

wounded and killed in Iraq, the American people are being asked to pay the bill for programs and projects in Iraq that are desperately needed here.

I intend to support this flawed supplemental request, but only because the safety of our brave men and women in uniform depends on it.

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING
AMERICA'S JEWISH COMMUNITY
ON ITS 350TH ANNIVERSARY,
AND SUPPORTING THE DESIGNA-
TION OF AMERICAN JEWISH HIS-
TORY MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 15, 2003

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Con. Res. 106, a concurrent resolution that recognizes the 350th anniversary of Jewish life in the United States. The resolution encourages all Americans to celebrate September 2004 as American Jewish History Month.

I am proud to represent notable Jewish American artists, musicians, doctors, spiritual leaders, entrepreneurs, lawyers, inventors, and authors that reside in South Florida. I wish to celebrate and honor 350 years of Jewish life in America with my Jewish friends, and, through this resolution, commemorate this landmark event with the Jewish community nationwide.

Mr. Speaker, the success of the American Jewish community is testament to the basic American rights to liberty, opportunity, and inclusion. These men and women of Jewish descent have substantially transformed the Nation and its communities.

American Jewish culture has played a critical role in the multi-dimensional evolution of this country. In part because of Judaism's emphasis on social justice and in part because of Jews' experience as a marginalized minority, Jews led many of the protest and social justice movements of the 1960s and 1970s. In turn, Judaism continues to respond to changes in American culture; feminism, environmentalism, and other social movements have influenced how many Jews practice their religion.

The story of Jews in America is also the story of America itself. Thus, it is only fitting that this Congress recognize the enormous contributions of the American Jewish Community to our Nation by designating an American Jewish History Month.

CONGRATULATING NED MCGINLEY
FOR BEING HONORED AT THE
ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS
NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S DINNER

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 20, 2003

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the attention of the House of Representatives to Ned McGinley of Wilkes-Barre,

Pennsylvania who will be honored at the Ancient Order of Hibernians National President's Dinner Saturday, October 25, 2003 at King's College in Wilkes-Barre.

I am proud to say that Mr. McGinley is the first National President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians who is from Northeastern Pennsylvania. Mr. McGinley earned this honor through his 25 years of leadership in the Ancient Order of the Hibernians, where he has served on its National Board as Director and National Organizer.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians is the oldest and largest Irish-Catholic organization in the United States. It was founded in New York with its roots in Northeastern Pennsylvania around 1836.

Mr. McGinley has proved that he is a strong leader and is involved in a variety of activities in the community. Mr. McGinley is a graduate of Wilkes College in Wilkes-Barre and worked as an educator there for over 30 years. He created a Division III wrestling program at King's College and was inducted into the Division III Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege and honor to represent a man who has displayed a lifetime leadership role in serving his community. I ask that my colleagues pay tribute to Ned McGinley as he receives this well deserved honor.

HONORING FRANCES "FRANKIE"
BOCK FOR 28 YEARS OF VOL-
UNTEERISM

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 20, 2003

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, I rise before my colleagues today to honor a very special lady from the 12th Congressional District of Pennsylvania, Frankie Bock. With her visionary ideas and tireless work, she has touched the lives of countless people with her compassion and dedicated service to the terminally ill and their families in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

Caring for others is not just a concept to Frankie Bock; it has been a way of life for over 60 years. With three younger siblings and fragile parents who depended on her, 10-year-old Frankie was indoctrinated into care giving as a means of family survival. Eventually, as a young mother of six children of her own, Frankie somehow found time to become involved with Cub Scouts and also began teaching Sunday School at the First Lutheran Church. She would continue teaching for 35 years, while also serving in the Church's Bereavement Ministry. Volunteerism not only became a way of life for her, but would lead her to her true calling, hospice care.

In 1977, Frankie Bock saw a need and set out to fill it. She joined forces with Dr. Earl Shope, who had been providing hospice care on his own, visiting patients at their homes to comfort them. Together, they established Laurel Highland Hospice of Pennsylvania. The hospice movement worldwide was in its infancy at the time, but it was a natural transition for Frankie. Laurel Highland Hospice was the first rural hospice in the United States and the first formal hospice in Pennsylvania. Its name was changed to Windber Hospice after it was given a home by the Windber Hospital.

Frankie's calling was helping people when they most needed it—at the end of their lives, when they were suffering from pain and the knowledge that there was no hope for a cure for their illness. Their only hope was that someone would care; that someone could somehow ease the pain; that someone would understand.

