

The history of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Clifton, formerly of Passaic, is the history of many devoted men and woman through the years, who have devoted both time and effort to maintaining the religious traditions of the Holy Orthodox Church and the Ukrainian cultural heritage.

With the large migration of Ukrainians to the United States in the early 1900's, many chose to settle in the Passaic County area. In 1925 a small group of Ukrainian-Americans set out to organize an Orthodox Parish to serve their spiritual needs. Through the efforts of the organizers the original church was purchased and consecrated on Sunday July 25, 1925 by his Excellency Metropolitan John Theodorovich. The new church served as a hub for the Ukrainian community. Over the years the Parish members relished in their heritage and shared it throughout the area. There were various outings of the Ukrainian Folk Ballet and the Lysenko Chorus which helped introduce the Ukrainian culture to other people.

In 1962-63 the parish adopted its current constitution and by-laws that would serve as the basis for all church activity well into its future. Under the pastorate of the Very Reverend Theodore Forestry, the building committee was reorganized. Land was purchased for the present church and its rectory in 1967. With the impending sale of the church property, the parishioners authorized the building committee to hire Mr. Jaroslav Sichynsky as the architect for their new house of worship. The new parish rectory was the first building to be completed in the fall of 1968. In September of 1968 the last Divine Liturgy was celebrated at the Hope Avenue site and contracts were conducted with the State of New Jersey to make way for Rt. 21.

The new church structure is a masterpiece in blending old Byzantine style of architecture with the contemporary structural methods. The central dome rises above the stone and brick edifice symbolizing the glory of the kingdom of God that rises above the material world.

On Sunday, June 7, 1970, the Consecration and Blessing of the new edifice finally took place. With the presentation of floral bouquets to His Beatitude Metropolitan John, His Excellency Archbishop Matyslaw and His Grace Bishop Mark, the distinguished hierarchy, visiting clergy, and honored guests proceeded from the rectory to the church where they were traditionally greeted with bread and salt by the Parish President Peter Dutkevitch.

The blessing of the new church was followed by the Pontifical Liturgy after which the placing of the cornerstone was witnessed by all. The afternoon was celebrated with a dedication banquet.

Fifty years after its initial consecration in Passaic, this beautiful church proudly stands as a landmark in the great city of Clifton, spiritually lead by Father Oleh Zhownirovych.

Mr. Speaker, as you can see, the men and women of the Holy Ascension Church epitomize the noble spirit of community service and volunteerism that we all strive to achieve. The sense of altruism and spirit of humanitarianism demonstrated daily by the congregation of the Holy Ascension Church is living proof of the difference that a handful of people can make in the lives of many.

Mr. Speaker, the job of a United States congressman involves so much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing the members of exceptional institutions such as the

Holy Ascension Church. I ask that you join our colleagues, the people of the city of Clifton, the Ukrainian community, and me in recognizing the men and women of the Holy Ascension Church for 80 years of ministry to the community of Clifton, New Jersey.

HONORING HARRIET BURGESS,
PRESIDENT AND FOUNDATION
OF AMERICAN LAND CONSERVANCY

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable woman, Harriet Burgess, President and founder of American Land Conservancy. For the past 20 years, Harriet, who presently resides in Inverness, California, has applied her consummate skill in building consensus among legislators, government agencies, landowners and environmental groups for the conservation of public lands.

Her list of acquisition accomplishments while Vice President of the Trust for Public Land reveals a national landscape of treasured sites. She saw a need for a non-profit land acquisition agency that would tackle the most challenging and difficult projects. She founded the American Land Conservancy to rescue irreplaceable environmental acreage from imminent development.

Through her talent and perseverance she has kept intact precious tracts of land from California's Topanga Canyon to the Sierra Nevada and has been a matchmaker in arranging swaps and purchases of private lands for public uses from the Malibu coast to the Columbia River Gorge.

One transaction in Nevada involved 44 different property swaps. She has also masterminded the acquisition of lands along the upper Sacramento River and the North Fork American. She played a role in the addition of a one thousand plus acre parcel to the San Francisco Bay Area's renowned Gate National Recreation Area.

Harriet Burgess grew up in Xenia, Ohio where her fondest memory is wandering through the forest looking for wildflowers. But she didn't get into protecting public space until after her children were grown, when she volunteered to rewrite the zoning ordinance for Fairfax County, Virginia. During her time in Virginia, she was an exemplary member of my legislative staff in Washington, DC.

After a divorce in 1978, she moved to California and headed the western regional office for the Trust for Public Land before founding the American Land Conservancy in 1990. The Conservancy, under Harriet's direction, has become a potent force in safeguarding California's most precious open spaces. Through sheer persistence and tenacity Harriet has time and again brought seemingly out-of-reach projects within grasp, helping local communities realize their dreams of protected land for open space.

