

IN RECOGNITION OF ERLING HORN
IN CELEBRATION OF HIS 100TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2005

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Erling Horn, who will celebrate his 100th birthday on July 17, 2005.

Mr. Horn, the father of Lafayette Past Mayor Erling Horn, begins his centennial year as an active, independent member of his community who can be seen driving his Jeep to church activities or to meetings of the City of Oakland Retirement Board, where he has served for the past 12 years.

Born in 1905, Erling Horn was orphaned as an infant and raised by his mother's siblings in a large extended Norwegian family in Seattle. With their help and the support of the scholarship program of the Reserve Officer Training Corps, he earned a Bachelors Degree and a Masters Degree in electrical engineering at the University of Washington. In 1927, he earned a commission in the U.S. Army, where he served as Captain and Major in various coast and field artillery units during World War II.

From 1931 to 1935, he served in the Civilian Conservation Corps; and from 1935 to 1966, he was employed by the City of Oakland, first as City Surveyor, and then as Traffic Engineer. In his 30-year career with the City, he helped to design and install Oakland's first parking meters, traffic control signals, traffic-friendly intersections, and freeway interfaces.

During the Vietnam War, Mr. Horn was an active antiwar protestor, always supporting the troops but not always supporting his government's policies to deploy them. His oldest son served in the U.S. Navy during the War.

As one who benefited from family solidarity early in life, Erling Horn has been a source of family strength to his wife, now deceased, to his three children, Arthur, Erling, and Margaret, and to his seven grandchildren. I am pleased to join his family and friends in congratulating Mr. Horn on his career achievements, service to his country, and community contributions. I wish him continued health, happiness, and success as he enters his second hundred years.

TRIBUTE TO THE SLOVAK
CATHOLIC SOKOL

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2005

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to take this opportunity to salute the Slovak Catholic Sokol. On Saturday, July 9, 2005 the Sokol celebrated a very proud moment, its Centennial Anniversary.

It is only fitting that the Slovak Catholic Sokol be honored, in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on Earth, for it has been a fundamental institution in the community; offering guidance and support to all in need.

The Slovak Catholic Sokol was founded on July 4, 1905 by citizens who wanted to establish an athletic organization for Catholics of

Slovak ancestry. It was not long after its creation that the group began to flourish. The year 1912 marked the first field meet or "Slet," as it is called in Slovak. Since then, these Slets have attracted members and crowds by the thousands; all of whom gather to take part in an array of track and field events.

The organization grew quickly; the 46 original founders from Passaic, N.J. has blossomed into 32,000 members located throughout the United States & Canada. This unprecedented expansion has allowed the group to become heavily involved with the youth movement. Every year, the Slovak Catholic Sokol awards an array of scholarship grants to college bound members as well as qualified members who attend Catholic High School. Over the years, nearly 1300 members have been fortunate enough to receive scholarship grants in order to further their education.

In the most recent years, the Slovak Catholic Sokol entered its most ambitious stage of growth, especially in terms of volunteer work. As a Catholic entity, participation in parish life is obviously encouraged and support for both men and women of Slovak heritage is given. Therefore, donations whether monetary or perishable, are routinely sent to Catholic Bishops in Slovakia for distribution amongst their congregation. Working in conjunction with other reputable Slovak organizations, such as the Slovak League of America is also quite commonplace. In fact, together with four other fraternal, the Slovak Catholic Sokol established the Slovak Foundation at the University of Pittsburgh.

Committed to the democratic way of life, the Slovak Catholic Sokol will continue to spread goodwill. The leadership and the members of this organization recognize the dedication it took to elevate this venerable institution to where it is today and will ensure that it remains untarnished.

The work of a United States Congressman involves so much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing institutions like the Slovak Catholic Sokol.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, the City of Passaic, Passaic County, all of the members, and me, in recognizing the Slovak Catholic Sokol.

HONORING LEO GOLD FOR HIS
OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE COMMUNITY AND OUR
NATION

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2005

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the entire Hirschorn family as they celebrate the life and accomplishments of their oldest living relative, Leo Gold. Today, the Hirschorn family, nearly 150 strong and from all corners of the world, have gathered to pay tribute to Leo not only for being a wonderful member of the family, but for his many contributions to his Nation and community.

Leo Gold has had a full life. He has served in our Nation's armed forces, married and raised a wonderful family of his own, worked as a stockbroker by trade, and has spent countless hours volunteering with a myriad of

service and community organizations. His life is the very reflection of what every community member should be.