Many of us, too many of us, know the anguish of losing a friend or a loved one to a fatal illness. To us, but moreover to those who are ill and suffering, people like Frankie are truly angels of mercy sent by God. From kindness, compassion and companionship to managing pain and sickness with needed medicines, to helping families prepare both emotionally and financially for what was to come, Frankie saw the enormous need and made all these things possible.

From its humble beginnings a generation ago, the Windber Hospice Program has reached impressive milestones. It has grown enormously and now serves a large portion of Southwestern Pennsylvania, to include six counties. Its impact reaches much farther, however. Because it inspired the establishment of numerous similar programs, it serves as a powerful example of just how much one person can truly make a difference in the lives of so many.

In 1981, the Windber Palliative Care Unit was opened, a direct result of the establishment of the hospice program Frankie and Earl started. Its newest facility was just dedicated in 2000. Presently, the program boasts 90 volunteers serving in the Palliative Care Unit, Home Care, Bereavement, and Pastoral Care. No one is denied services due to the lack of insurance or the inability to pay.

After more than 25 years and the recent passing of her dear friend and hospice co-founder Dr. Shope, Frankie continues to train hospice volunteers and touch the lives of hundreds of terminally ill patients, providing personal care to the dying and loving comfort to their families. She also volunteers her "spare" time to help further the cause of Children's Hospice International. Frankie and the volunteers at Windber Hospice hosted CHI's 14th World Congress in Johnstown recently. It was attended by 150 health care providers from around the world.

Few would argue that Frankie sets the standard for volunteerism and community service. Her name is familiar to many families in the area because so many of them at one time or another have had a loved one in the program. I felt her name should be heard here in Congress as well, because she embodies the best the American spirit has to offer.

Frankie, I cannot think of twenty-eight years better spent. Thank you, Frankie, for your amazing work on behalf of dying patients and their families.

TRIBUTE TO GERALD LOSEY IN
APPRECIATION FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO HIS COMMUNITY

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 20, 2003

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and acknowledge Gerald Losey,

of Crystal Falls, Michigan for decades of devoted and effective service to his community.

Jerry is one of those people who saw the light and migrated up to Iron County in 1983, after making his mark near Flint through years of hard work as a political organizer and Democratic campaign worker. He was chairman of the Political Action Committee of the United Autoworkers Local 651 in Flint at AC Delco. He also served during this time as alternate committeeman, district committeeman and shop committeeman for Local 651.

Jerry served the DORT Federal Credit Union at AC Delco as a member of its board of directors, as chairman of the credit committee and as chairman of its building committee.

In 1960, Jerry was actively involved in John F. Kennedy's campaign for President in Genesee County and helped organize an extremely successful Democratic rally for JFK at the Atwood Stadium in Flint.

Aside from his union contributions, in the early 1960's Jerry organized the Vienna Township Democratic Club in the Flint area. His guidance of its grass roots activities resulted in the defeat of all but one of the long-standing Republican office holders in Vienna Township.

In the early 1980's, when Jerry learned that The Landing supper club in Crystal Falls, Michigan was for sale, he bought it and began his journey to becoming a respected businessman and fixture in Iron County community life. Jerry hosted many receptions for candidates and dinners for the Iron County Democratic Party at The Landing over the years until he sold the restaurant in December, 2000.

It was also during this time that Jerry met his lovely wife, Shelly, who is a happy part of his life today.

After coming to Iron County, Jerry eventually embarked on a campaign of his own and was elected to the Iron County Board of Commissioners. He served with distinction from 1990 through 1992, acting as vice chairman of the board and chair of its law enforcement committee.

During his tenure as a County Commissioner, Jerry served a number of community organizations, including the Dickinson-Iron District Health Department, the Iron County Department of Social Services, the Iron County Community Hospital and the Iron County Rodeo Committee.

He has also been president of the Iron County Trailblazers and actively participated in its snowmobile trail work. Jerry has been a member of the Iron County Fair Board, the Stambaugh Township Compensation Committee and the Executive Board of the Iron County Democratic Party.

Lower Michigan's loss has been northern Michigan's gain, and it is clear that Jerry Losey has become a vital and valued part of the Iron County community. He is a true example of dedication and service, which was recognized by his selection as the Burr Sherwood Vintage Democrat of 2003 by the Iron County Democratic Party. I am happy to join in the applause and congratulations for Gerald Losey in recognition of his lifetime of service to his fellow Michiganians.