Harriett Burgess has been a tireless and highly effective advocate of wilderness and recreational open space protection. Her list of accomplishments will be felt by generations.

As friends gather on November 16, 2005 to pay tribute to Harriet's extraordinary contribu-

tions, I join them in thanking her for the fruits of her efforts. We are grateful for her tenacity and perseverance to protect our precious lands.

HONORING WAYNE THOMAS
JAQUITH

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Wayne Jaquith upon the occasion of his impending retirement.

Over the last two decades, Wayne Jaquith has worked tirelessly to advance the cause of peace, security and disarmament.

Since June of 1999, he has coordinated the Peace and Security Funders Group, an organization which works with various philanthropic organizations interested in peace and disarmament issues. From December 1997 through May 1999, Wayne founded and ran the Peace Philanthropy Project, which sought to cultivate new philanthropy on peace and security issues. In 2002, Wayne also co-founded the Iraq Peace Fund, and served on its distribution committee. He also has been a consultant to W. Alton Jones Foundation, Ploughshares Fund and Turner Foundation.

Until July 1997, Wayne was president and founder of National Security News Service, Natural Resources News Service and Public Education Center. From 1989 through 1992, he served first as vice president and then as president of Council for a Livable World Education Fund, and as Boston director of Council for a Livable World. From 1978 through 1988, Wayne served successively as executive director of Nantucket Land Council, Physicians for Social Responsibility, Lawyers Alliance for Nuclear Arms Control and Ploughshares Fund. He was co-founder of many coalitions including Professionals Coalition for Nuclear Arms Control, Coalition for the Non-Proliferation Treaty, Coalition to Reduce Nuclear Dangers and the Arms Transfer Working Group.

Wayne has been an invaluable asset to the peace and disarmament community for many years. He will be missed. I wish him all the best in his retirement.

HONORING MSGT DEAN C. TEMPLE
UPON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to MSgt Dean C. Temple upon his retirement. MSgt Dean C. Temple is a native of Hinckley, Ohio. He enlisted in the United States Air Force in January 1983, shortly after graduating from Poudre High School, in Fort Collins, Colorado. He completed Military Basic Training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas on March 1, 1983 and was sent, by direct duty assignment, to Altus AFB, Oklahoma.

During his first assignment at Altus, then Amn Basic Temple was put to work as a new General Purpose Vehicle Maintenance Apprentice. After 2 years, he was rotated into the

Diagnostic and Quality Assurance section where he served as Non-Commissioned Officer In Charge (NCOIC). In 1988, SrA Temple was promoted to the rank of Buck Sergeant and transferred to Cosimo Air Station, Italy, on the island of Sicily. While at Cosimo, Sgt Temple served as NCOIC of the Base Operation Support, DQ&A section for the 487th Tactical Missile Maintenance Squadron. As part of his duties Sgt Temple directly supported the maintenance of Ground Launch Inter-Continental Ballistic Cruise Missile (GLCM), Launch Control Center (LCC), and Transporter Erector Launcher (TEL) equipment. During this assignment Sgt Temple was promoted to SSgt. In January of 1990 he was reassigned to the Air Training Command, Vehicle Maintenance Technical Training Center, Chanute AFB, Illinois. During this assignment SSgt Temple served as an Instructor, General Purpose Vehicle Maintenance Section and taught the GP Vehicle Maintenance Apprentice Course, Advanced Air Conditioning Course, and the Advanced Vehicle Diagnostic Test Equipment Course. While still at Chanute SSgt Temple attended the Airmen Leadership School and upon graduation was awarded the John Levitow award for leadership.

In 1993, due to Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) decisions, SSgt Temple moved along with the vehicle maintenance schoolhouse to Lackland AFB, Texas where he assumed the role of Instructor Supervisor for the GP VM section and continued teaching the new 20-day Advanced Diagnostic Test Equipment and Electrical Systems Course which he co-authored with SSgt Andreas Grom. In 1996 SSgt Temple was promoted to Technical Sergeant, this promotion also coincided with another big swing of the BRAC hammer and the schoolhouse shifted again to a new location. Now a veteran of Schoolhouse moves, TSgt Temple was to move again to the newly designated Port Hueneme Schoolhouse in Port Hueneme, California. TSgt Temple now was positioned as a Course Supervisor for the GP section and was qualified to teach six of eight courses to include two Mobile Training Team Courses. These two courses generated 32 Temporary Duty Assignments that sent TSgt Temple throughout the globe. After 5 years at Port Hueneme TSgt Temple was promoted to Master Sergeant. And along with the promotion came the accompanying orders. This time the assignment was to Kunsan AB Republic of Korea, where now MSgt Temple served as Superintendent, Readiness and Evaluations. His duties included Squadron Exercise Evaluation Team Chief, Flight Self-Inspection program manager, and First Sergeant. In June of 2002 MSgt Temple finished with and was reassigned back to Det1 345 TRS, Port Hueneme, CA. After his return he served as the new Vehicle and Equipment Course Supervisor and since mid-2004 is currently serving as Air Force Superintendent, Inter-service Vehicle Mechanic School.

