

States Army and subsequently spent two years stationed in Vietnam. Upon the completion of his tour of duty, he returned home and quickly became an employee of the Passaic County Sheriff's Department.

Captain Peter Van Der Velde has served with the Hawthorne Police Department for 30 years. During his long tenure with the department he has steadily climbed the ranks from Patrolman to Captain and completed countless assignments. Peter began his career with the Hawthorne Police Department in April of 1974 and by December of 1986 he was awarded the title of Sergeant. He then received a promotion to the rank of Lieutenant, before being named Captain.

On October 6, 1993 Peter was appointed to the rank of Captain and immediately he began tackling the Borough's most challenging projects. As Captain he was in command of both the Uniformed Patrol as well as the Auxiliary Police but Peter insisted on expanding his duties. True to his nature Peter assumed as many additional responsibilities as possible including the posts of Traffic Safety Officer and Emergency Management Coordinator.

Captain Van Der Velde exudes courage and dedication. Over the years Peter has been confronted by a wide array of obstacles and in each instance he has proven his resiliency. As President of PBA Local 200 he truly showed his concern for his fellow brethren as well as for the families of those police officers.

The talents that have made Van Der Velde a successful Police Captain were echoed in all the areas of his community service. His multiple roles in the Ramsey Rescue Squad, Ramsey Fire Department, North Haledon Fire Department and the Hawthorne Ambulance Corps have enabled Peter to develop into the inspiring leader he is today.

The job of a United States Congressman involves so much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to learning about and recognizing the efforts of individuals like Captain Peter Van Der Velde.

Mr. Speaker, we ask that you join our colleagues as well as Peter's family and friends, in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable service of Captain Peter Van Der Velde.

COMMENDING COUNTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR MARKING 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF LIBERATION OF AUSCHWITZ

SPEECH OF

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2005

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I solemnly rise today to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, the first and largest Nazi concentration camp stumbled across by Allied troops as they fought back Nazi Germany.

Today, the twin camps of Auschwitz-Birkenau are silent, yet full of the ghosts of horrors of boundless slaughter, torture and sadistic human experimentation. We lost over one million souls at Auschwitz alone. Over 5 million more innocent people with names, families and lives were murdered at several other Nazi concentration camps.

On January 27, 1945, Allied troops marched by the ashes of those killed at Auschwitz, and

freed the few remaining survivors. Tattooed with a number on their left forearm, and inconceivable torment in their minds and bodies, the survivors walked under the Auschwitz gate adorned with the words "Arbeit Macht Frei" or "Work Makes Freedom" as emancipated men and women.

The survivors miraculously got on with their lives, although the pain of their memories did not diminish. Many have become successful doctors, teachers, writers and entrepreneurs. Others served valiantly in defending the state of Israel against hatemongers with similar intentions as the Nazis. Many others settled in New York's Eight Congressional District, which I proudly represent, and added immensely to New York City's soul and wealth of character. Theirs is a remarkable story of the human spirit.

It is an appalling realization that 60 years after the Holocaust, the Jewish people are still persecuted, anti-Semitism remains prevalent in many parts of the world, and genocide occurs and is often ignored.

As we commemorate this 60th anniversary, we face the terrible reality that anti-Semitism did not die in Auschwitz. Many of those who survived the holocaust are now reliving the unspeakable horror of anti-Semitic hatred for the sole reason of their religion and identity.

Moreover, sixty years later, we continue to turn our backs on the victims of hatred and genocide. We failed to appropriately respond to devastation and death in Rwanda, and now we repeat our desertion of innocent women and children in Sudan.

Let us honor the memories of those who died in Auschwitz and the Holocaust and the lives of those who survived it, by combating anti-Semitism, hate and bigotry today, tomorrow, and always.

Let us never forget.

RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL CAPTIONING INSTITUTE'S QUARTER-CENTURY OF ACHIEVEMENT IN CLOSED CAPTIONING AND RELATED MEDIA ACCESS TECHNOLOGIES

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 26, 2005

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, as the co-chair of the Congressional Public Broadcasting Caucus, I am introducing a bipartisan resolution to recognize the achievements of the National Captioning Institute, NCI, in providing closed-captioning services and other media access technologies to Americans who are disabled by hearing loss and/or vision loss, or who are limited by their inability to read or master English as a second language. Given that communication delivery systems such as television and, more recently, the Internet, play an absolutely essential role in American society, this resolution salutes NCI's quarter-century of progressive development in bringing media-access technologies to the American people.

