

Congressman Tom Lantos of California, a key figure in the American delegation and the only Holocaust survivor in Congress, that he described it as "the most sickening display of hate for Jews I have seen since the Nazi period."

A century after its first publication, "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion" continues to nourish a vibrant message of hate. One would have thought that with all that humanity has learned during the past 100 years, the Protocols' appeal to ignorance would have waned, if not disappeared entirely. The sad truth is that as long as the forgery remains a best seller, the ground remains fertile for antisemitism.

A TRIBUTE TO HOWARD A. RIINA,  
MD

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 30, 2003*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Dr. Howard A. Riina, in recognition of his outstanding accomplishments in the field of medicine.

Dr. Riina was born in Brooklyn, New York. From 1982 to 1987, he earned two undergraduate degrees. He received a Bachelor of Science and Engineering in Bioengineering at the University of Pennsylvania and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Biology from Franklin and Marshall College. After earning his medical degree from Temple University, Dr. Riina earned a Master of Philosophy degree in Molecular Neurobiology from the University of Cambridge.

Since 2001, he has served as an Assistant Professor of Neurological Surgery in Radiology and in Neurology at Weil Medical College of Cornell University. Additionally, he is an Assistant Attending Neurological Surgeon at New York-Presbyterian Hospital, Chairman of Neurological Surgery at the Brooklyn Hospital Center, and NYP Hospital Consultant to HSS Orthopedic Surgery/Neurosurgery.

Dr. Riina is also a member of several professional committees and associations as well including, the Congress of Neurological Surgeons, the American Association of Neurological Surgeons, North American Skull Base Society, the Ethics Committee of the Weil Cornell Medical College and New York-Presbyterian Hospital, and the Weil Cornell Physician Organization Professional Liability Premium Subcommittee. He is also an Associate Fellow for the American College of Surgeons, and on the Executive Committee Joint Section of Cerebrovascular Diseases, AANS/CNS.

In addition to his hospital affiliations with New York-Presbyterian Hospital, Hospital for Special Surgery, the Brooklyn Medical Center, and St. Barnabas Hospital in Bronx, NY, Dr. Riina has also found the time to contribute numerous scholarly articles and books in the field of neurology. He has also been awarded the Bayer Corporation Educational Grant.

However, arguably, his most important accomplishment was saving the life of Peggy Haskins, a constituent of mine.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Howard A. Riina has reached the highest levels of medicine and he has used his expertise to improve and save the lives of those in his community. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today, and I urge my colleagues to

join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

RECOGNITION OF 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP MANITOWOC, WISCONSIN AND KAMOGAWA, JAPAN

**HON. THOMAS E. PETRI**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 30, 2003*

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Manitowoc, Wisconsin, and Kamogawa, Japan, on the occasion of the 10th Anniversary of the formation of their sister city relationship. On August 3, 1993, Mayor Kevin Crawford and Mayor Toshio Honda signed a Sister City Agreement in order to forge a long-term relationship between the two cities. This anniversary marks a decade of great friendship that has touched the lives of thousands of people in a positive way and has provided years of joy through the bonds that have been created.

Since 1993, Mayor Honda has brought several delegations to Manitowoc and Mayor Crawford has led friendship visits to Kamogawa. Several other groups, including civil servants and student musicians, have also traveled between the two cities. On the 8th Anniversary of the agreement, Kamogawa delegates planted cherry blossom trees at several Manitowoc locations as living symbols of this growing relationship. Manitowoc reciprocated by planting sugar maple trees in Kamogawa.

The sister city relationship has been supported by the many industries in the City of Manitowoc that rely on Japan as a major market for their products. One out of six jobs in Wisconsin exists because of export trade. One of the objectives of the partnership has been to "internationalize" the youth of both cities and prepare them to be part of the global community. Through the summer student exchange program, which was initiated in 1995, students from each city spend 20 days with each other in homes in Manitowoc and then Kamogawa learning to appreciate their respective customs and culture.

This year, in honor of their 10th Anniversary, Mayor Crawford again traveled to Kamogawa in early September and Mayor Honda will visit Manitowoc in October.

Today these two cities share one of the most vibrant sister city relationships in the nation. They are to be commended for encouraging and promoting goodwill between the United States and Japan. Therefore, it is fitting that Manitowoc, Wisconsin, and Kamogawa, Japan, receive special recognition and appreciation on the occasion of this most memorable anniversary.

