

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF LUKE M. TWAREK ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

**HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 24, 2000*

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Luke M. Twarek of Marblehead, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Mr. Speaker, Luke's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Naval Academy this fall with the incoming midshipmen class of 2004. Attending one of our nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education and demands the very best that these young men and women have to offer. Truly, it is one of the most challenging and rewarding undertakings of their lives.

Luke brings an outstanding mix of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming class at the Naval Academy. While attending Danbury High School, Luke has attained a grade point average of 4.055, which places him first in his class of forty-six students. Luke is a member of the National Honor Society and is an Honor Roll member. Luke has received the PTO Academic Honors Award and Academic Letters in each year of high school. Clearly, Luke has performed very well in the classroom.

On the fields of competition, Luke has distinguished himself as a fine student-athlete. He is a four-year member of the Varsity Football team and served as co-captain during his senior season. Luke is also a four-year letter winner on the Varsity Track team. In fact, Luke has received the Scholar-Athlete Award in both football and track. Luke serves as Vice President of the Key Club, Editor of the school web page, and co-captain of the Academic Challenge Team. He is also a member of the Science Club, Concert and Pep Band, Computer Club, and has attended the Naval Academy Summer Seminar.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask my colleagues to stand and join me in paying special tribute to Luke M. Twarek. Our service academies offer the finest education and military training available anywhere in the world. I am sure that Luke will do very well at the Naval Academy and I wish him the very best in all of his future endeavors.

**HONORING ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 24, 2000*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. It's important that we recognize the rich cultural heritage of the Asian and Pacific Islander American community and all that they have contributed to America and American values.

All too often, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans are subject to prejudice and acts of violence. We must resolve to repair the damage done from past abuses and recognize and promote equality in every walk of life and in every way possible.

I introduced H. Con. Res. 111 to condemn acts of prejudice against Asian and Pacific Islander Americans and support political and civic participation by Asian and Pacific Islander Americans. I'm also proud to be a co-sponsor of legislation and a signatory on several letters that recognize the rich heritage of Asian and Pacific Americans and condemn past wrongs.

I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in supporting the following bills and letters:

I'm proud to be a signatory of Representative MATSUI's open letter in support of the President's initiative aimed at preserving WWII-era Japanese American Internment Camps in order to educate future generations about lessons learned from this stain on our nation's history.

I'm proud to be a co-sponsor of the Wartime Parity and Justice Act which would grant relief to Japanese Latin Americans who were abducted and unlawfully interned in the United States but who were not included in the settlement agreement signed into law by the Civil Liberties Act of 1988.

I call for the leadership of the Congress to move forward without delay on the nomination of Bill Lann Lee as the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights and I pay tribute to the efforts of the Administration to act on Bill Lann Lee's appointment.

The President has appointed more Asian Pacific Americans to Administration positions and the Federal bench than any other President. In June 1999, the Clinton-Gore Administration issued an Executive Order dedicated to improving the lives of Asian Pacific Americans, the first of its kind ever issued. President Clinton has also proposed \$698 million for civil rights enforcement this year—a 13 percent increase—to prosecute criminal civil rights cases, including hate crimes and police misconduct.

Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have suffered unfounded and demagogic accusations of disloyalty throughout the history of the United States. We should, instead, recognize the rich cultural heritage of the Asian and Pacific Islander American community and all they have contributed to America and American values.

We must never forget the strength our country has gained from the inspiration, the hard work, the loyalty and the leadership of Asian and Pacific Americans and all they contribute to the strength of our nation.

**RECOGNITION OF FRANK McDUFFIE**

**HON. ROBIN HAYES**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 24, 2000*

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the heroism of Mr. Frank McDuffie of Richmond County, North Carolina. Mr. McDuffie joined the Navy in 1935 at a time when America was trying to recover from the Great Depression and Europe was in turmoil.

