

Parks helped make us a better country. Rosa Parks made us all proud.

HONORING DRs. ORA AND MARK  
PESCOVITZ

**HON. DAN BURTON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2005*

Mr. BURTON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to pay tribute to two outstanding Hoosiers, Drs. Ora and Mark Pescovitz who were recently recognized at the Indiana-Israel Dinner of State held in Indianapolis on September 18, 2005—sponsored by the State of Israel Bonds/Development Corporation—for their years of dedicated service to the people of Indiana and to the State of Israel.

Since 1951, the State of Israel Bonds/Development Corporation for Israel has issued securities in the name of the government of Israel for the development of every aspect of Israel's economy, including agriculture, commerce and industry. Israel Bonds has secured close to more than \$26 billion in investment capital, and throughout its history, Israel has maintained a perfect record on the payment of principal and interest on the securities it has issued. From humble beginnings, Israel Bond has gone from a fledgling idea, to a powerful legacy of achievement; in the process becoming the financial bedrock upon which the modern State of Israel was built.

This simple concept of investment in people and communities is also the bedrock upon which Drs. Ora and Mark Pescovitz have built their lives. Dr. Ora Pescovitz serves as an Executive Dean for Research at Indiana University School of Medicine as well as CEO and President of Riley Hospital for Children—the only comprehensive children's hospital in the state of Indiana, where thousands of patients and families travel to every year to seek diagnosis and treatment from one of Riley's many specialists. As if that weren't enough she has served on numerous committees of Endocrine Society and was chair of the 2002 Annual Meeting Steering Committee, she has served as President of the Society for Pediatric Research—the nation's largest pediatric research organization—been on six journal editorial boards, and is currently serving as the President of the Lawson Wilkins Pediatric Endocrine Society, chair of the March of Dimes Grants Review Committee, and a member of the Ad-Hoc Group for Medical Research Funding.

Dr. Ora has even found time to publish more than 170 manuscripts and books, including a recently published renowned textbook on Pediatric Endocrinology, and her awards and accolades are many including, a Research Career Development Award from the National Institutes of Health, Indiana University School of Medicine's highest Teaching Award, and the Distinguished Alumni Award from Northwestern's Feinberg School of Medicine.

Dr. Mark Pescovitz's contributions are just as impressive. He is currently serving as Vice Chair for Research in the Department of Surgery at Indiana University, and since 1988, he has been a member of the Division of Transplant Surgery. Dr. Mark is also actively involved in the transplant community in the U.S. and around the world, serving on many na-

tional and international committees—most recently the Executive Council of the United Network of Organ Sharing, the umbrella organization that regulates transplant organs—and lecturing on the subject worldwide.

Dr. Mark is as prolific a researcher and writer as his wife, publishing over 200 articles in scientific journals and serving on the editorial boards of the three primary transplant journals. His primary research interests are new drugs to prevent transplant rejection and viral infections, but more recently he has combined his knowledge of immunology with that of diabetes and is directing a world-wide study designed to treat patients recently diagnosed with type-1 diabetes with the ultimate goal of eliminating their need for insulin. Dr. Mark Pescovitz is also famous for being the first doctor to perform a pancreas transplant for diabetes in Indiana—shortly after his arrival at Indiana University—essentially single-handedly creating the pancreas transplant program in the Department of Surgery at Indiana University.

Over the years, Drs. Ora and Mark Pescovitz have also spent time nurturing their Indiana and Jewish roots, opening their home to host numerous events for the Jewish community including for the Maimonides Association, Beth-El Zedeck, the Hasten Hebrew Academy, NCJW, the Borns Center for Jewish Studies at Indiana University, Israel Bonds and the Jewish Federation. Dr. Mark is also a member of the board of the Jewish Federation and Jewish Community Relations Council, as well as a member of the boards of the Indianapolis Opera, the International Violin Competition of Indianapolis, and the Herron School of Art.

Mr. Speaker, individually and together, the Pescovitzes' contributions to the United States, to the people of Indiana, and Indiana Jewish Community, and to the State of Israel represent the highest tradition of selfless public service, civic stewardship and commitment to others. Their praiseworthy efforts were recognized at the Northwest Indiana-Israel Dinner of State, and I ask my colleagues to join me now to commend and congratulate Drs. Ora and Mark Pescovitz for their outstanding achievements, and their lives of service.

IN HONOR OF ROSA PARKS

**HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2005*

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, yesterday we lost one of the truly great figures in American history, Rosa Parks. I rise to honor the life of the Civil Rights icon known for her strong and quite courage. Ms. Parks was a seamstress at the Montgomery Fair department store in Montgomery, Alabama. It was her refusal to surrender a bus seat to a white man that launched the modern civil rights movement 50 years ago and inspired generations of activists.