CONGRATULATING THE KU JAYHAWKS FOOTBALL TEAM ON THEIR VICTORY OVER MISSOURI

**HON. DENNIS MOORE**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 30, 2003*

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Coach Mark Mangino and the

University of Kansas football team on their 35-14 victory over the University of Missouri Tigers.

This gridiron battle was the 112th installment of the finest sports rivalry west of the Mississippi. The Border Wars go back to the Civil War days when "Free State" Kansas fought raids from slave-owning "Bushwhackers" from Missouri, the most famous of which were the infamous Quantrill's raiders, who murdered and burned their way through Lawrence in 1863.

Kansas' honor was again courageously defended at Saturday's game by the KU football team with their fourth win of the season. They proved to a sellout crowd of 50,071 fans that KU football is on its way to the national prominence more usually associated with our fine basketball teams.

A proud KU alumnus, I was thrilled to be at my alma mater last Saturday in Lawrence, Kansas, to witness the Jayhawks take the lead 52-51-9 in this annual series. As the goalposts came down in celebration, I know the fear in future opponents rose. Rock Chalk, Jayhawk, go KU!

TRIBUTE TO ENRIQUE TORREZ AND ANGIE PATRUNO

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 30, 2003*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the wonderful union of two families. On Saturday, September 20, 2003, Enrique Torrez, Jr. and Angie Patruno were married at All Saints Church in Brooklyn, New York. Enrique, who is from the Williamsburg neighborhood of Brooklyn, and Angie, who is from the Ozone Park neighborhood of Queens, first met in junior high school and have been dating ever since.

The groom's parents, Aura Ordonez and Enrique Torrez Sr., and the bride's parents, Reverend Molly Golden and Dominic Patruno, have given their full blessing to this joyous event.

Angie has been very active in a wide range of civic issues in her community for about ten years. She currently works for the New York City Department of Education. Enrique is also a public servant, working for the New York State Department of Corrections.

Mr. Speaker, for more than a decade, this couple has already shown a deep commitment to each other, which I am confident will last a lifetime. As such, they are worthy of receiving our recognition today.

TRIBUTE TO DR. MORTON I. RAPOPORT

**HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 30, 2003*

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Dr. Morton I. Rapoport, former President and CEO of the University of Maryland Medical System. Dr. Rapoport has been recognized nationally and internationally as one of the world's top hospital administrators. Under his leadership, the Medical System

has made substantial improvements in the quality of patient care and services. He also has been a close friend and adviser to me for many years on health care issues, and I have great confidence in his judgement and insight.

Dr. Rapoport took over stewardship of the Medical System in 1984. Since then, he has transformed the University of Maryland Hospital from a public institution with annual operating losses in the millions to a successful private corporation with a record of strong financial performance and renowned clinical programs. The Medical System now includes University Hospital, the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, the Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Cancer Center, Maryland's Hospital for Children, Kernan Hospital, University Speciality Hospital, Maryland General Health Systems and the North Arundel Health System.

Dr. Rapoport is a Baltimore native who attended my alma mater Baltimore City College and University of Maryland School of Medicine. He conducted research on infectious diseases and served as associate dean of the medical school before taking over as head of University Hospital in 1982. In 1984, Dr. Rapoport was appointed President and CEO of the newly created UM Medical System.

Before retiring, Dr. Rapoport oversaw planning and construction of the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Building, a \$150 million facility to house operating rooms of the future and a new adult and pediatric emergency department. On Nov. 15, 2003, at a special gala, it will be announced that the atrium in the new Weinberg Building will be named in honor of Dr. Rapoport and his wife, Rosalie.

I hope my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives will join me in saluting Dr. Morton I. Rapoport for his dedication, leadership and vision in helping the University of Maryland Medical System become one of the most respected institutions in this country and in the world.

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HONORS THE SMALL BUSINESS  
ADMINISTRATION ON THEIR 50TH  
ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 30, 2003*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join the Gateway Small Business Center in celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the United States Small Business Administration. The SBA has played an integral role in developing and nurturing the spirit of entrepreneurs and thus, strengthening the foundation of communities across the country.

We have been especially fortunate in my home state of Connecticut where, with nearly seventy percent of jobs found in small businesses, the SBA has forged strong bonds of partnership and—more importantly—friendship with countless organizations and communities. I would like to extend a special note of thanks and appreciation to Marie Record, Connecticut District Office Director, not only for her dedication and commitment, but also for all the assistance that she has provided to myself and my staff over the years. She has and continues to be an invaluable resource for us all.

