

communities, developing skills in everything from sports to science, and encouraging our future leaders.

In celebration of nine decades of excellence and accomplishments, Girl Scouts of the USA will be hosting its 90th Anniversary gala in Washington, D.C. A select group of 10 extraordinary American women will also be honored for serving as role models for today's Girl Scouts. These women exemplify how all girls can achieve greatness. They will be honored with the Girl Scouts' National Women of Distinction Juliette Award. Proceeds from this evening event, their first national awards and fundraising dinner, will benefit the "Girl Scouting: For Every Girl, Everywhere" initiative, helping to expand accessibility and opportunity for all girls.

As our great nation looks to forge ahead into the next century, we, as Americans, can rest assured that new leaders will emerge from organizations like Girl Scouts. Young women of today learn how to accept challenges, be self-confident, internationally conscious, and assertive beginning in the Girl Scouts. These valuable skills are reinforced and cultivated in every girl who participates in Girl Scouts. Our future looks bright with girls all over the country striving to do their best.

I want to congratulate the Girl Scouts of Nassau County and the Girl Scouts of the USA on 90 years of outstanding work and I wish them continued success in the future.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND JESSIE D. JONES AND NEW ISRAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

**HON. DAVID E. BONIOR**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 13, 2002*

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, the New Israel Baptist Church has a noble mission: to preach the Good News, teach divine truth and heal life by the power of God. A lifelong leader and devoted pastor, Reverend Jessie D. Jones has truly demonstrated his commitment to advancing this mission across southeastern Michigan, as pastor of the New Israel Baptist Church. Today, as the members and friends of Rev. Jones gathered to celebrate his birthday, they paid tribute to his outstanding years of activism, leadership, and faith.

Born in the late 1930's in Arkansas, Rev. Jones was the youngest of eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Jones. Confessing Christ at the age of fourteen at the Mount Olive Baptist Church in Dumas, Arkansas, Rev. Jones went on to serve in the United States Army for two years after completing his education. Accepting his calling into the ministry at Burnette Baptist Church, he was licensed and ordained under the guidance of Dr. J. Allen Caldwell. After completing two years of Bible college at Tysdale University, Rev. Jones's drive for faith led him to receive his doctrine degree of Divinity at the Detroit International School of Ministry.

Pastor and founder of the New Israel Baptist Church in Detroit, Rev. Jones has dedicated over 15 years to his vision for New Israel. Beginning in a one room store front on West Eight Mile Road in May of 1984, three years of visualizing, praying, and preaching led Rev. Jones and his congregation to their beautiful

location on Puritan St. in Detroit, where they have flourished in faith and service for the last 15 years. Leading three hundred and twelve souls to Christ, including three preachers, Pastor Jones has shown a special dedication to leading the effort to make a positive difference in the lives of others. Demonstrating unwavering support and commitment to his belief in community as well, Rev. Jones has been an active force in his city. Serving as the President of the Clergy United for Today and Tomorrow as well as first Vice-Moderator for the Southern District Association, Pastor Jones has maintained a solid commitment to promoting leadership and activism within the community. His distinguished service and remarkable dedication to improving the lives of people through faith will assuredly continue to serve as an excellent example to communities everywhere.

I applaud Reverend Jessie Jones for his leadership, commitment, and service, and urge my colleagues to join me in saluting him for his exemplary years of faith and service.

HONORING ALISTAIR W. McCRONE

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 13, 2002*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Alistair W. McCrone, President, Humboldt State University, Arcata, California, who, on April 11, 2002, is being honored by the Humboldt State University Alumni Association with the Distinguished Service Award on the occasion of his retirement.

Dr. Alistair McCrone, a native of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, received his B.A. in geology from the University of Saskatchewan, his Master of Science degree from the University of Nebraska and his Ph.D. from the University of Kansas. He began his career as a petroleum geologist in western and sub-arctic Canada. For eleven years he taught geology at New York University. From 1970 to 1974 he served as academic vice president at the University of the Pacific.

Dr. McCrone became the fifth President of Humboldt State University in 1974. Under his leadership, the university earned a notable reputation for academic excellence and innovative programs in higher education. During his distinguished tenure, Humboldt State University received national recognition for its participation in the Peace Corps, its programs in environmental studies and its high rate of graduates who later earn doctoral degrees, particularly in the sciences and engineering.

Dr. McCrone and his wife, Judith Saari McCrone, are highly esteemed on the North Coast of California for their dedication and service to the community. In their honor, Humboldt State University established the Alistair and Judith McCrone Graduate Fellowship Fund in October 2001. Dr. McCrone has emphasized the importance of graduate studies and has had the support of his colleagues in his wish to see the University become a leader in the field of graduate education.