HONORING RODERICK MACKINNON ON HIS RECEIPT OF THE 2003 NOBEL PRIZE IN CHEMISTRY

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 20, 2003

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Roderick MacKinnon on his receipt of the 2003 Nobel Prize in chemistry for his research on the biophysics of cells, which revealed the intricate process of electrical signaling in human beings and other living organisms. Dr. MacKinnon conducted much of this research at the National Synchrotron Light Source at Brookhaven National Laboratory, a federal scientific research institution that is located within the First Congressional District of New York. His work has the potential to enhance the lives of millions, as it has contributed to a deeper understanding of such diseases as cystic fibrosis and heart arrhythmias, which will likely lead to more effective ways of treating these devastating illnesses.

Dr. MacKinnon's research focused on the study of ion channels, the pores through which vital materials—potassium, chloride, calcium and sodium ions—enter or leave the cells of the body. In 1998, Dr. MacKinnon was the first to determine the structure of an ion channel and, through a process called crystallography, produced exceptionally detailed portraits of the potassium ion structure. These high resolution "snapshots" not only revealed the basic structure of an ion channel, but also the process by which ions are expelled or admitted by cells. This process, electrical signaling, involves the rapid fire opening and closing of the channels to release ions and move electrical impulses from the brain in a wave to their destination in the body. Dr. MacKinnon's research determined the specific conditions that control whether ion channels are opened or closed, a process that puzzled researchers for over 50 years.

The discoveries made through Dr. MacKinnon's work offers researchers a renewed potential for understanding and curing illnesses derived from defective ion channels. Such diseases, many of which affect the kidneys, heart, muscles, and nervous system, cause ion channels to interfere with proper electrical signaling and can be fatal. Dr. MacKinnon's findings have refined the medical community's understanding of how ion channels slam shut or remain open and other critical bodily functions. This discovery offers important insight into the future development of drugs to control channels more precisely, and can potentially save human lives.

Dr. MacKinnon received a B.A. degree in biochemistry from Brandeis University in 1978 and an M.D. from Tufts University in 1982. He has served as a full faculty member at Harvard Medical School, professor and head of Laboratory Molecular Neurobiology and Biophysics at The Rockefeller University, and was appointed an investigator of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. In recognition of his work on ion channel structure and function, Dr. MacKinnon received the 1999 Lasker Award, the 2000 Rosenstiel Award, and the 2001 Gairdner Award.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Dr. Roderick MacKinnon on his important ac-

complishments in the field of biophysics, and his receipt of the 2003 Nobel prize in Chemistry. Dr. MacKinnon's work represents a significant contribution to medical research, and offers great potential to finding cures to many of the world's most devastating diseases. I am very proud that Dr. MacKinnon is associated with Brookhaven National Laboratory, an institution that has produced five Nobel Prize recipients since its founding, and I applaud him for his many contributions to science and the medical profession.

HONORING DEACON WALTER GRAY

HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 20, 2003

Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Deacon Walter Gray, affectionately known as Walter, a constituent of mine from the Norris-High Hill community in Scott County, Mississippi, who died on September 13, 2003. Walter was 81 years of age, and a World War 11 veteran.

Walter was born and raised in Scott County, and before adulthood was an active leader in his community. God, Family, and Friends, in that order, were his priorities. He instilled these priorities in his family and community. He was a trustee and the treasurer of the Green Grove United Methodist Church, and was thoroughly respected by church members and parishioners. He set a peerless example in the way he conducted his own life.

Aside from his church, and being an employee of Forest County, Walter loved basketball and particularly enjoyed cheering his grandson, Greg Carter, playing for the Forest High School Bearcats and the Mississippi State Bulldogs. When either of these two teams were playing during Greg's time as a player, you could always count on Walter's presence. One of the highlights of his life was seeing Greg attain a basketball scholarship at Mississippi State University, graduating and being named to the All SEC Team. Because he loved to talk about his church, his grandchildren, basketball, and Mississippi State University, anyone could always generate a good conversation with Walter.

In his funeral eulogy his pastor found it difficult to find enough adjectives to describe the high esteem the community held for Walter, and how sorely he was going to be missed by his family, friends, his county, and Mississippi. He stood, as a stout oak, as mentor and role model for his children Lenal, James, Bobbye Carter, Lois Briskey and eleven grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, a host of nieces and nephews, and countless other young people of his church family. What a legacy for Mississippi!

Perhaps, the most soulful words of all voiced about Deacon Walter Gray were those written by Nancy, his wife and helpmate of 64 years:

A golden heart stopped beating.
Hard-working hands at rest,
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
He only takes the best.

Mr. Speaker, Deacon Walter Gray truly represents the best of Mississippi. I ask Congress join me in remembering him and recognizing his life now that he has gone on to be with his Heavenly Father.