I have often said that small business is the backbone of our nation's economy and the heart of our communities. From the General Mercantile to today's Mom & Pop storefronts, small businesses have been an important vehicle for delivering the American Dream. In addition, they are often what defines the character of a neighborhood, a town, or even a city. In my childhood neighborhood of Wooster Square, my grandmother, along with my mother and aunts, ran a small pastry shop, Canestri's. Many of our neighbors were also involved in the family businesses which lined the neighborhood streets—Sally's and Pepe's Pizza, Libby's Italian Pastry Shop, Lucibello's Pastry Shop, Iovanne's Funeral Home, and Lupoli's Funeral Home are just some of those which continue to thrive today.

Small business comprises seventy-five percent of net new jobs added to the economy annually. To date, nearly twenty three million small businesses are operating across the United States. Representing over ninety-nine percent of all employers and employing over fifty percent of our nation's private workforce, small businesses are not only an invaluable piece of our heritage, but are vital to the growth and prosperity of any community. We, as a nation, recognized that with the establishment of the SBA. Throughout their history, the SBA has delivered nearly twenty million loans, loan guarantees, contracts, counseling sessions and other forms of assistance to small businesses. Over the past ten years they have helped over four hundred thousand small businesses receive loans totaling over ninety-four billion dollars. Last year alone, the SBA backed more than twelve billion dollars in loans. It has been through their assistance that so many have been able to make their dreams come true.

Today, as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the SBA, I am proud to join with the Gateway Small Business Center and all of those who have benefitted from the SBA in extending my deepest thanks and appreciation for all of their good work. Our communities would not be the same without the unparalleled contributions of the United States Small Business Administration and its dedicated staff.

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TRIBUTE TO REVEREND JUANITA  
MINCEY

**HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 30, 2003*

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Reverend Juanita Mincey, an admirable human being and one of Florida's most involved and effective civic activists. On Saturday, October 4, 2003, Reverend Juanita Mincey will be joined by family, friends and colleagues at a reception in Miami, Florida, to honor her for her dedication to her community and to Christ Crusaders, Inc., an organization she founded which is committed to providing guidance and assistance to people in need.

Twenty-one years ago, Reverend Mincey had a vision to "reach the lost at any cost and to service the total man: mind, body and spirit." She founded Christ Crusaders, Inc. with just two employees, and over the past two decades, Christ Crusaders has grown to 66 employees. Under Reverend Mincey's leader-

ship, these men and women dedicate many hours of service to the communities of Opa-Locka, Carol City, Liberty City and North Miami, Florida.

Christ Crusaders Inc. offers a wide range of programs and services that benefit children, the elderly, and all that fall in between. Reverend Mincey has worked relentlessly to create community programs that not only provide transportation and respite care for the elderly, but also offer healthcare services that many in the community cannot afford. The advancement of mobile health clinics, HIV/AIDS screenings and testing, counseling services for substance abusers and outreach programs for pregnant women are only a few of many programs initiated by Reverend Mincey.

Additionally, with the intent to promote, foster and develop the welfare of underprivileged children and their working parents, Reverend Mincey opened three daycare centers, which serve children from pre-K through 12th grade. She also opened the Christian University, which offers bachelors through doctoral degrees to individuals who would not otherwise have the opportunity or funds to attend a state or private university to receive an education. She continues to promote the importance of education and personal development by providing young adults with scholarships, and the opportunity to attend vocational schools and art and music schools.

Under Reverend Mincey's leadership, many lives have been enhanced and many families have been helped by her dedication to providing the quality services that many people could not possibly reach. Our entire community is grateful to her for all her generous and unselfish accomplishments.

Miami-Dade County and the city of Opa-Locka have already honored Reverend Mincey with the declaration of "Juanita Mincey Day." She has also been honored on several occasions for her hard work and angelic spirit with resolutions from the Florida House of Representatives and the State of Florida.

Today, I rise on the House floor of the United States Congress to once again honor and thank Reverend Mincey for her leadership and for the countless hours of selflessness she has devoted to take care of the people of our community. Thank you for all you do.

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HONORING JASON CROOK'S INTER-  
NATIONAL KEY CLUB SPEECH  
CONTEST WIN

**HON. BART GORDON**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 30, 2003*

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jason Crook for winning the international Key Club speech contest in Indianapolis, Indiana. Jason is a recent graduate of Blackman High School in my hometown of Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

On July 4, Jason demonstrated his prowess at the podium when he traveled to Indianapolis to represent his region in the contest. Jason spoke about the impact the club's values have had on his life. He triumphed over representatives from all 50 states and 20 countries.

Jason strives to achieve excellence both inside and outside of the classroom. His fellow