Alistair McCrone has earned many distinguished honors and awards for his accomplishments. He received the Erasmus Haworth Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Univer-

sity of Kansas in 2000. He is a Fellow of the Geological Society of America, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the California Academy of Sciences. He is a member of the board of directors of the American Association of University Administrators. In addition, he is a member of the Board of Directors of the California State Automobile Association and a Trustee of the California State Parks Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate that on the occasion of his retirement we recognize Dr. Alistair W. McCrone for his vision and leadership and for his contributions and service to the people of our country.

TRIBUTE TO THE MOBILE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

**HON. SONNY CALLAHAN**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 13, 2002*

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mobile International Festival, the first and oldest event of its kind in the Gulf Coast region. Founded in 1983, Mobile International Festival has helped to educate school children and share with the general public an event of cultural arts, foreign languages and world history. It has showcased Mobile's own rich heritage and promoted appreciation of diverse cultures worldwide.

Every week before Thanksgiving, Mobile International Festival brings a cultural, fulfilled family experience of over 60 countries from Mobile's international community. Its stated mission is to "encourage a spirit of friendship between students, community and the growing numbers of immigrants and international citizens; to strengthen understanding and acceptance among people of different cultures; to provide an opportunity to share in the uniqueness of each heritage through art, music, dance, food, flags, and cultural exhibits from over 60 countries; and to provide educational and cultural activities which promote an awareness and appreciation of our city's rich cultural heritage."

The festival enhances the many cultures that are found in Mobile and nearby counties. Teachers have used the festival as a teaching tool and part of their curriculum. The festival supplements their studies in Geography, Foreign Languages, Art, Social Studies and Home Economics.

The festival has contributed to the quality of life of Mobile's citizens. Due to the importance of this cultural event to the community, Mobile International Festival participates in many community-oriented activities representing the international community and assists the City of Mobile and Mobile County in selected events.

In today's ever-shrinking world, where countries and cultures are increasingly required to interact and co-exist, Mobile International Festival serves as model for education and understanding between people of all different backgrounds.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud that my district plays host to this noble and important event. I believe the values it teaches are not only important for all Americans, but for all mankind, as we try to make our world a better place for future generations.

IN HONOR OF SOUTH PASADENA  
LITTLE LEAGUE

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 13, 2002*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor South Pasadena Little League which will be celebrating its 50th anniversary on Saturday, March 9, 2002. For 50 years, South Pasadena Little League has offered youngsters an opportunity to enjoy the numerous benefits of organized athletics and community events.

South Pasadena Little League, at the time of its founding, was the only organized sport in the City of South Pasadena. Over the last half century, the league has grown considerably, and this season, over 700 young boys and girls, ranging in age from 5 to 14, will participate in baseball and softball.

The benefits of participation in South Pasadena Little League are extensive. Over the years, South Pasadena Little League has instilled in its participants a sense of character and loyalty and has set forth a framework to teach teamwork, sportsmanship, and fairplay. The league not only affects those who participate as athletes but also the entire community of spectators, parents, and donors. Each year, members of the community donate more than \$20,000 to ensure the vitality of the league.

It is my pleasure to recognize such a worthwhile organization and I ask all Members of the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating South Pasadena Little League as they celebrate 50 years of offering young people a positive environment in which to grow and learn.

MALCOLM S. PRAY, JR. NAMED  
"CITIZEN OF THE YEAR"

**HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 13, 2002*

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend my constituent and good friend, Malcolm S. Pray, Jr. on being named "Citizen of the Year" by the Greenwich, Connecticut Rotary Club. I truly cannot think of an individual more deserving of this award.

Over the years, Malcolm's love of his town and dedication to serving the community have been exemplary. His civic activity in greater-Greenwich has truly run the gamut—ranging from the Boy Scouts, to the Boys and Girls Club, to the Greenwich Symphony, to the Garden Club and the Greenwich Red Cross.

As a prominent automobile dealer, Malcolm has served as president of state, national, and international automobile dealers trade associations. Whether chairing the Soap Box Derby or showing his impressive personal automobile collection to aficionados, Malcolm is equally at home and willing to share his passion for automobiles with others.

Greenwich is truly a better place to live and work thanks to Malcolm Pray, and it is an honor for me to join the Greenwich Rotary and his larger community in taking the opportunity to recognize his outstanding commitment by naming him "Citizen of the Year."

AMBASSADOR RICHARD SCHIFTER'S  
INSIGHTS ON THE RAOUL  
WALLENBERG CASE

**HON. TOM LANTOS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 13, 2002*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, a few weeks ago the American Jewish Committee held an extremely interesting briefing on the case of Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who saved thousands of Hungarian Jews in the last days of the Holocaust of World War II. Wallenberg disappeared into the horrors of the Soviet Gulag in January of 1945, and his fate is still not known.

