

PROJECT ROFEH RECOGNIZES  
LEADERS**HON. BARNEY FRANK**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 2002*

Mr. FRANK. Mr. Speaker, for several years I have had the very distinct honor of sharing with our colleagues information about the important charitable work done by ROFEH International and the New England Chassidic Center. Under the leadership of Grand Rabbi Levi Y. Horowitz, the New England Chassidic Center and ROFEH International do an excellent job of helping people take full advantage of the wonderful medical facilities we have in Boston. Through their efforts, families are able to come to Boston when members of those families need medical care, and find their needs tended to so that they can focus on the important job of being supportive of that individual in need of medical care. I am very proud that this innovative program that does so much for people at a time of their greatest need is headquartered in the district I am privileged to represent, and I am pleased to put here into the RECORD of our proceedings a list of those individuals who are receiving awards from ROFEH at a November 10 dinner, in the hopes that this will inspire people elsewhere in the country to emulate this creative work.

Mr. Speaker, here is the list of the award winners and a brief description of their efforts which does not do full justice to them, but does give some indication of how important they have been to ROFEH's vital work.

Dr. Eugene Braunwald is the Distinguished Hersey Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School, Faculty Dean and Chief Academic Officer of the Partners HealthCare System founded by the Brigham and Women's and Massachusetts General Hospitals. He is the only cardiologist who is a member of the National Academy of Sciences. In 2000 the living Nobel Prize winners in medicine voted Dr. Braunwald as "the person who has contributed the most to cardiology in recent years". The doctor is a Holocaust survivor. Dr. Eugene Braunwald, will receive the coveted "Lillian and Harry Andler Memorial Award".

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gann in recognition of their devotion to ROFEH International will have the newly renovated ROFEH International facility named in their honor, "The Joseph and Rae Gann ROFEH International Residence Facility". Mr. and Mrs. Gann have been affiliated with the Bostoner Rebbe, Grand Rabbi Levi Y. Horowitz for over 50 years and they continue to be strong supporters of ROFEH International.

Others to be bestowed with special laudatory communal awards are Mr. Irwin Chafetz and Mr. A. Joseph Stern.

Mr. Irwin Chafetz is the director of Interface Group-Massachusetts, Inc., a privately held company that owns and operates GWV International.

He has been instrumental in the development of ROFEH International and the renovation of its residential facility for the benefit of the families and the desperately ill, who come to Boston for medical help.

Mr. Chafetz received a Boston University Distinguished Alumni Award in 2000, and was honored by the Massachusetts Anti-Defamation League in 2001. He is a member of the

executive board of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) and is an active participant at Chabad House of Lexington.

Mr. Chafetz grew up in Dorchester, Massachusetts. He lives in Brookline with Roberta his wife. They have two sons and four grandchildren.

Mr. A. Joseph Stern is a developer of residential and commercial construction. Mr. Stern's list of accomplishments as a builder of community needs is truly impressive. Despite his busy schedule, he has devoted and continues to devote substantial amounts of time, effort and material resources to a host of worthy causes.

Mr. Stern has a long family connection with the Bostoner Rebbe, Shlita. Recently he has been most helpful in the Rebbe's effort to reconstruct the ROFEH International building, making it possible to house the desperately ill and their families.

Mr. Stern continues to live up to his reputation as a builder of Torah and Chesed. He credits his accomplishments to the traditions handed down by his parents and grandparents.

Mr. Irwin Chafetz and Mrs. A. Joseph Stern will be presented with the ROFEH International Master Builders Award.

## TRIBUTE TO WALLY LAIRD

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 2002*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to commend one of Northwest Indiana's most distinguished citizens, Wally Laird, of Rensselaer, Indiana. On Friday, September 27, 2002, he will be honored for his exemplary and dedicated service to our community. Wally's praiseworthy efforts will be recognized at a special Rensselaer/Remington Area Chamber of Commerce dinner, as an endowment for a scholarship has been established in his name.

The scholarship, the Wally Laird Youth Service Award, was created to honor a high school student who shows similar qualities to Mr. Laird. These qualities include dedication to community causes and commitment to education, as well as possessing the willingness to share the knowledge he or she gains with others. This banquet and scholarship is in honor of Wally Laird's service as well as his demonstrated commitment to improving the communities of Northwest Indiana.

Wally Laird, a longtime resident of Rensselaer, graduated from Rensselaer High School in 1950 and went on to Purdue University to earn his bachelor's and master's degrees in agricultural economics. A local farmer and entrepreneur, Wally Laird is most widely known by radio-listeners as the host of WRIN/WLGI's "Farm World." Aside from farming and his radio work, Wally is an active Rotarian and gives much of his time to the Carnegie Players theater group. Additionally, he has been working, with others in the agricultural community to bring an ethanol-producing facility to Jasper County, Indiana.

