

TRIBUTE TO RABBI JEROME R.
MALINO

HON. JAMES H. MALONEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2001

Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, it is truly an honor for me today to bring to the attention of my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives the celebration of two very significant milestones in the life of Rabbi Jerome R. Malino of Danbury, Connecticut. During the weekend of June 1st through the 3rd, the United Jewish Center of Danbury, as well as the entire Danbury community, will be celebrating Rabbi Malino's 90th birthday, and marking his 66th year of continuous religious, spiritual, cultural, civic, and educational leadership for the people of Danbury.

Rabbi Malino has had a deep, wide and profound impact on the people and the City of Danbury. Certainly he could have served as Rabbi in any of the major cities of our nation, but he chose Danbury as a young man and elected to stay with us for nearly seven decades. He, and his wonderful wife, Rhoda, made that decision out of a great commitment to serve not only as Rabbi to a congregation, but as Rabbi of an entire community—through all of the ups and downs, problems and blessings, that come to the life of a community. Rabbi Malino's decision was a perfect fit, and a great blessing to us all, 66 years ago, and it remains a perfect fit today—all to the tremendous benefit of Danbury and its people.

Rabbi Malino has been active in nearly every aspect of Danbury life. He served as a member of the Board of Education for twenty years, including ten years as its Chairman. He was active with the Danbury Music Center and the Danbury Concert Association for more than two decades. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the local anti-poverty agency, and many other local human service organizations. For several years, Rabbi Malino served also as chaplain of the Federal Corrections Institution in Danbury.

While he officially retired in 1981, Rabbi Malino remains active today at the United Jewish Center, and continues his work as Rabbi Emeritus. As was said in a book of essays published in his honor, "His lifelong love of Torah and learning are evident in his eloquent sermons and writings, whether his discourse is on history, art, philosophy, or Bible. To this day, his schedule is as full as ever, for he willingly shares his wisdom with all who seek it, whether congregant, colleague, or rabbinical student at the Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion, where he has taught for many years."

Rabbi Malino is a man of conviction and commitment. This dedication, coupled with his deep religious faith, have made him a beloved leader and citizen of Danbury, our State of Connecticut, and, indeed, our entire country. As United Jewish Center Rabbi Bradd Boxman said recently, "Rabbi Malino is a legend not only in Danbury, but nationwide. He is a treasure to the Jewish people." I would only add, he is a treasure to us all.

Mr. Speaker, it is both a personal pleasure and privilege to honor Rabbi Malino, a man I have known well for over 25 years, and have

the privilege of calling a close personal friend. On behalf of the Congress of the United States, I extend to Rabbi Malino best wishes for a most joyous birthday celebration, and our expression of deep gratitude for all of his many contributions to his congregation, the people of Danbury, and our nation. Thank you, Rabbi.

HONORING RICHARD AND
BARBARA SKLAR

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2001

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, next week my constituents in San Francisco are gathering to celebrate the homecoming of two very special people, Richard and Barbara Sklar. Ambassador Richard Sklar returns to San Francisco from 5 years in Southeastern Europe where he coordinated programs with the European Union, World Bank, IMF and other donor countries to promote the economic reconstruction and strategic reform of eight Balkan countries. Now home in San Francisco, Richard will oversee the building of new energy plants for the State of California and build a private international mediation program.

Barbara Sklar, an accomplished artist for the past 35 years, has shown her work in galleries and group shows from New York to California. For the past five years, Barbara has worked in Bosnia, New York and Rome, and has exhibited her work from Florence to Sarajevo. An accredited specialist on aging, Barbara has shared her expertise the several Bay Area communities through her service at the Mt. Zion Hospital in San Francisco.

Richard and Barbara Sklar are being honored May 30, 2001 by San Francisco's Delancey Street Foundation, a residential rehabilitation community that provides housing and training to thousands of ex-convicts and recovering addicts at no cost to the client or taxpayers. At that time, Delancey Street's Crossroads Cafe will show Barbara's watercolor exhibit "Round Trip," a portion of the proceeds of which will assist in making it possible for hundreds of people to be trained in the hospitality field.

The Sklar's service to our country and our community is indeed a cause for celebration.

HONORING CAPITAL HIGH SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL ANDREW RENDON

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2001

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, this is an emotional day for the public school system in Santa Fe, New Mexico, as we say goodbye to an educator who is dear to our hearts. Today, we say farewell to Capital High School Principal Andrew Rendon, who is retiring after 27 years of dedicated service to New Mexico public schools.

Mr. Rendon began his career as a 21-year-old student teacher at Robertson High School

in Las Vegas, New Mexico. Additionally, he spent two years at West Las Vegas Junior High, also in Las Vegas. Mr. Rendon then moved into the Santa Fe school system, teaching history at Capshaw and Alameda middle schools, and one year at Santa Fe High School. After his promotion to the Assistant Principal of Alameda Middle School, he transferred to Capital High, where he has been the principal for the last ten years.

The challenges facing Capital High have mounted over the past several years. The enrollment of the school has quickly risen to more than 1,400 students. In fact, Capital High is larger than Mr. Rendon's hometown community of Chama, New Mexico. In 1998–99 Capital High's dropout rate of 11.9 percent was the highest in the district.

Mr. Rendon has embraced these challenges by taking a hands-on approach in working with students to ensure their success, despite the daily hardships these students face. He has helped the Santa Fe Public School system aggressively institute literacy programs, beginning with kindergartners, to prepare students for high school. Mr. Rendon routinely spends time every day conversing with students and spending time with them on a one-on-one level, paying close attention to the issues that students face every day. His students say Mr. Rendon is a caring, "cool" individual, who "is fair with students and doesn't play favorites." Mr. Rendon helps his students to realize the importance of a quality education, which in turn helps them to stay in school. As a result of his undying efforts, the school's TerraNova ranking has risen eight points, and the school's dropout and attendance rates have significantly improved.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to recognize the tireless efforts of one of the most committed educators, Andrew Rendon, who has dramatically impacted the lives of thousands of students. I want to thank him for his work to overcome the hardships facing educators across the state of New Mexico. Mr. Rendon will be greatly missed.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO EDIE BLUHM
GOIK

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2001

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. I rise today to congratulate Edie Bluhm Goik on being named an Honorable Mention winner in the 2001 Reading Is Fundamental National Poster Contest.

The creativity Edie has shown in this program is truly admirable. The self motivation she has demonstrated is certain to serve her into the future. I'm confident that this achievement will be only one of many during Edie's school years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Edie Bluhm Goik on being named an Honorable Mention winner in the 2001 Reading Is Fundamental National Poster Contest and in wishing her future success.