

A PROCLAMATION HONORING  
ARLENE WHITBECK KRUEGER

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Arlene May Whitbeck was born in Albany, New York on May 21, 1921; and

Whereas, Arlene Whitbeck married Robert Krueger on October 25, 1947; and

Whereas, Arlene and Robert raised their two children, John and Karen; and

Whereas, Arlene Krueger's professional career was spent in the family business, Whitbeck Motors, in Troy, New York, where she succeeded her father as President in 1965; and

Whereas, Arlene and Robert retired to Florida in the mid-1970s, but missing their family, now including their two grandchildren, Christopher and Sarah, they have returned to the New York of their roots to enjoy their golden years; and

Whereas, Arlene Krueger has exemplified a love of life, caring, and service for her family and neighbors.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Arlene Whitbeck Krueger as she celebrates her 84th Birthday.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JIM KOLBE**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2005*

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, on May 19, I missed the vote on agreeing to the Terry amendment to H.R. 2361, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006 (#193). I intended to vote "nay."

RECOGNIZING 57TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF INDEPENDENCE OF STATE OF  
ISRAEL

SPEECH OF

**HON. GENE GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2005*

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of this resolution marking the 57th anniversary of the independence of the State of Israel, and to extend my congratulations to the Israeli people.

Israel has had to overcome many obstacles in its 57 years of existence. On May 14, 1948, Israel proclaimed its independence. Less than 24 hours later, the armies of Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and Iraq invaded the country, forcing Israel to defend itself. In what became known as Israel's War of Independence, the

newly formed, poorly equipped Israel Defense Forces held off the invaders in fierce fighting, which lasted 15 months and claimed over 6,000 Israeli lives, nearly one percent of the country's Jewish population at the time.

This war characterized the struggles the Israeli people have endured since 1948. However, in the face of this hostility from their neighbors, and the numerous terrorist attacks they have suffered, Israel has maintained the ideals it was founded on, pluralism, freedom, and human rights. Israel has served as a beacon of democracy in the Middle East and its shared values with the United States has led to a natural friendship between the two nations. We in Congress stand firmly behind Israel. The United States has a stake in the future of Israel and in the entire region, and we must make every effort to assist Israel in its struggle for security by helping reach a lasting peace with its neighbors.

Mr. Speaker, the commemoration of the independence of Israel is an important reminder of the contributions of Israel to democracy worldwide. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Israel's independence by supporting House Concurrent Resolution 149.

TRIBUTE TO MOHAMMED KHAN,  
ADMINISTRATOR OF THE  
MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL  
TRANSIT

**HON. JOHN W. OLVER**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2005*

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mohammed Khan, Administrator of the Montachusett Regional Transit Authority, in recognition of his work in meeting the needs of transportation-disadvantaged individuals throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Today, the Secretary of Transportation will award Mr. Khan and the Montachusett Regional Transit Authority the 2005 United We Ride National Leadership Award from the Federal Interagency Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility. The Montachusett Regional Transit Authority is one of only five organizations nationwide that will be recognized this year for exemplary coordination of transportation services for older adults, people with disabilities, and individuals with lower incomes. Through Mr. Khan's leadership, the Montachusett Regional Transit Authority is specifically being recognized for their Brokerage Services Program, a service that contracts with approximately 160 private sector vendors to provide over 11,000 rides a day.

It is not often that we are able to pay adequate tribute to our Nation's community leaders. Mr. Khan has been a strong force for progressive, efficient public service in the area of transportation. It is through Mr. Khan's humility, integrity and vision that many transportation-disadvantaged individuals receive quality, reliable transit services in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Mr. Khan has made outstanding contributions to his community and, is therefore, worthy of our thanks.

STOP COUNTERFEITING IN  
MANUFACTURED GOODS ACT

**HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2005*

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, as a proud cosponsor of H.R. 32, the Stop Counterfeiting in Manufactured Good Act, I rise in support of this legislation. In a time when U.S. manufacturing has been tested again and again by foreign markets, we must do everything we can to ensure that this vital industry continues to grow stronger. The Stop Counterfeiting in Manufactured Goods Act will do just that.

With its two pronged approach to destroy equipment used to manufacture counterfeit goods and to prohibit the trafficking of such goods, this legislation will save American manufacturers billions of dollars every year. Furthermore, the Stop Counterfeiting in Manufactured Goods Act will provide the same type of protection under the law for manufacturers that we now grant to copyright owners. This legislation is a welcome addition to the numerous efforts this Congress has undertaken to preserve the manufacturing sector.

I commend Congressman KNOLLENBERG for his interest in helping to protect manufacturing by granting law enforcement authorities the tools they need to put an end to counterfeiting practices. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation that will not only go a long way in helping to preserve an American way of life, but it will also protect all Americans from the deception of counterfeit goods.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING  
RYAN KEITH GELTMEIER

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Ryan Keith Geltmeier has devoted himself to serving others through his membership in the Boy Scouts of America; and

Whereas, Ryan Keith Geltmeier has shared his time and talent with the community in which he resides; and

Whereas, Ryan Keith Geltmeier has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Ryan Keith Geltmeier must be commended for the hard work and dedication he put forth in earning the Eagle Scout Award.

Therefore, I join with the residents of Sandyville, the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio, Ryan's family and friends in congratulating Ryan Keith Geltmeier as he receives the Eagle Scout Award.