This event commemorated the twentieth anniversary of the designation of Raoul Wallenberg as an Honorary Citizen of the United States. The legislation to make Wallenberg an honorary U.S. citizen was my first congressional action when I entered Congress. I hoped that if Wallenberg were a U.S. citizen, our government would be in a stronger position in our attempt to find and free him. It also brought greater public attention to the Wallenberg story and his great courage and heroism.

Mr. Speaker, The American Jewish Committee event featured a number of people who have spent many years trying to solve the Wallenberg mystery. The Chair of AJC's International Relations Commission, Ambassador Richard Schifter, made remarks that were particularly insightful and important. Ambassador Schifter brings a wealth of experience as a senior United States diplomat and as a respected attorney. I would like to share his remarks with my colleagues, and request that they be placed in the RECORD.

[From AJC Lunch on Raoul Wallenberg, Feb. 13, 2002]

THE RAOUL WALLENBERG CASE

(By Ambassador Richard Schifter)

The cause of democracy, the rule of law, and human rights, the great product of the Enlightenment, is now for the third time in less than one hundred years under attack from totalitarians. As we move forward to deal with this latest onslaught, it is fitting for us to remember a great hero in the struggle against the first totalitarian attack, the Nazis, who, sadly, fell victim to the second, the communists.

It was in the hell on earth created by the evil forces at work two generations ago that Raoul Wallenberg, a man of decency and truly uncommon courage appeared in 1944. Arriving in Budapest in the summer of that year, he demonstrated what one courageous person committed to a righteous cause could accomplish in the fight against those who murder at will. Taking risks, using his ingenuity, working day and night out of the other neutral countries into action, he saved tens of thousands of Hungarian Jews from certain death.

Tom and Annette Lantos witnessed it all. And they did not forget. Tom must once again be thanked and congratulated for having provided a fitting memorial for Raoul Wallenberg's unforgettable accomplishments. Tom's very meaningful gesture is most certainly deeply appreciated by the Wallenberg family and by many other Swedes.

Although his cover was that of a Swedish diplomat, Raoul Wallenberg has volunteered for his work in Budapest as the representa-

tive of the United States War Refugee Board. It was that agency of the United States Government that provided him with the standing necessary to carry out the tasks that he undertook.

It is worth noting, in this context, that Wallenberg would not have gone to Budapest, the tens of thousand would not have been saved, and Tom and Annette Lantos might not be with us today if a bureaucratic coup had not been carried out in the Roosevelt Administration, with strong Congressional support, in January 1944. The persons who initiated the coup were four mid-level officials of the Treasury Department, John Pehle, Josiah DuBois, Randolph Paul, and Ansel Luxford.

These Treasury officials had become increasingly concerned with the failure of the State Department to lift a finger to assist in the rescue of those European Jews who had at least a slim chance of escaping the Nazi death machine. The State Department leadership consisted in those years of the Secretary, one Under Secretary, and four Assistant Secretaries.

The Assistant Secretary supervising the Visa Division, Breckinridge Long, had been given responsibility for European refugee policy. As to Jews his policy was very simply: don't let them come to the United States. Further, given the concerns of the British Foreign Office that Jews might want to migrate to the Mandate of Palestine, the United States, under Long's policies, was not to help in any rescue effort. As the United Kingdom had advised the United States: "The Foreign Office are concerned with the difficulties of disposing of any considerable number of Jews should they be rescued from enemy occupied territory." It is evident that by letting them be killed, one avoided the difficulty of disposing of them.

Further, so as not even to get the issue discussed in Washington, the U.S. Legation in Bern, which was in receipt of information about the magnitude of the Holocaust, was explicitly instructed not to transmit such information to Washington.

But the United States Government had another mission in Bern. It was staffed by personnel from the Treasury Department's Division of Foreign Funds Control. Its task was to enforce the Trading-with-the-Enemy Act. It was that mission which continued to transmit information on the Holocaust and on the State Department's failure to take action. The four officials that I have mentioned, none of whom, I should note, was Jewish, became increasingly concerned and finally decided to write a report to the Secretary of the Treasury. It was entitled "Report to the Secretary on the Acquiescence of This Government in the Murder of the Jews." It was a severe indictment of the State Department.

Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau was quite shaken by the Report and decided to take it to President Roosevelt. Treasury also prepared a plan to take responsibility for refugees from the State Department and create a separate rescue agency. President Roosevelt accepted the plan, without even checking with the State Department. The Executive Order that established the War Refugee Board a few days later, and John W. Pehle, the leader of the Treasury Department effort, became its Executive Director.

The speed with which this bureaucratic coup was carried out—it all happened in a matter of days—was undoubtedly the result of the fact that if the Administration did not move forward without delay, Congress would enact legislation calling for the establishment of a refugee agency. The leader of eleven other Senators, including Senator Robert Taft of Ohio. It was this combination of