Like so many of his generation, Leo served in the United States Army during World War II. A member of the Engineers' Corps, Leo was one of the hundreds of remarkable soldiers who landed on Omaha Beach on D-Day. He diligently served his country with dignity and integrity from 1943 until the end of the war. Today, I stand to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Leo Gold for his outstanding service to our country. It is veterans, like Leo, whose stories will never allow future generations to forget one of the free world's greatest victories.

Leo spent his professional career as a stockbroker and continues to own a seat on the American Stock Exchange. He has been happily married to his wife, Beatrice, for 63 years, raising two children, Helaine and Harold. Today, they continue to see their small family grow with three grandchildren, Heidi, Keith, and Sandra, as well as one great-grandchild, Maya. Throughout the years, it has been his family which has brought him such great joy and I find it a fitting tribute that his extended family has gathered to honor him today.

Veteran, successful businessman, and devoted husband, father, and grandfather—one would not find it hard to believe that Leo has also been an active member of his community, volunteering his time and efforts to make a difference in the lives of others. Before retiring to Florida, Leo lived in Great Neck, NY, where he was deeply involved with B'nai Brith and his synagogue Temple Israel. Now, as he and Bea enjoy their retirement years, they can be found volunteering for the Jewish Federation, among other organizations. In fact, Leo participated in the Big Brother Program just a few years ago, acting as a mentor and friend to children in need. Through his many philanthropic activities, Leo has quietly touched the lives of many—making a real difference in their lives.

Our communities and our country would not be the same without individuals like Leo Gold who so willingly dedicate themselves to serving and protecting others. It is an honor and a privilege for me to stand today to join his wife, Bea, children Helaine and Harold, grandchildren Heidi, Keith, and Sandra, and the entire Hirschorn family as they pay tribute to Leo Gold—an outstanding citizen and community leader. My heartfelt congratulations on this very special occasion—what an inspiration you are. Mazel Tov.

HONORING DAVID GAD-HARF

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2005

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of a man who has selflessly devoted many years to his community and his culture. On July 13, civic leaders, family, and friends will join the Jewish Community Council to honor its executive director, Mr. David Gad-Harf, as he celebrates his retirement after 17 years.

A native of Erie, PA, David Gad-Harf graduated with honors from Harvard University,

and later received his Master's Degree from the University of North Carolina. Over the years, he worked as executive director of the Jewish community relations agency in St. Louis, as well as executive director for a national health care advocacy group. David also spent time on Capitol Hill as a legislative assistant in the Senate. He joined the Jewish Community Council in 1988, embodying its mission of being the public affairs voice of the Metro Detroit Jewish Community.

In addition to his work on behalf of the council, David was elected to the West Bloomfield, MI, School Board in 1999. He was re-elected in 2003, and served as its president from 2003 to 2004. He also sits on the board of New Detroit, Inc. David's peers have acknowledged his efforts on several occasions, most notably in 1999, when he received the Berman Award, presented to Detroit's most outstanding Jewish community professional.

Among David's great blessings is his wonderful family: his wife, Dr. Nancy Gad-Harf, and their son Joshua.

Mr. Speaker, I have had the pleasure of traveling with David Gad-Harf to Israel, and I can personally attest to his commitment and dedication to making our country a better place in which to live. I applaud his many successes, and I ask the House of Representatives to please join me in congratulating him on his retirement, and wishing him the very best in all his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL JOHN C.
GOETCHIUS

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2005

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this means to recognize the outstanding service of Colonel John C. Goetchius, who will retire this October after 29 years service while working for the United States Army and the Secretary of the Army Legislative Liaison. Colonel John Goetchius is a decorated and distinguished soldier.

Colonel Goetchius began his career as a United States Military Academy graduate, Class of 1976, and was immediately selected to lead our Nation's sons and daughters. During his career, he has endured the hardships of deployments and separation. As one of many testaments to his professionalism and accomplishments in defense of our Nation, in 2002 he was awarded the Defense Superior Service Award for his leadership as the Commander of the United States Military Group, El Salvador.

Most recently, Colonel Goetchius served the soldiers and civilians of the Office of the Chief of Legislative Liaison (OCLL) in the capacity of the Executive Officer to the Chief of Legislative Liaison. Colonel Goetchius's last assignment was a capstone of nearly 30 years of service to the United States Army. As the Executive Officer Colonel Goetchius was the principal assistant to the Chief of Legislative Liaison, responsible for the formulation, coordination and execution of policies governing the Army's relationship with Congress. He personally coordinated the efforts of the seven Division 100 person OCLL Organization with wide ranging responsibilities to manage all

U.S. Army Congressional contacts. Colonel Goetchius played an active role in communicating Army requirements, programs and policies to the U.S. Congress during a period of historic defense transformation and extremely high operational tempo.