Even in 1940, the war raging in Europe seemed distant and surreal. Yet on that infamous day in early December, 1941, Mr. McDuffie experienced the dark reality of war. Serving as a machine gun operator and a cook aboard the USS *Nevada*, Mr. McDuffie was stationed below the water line of the ship as Japanese bombers shelled Pearl Harbor. As the United States was violently thrust into World War II, Mr. McDuffie peered through the ship's window to see the Rising Sun flying overhead and felt the bombs' vibrations rumbling through the Nevada. Tied to the USS *Arizona* and the USS *Oklahoma*, the *Nevada* managed to cut loose while withstanding the onslaught of rapid machine gun fire and torpedo explosions. However, the damage to the ship was extensive enough that the ship had to run aground to avoid sinking at sea. Although the *Nevada* fared better than the *Oklahoma* and the *Arizona*, both of which sank due to extensive damage, she survived with a gaping hole.

Nearly 60 years after that foreboding day in December, 1941, I stand today before you to honor Mr. Frank McDuffie. Mr. McDuffie is illustrative of the Greatest American Generation—a generation of ordinary men and women asked to do the extraordinary. He joined the Navy to defend the United States and its citizens, to protect the freedoms and liberties we deem natural and God-given. Men like Mr. McDuffie, ordinary citizens willing to make the ultimate sacrifice for their country, provided the foundation on which America grew to become a great nation of unsurpassed international leadership and influence. Veterans like Mr. McDuffie are genuine American heroes. Mr. McDuffie's experience is a reminder that this country was built on the sacrifices of the brave men and women who served in the military to protect our country and preserve our freedom.

**REMEMBERING A TRUE PUBLIC SERVANT, MAYOR JOE BOB PARKER**

**HON. TERRY EVERETT**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 24, 2000*

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to offer tribute to a man I've known all my life, a man who was a true public servant to the small Southeast Alabama community in which we both grew up.

On Monday, the Town of Midland City in my congressional district lost its mayor of many years and I lost a good friend. Mayor Joe Bob Parker passed away on May 22 while on duty at his post in the historic Midland City City Hall.

Joe Bob Parker served his community for 12 years as mayor and before that for 16 years on the city council. He was so popular with the people that he was unopposed for re-election to a fourth term in office at the time of his passing.

I'm sure that you could go anywhere in America and not find a more dedicated public official or a bigger friend. He was instrumental in promoting local industrial development, fighting for a much-needed senior citizens center, and was even recognized by the Alabama League of Municipalities with a Distinguished Service Award.

As a native of his beloved Midland City, I stand today with all the people of that south Dale County town in remembering and celebrating the life of one of the finest people I've ever known. Joe Bob Parker was special to us and he will be missed.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

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**HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 24, 2000*

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, on May 23, 2000, I attended the funeral for the brother of Representative ANTHONY WEINER and was therefore unable to cast votes on rollcalls 214 through 223. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: "Yea" on rollcall 214; "yea" on rollcall 215; "yea" on rollcall 216; "yea" on rollcall 217; "yea" on rollcall 218; "yea" on rollcall 219; "yea" on rollcall 220; "yea" on rollcall 221; "yea" on rollcall 222; "yea" on rollcall 223.

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HONORING THE UNITED HOCKEY LEAGUE CHAMPION FLINT GENERALS

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**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 24, 2000*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, today I congratulate the Flint Generals of the United Hockey League, who on May 17, defeated the Quad City Mallards in the UHL Colonial Cup Championship series. The game was truly an exciting battle, which the Generals won 5–4.

The Generals are a great example of what hard work, determination, and a passionate desire to win can accomplish. The Generals celebrated a stellar regular season with a record of 51–14–9, and 111 points. This not only earned them the Central Division Championship, but they tied a league record for most points by a team in the regular season.

The Generals went on to score decisive victories in the postseason, defeating the Madison Kodiaks, the Muskegon Fury, and ultimately, a strong and skilled Mallard team.

The Generals are the third team to bring a professional hockey championship to my hometown of Flint, Michigan. They are another testament to the rich sports history that exists throughout the state of Michigan. Their accomplishments shine bright in the eyes of the people of Flint. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the 106th Congress to join me in saluting the Flint Generals. They are true champions.

