

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF DAVID LEFKOWITZ,
FOR HIS 25 YEARS OF SERVICE
AS CANTOR OF THE PARK AVENUE
SYNAGOGUE

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 7, 2001

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. David Lefkowitz, who will celebrate his 25th anniversary as Cantor of the Park Avenue Synagogue this month. Mr. Lefkowitz will celebrate the anniversary alongside members of the synagogue at a morning choral service and evening formal dinner-dance on May 5, 2001. Mr. Lefkowitz has served as the Cantor and music director (or hazzan) for the Park Avenue Synagogue since 1976.

One of Mr. Lefkowitz's most notable accomplishments in his playing of classical masterpieces of Jewish history. He has also premiered hundreds of new compositions and, in order to preserve a record of liturgical Jewish history, also created 44 volumes of Friday evening and Shabbat morning music. He has also restored and adapted long-obscure yet important compositions.

Mr. Lefkowitz, the son of a cantor and composer, was born in Cleveland, OH, and received his musical training at the University of Pittsburgh, the Jewish Theological Seminary, and the Julliard School. Prior to his work at the Park Avenue Synagogue, Mr. Lefkowitz served two other prestigious congregations, Paterson, New Jersey's Temple Emanuel and the Ocean Parkway Jewish Center in Brooklyn. With great success, Mr. Lefkowitz has performed in recitals, concerts, operatic roles and as a soloist with choruses and orchestras in oratorios and premiers of new Jewish musical works.

Mr. Lefkowitz is a former president of the American Society for Jewish Music and is the current president of the David Nowakowsky Foundation. He is also a faculty member of the School of Sacred Music at Hebrew Union College.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize Mr. Lefkowitz and his outstanding work in my district. His enormous talent has provided the Park Avenue Synagogue with original worship music that has great cultural significance. In fact, many of these compositions have become the favorite selections of the many members of the Park Avenue congregation.

I am happy to congratulate Mr. Lefkowitz on his 25 years of service and recognize the many contributions he has given to the Park Avenue Synagogue.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

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OF MISSOURI

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AMERICA'S STEEL INDUSTRY

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 7, 2001

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support America's steel industry.

America's steel industry is in a near crisis state. Beginning in 1997, dumped and subsidized steel imports grew dramatically until they reached almost 40 percent of the U.S. steel market. Steel prices rapidly decreased; steel workers were laid off; steel companies filed for bankruptcy. As a result of the weakened steel industry, the level of imports deemed acceptable by the government increased, and recovery has been difficult.

The steel industry needs help. I believe H.R. 808 is a good first step in providing assistance. The Steel Revitalization Act of 2001 provides import relief by imposing 5-year quotas on the importation of steel and iron ore products in the United States. The quotas will return the import market share to the levels prior to 1997. This provision is very similar of H.R. 975, which passed the House with strong support in the previous Congress.

In addition, the legislation will augment the Steel Loan Guarantee Program, which provides guaranteed loans to qualified steel companies. Currently, steel companies are finding it almost impossible to raise capital through other sources, especially due to plummeting stock prices and decreasing demand. The Steel Revitalization Act will expand the program by authorizing \$10 billion rather than \$1 billion, guaranteeing 95 percent of the loan rather than 80 percent and extending the terms from 5 years to 15. With this expansion, more companies will be able to take advantage of this worthwhile program.

Mr. Speaker, in the congressional district I represent, steel companies like Laclede and Granite City Steel are seriously distressed. Many of my constituents are at risk of losing their jobs. It is of the utmost importance that we in Congress work hard to keep America's steel industry vital. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 808 and our steel industry.

TRIBUTE TO NORM LEVIN

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 7, 2001

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to an extraordinary and accomplished man, Dr. Norm Levin, and to congratulate him on his receipt of the prestigious 2001 Distinguished Service Award (DSA) from the California Society of Anesthesiologists (CSA).

I am proud to have known Norm for more than twenty years, having met with him countless times on issues affecting the medical profession and anesthesiologists. He always brings a well-balanced and thoroughly informed perspective to questions of policy, and he has the ability to see both sides of any given issue. I cannot imagine a more deserving recipient of the DSA.

Norm began his affiliation with the CSA in the 1970's and has been a powerful force within the organization for more than two decades. He has distinguished himself in so many ways, but his real strength has been in working with the state and federal governments to bring an understanding of important issues facing the CSA.

Norm has held nearly every office in the CSA, including Secretary, President-elect and finally President. He has chaired nine different CSA committees and served on more than thirty. Since 1989, Norm has been a member of the ASA Economics Committee, advocating on behalf of his colleagues.

Like Norm, the DSA is truly unique. It is one of few awards that are given only when a worthy nominee is identified. In fact, in ten of the years since 1976 the award has not been given.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Norm Levin for his tremendous contributions and to wish him continued success.

BREISETH HONORED FOR LEADERSHIP IN WORK OF EARTH CONSERVANCY

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who helped me realize a dream. Dr. Christopher Breiseth is being honored tonight for his role as the founding chairman of a non-profit organization we established together in Northeastern Pennsylvania almost ten years ago, and I wanted to take the time to share with my colleagues the extraordinary effort he put forward by leading the Earth Conservancy from its earliest turbulent days to the outstanding success it has now become.

