects as seen from the children's perspective. They will be submitting the book to a professional publisher. A literacy quilt was created to highlight the success of the NASA Project.

Catherine Ellenbecker, teacher, has been asked to have the students do a multimedia presentation on the seed project at the Naval Academy in Annapolis in September.

The time and effort the students of Montello, Wisconsin and Il Montello of Italy put into this project was phenomenal and their achievements and successes should be recognized. I believe these students deserve a full measure of praise for all they have accomplished.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. MICHAEL G. WEISS

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 1999

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention today the fine work and outstanding contributions of Dr. Michael G. Weiss. Congregation Emanu El of San Bernardino, CA, will honor Dr. Weiss on June 5 as this year's recipient of the Rabbi Norman F. Feldheim Award for distinguished service to the congregation and community. He will be recognized at a dinner dance which will also commemorate the 108th anniversary of the chartering of the congregation.

The Norman F. Feldheim Award was established to pay tribute to those members of Congregation Emanu El who have, in their own lives, reflected Rabbi Feldheim's qualities of love for and loyalty to the synagogue, service to the community, as well as evidencing personal traits of humility, loving kindness, care, and love. Dr. Weiss has been a particularly devoted leader of Congregation Emanu El through his 10-year service as a member of the board of directors as well as treasurer, vice president, and, from 1996-98, president of the congregation. Over the years, Dr. Weiss has been a tremendous inspiration to others through his love for Judaism and his commitment and devotion to the synagogue.

Dr. Weiss is also a widely recognized and highly respected member of the faculty of the Department of Psychology at California State University at San Bernardino. He is a psychotherapist in private practice as well as a consultant to numerous mental health facilities throughout the Inland Empire. A prolific author, Dr. Weiss has conducted research and written extensively on parenting, sexual awareness, and foster parenting.

Dr. Weiss has also given generously of his time to numerous civic and community-based organizations including Mothers Against Sexual Abuse, San Bernardino Child Advocacy Program, the Children's Network of San Bernardino County, and the Center for Counseling and Parenting. In addition, he has been particularly active as an educator before numerous civic, religious, and professional groups at the local and national level.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me and our colleagues in recognizing the tremendous contributions of Dr. Michael Weiss as he is presented with the Rabbi Norman F. Feldheim Award. Dr. Weiss, along with his wife, Ellen, and children, Emily and Zachary, provide an outstanding example of faith and family. It is especially appropriate that this honor is being bestowed at a ceremony also marking the 108th anniversary of the founding of Congregation Emmanu El.

CONGRATULATIONS TO W. KEN MASSENGILL

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 1999

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to pay tribute to an outstanding citizen of Indiana's First Congressional District, W. Ken Massengill. On Saturday, June 5, 1999, Mr. Massengill, along with his friends and family, will celebrate his retirement from United Steelworkers of America (USWA), District 7. The celebration will take place at St. Elijah Serbian-American Hall in Merrillville, Indiana.

Ken Massengill has dedicated a substantial portion of his life to the betterment of union members and the community of Northwest Indiana, as well as the entire state.

Mr. Massengill's distinguished career in the labor movement has made his community, state, and nation a better place in which to live and work. For more than twenty-five years, Mr. Massengill has served as an important figure as a member of the United Steel Workers of America. He has held several positions throughout his tenure, but none as important as Assistant Director of District 7, USWA, a position from which he retired in February of 1999.

As a union representative, Ken Massengill has held a variety of offices, ranging from union steward to Sub-District Director. In addition to his service to the union, he has devoted much of his time to community initiatives. Some of the activities Mr. Massengill has been involved with include: board member for both the Porter County and Michigan City United Way, Chairman of the Lake Area United Way Board of Trustees, member of the Indiana University Labor Studies Advisory Board, and President of the Indiana Unemployment Insurance Board. Additionally, he serves as the Indiana Steelworkers PEC Legislative Director, PAC Coordinator, and in 1994 was appointed by Former Governor Evan Bayh to the Indiana Port Commission where he currently served as the Chairman of the Port Commission.

On this special day, I offer my heartfelt congratulations to Ken Massengill. His large circle of family and friends can be proud of the contributions this prominent individual has made.