Mr. Speaker, as Colonel John C. Goetchius prepares to retire from the Army, I know my colleagues will join me in commending him for his outstanding service to our Nation.

INTRODUCING H.R. 3141

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2005

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, today I introduced H.R. 3141 to terminate general system preferences for imports from Brazil.

I take this action because of extreme action now threatened by the current government of Brazil. Last week, that government delivered a clear threat to seize patents held by the United States. That threat was extreme, unwarranted, and will meet with certain retaliation by the United States government. Given that our economy is far larger than Brazil's, action of this type will hurt Brazil far more than the U.S. and will cause unemployment and loss of income directly due to Brazil's reckless trade policy.

In specific, Brazil threatened Abbott Laboratories, Illinois' largest employer. The doctors and scientists at Abbott helped to invent the test for HIV and then invented the most powerful treatment for HIV. Scientists now are on their way to a cure for AIDS but all of this work will end if we let extreme policies seize the patents of scientists that represent the only hope for a cure.

In Brazil, anti-HIV drugs already sell for only half the price of the same drugs in the U.S. In my judgment, this proposed action to seize U.S. patents is only a subterfuge to not only produce the drug in Brazil but also to export it to other countries on the black market—all in direct violation of Brazil's solemn obligations to the WTO.

The bill I introduced today will cancel \$2 billion in Brazilian exports. If Brazil takes this action, further actions will follow to the detriment of Brazil.

Mr. Speaker, I have reviewed this matter with the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee and Speaker HASTERT. They share my concerns and would strongly urge Brazil to reconsider extreme threats that will—in the long run—hurt Brazil far more than the U.S.

STANDING IN SOLIDARITY WITH
THE PEOPLE OF GREAT BRITAIN

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2005

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, the American people proudly stand in solidarity with the people of Great Britain in the wake of last Thursday's murderous attacks in the city of London.

It is tragic whenever anyone, anywhere is brutally and senselessly murdered. The car-

nage and bloodshed in London last week, however, were particularly poignant and moving to Americans because we have had no more resolute ally or steadfast friend in the war against terrorism than the British people and their leader, Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Prime Minister Blair has been there from the start, visiting Ground Zero just days after the tragic attacks of September 11, 2001 and then sitting in the gallery of the House of Representatives when President Bush addressed a joint session of Congress on September 20, 2001. That was America's darkest hour and Tony Blair stood by us. For that and more America will always be in his debt.

Today's world is brutal and treacherous. We are engaged in a struggle which could well determine our survival as a civilization. British troops fight beside American troops in every theatre of that struggle and British police, law enforcement and intelligence agencies work in full concert with their American counterparts.

Just as Franklin Roosevelt and Winston Churchill stood as one to lead the world through the ravages of Nazism and fascism, George Bush and Tony Blair stand shoulder to shoulder in the war against terrorism. And just as the British people mourned with us on September 11, we assure them that our thoughts and prayers go out to all those good people in London who were murdered as well as those who were injured and all of their families. They will always be remembered.

TRIBUTE TO MR. AND MRS.
HARRY AND HILDA EISEN

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2005

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor an extraordinary couple that survived one of history's darkest periods to live a vibrant and successful life together. Their tremendous life story is filled with incredible inspiration and hope. In a fitting celebration of their life together, Harry and Hilda Eisen will mark their 60th anniversary by renewing their wedding vows on July 10, 2005.

Harry and Hilda were both born in 1917 in the small Polish village of Ibcza. When Poland was invaded by German Nazis during World War II, their lives became a struggle for survival.

Harry served in the Polish Calvary and eventually became interned in the Auschwitz Concentration Camp. As a forced laborer, Harry worked in the coal mines and other grueling jobs during the 5 years he spent at Auschwitz, before escaping the forced death march in the winter of 1945. Meanwhile, Hilda escaped the Lodz Ghetto internment camp and joined a group of Jewish partisan fighters that fought back against the Nazis.

Following Poland's liberation, Harry and Hilda met up back in Ibcza and in July of 1945 they were married. They subsequently immigrated to America in 1948.

In America, Harry used the money he earned as a sausage-maker to start up a modest chicken business in Arcadia, California. As his business and urban encroachment grew, Harry needed to find another location for his chicken enterprise and settled in Norco, California. As time went by, the once small chicken business, now named Norco Ranch, Inc.,