During the 1950's, this nation was at a turning point in the area of race relations. Looking back, the Civil Rights movement had been building up, but a special moment, a spark, was needed to wake the national conscious. Rosa Parks stand provided that spark, and later became known as the "mother of the civil rights movement".

The arrest of Rosa Parks inspired a young Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. to organize the famous Montgomery Bus Boycott. The 381 day Montgomery Bus Boycott, became one of the largest and most successful challenges of segregation, which drew more attention towards the civil rights movement.

Ms. Parks dedicated her life towards achieving equality and freedom for all, serving as secretary of the NAACP and later the Adviser to the NAACP Youth Council, helping African Americans pass special tests which would allow them to register to vote. Mrs. Parks continued on her journey for racial equality when she tried to register to vote on several unsuccessful attempts.

Over the years, Rosa Parks dedicated her time to educating her fellow Americans on the history of the civil rights struggle. In 1987, with the help of Elaine Eason Steele, Parks founded the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self-Improvement, a youth assistance organization in Detroit. The program takes young people on an educational tour that visits sites of importance in the civil rights movement.

Because of the dedication Rosa Parks showed in the struggle for racial equality, her work has been recognized in receiving innumerable honors, including the Martin Luther King Jr. Nonviolent Peace Prize Award, the Martin Luther King Jr. Leadership Award, the Eleanor Roosevelt Women of Courage Award, Medal of Honor, the highest award that the U.S. government bestows, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award.

Mr. Speaker, Rosa Parks continued her commitment to civil rights until her death. She will always be known as a person who was immensely concerned about equality, freedom, prosperity justice for all and she will be dearly missed.

DEATH OF RABBI HERMAN N.  
NEUBERGER

**HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2005*

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to mourn the recent passing of Rabbi Herman N. Neuberger, the president of the Orthodox Ner Israel Rabbinical College in Baltimore, Maryland. I have known Rabbi Neuberger for many years and have counted on his friendship and advice. The death of Rabbi Neuberger is a tremendous loss for our entire community. Rabbi Neuberger was one of the foremost leaders of Orthodox Jewry in the United States, and was internationally recognized for his accomplishments.

Born in 1918 in Germany, Rabbi Neuberger was the youngest of three children. In 1938 he fled to the United States, on his own, as the Nazi regime began its rise to power in Germany. During World War II he helped to erect Ner Israel's first building on Garrison Boulevard in Baltimore.

Rabbi Neuberger affected the lives of many Jews in Baltimore, but he also helped Jews around the world escape from persecution. In 1976 he began bringing young Iranians back to Ner Israel for scholarship, and he encouraged them to return to the Middle East. After the 1979 Iranian revolution, Rabbi Neuberger

successfully persuaded the State Department to recognize Iranian Jews as political refugees, which allowed them to enter the United States. Many of the refugees became students of Rabbi Neuberger, who waived tuition for them. The school estimates that over the years roughly 1,000 people were brought to the United States due to the Rabbi's efforts.

Throughout his life Rabbi Neuberger also labored mightily to build bridges between different religious communities in Baltimore, understanding the critical importance of strengthening the inter-faith dialogue in this country to confront common problems.

Through his work over a half century, the campus expanded to include 90 acres and 800 students. Today Ner Israel teaches Talmudic Law and offers students numerous degrees, including a baccalaureate, master's, doctorate, Rabbinical Ordination and a teacher's diploma. Ner Israel is recognized as an accredited college by the state of Maryland, and its students may take courses at other colleges and universities in the Baltimore region and receive academic credits for their religious studies.

Rabbi Neuberger's family also contributed to his legacy at Ner Israel, as he is survived by five sons, three of which teach at the school.

Rabbi Neuberger had a tremendous impact on the spiritual, intellectual, and communal lives of thousands of Jews throughout the world. Rabbi Neuberger exemplified what it was to be a rabbi: someone with the wisdom to be a learned teacher and leader. His advice was sought out by community leaders of all faiths, and his wise counsel will be sorely missed.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF INTEL RIO RANCHO

**HON. TOM UDALL**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2005*

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 25th anniversary of the Intel Corporation facility in Rio Rancho, in my home state of New Mexico. Intel Corporation came to New Mexico in 1980 with just 25 employees and a tremendous vision for the future; today Intel is the largest employer in Rio Rancho, an area now known as the Silicon Mesa. Intel Corporation is a vital part of the local economy and a major contributor to civic and educational programs in Rio Rancho and the surrounding area.