Just over ten years ago, Chris, his wife Jane, and their youngest daughter Lydia came

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to Washington and stopped by my office. Dr. Breiseth had been serving as the president of Wilkes University for about seven years at that point, and we had always enjoyed a good working relationship. In addition to our shared interest in national politics and social issues, we also spent a great deal of time discussing the challenges and opportunities facing Northeastern Pennsylvania. As a relative newcomer to the region, Chris provided me with a fresh perspective that managed to be both realistic and optimistic. During that visit in Washington, we talked about the need to clean up the environmental degradation from the coal mining industry, and I shared with Chris my dream of purchasing a parcel of land owned by a defunct coal company which had been tied up in bankruptcy for more than fifteen years. With his characteristic enthusiasm, Chris agreed to join me in establishing a non-profit organization to purchase this land, reclaim the mine-scarred portions, and redevelop it with the principles of what we now call "smart growth."

In early 1992, Chris and I recruited a group of community leaders to serve on the board of this new organization. Now that the Earth Conservancy is a well-respected local institution with a history of good work, it is hard to remember how difficult those early days were and how risky for all of our reputations. After an initial flurry of positive press reports, the fledgling Earth Conservancy soon became the target for intense scrutiny by the local media. As we struggled to obtain the federal funds necessary for the purchase of the land and worked through the legal labyrinth to free the land from bankruptcy, local reporters became convinced that we must be doing something nefarious. One newspaper made more than one hundred freedom of information act requests from various federal agencies, which effectively raised suspicion among the government officials within those agencies. I will be forever grateful to all of the original members of the Earth Conservancy board, but most especially to Chris Breiseth as the Chairman, for withstanding the intense pressure and continuing to believe in our dream.

That dream is now reality. The Earth Conservancy has reclaimed more than 800 acres of land, and has committed to preserve in open green space more than two-thirds of its total 16,000 acre holdings. Under the leadership of its CEO, Mike Dziak, the Earth Conservancy has reached out to every level of the community to use the asset of the land for the benefit of everyone. Local schoolchildren plant trees on Earth Conservancy land every year. Some small parcels of land have been donated to local municipalities and non-profit organizations for a wide variety of public projects, and the Earth Conservancy has welcomed local residents to use its land for rec-

reational purposes. At every step of the way, Chris provided strong and steady guidance to keep the organization devoted to its original goals. My trust in him was and is absolute, and the entire region of Northeastern Pennsylvania owes him an enormous debt of gratitude for the leadership he has provided to the Earth Conservancy.

After seventeen years as the president of Wilkes University, Chris Breiseth is moving on to new challenges. He will be president and chief executive officer of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute at Hyde Park, New York, where I have no doubt his depth of understanding as an historian will benefit all who find inspiration from the lives of these two great Americans.

Mr. Speaker, when Chris and Jane Breiseth came to Northeastern Pennsylvania with their three lovely daughters, Abigail, Erika, and Lydia, they truly made it their home. They volunteered their time and energy to countless community activities, and the region has been enriched by their presence. Every community in America should have the benefit of people like the Breiseths, who took a chance on a dream and made it happen.

TRIBUTE TO ASHLEY C. COLLOPY
FOR HER EXEMPLARY VOLUNTEER SERVICE

HON. JIM NUSSLE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 7, 2001

Mr. NUSSLE. Mr. Speaker, I write this tribute to commend Ashley Collopy for her exemplary service to her community. Ashley took the initiative to become involved in a local community service project that will strengthen the community and provide a better societal environment for all Iowan's.

It is exciting for me to see a young Iowan tap their endless potential and give something of great quality back to the community and state. While Ashley no doubt found this work very rewarding, I am sure that those in her community are also very grateful for her commitment.

I am very proud of Ashley's commitment to a better Iowa. Ashley is an outstanding young American, and is a person that other young people should look to as an example for what it means to be a leader. Ashley is a leader in her community and I have every confidence that she has the potential to be a leader in America's march to the future.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 103 IN BETHALTO, IL

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 7, 2001

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 50th anniversary of Boy Scout Troop 103 in Bethalto, IL.

Troop 103 of Bethalto, IL, is sponsored by the Bethalto United Methodist Church located at 240 East Sherman Street in Bethalto, IL. United Methodist has sponsored Troop 103 for the past 50 years. For Troop 103, there have been 10 former Scoutmasters and the Troop has produced 25 Eagle Scouts in their 50 years of existence and will soon add four more. This Troop has 27 active scouts that participate in many scouting activities throughout the year. They have participated in the annual Lincoln Pilgrimage in Springfield, IL, and also the Memorial Day Parade in Bethalto. Many former Scouts remain as business owners in the community of Bethalto.

The Boy Scouts of America was incorporated to provide a program for community organizations that offers effective character, citizenship and personal fitness training for youth. They endeavor to develop citizens who are physically, mentally and emotionally fit; have a high degree of self-reliance as evidenced in such qualities as initiative, courage and resourcefulness; have personal values based on religious concepts; have the desire and skills to help others; understand the principles of the American social, economic and governmental systems; are knowledgeable about and take pride in their American heritage and understand our nation's role in the world; and are prepared to participate in and give leadership to American Society.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Troop 103 on the occasion of their 50th anniversary and to recognize their service to the community.

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