The National Captioning Institute was founded in 1979 as a nonprofit corporation with the mission of ensuring that deaf and hard-of-hearing people have access to television through the technology of closed captioning. Prior to this time, captioned television was of-

fered on an extremely limited basis, and the captions were "open," resembling subtitles, an obtrusive system roundly rejected by broadcasters and audiences alike. NCI pioneered the closed-caption technology in which captions could be accessed through special decoder units. This revolutionary solution made it possible for both hearing and hearing-impaired audiences to enjoy television programming at the same time, and made the goal of accessible television a reality. NCI pioneered the way for the first, nationally broadcast closed captioned television programs 25 years ago—an event so momentous that it was announced from the Rose Garden of the White House and made international headlines.

It is estimated that more than 100 million Americans benefit from captioned programming. These audiences include 28 million people who are deaf or hard-of-hearing; children and adults learning to read; and those learning English as a second language. Hearing and nonhearing audiences are most likely to use closed captioning in their homes, although the system is embedded throughout today's society in public spaces such as bars, gyms and airports. As part of NCI's commitment to providing media access to everyone, NCI is making great advances in the development and application of described video technology, a service that provides an audio description of the visual elements of video programming for people who are blind or have low vision, which is an audience of more than 14 million people.

The span of NCI's perseverance and dedication extends far beyond technology for our televisions. NCI established the Nation's only free consumer help desk for communications access issues where citizens may pose questions on topics such as the availability of captioned programming, how to resolve problems with displaying captions, accessibility of closed captions with digital cable and high definition television, and the availability of closed captions in Spanish and on DVDs and home videos.

In addition to its technologic achievements, NCI recently took the lead on auditing how the entire captioning industry is performing. It commissioned the field's first study to evaluate the quality, availability, and use of the Nation's use of captioning services in order to improve performance throughout the entire captioning industry.

In light of all of the above achievements, I look forward to working with my colleagues to pass this resolution and demonstrate our support for the National Captioning Institute's dedication to improving media access to millions of our fellow Americans.

CLARKRANGE HIGH SCHOOL WINS SECOND NATIONAL TITLE

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 26, 2005

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, congratulations to the Clarkrange High School Chess Team for winning the 2004 National K-12 Grade Championships Chess Tournament. This marks the second national title for the Clarkrange High School Chess team in the past 5 years, winning the 2000 title in Charlotte.

The tournament, sponsored by the United States Chess Federation, was held in Orlando, FL, at Disney World's Dolphin Resort. Over 1,500 chess players representing 44 States and hundreds of schools participated in this tournament. The competition pits each grade level against itself. Clarkrange entered three teams in the competition.

The ninth grade team took the national championship at that level, the 10th grade team just missed the championship by half a point and took second place, two CHS assistant coaches took third place in the collegiate competition.

Members of the Clarkrange chess squad include Coach Michael Cross, Assistant Coaches Matthew Human and Joe Wright, students Andrew Simonton, Justin England, Ryan Hunley, Michael Davis, Simmy Jenkins, Chris Snow, Coty Phillips, and Dillon McCann.

These young men will have something to be proud of for the rest of their lives. May they continue to challenge themselves and excel in everything they do in life. They have made Fentress County, Tennessee very proud. Congratulations, Clarkrange High School Chess Team.

TRIBUTE TO MS. SHIRLEY
RODRIGUEZ REMENESKI

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 26, 2005

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Shirley Rodriguez Remeneski, an incredible woman who has spent most of her life serving the needs of others. On Thursday, January 27, 2004, Ms. Remeneski will celebrate her retirement in the City of New York.

Since she started her career in 1966, Ms. Remeneski has held various leadership positions in the government and non-profit worlds. Currently she serves as Senior Vice President of the Empire State Development's Economic Revitalization Division. In this capacity she oversees economic development for distressed communities, including projects and programs to stimulate growth and development throughout New York State. Her efforts have helped to create permanent jobs and sustainable business enterprises.

Ms. Remeneski's list of achievements is long and impressive. She began her career in 1966 by establishing and directing the first Social Services Unit in the Bronx Borough President's office. Some of the more influential positions Ms. Remeneski has held include district administrator for Congressman Badillo, where she managed the New York City office and coordinated activities with the Congressman's Washington staff. In 1978 she served as Assistant Deputy Mayor of New York City where she worked on intergovernmental relations and community development issues in the South Bronx, Harlem and other areas of the city. And in 1986 she served as Executive Director of the NYS Governor's Office for Hispanic Affairs.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to say that Ms. Remeneski's service to the people of New York has not gone unnoticed. She has received numerous awards and commendations from a host of organizations, including the As-

sociation of Hispanic Mental Health Professionals, Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer, the NYC Housing Authority's Society of Hispanic Employees, the NYS-Hispanic Political Coalition Employees and many others.

