

as well as the Armenian student newspaper, Hye Sharzhoom.

Since 1988, he has served as the first incumbent of the Haig & Isabel Berberian Endowed Chair of Armenian Studies at Fresno State. Dr. Kouymjian has taught a wide range of subjects: Armenian, Islamic, Classical, and Byzantine history and art, Western and Oriental humanities, film, genocide and Saroyan studies. He also serves on the editorial boards of five publications in Armenian studies and the Board of Scholars of the Zoryan Institute, NAASR, and the Armenian Film Foundation.

Dr. Kouymjian has been awarded a Fulbright Senior Lectureship by the United States government to teach in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature at Yerevan State University in Armenia. Along with his many other accomplishments, he has been given the highest honor bestowed by the Armenian church to scholars and writers, the St. Sahag and St. Mesrob medal, by Catholicos Karekin I.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Dr. Dickran Kouymjian for being named "Man of the Year" by the Armenian National Committee of Central California. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Dr. Dickran Kouymjian many more years of continued success.

#### TRIBUTE TO ESTHER K. SHAPIRO

#### HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 29, 2000*

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Esther K. Shapiro who will be awarded the Anti-Defamation Lifetime Achievement Award on April 4, 2000. This is indeed a high honor.

Esther Shapiro has devoted her life to social justice and civil rights. Her passion for human rights is longstanding. It began in the 1940's when Esther and her late husband, Harold, were evicted for hosting an African-American in their government-owned housing.

In the 1960's, she was drawn to the civil rights activities in the Deep South, and was part of the Michigan Friends of the South, an organization that courageously supported the efforts of Martin Luther King, Jr., the Freedom Marchers.

In her hometown, Detroit, Esther devoted her effort to win equal opportunities in housing, labor and politics for African-Americans. She was the first director of Detroit's Consumer Affairs Department where she worked to protect all consumers from abuse and scams.

Although recently retired, Esther Shapiro remains an activist as a consumer consultant to non-profit, government and business organizations, and currently serves as advisor on consumer affairs to Councilwoman Maryann Mahaffey, President Pro-Tem of the Detroit City Council.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating this remarkable woman, Esther K. Shapiro, for her passion for human rights. I wish her good health and happiness as she continues to make this world a better place for all.

#### CONGRATULATING THE STEEL—HIGH ROLLERS BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

#### HON. GEORGE W. GEKAS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 29, 2000*

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, today I congratulate the Steel-High Rollers Boys' Basketball Team of Steelton, Pa., on winning the PIAA Class AAA State Championship. This is not the first time for these talented young men. They also celebrated victories upon winning at the state championship in 1998 and in 1992.

Starters Walt Chavis, Tanel Woodward, Kurt Cheatham, Joe Zimmerman and Scott Attivo play important roles on the Rollers. But it is all the players on the team who deserve the credit for this victory. These young men have sweated through hours upon hours of warm-ups, drills and scrimmages to become the great team they are today.

Coach Rick Binder is to be commended on training and shaping these young men into a formidable team. In just three seasons, Coach Binder has guided the Steel-High-Rollers to three District 3 AAA championships and two PIAA-AAA championships.

I must also recognize the communities of Steelton and Highspire for the support they have given to their hometown team. When communities join together in a unifying spirit, the sky is truly the limit. It is self-evident the amount of pride and support these towns show, not only to this winning team, but to their school and all of its fine students.

The Steel-Rollers deserve much praise for their victory. I know the U.S. House of Representatives joins me and the communities of Highspire and Steelton in honoring these hardworking and talented young men. Congratulations and continued success.

#### JEWISH WOMEN'S ARCHIVE MAKING VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR UNDERSTANDING OF HISTORY

#### HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 29, 2000*

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to represent a Congressional District that is home to an important cultural institution known as the Jewish Women's Archive. The organization, which is located in the town of Brookline, Massachusetts, was established in 1995 to record and publicize the remarkably rich history of Jewish women in North America. Among JWA's key projects are a "virtual archive" that provides an on-line directory of source materials that are available on Jewish women in libraries and other facilities in the United States and Canada, and its Oral History Project, which is focused on the life stories of twentieth century Jewish women.

Another important JWA initiative, which coincides annually with Women's History Month in March, is the "Women of Valor" program, an educational and outreach project aimed at helping the Jewish community and, indeed, people of all faiths in North America, to de-

velop a better understanding of the accomplishments of Jewish women. Each year, JWA, in collaboration with Ma'ayan: The Women's History Project in New York, selects three Jewish women who have made notable contributions to our history, creates posters and other educational material providing details about their lives, and then disseminates the materials to more than 8,000 schools, libraries and other interested institutions. Past honorees have included Hadassah founder Henrietta Szold, trade union leader and social welfare activist Rose Schneiderman and poet Emma Lazarus. This year's Women of Valor are former Congresswoman Balla Abzug, anthropologist Barbara Myerhoff and Canadian track and field Olympian Bobbie Rosenfeld.