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HONORING THE WEST END MEMORIAL SCHOOL IN WOODBURY, NEW JERSEY

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**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 24, 2000*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, on May 24, at 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., at West End Memorial School in Woodbury, NJ, Col. Larry Engel,

vice-president of the Battleship NJ Foundation, will present a print of the Battleship to the Woodbury School District, certificates to the three elementary schools and decals to the 178 fifth grade students who raised \$1,000 toward the Battleship's Museum. They stitched over 1,400 needlepoint bookmarks and sold them for \$.50 each, several Easter baskets which sold for \$5 each and issued \$1 stock certificates to local businesses and civic organizations toward their Battleship NJ Peace Project. The students will present an assembly to the 4th and 5th grade students dedicated to those who have served our nation. Col. Engel will address the group about the NJ and Memorial Day. The students will present a check to Col. Engel for the Museum.

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HONORING REV. DOCTOR WILLY UPSHAW

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**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 24, 2000*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, the year 2000 is significant for many reasons, not least of which is it being the 33rd anniversary of the Rev. Doctor Willie Upshaw's ministry at the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Yonkers, a church which has grown under his guidance and inspiration from 150 congregants to more than 2,500.

This incredible expansion of his ministry is based on his motto: "It's no secret what God can do." The high esteem and love given the Rev. Upshaw by his congregation is based on his devotion to his pastoral duties of visiting and praying with the sick and shut-ins, dedicating infants, bringing God to patients at nursing homes and to prisons, and helping those in the community who seek him out for his wisdom and counsel.

Under his pastorate eight deacons have been ordained and seven ministers licensed, of who two have been ordained. Under Pastor Upshaw the Youth Church Ministry has been organized, drawing large numbers of young people to membership through the Rites of Passage and Vows of Purity programs, movements made easier by the Pastor's great love for all youth.

Pastor Upshaw has also served in many other capacities: Executive Vice President of the Yonkers Council of Churches, President of the Ministerial Fellowship of Yonkers, member of the Central Hudson Baptist Association, and member of the Board of Directors of the Yonkers General Hospital among so many others.

Rev. Upshaw has contributed an almost infinite amount of goodness and decency into the community. I am proud to stand here today to congratulate him on 33 years of his pastorate and to wish him, and all of us, many more years.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF JEREMY L. HAAS ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

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**HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 24, 2000*

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional district. I am happy to announce that Jeremy L. Haas of Sandusky, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, Jeremy's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming cadet class of 2004. Attending one of our nations' military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education and demands the very best that these young men and women have to offer. Truly, it is one of the most challenging and rewarding undertakings of their lives.

Jeremy brings a great deal of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming class at the Air Force Academy. While attending Sandusky High School, Jeremy has performed very well in the classroom. Jeremy has attained a grade point average of 3.775, which places him eighteenth in his class of three hundred six students. Jeremy is a member of the National Honor Society. In addition, Jeremy has received Scholar Athlete Awards in Football and Track in each year of his high school career.

On the fields of competition, Jeremy has distinguished himself as a fine student-athlete. He is a member of the Varsity Football team and has participated in the summer running and weightlifting programs. Jeremy is also a member of the Varsity Track team. In addition, Jeremy has been involved with the International Club and the Sandusky High School band. He has also served as a volunteer at the Sandusky Community Police Station.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask my colleagues to stand and join me in paying special tribute to Jeremy L. Haas. Our service academies offer the finest education and military training available anywhere in the world. I am sure that Jeremy will do very well at the Air Force Academy and I wish him the very best in all of his future endeavors.

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POEM BY SOL AXELROD

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**HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 24, 2000*

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I share a poem written by my constituent Mr. Sol Axelrod of Commack, New York. The Merchant Marines have served as the sixth Armed Force of our country. Mr. Axelrod beautifully describes our ocean-going Patriots who have laid down their lives for freedom. As Memorial Day approaches, I thought his words were particularly moving.

Forever at Rest  
Yes, I recall that fateful day