The featured speaker at this dinner will be WGN Radio personality Max Armstrong. Armstrong is one of America's best-known and widely followed agriculture journalists. His

daily broadcasts, with colleague Orion Samuelson, have been heard by millions of Americans across the United States for nearly 25 years. Armstrong has spent the past two decades delivering the news about agriculture to his vast farming audience, as well as the non-farm consumers in the Chicago area. Armstrong has been the recipient of numerous awards of excellence in journalism.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me commending Wally Laird for his outstanding service to Rensselaer and neighboring Northwest Indiana communities. His family and friends should be proud of his efforts, as his leadership has served as a beacon of hope throughout the area. Wally Laird's longstanding commitment to improving the quality of life for the people of Northwest Indiana is truly inspirational and should be recognized and commended.

TRIBUTE TO THE REVEREND DR.  
DAVID PAUL NEELY**HON. ROBERT A. BRADY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 2002*

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and congratulate The Reverend Dr. David Paul Neely, Sr., Pastor of Greater Harvest Baptist Church, on the celebration of the anniversary of his 64 years in the ministry commemorating on September 27, 2002. After serving a number of churches throughout the country, Rev. Neely founded the Greater Harvest Baptist Church in 1968. For over 33 years he has Preached the Gospel from the pulpit of this house of worship located in my Congressional District.

The Reverend Dr. D. P. Neely was born on May 10, 1922 in Smyrna, South Carolina, to the late Reverend Dr. C. S. Neely and Dora Sanders-Neely. He was the fourteenth of sixteen children and received his primary education in the Smyrna, South Carolina public school system. He completed his secondary education at the Jefferson High School in York, South Carolina. At the age of sixteen, Rev. Neely was called to preach the gospel and was ordained six months later by the late Reverend Dr. H. Gray. as Reverend Dr. Neely continued to grow in Christianity, he enrolled in the Hanover Theological Seminary and later in the Martha's Vineyard Theological Seminary. He is the recipient of two Doctor of Divinity Degrees received in 1950 and 1997 respectively.

Reverend Neely is one of four family members to be ordained to minister, preach, and teach the Word of God. They include his father the Reverend Dr. C.S. Neely, his brother The Reverend J. O. Neely, both of whom are deceased, and his youngest son, the Reverend S. D. Neely, Sr., currently Pastor of the Enon Baptist Church of Philadelphia.

In 1941 Reverend Neely enlisted in the United States Airforce. He received an Honorable Discharge in 1946. As before, during and after his military service, Reverend Neely continued to preach the Word of God and maintain his profession as a Barber. In 1955 Reverend Neely moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and joined the Oakgrove Baptist Church. He later met and married Ms. Cleveland Ann Jowers-Neely.

During Reverend Neely's sixty-four years of preaching, he has served numerous congregations including Mount Pisgah in Dallas, North Carolina; First Baptist Church, Mooresville, North Carolina; Trinity Baptist Church, Boston, Massachusetts; Friendship Baptist Church, Peoria, Illinois. On the third Sunday in September, 1968, Reverend Dr. Neely became the founder of The Greater Harvest Baptist Church of Philadelphia. The church was originally located at Sixteenth and Oxford Streets. However, due to a growing membership it only remained at this location for one year. It was then moved to its second home at Broad and Clearfield Streets and the membership continued to grow. Its final home is its current location, 1409-17 West Master Street where it continues to stand as a strong foundation to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

While Reverend Neely's first love remains Jesus Christ, he has great esteem for his profession of over forty years, being a Licensed Barber. Reverend Neely's long time hobby is that of Deep Sea Fisherman. His affiliations include membership in The National Baptist Convention of U.S.A., Inc., The Philadelphia Police Clergy, The Philadelphia Prince Hall Masons, Pennsylvania State Convention, Ministers Conference of Philadelphia, and the Good Friday Night Baptist Association.

Mr. Speaker, houses of worship and those that lead them continue to be the backbone of our communities. Reverend Dr. Neely having labored and nurtured in the vineyard for sixty-four years has come to epitomize those values that remain inherent in the strength an character of our citizenry. I hope that my colleagues will join me in recognizing and celebrating the anniversary of The Reverend Dr. D. P. Neely's sixty-four years in the ministry.

**HOMELAND EMERGENCY RE-  
SPONDERS ORGANIZATION  
(HERO) ACT**

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 2002*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the HERO Act, the Homeland Emergency Responders Organization Act.

This Act will establish the Office of National Preparedness within the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The HERO Act will improve the ability of first responders to prepare for and respond to terrorist attacks by getting grants to them directly through this new Office.