I would add that, as part of Women's History Month, Joyce Antler—JWA Visiting Director of Research—made a presentation on March 22 before the President's Commission on the Celebration of Women in American History. Her testimony, which touched on many aspects of the role of women in history, cannot be reproduced here in toto, but I would like to excerpt one paragraph, because it sums up so well the important mission of JWA:

I would like to mention one final strategy used by the Jewish Women's Archive to bring women's history to the public. Last spring, we mounted a program in Boston around the life and legacy of Justine Wise Polier, the activist judge who was a 1999 Woman of Valor. The evening began with moderator Martha Minow of the Harvard Law School asking the question, "How can a woman so influential in her own lifetime be largely forgotten less than two generations later? And how does a legacy get passed on to another generation?" The evening began with my own remarks about Polier's life and legacy, followed by personal reflections from Nancy Gertner, a U.S. District Court Judge in Massachusetts, who enthusiastically embraced the similarities between her life and Polier's and left audience members greatly stimulated by the current relevance of Polier's concerns, convictions, and commitments. We have developed other programs across the country in which we bring the past to the present by matching the life and legacy of women of achievement in other generations to those of women today. These programs highlight historical materials that we have collected but place them in new contexts that have local and contemporary relevance. This matching process generates great excitement by allowing audiences to connect in fresh ways to the lessons of the past.

Mr. Speaker, in recognition of the excellent work the Jewish Women's Archive performs in helping us to connect with the past in new ways, I submit the following JWA statement on this year's Women of Valor program to be printed in the RECORD.

SCHOOLS, SYNAGOGUES, UNIVERSITIES AND JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER TO HIGHLIGHT JEWISH WOMEN'S CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 2000

In Boston and around the country, Jews and non-Jews, women and men will have the opportunity to learn about the important, but often-ignored accomplishments of Jewish women during Women's History Month this March. This month, thousands of institutions will celebrate Women's History Month by showcasing the accomplishments and contributions of three Jewish women: a leading political activist, a pioneering anthropologist and a gold-medal winning Olympic athlete.

While most Americans are familiar with political activist Bella Abzug, few know about the accomplishments of anthropologist Barbara Myerhoff and Canadian Olympic athlete Bobbie Rosenfeld. All three women are featured in the year 2000 Women of Valor educational poster series produced by the Jewish Women's Archive. In Boston, institutions such as Temple Israel, the Leventhal Sidman JCC, Harvard Hillel and dozens of other places will display the posters throughout Women's History Month and conduct programs highlighting the important role women have played in history. The posters are complemented by a workbook featuring a biography of each Woman of Valor, worksheets and suggested educational activities. In addition, individuals can learn more through an interactive multimedia Women of Valor exhibit on the Jewish Women's Archive website at [www.jwa.org](http://www.jwa.org). The unique and innovative exhibit includes speeches, photographs, news clips, letters and film clips from archives and libraries throughout the country.

"History teaches us about who we are and where we have been," said Gail Twersky Reimer, Executive Director of the Jewish Women's Archive. "For too long, the contributions of Jewish women have been ignored. Each in her own way, Bella Abzug, Barbara Myerhoff and Bobbie Rosenfeld changed our world. Understanding their work and recognizing their contributions enriches and completes our knowledge about the past."

The Women of Valor poster series was created to increase awareness of, and interest in, women's history and to stimulate the development of programs that celebrate the lives of Jewish women, past and present. The posters portray their subjects in pictures and narrative, using each woman's own words to create a compelling picture of her achievements and the times in which she lived. Women of Valor posters and accompanying educational materials have been sent to more than 8,000 institutions and organizations throughout the United States and Canada.

Created in partnership with MIT's Center for Educational and Computing Initiatives, the Jewish Women's Archive website is the cornerstone of the Archive itself. It includes interactive multimedia exhibits, an on-line database and resources on North American Jewish women. This unique and invaluable research tool is the first stage in the development of a searchable Internet directory of all source materials on Jewish women available in repositories throughout the United States and Canada.

Now in its third year, the Women of Valor Project is funded by grants from the Covenant Foundation, Righteous Persons Foundation and the Dobkin Foundation. In previous years, the project has featured Glikl of Hamelin, Rose Schneideman and Henrietta Szold (1997); Rebecca Gratz, Lillian Wald and Molly Picon (1998); and Emma Lazarus, Justine Wise Polier and Hannah Greenbaum Solomon (1999). Women's History Month was designated by the United States Congress in 1987 to raise awareness among students and adults, female and male, of the many and diverse accomplishments women have made throughout history.

The Jewish Women's Archive was founded in 1995 to uncover, chronicle and transmit the historical record of Jewish women's lives—their impact on Jewish culture and their active participation in society at large.