Intel has been instrumental in the growth and economic development of Rio Rancho throughout the years; as plant operations expanded so did the number of employees and support services utilized by this technology giant. Intel expansion has resulted in numerous improvements in Rio Rancho; in 1997, the corporation donated \$30 million dollars for the construction of a much-needed high school.

Intel currently employs over seven thousand workers and subcontractors in New Mexico who benefit from wages that are well above the state average. Area businesses also flourish as Intel continually bolsters the local economy by purchasing goods and services in Rio Rancho. The city of Rio Rancho has grown, and continues to grow, around the presence of Intel Corporation.

Intel's involvement in Rio Rancho extends far beyond economic consideration, and commitment to community is evident by the corporation's participation in numerous philanthropic programs. Intel employees regularly volunteer time on many local art, education and cultural projects which are then matched by corporate funding. Intel also awards monetary grants to local organizations seeking to better the community and the state of New Mexico.

The Intel Corporation plays a key role in technology education in New Mexico. Intel partners with higher learning institutions in the state to create programs and curriculum that prepare students for employment at the Rio Rancho facility. Additionally, Intel provides access to technology in the Computer Clubhouse program and donates funding and equipment to local schools.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Intel Corporation on 25 successful years of business in Rio Rancho. Intel's presence in Rio Rancho has resulted in abundant resources for both employees and the surrounding community. Intel is an integral component in the growth of Rio Rancho and a stabilizing factor in the local economy. I thank the Intel Corporation for their consistent participation and lasting contributions to Rio Rancho and the state of New Mexico.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. PHIL GINGREY**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2005*

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, due to the passing of my good friend, Sam Smith of Cartersville, Georgia, I request a leave of absence from votes this evening so I may attend his wake.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF LILIA PEREZ

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2005*

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lilia Perez for her contributions to the Laredo, Texas community that recently resulted in the opening of a community center bearing her name.

Lilia Perez is a native Laredoan who grew up, attended school, and has worked her entire life in Laredo. A few short years after studying Business Administration at Laredo Junior College, Lilia was elected to the Webb County Community Action Agency Board, where she represented the poor of Laredo for over thirty years.

In 1982, Lilia Perez was elected a Commissioner of Webb County, making her the first female Commissioner in the county's history. Lilia has also served on the South Texas Region Community Development Block Grant Review Committee and the City of Laredo Planning and Zoning Commission.

Continuing her devotion to her community, Lilia was appointed to the South Texas Retired Senior Volunteer Board. Lilia's service to

seniors and the poor led the City of Laredo to name their newly-built Community Center in her honor.

The Lilia Perez Community Center was financed through the Community Development Block Grant Program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Community Center opened on September 30th, and provides meeting and storage facilities for seniors in the Laredo community.

I am honored to come before you today to recognize the contributions of Lilia Perez to Webb County, and I wish the Community Center the best as it serves our elderly citizens in Laredo.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF NJ STATE ASSEMBLYMAN AND NEWARK CITY COUNCILMAN DONALD K. TUCKER

**HON. DONALD M. PAYNE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2005*

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of a former colleague and a friend, Assemblyman/Councilman Donald Kofi Tucker. I have known Assemblyman/Councilman Tucker for most of my adult life, serving with him on the Newark Municipal Council for many years.

Donald served in the United States Air Force and following his honorable discharge, he became an activist in the Community. He was a man who looked after the needs of all the people. He was elected to the Newark Municipal Council in 1970 and began working as an elected official on behalf of the citizens of Newark. He worked diligently for decades as chairman of the Tax Abatement Committee of the Newark Municipal Council and he served as president of the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (NBCLEO) for many years. He was also appointed and served as chair of the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission. As one of the founders and chairman of the New Jersey Black Issues Convention (BIC), he had a mind to educate African Americans on the issues concerning the struggle for peace, equality and justice. He was elected to the New Jersey State General Assembly as an Assemblyman in the 28th Legislative District in 1997 and was named in 2001 and served as Speaker Protempore until his passing. Donald also supported the National Black Caucus of State Legislators (NBCSL). We must remember all the countless children and elderly he served as founder and president of "The Centre, Inc.," a community services multipurpose center serving children, youth and seniors on Elizabeth Avenue in Newark.

Assemblyman/Councilman Tucker had views he firmly believed in and supported those views very passionately. But at the same time, he was a gentle man who gave of himself wholeheartedly. Even while he was ill, he still put the needs of his constituents before that of his own health.

After lying in State in the Rotunda of Newark City Hall, a home-going service will take place on Tuesday, October 25, 2005 in Newark, New Jersey where his family, friends and colleagues will remember his legacy. I am certain that this legacy will live on in the people of Newark, throughout the State of New Jersey and across the Nation. He will be sorely missed.