I commend and thank MSgt Dean Temple for his leadership and dedication. He is truly a role model and deserves the many awards and commendations that he has received. I wish him a relaxing and happy retirement.

TRIBUTE TO MS. ELAINE
HARRINGTON

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call your attention to the life and work of an outstanding individual who I feel fortunate to call my friend, Ms. Elaine C. Harrington. She was recognized on Saturday, November 5, 2005, for her years of unwavering dedication and service as a Professor to the Passaic County Community College.

After 33 years of committed service to the Passaic County Community College (PCCC), Professor Elaine Harrington retired from the College on July 1, 2005. Her tenure at PCCC is a remarkable story of one person's belief in the power of education and its transforming effect on the lives of others. It is only fitting that Elaine Harrington be honored for her commitment to improving the quality of life in Paterson and Passaic County through education in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on earth.

Arriving at PCCC in 1972, at the earliest stages of the College's existence, Professor Harrington shared her many talents generously. She began by teaching the Music Appreciation course and Cultural Field Surveys. She later began teaching courses in Mathematics, English, Public Speaking and African American Literature. She worked closely with the College's most disadvantaged students, nurturing them from the lowest levels of developmental education to the heights of academic achievement.

While at the College, Professor Harrington was tireless in her pursuit of making PCCC a beacon of educational excellence. She served as President of the Academic Council and the Faculty Association, and Association secretary for more than a decade. For two years, she served as Acting Dean of Student Affairs. She provided leadership to numerous college committees such as Commencement, Convocation, Instructional Resources, Policies and Procedures, Retention and Accreditation. She rarely missed a Board of Trustees' meeting and became one of the PCCC Foundation's most staunch advocates, earning her the Foundation's "Distinguished Service Award" in 2000.

Professor Harrington's accomplishments on campus were rivaled only by her important work in the community. As Past President of both the Paterson Branch of the NAACP and the New Jersey State Conference of NAACP Branches, she strongly advocated for improved economic, educational, social, and political opportunities for disenfranchised persons. In her role as State President, she provided leadership to 38 NAACP branches and 20 youth units. Based on the quality and the breadth of the programming that occurred under her watch, the NAACP recognized New Jersey as the number one State Conference in all of Region II. In 1999, Professor Harrington became a member of the National Board of Directors of the NAACP. In addition to her work with NAACP, she has faithfully served organizations such as Concerned Parents for Head Start, Inc., the Paterson YWCA, and the Paterson Board of Education. She is a charter member of the Christ Church United Methodist.

Born in Philadelphia, PA and raised in Tuskegee, Alabama, Professor Harrington was an honors graduate of Tuskegee Institute High School, earned her B.S. degree in Elementary Education from Tuskegee Institute (University), and later her M.A. degree in Education, Supervision, and Administration from the University of Connecticut, where she graduated Magna Cum Laude. She received certification in Developmental Education from Fairleigh Dickenson University, and is listed in "Who's Who Among African Americans". Upon her retirement, Professor Harrington has returned home to Tuskegee, Alabama.

Mr. Speaker, the job of a United States Congressman involves so much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing the efforts of devoted educators and public servants like Ms. Elaine Harrington. I ask that you join our colleagues, the faculty and students of Passaic County Community College, Ms. Harrington's family and friends, and me in recognizing Elaine Harrington for her years of outstanding service to the students of Passaic County.

CONGRATULATING LYNDON
LAPLANTE

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Lyndon LaPlante of Keller, TX, on his dedication and outstanding athletic achievement at the Keller v. Richland high school football game on October 7, 2005.

Mr. LaPlante is an 18-year-old Keller High School senior, who has played on the Keller football team for 4 years. He has attended every practice, summer camp, team meeting and football game since he was a freshman. On October 7, 2005, Mr. LaPlante played in his first football game against Richland High School. At this inaugural game, Mr. LaPlante, who has Down syndrome, brought a home crowd of more than 4,000 to its feet as he ran 99 yards for a Keller touchdown. Mr. LaPlante was also named football player of the week and gave a speech at Keller High School's football pep rally.

Prior to his recent game success, Mr. LaPlante participated on the Keller football team by acting as assistant head coach and running plays with the team in pre-game warm-ups. He also took photographs at every game, which were set to music and shown at the end of every year. On Friday mornings, Mr. LaPlante joins his football teammates to mentor and read stories to elementary school students. He talks to children and signs autographs at Florence Elementary School, which he attended.

I extend my sincere congratulations to Mr. Lyndon LaPlante for his commendable achievements on and off the Keller High School football field. His dedication to his team, to his school, and to his community serves as an inspiration to all.