

J.J. "JAKE" PICKLE FEDERAL
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SPEECH OF

HON. AMO HOUGHTON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 1999

Mr. HOUGHTON. Mr. Speaker, J.J. (Jake) Pickle is one of the outstanding men I've ever known. He is a doer. His House record is filled with significant and sensitive accomplishments. But you have to dig it out. As contrasted to the hefty P.R. machines that work around Washington, Jake's was modest, infrequent, and honest.

As a human being and friend, one could find no more genuine example. Friendship consists of a special radar and consistency. The knowledge that a friend is "there" reflects the kernel of friendship. That is Jake Pickle.

Jake stood on the world stage for years with distinction. But his most meaningful contributions always seemed to show up with everyday people. Some have that touch to relate. Jake's touch is infallible.

To dedicate anything to Jake Pickle does the greatest credit to the originators.

TRIBUTE TO JUDY GELLER

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 10, 1999

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Judy Geller as she is honored as Woman of the Year by Temple Valley Beth Shalom.

Mohandas Gandhi said that "You find yourself by losing yourself in service to your fellow man, God, and country." As Judy Geller receives the prestigious Woman of the Year Award, it seems an appropriate time to acknowledge her dedicated service to Valley Beth Shalom, to the Jewish community and the community at large, and to her family.

Judy's commitment and devotion to Valley Beth Shalom sets an example for us all. Prior to serving as Temple President, Judy held numerous other positions at Valley Beth Shalom including Administration Vice President, Religion Vice President, Membership Vice President, Education Vice President, and Sisterhood President. She also continues to serve, as she has since 1982, as a member of the Temple's Board of Directors.

Service to the Jewish community and the greater community have been central to Judy's life as well. She is a member of the Hillel Campus Council at Los Angeles Pierce and Valley Colleges, a Past President of the San Fernando Council of B'nai B'rith Women, Past President of the Encino Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women, and is a Life Member of Jewish Women International and Hadassah. She also has served as a Social Welfare Aide Volunteer with the American Red Cross, and is a past Chair of the Women's Auxiliary Committee of the Los Angeles Open Golf Tournament.

Through her forty-four years of married life, Judy and her husband, Gene, have maintained a Jewish home which is compassionate, accepting, moral, and intellectually alive. They have passed these values as well on to their three children and five grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, please join me in honoring Judy Geller for her exemplary dedication and service to Valley Beth Shalom, to her family, and to our community.