In the past several months, I've received numerous letters and calls from state and community leaders on the critical issue of homeland security. Two overriding themes have surfaced again and again:

We must allocate more resources to homeland security.

And, those resources must go directly to cities and other local governments.

I believe that the best ideas on how to make the hometown more secure come from the hometown.

The HERO Act is a federal grant program that will improve the readiness of first responders at both the local and state levels. Since it utilizes an existing agency—FEMA—and its regional offices, federal grants will get

to those who need them most, when they need them most—NOW!

The Director of the new Office will make grants available to first responders through each of FEMA's 10 regional offices. Each of these regional offices serves several states, as well as Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana's. Eligibility for grants will be based on criteria such as population density and proximity to international borders.

Dispersing funds directly to first responders, like the Broward County Sheriff's Office or the Hollywood, Florida Police Department, will enable local communities to concentrate on their highest priorities—training, purchasing communications equipment, or upgrading emergency operating centers.

The new Office will also distribute grants to each of the 50 states. The state grants can be used—to establish or upgrade state-wide emergency notification systems, plan terrorism response exercises, or to coordinate inter- and intra-state antiterrorism programs.

First responders in cities and towns across America need our help to make the homeland more secure. They, in fact we, can't wait for a new agency to be approved, and then created, before we take the first steps towards a more secure homeland. Local communities need our help and support now.

I am looking forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to move this bill as quickly as possible. Time is of the essence. Let's make the homeland more secure.

**PAYING TRIBUTE TO JANE  
ZIMMERMAN**

**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 2002*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize Ms. Jane Zimmerman of Durango, Colorado for her tireless dedication and the irreplaceable contributions she has made to her community. Ms. Zimmerman has served in the Durango Area Chamber Resort Association for over 19 years, overseeing a variety of community projects and activities that have immeasurably benefited the City of Durango. As she leaves her position of Executive Director, I would like to highlight her accomplishments before this body of Congress and this nation.

Since beginning her career at the Chamber in 1983, Ms. Zimmerman has held a variety of leadership positions that have utilized her knowledge and expertise toward worthy causes. She has directed the Durango Area Chamber Resort Association through a multiplicity of challenges and transitional periods. Under Ms. Zimmerman's watchful eye, the Durango Chamber of Commerce became the Durango Area Chamber Resort Association, DACRA, the transition was a new and shaky venture for the city but Ms. Zimmerman lead the organization through this uncertain period and into financial stability and success.

Ms. Zimmerman has also been instrumental in many other projects that have benefited the community. Through increased communication and coordination efforts, she has helped to bridge relationships between the business and education communities, providing valuable

revenue for Durango's educational programs. Ms. Zimmerman organized and directed a High School Leadership program that today boasts the active involvement of students from all three high schools in La Plata County.

Over the summer, Ms. Zimmerman dedicated much of her time to forming the new La Plata County Disaster Recovery Coalition, helping to aid distressed victims of Colorado's forest fires. Ms. Zimmerman met with over 100 interested parties and formed the coalition to provide a proactive approach to aiding fire victims with badly needed supplies and shelter.

Mr. Speaker, it is a honor and a privilege to recognize Ms. Jane Zimmerman before this body of Congress and this nation for the countless contributions she has made to Durango. She is truly an irreplaceable asset to the welfare and vitality of the entire community, and I commend her for the hardwork and determination she has given to such a reputable and worthwhile pursuit. Thanks for your service Jane and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

**IN MEMORY OF KATE GILL  
MARRIOTT MADGWICK**

**HON. RALPH M. HALL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 2002*

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Kate Gill Madgwick of Terrell, Texas, the loving wife of Terrell Mayor Henry Madgwick and an outstanding citizen, who passed away in December of last year.

Born and raised in Terrell, Kate graduated from Terrell High School and attended the University of Texas, where she earned a degree in English Literature. Upon receiving her degree, she chose to serve her country during World War II as an aide to the American Red Cross in England. After returning to Terrell, she remained active in the community through her membership in the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd.

She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother and is survived by her husband, Henry; son Bruce Ragan Sanders of Denver; daughter Susan Sanders McCrum of Dallas; grandchildren Cole and Kelly McCrum; and in-laws Doris and Peter Gibbs of England. She was preceded in death by her previous husband of 40 years, Albert James Sanders of Tiverton, England.

All who knew Kate will miss her dearly, and she will certainly be remembered by those whose many lives she touched in Terrell. As we adjourn today, let us do so in memory of this outstanding citizen and my good friend—Kate Madgwick.

**POST-HUSSEIN IRAQ**

**HON. STEVE ISRAEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 2002*

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, as we begin to discuss our options in Iraq it is important that we recognize the difficulties of a post-Hussein Iraq. I commend Thomas Friedman's column