

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PORTUGUESE INSTRUCTIVE SOCIAL CLUB INCORPORATED

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 19, 2002

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Portuguese Instructive Social Club Incorporated (PISC). The Club commemorated this important milestone on Saturday, March 16, 2002.

In the early 1900's, Portuguese immigrants started making Elizabeth, New Jersey their new home. The Portuguese Instructive Social Club was born out of pride for the founder's heritage, and as a way to preserve Portuguese culture, language, and traditions. The Club provided a support structure to help immigrants adjust to American culture, the English language, and a new way of life.

The Club became a reality thanks to the dynamic leadership of Amadeu Correia and a group of fellow Portuguese immigrants. Officially founded on March 18, 1922, the Portuguese Instructive Social Club became the center of the Portuguese community in Elizabeth. The Club was first located at 131 Pine Street, later moved to 131 Third Street, and today is located at Routes 1-9 and Portugal Grove Street in Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Over time, the Portuguese-American community has grown considerably, and with its growth, the Club began offering more activities to its members. By 1925, the Club included a drama group, an orchestra, and a soccer team. Ten years later, on January 20, 1935, a new group emerged, the "Ladies Auxiliary of the Portuguese Instructive Social Club." In 1935, Amadeu Correia founded the Portuguese School, then known as "Escola 1 de Dezembro," with a class of about 30 students. Today, the school is known as "Amadeu Correia School," with an average of 275 students. In 1940, the "Youth of the PISC" introduced new activities, such as bowling, basketball, soccer, and youth dances. On February 7, 1970, after a major fundraising drive, the new Portuguese Instructive Social Club in Elizabeth, New Jersey was inaugurated.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Portuguese Instructive Social Club Incorporated for providing 80 years of camaraderie and the preservation of Portuguese culture and traditions in New Jersey.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. MARGARET ERVING

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

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Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call the attention of my colleagues to Mrs. Margaret Erving, born in Iowa City. Mrs. Erving graduated from high school in Fort

Dodge, Iowa, and was immediately inducted into the United States Air Force, completing her training at Lackland Air Force base in Texas. She spent 5 years in the Air Force, in which time she attended the United States Air Force Supply School in Denver, Colorado. She is a graduate of the College of New Jersey, having earned a bachelor of science degree with a major in sociology, and a minor in business administration.

Mrs. Erving began her career at Fort Monmouth on February 2, 1980, and completed over 27 years of civilian/military service there. Her beginning position was that of a GS-3 Supply Clerk in the Directorate of Materiel Management.

Since her debut in 1980, Mrs. Erving has served in several capacities including Supply, Quality Assurance, and Logistics positions. In February 1981 she was chosen to participate in the Quality Assurance Career Intern Program, and was promoted to the GS-1910-5 position in the Directorate of Materiel Management. That same year Mrs. Erving qualified and was promoted to the grade of GS-1910-9. In June 1983 she was promoted again to the grade of GS-11 in the Directorate of Quality Operations/Communications, Automatic Data Processing Section where she worked until 1985 at which time she was promoted to grade GS-12 Quality Assurance Specialist in the Directorate of Product Assurance and Test. In 1987 she was reassigned to the Communications Directorate MSE (Mobile Subscriber Equipment) branch, from which she is now retiring. In this position she traveled widely both in and out of the Continental United States, journeying to destinations such as Germany, France, England, Sweden, and Canada.

Mrs. Erving's efforts have been outstanding, and she has, consequently, received numerous awards and accolades for her accomplishments and the Retrofit Program. Some of her awards include the Good Conduct Medal, sustained Superior Performance awards between the years 1995 and 2002. Certificates of Achievement in 1989 and 1995, Special Act Awards, and a letter of appreciation from Major General Robert I. Nabors, former Commanding General, United States Army, Communications-Electronics Command at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. In 1991, she was yet again promoted to the temporary position of GS-13.

Mrs. Erving's external activities include being a life member of the National Council of Negro Women; member of the NAACP; member of the church of the Good Shepard, Willingboro, NJ; substitute school teacher, Willingboro, NJ public school system; a charter member of the women in military service; and vice-president and treasurer of Jonmar creations, an ethnic greeting card company founded and operated by her husband, John Erving, Jr.

For continuing efforts to make a difference both in her own community and the world, Mrs. Margaret Erving deserves our praise and recognition.

TRIBUTE TO UKRAINIAN CONSULATE

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 19, 2002

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the opening of the Ukrainian Consulate in Michigan, which will officially begin operations on March 23, 2002.

The opening of this consulate in Michigan demonstrates the special relationship the United States has with Ukraine, and signifies the importance of the Ukrainian-American community in southeastern Michigan. There are approximately 200,000 Americans of Ukrainian descent residing in Michigan, with the vast majority living in the Detroit metro area, and they have contributed greatly to the diversity and the prosperity of the region.

Since first arriving in the United States, Ukrainian-Americans have done well in all aspects of American historical, socio-cultural, and political life. Their sons and daughters have grown up to be doctors, professors, lawyers, and other professionals. They have been a vital part of the industrial life in Michigan, and served nobly in the armed services of this Nation. Yet, even as they embraced America, Ukrainian-Americans have maintained their rich cultural history and ethnic identity, and sought to teach fellow Americans about this culture.

Nowhere is this culture more in evidence than at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, which serves as the home for the consulate in Warren, MI. The Ukrainian Cultural Center is home to more than 40 arts, civic, educational, social, sports, and youth organizations, including the member organizations of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America branch for southeastern Michigan.

The center is an integral part of not only the Ukrainian community, but all of metropolitan Detroit and Michigan. With the addition of the consulate, the center now is able to assist Ukrainian-Americans in Michigan and to facilitate trade, cultural and academic programs, and exchanges between Ukraine and Michigan.

The consulate became a reality through the tireless efforts of the men and women of the Committee in Support of the Consulate of Ukraine in Michigan. Borys Potapenko, who served as chairman of the committee, and Bohdan Fedorak, who has been designated Honorary Consul of Ukraine in Michigan, have routinely devoted so much of their time to the Ukrainian community through the years.

The opening of the consulate demonstrates that the partnership between our nations is increasingly being strengthened. This is another milestone along that road. It is not the end of the journey.

So I ask my colleagues to join me as we extend our sincere congratulations to the people of Michigan and around the Nation on the opening of the Ukrainian Consulate in Michigan.

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