Ms. Remeneski has worked tirelessly to help improve the lives of people throughout New York. As a result of her unyielding dedication and hard work over the past four decades, countless New Yorkers enjoy a better life.

In honor of her retirement, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Ms. Shirley Rodriguez Remeneski.

HONORING THE PULASKI CITIZEN
FOR ITS YEARS OF SERVICE TO
GILES COUNTY

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 26, 2005

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Pulaski Citizen for its contributions to the citizens of Giles County, Tennessee.

The Pulaski Citizen is the longest-running newspaper in the history of Pulaski and Giles County, spanning 150 years from 1854 to 2004. It's also one of the oldest continuously operating in the State of Tennessee. Its weekly visits into the homes of Giles Countians have brought national, state and local news.

The Pulaski Citizen was especially crucial in the days before radio, television and the internet as the only news media available to so many people. It has served the business community equally as well by printing the advertisements that promote these businesses, often contributing greatly to the success of so many of the hundreds of varied businesses that have called Giles County home.

Community improvement and growth has been a primary function of the Pulaski Citizen under the leadership of the McCord, Romine, Smith and Lake Families. Through the editorial urgings of the Pulaski Citizen, community life in Pulaski and Giles County has been greatly improved by such things as a water works, a fire department, improved telephone service, new and better schools, an outstanding college, playgrounds for our children, and hundreds of other benefits for our community.

The Pulaski Citizen is the oldest existing business in Pulaski, Tennessee. It has been in continuous publication since December 16, 1854, except during the Civil War. Pulaski was occupied by Union troops from the spring of 1862 until the end of the war. Most, if not all, businesses in Pulaski were forced to close during the Union occupation. Publication resumed on January 5, 1866 and has been continuous since that time.

In honor of the 150th birthday of the Pulaski Citizen, one page each week during 2004 has been dedicated to taking an historic look at how the paper covered current events that are now the "popular" record of our history with staff writer Claudia Johnson selecting material for weekly installments and for a book in commemoration of the sesquicentennial.

PRESIDING JUSTICE ROBERT K. PUGLIA: JUDGE, SCHOLAR, WORDSMITH, TEACHER, PATRIOT, AND FAMILY MAN

HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 26, 2005

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues from California Mr. BERMAN, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. COX, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. DREIER, Mr. FARR, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. HERGER, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. ISSA, Mr. LEWIS, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. LUNGREN, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. GEORGE MILLER, Mr. NUNES, Mr. POMBO, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THOMPSON, and Ms. WOOLSEY to pay tribute to Presiding Justice Robert K. Puglia, judge, scholar, wordsmith, teacher, patriot, and family man.

Born in 1929, and raised in Westerville, Ohio, Robert K. Puglia came to California after high school to earn money for college. Returning to his Buckeye roots, he graduated from Ohio State University with a degree in political science, then fought in Korea and was a first sergeant in the Third Infantry Division. Following the war, he graduated from the University of California Boalt Hall School of Law in 1958.

He married Ingrid in 1959. They have four children—Peter, Susan, David, and Tom—and three grandchildren.

Justice Puglia began his legal career as a Deputy Attorney General in Sacramento, then moved to the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office where he prosecuted the most serious cases. At age 34, he was named Chief Deputy District Attorney. In 1969, he became a partner in McDonough, Holland, Schwartz, Allen & Wahrhaftig. He was a Professor of Law at the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, and frequently taught at legal seminars. He also taught at California State University, Sacramento.

Governor Ronald Reagan appointed him Judge of the Superior Court, County of Sacramento, in August 1971; Associate Justice of the Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, in June 1974; and Presiding Justice in December 1974.

Justice Puglia distinguished himself, in California and in the Nation, both as a prosecutor and a jurist, during his more than 40 years in the law. Known for his keen intellect and clear reasoning, colleagues and litigants alike remember his sharp memory, gregarious personality, thorough consideration of issues, and effective leadership. His stewardship of the court was exemplary, marked by a respect for his colleagues and a concern for the independence of the judiciary. His administrative touch was light but firm and done with a sense of humor.

After becoming a judge, Justice Puglia served on the Judicial Council, the State courts' governing council. He served as president of the California Judges Association and the National Council of Chief Judges of Courts of Appeal. Admired and respected by appellate judges everywhere in America, he often served as a member of the faculty of the Appellate Courts Institute, conducted annually by the California Center for Judicial Education and Research, and the Appellate Judges Seminar, conducted annually by the Institute of Judicial Administration, New York University School of Law.