One of our nation's leading political activists, Bella Abzug (1920–1998) was a civil rights and labor attorney, a U.S. Congresswoman,

and an international women's rights activist. As an attorney Abzug mounted an appeal on behalf of an African American man sentenced to death on groundless charges of raping a white woman, and defended numerous clients during the infamous "with hunts" instigated by Senator Joseph McCarthy. In Congress, she promoted an agenda focused on social and economic justice. After leaving Congress, Abzug continued to champion women's and civil rights. She presided over the first National Women's Conference in 1977 and worked with other women to found some of the leading feminist organizations of our day.

Barbara Myerhoff's (1935–1985) groundbreaking research into American Jewry, their lives, culture and religion initiated a sea change in the field of anthropology, leading other anthropologists to expand from studying exotic communities in foreign countries to studying communities in their "own backyards." Her work affected not only her fellow anthropologists, but also helped a broad audience of men and women understand the importance of storytelling to their own lives. A creative and renowned professor and anthropologist, Myerhoff won an Oscar for her film *Number Our Days*, based on her 1979 book by the same name.

One of Canada's most outstanding athletes, male or female, Bobbie Rosenfeld (1904–1969) championed women's sports both on and off the field. As a competitor in the first Olympic Games to include women in 1928, Rosenfeld led her team to a gold medal in the 400-meter relay and a silver medal in the 100 meter. Despite bouts of severe arthritis, Rosenfeld led her softball league in home runs and was voted outstanding women hockey player in Ontario in 1931. When her arthritis became too severe for her to compete, Rosenfeld began coaching track and softball and eventually became a sports columnist for the *Toronto Globe and Mail*.

#### IN MEMORY OF THE LATE REPRESENTATIVE EDWARD HEALEY

#### HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 29, 2000*

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, today I honor the memory of State Representative Edward Healey, who passed away on March 15, 2000, at the age of 75. It is with a tremendous feeling of sadness that I speak in his honor: Florida has lost an outstanding leader who may never be replaced.

While Edward was born in Elmhurst, New York, he began his long-term affiliation with the State of Florida after moving to the area in 1957. Though he was not a lifelong resident, few have done more to serve the citizens of Palm Beach County: Edward was elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 1974 where he served until 1980. He also served in the House from 1982 to 1984, and was elected again in 1986. Since that time, he has subsequently been re-elected to serve the Palm Springs area in each election.

In addition to his extraordinary work in the state legislature, Representative Healey made numerous contributions to the Palm Beach County community throughout his years in Florida. Edward was active in local government through his participation in the Palm

Beach County Criminal Justice Commission, the Palm Beach County Health Care Taxing District Board, and the Palm Beach County Bar Association, where he was a member of the Legislative and Local Government Liaison Committee.

Though Edward Healey's commitments were numerous, he will always be remembered as someone who completely dedicated himself to the community through his work with local and national civic groups. He was involved with a myriad of organizations throughout his life: these organizations included the Florida Wildlife Federation, the Health Care Task Force, the National Audubon Society, the Nature Conservancy, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), the Urban League, and Common Cause. While this list is far from complete, I am positive that every organization that Representative Healey worked with will miss his leadership and dedication in the coming years. Mr. Speaker, while Edward Healey's passing is a tremendous loss for the Palm Beach County community, I can say without hesitation that his memory will live on through the work of the many organizations to which he dedicated his life. Though we will all miss his presence, I would like to thank and praise Edward for his hard work and leadership in improving the world at large.

#### TRIBUTE TO ALEXANDRA LENNOX VAIL

#### HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 29, 2000*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Alexander "Al" Lennox Vail, a longtime friend, who passed away on January 4, 2000. He was 78. Vail was a California rancher, whose family had owned and managed Santa Rosa Island and its 54,000-acre cattle operation there for nearly a century.

Vail was born November 24, 1921 in Los Angeles, California, thirty minutes after his twin brother Russ. The two brothers grew up playing on the island that their grandfather had purchased in 1902, with partner J.V. Vickers. At just 21 years old, Vail began working full-time on Santa Rosa Island as a cowboy. In 1962, he became the general manager of the ranching operation.

Vail and his twin brother continued to manage the ranching operation, off the coast of Santa Barbara, until 1998. At that time, the last cattle were removed under an agreement to protect the island's native plants. Since 1998, the Vails and the Vickers (the Vickers are silent partners) continued to run a commercial elk and deer hunting operation on the island, which Vail managed until his sudden death.

Al will forever be remembered throughout the livestock community for his ethics and stewardship of the bounteous resources of an island that was in his family for almost 100 years.

Vail is survived by his wife, Catherine "Kay" Sutherland Vail of Santa Barbara; his daughters, Nita Vail of Sacramento and Mary Vail of