

especially popular program is Friday Night Live, a social and spiritual Sabbath service drawing hundreds in the 21 to 39 age group. The monthly event has become a model for other communities and its success has now been replicated around the country.

Over the last 100 years, Sinai Temple has become an anchor for the Jewish community, serving its religious, spiritual, and educational needs. The synagogue's vision for its next 100 years is to create Sinai: A Center for Jewish Life and Learning dedicated to the entire Jewish community through excellence in religious, educational, and social programming.

I am delighted to recognize the Congregation's remarkable accomplishments and wish them continued success in their future endeavors. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Sinai Temple on its first 100 years in Los Angeles.

ARMENIAN PLANE CRASH

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2006

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my sincere condolence to the families and friends of the passengers and crewmembers aboard Airbus Airliner A-320, which crashed last Wednesday morning off of Russia's Black Sea coast. Luckily, investigators do not suspect foul play or terrorism, stating the crash was due to stormy weather.

The plane disappeared from radar screens about four miles from shore. As it was heading for what seemed like an emergency landing at the Adler Airport near the Southern Russian resort city of Sochi at 2:15 a.m., it crashed into the sea, killing all 113 people on board, including six children. No passenger was wearing a life jacket, indicating they did not have sufficient warning to prepare for such a landing. According to Armavia airline officials, 26 Russians, one Ukrainian and one Georgian were among the passengers and crewmembers. The rest were Armenian citizens.

No human should suffer the type of pain that is brought about by this tragic loss of life. My thoughts and prayers are with the families and friends of the victims—may you find strength during these trying times.

RECOGNIZING THE SESQUICENTENNIAL OF THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF MONMOUTH, OR

HON. DARLENE HOOLEY

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2006

Ms. HOOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the First Christian Church of Monmouth. In the past 150 years, the members of this church have proven again and again the depth of their caring and giving, not just to their community, but to all those in need.

From 1850 to 1853 pioneers like Elijah Davidson, Ira F.M. Butler and others came to the Oregon Territory from their homes in Mon-

mouth, Illinois—the inspiration for what became Monmouth, Oregon. These settlers, members of the Disciples of Christ Church, came to create a new community and school steeped in their religion and their values, tenets that they shared with the long history of pioneers going back to the beginnings of our nation. In 1856, Monmouth University (present-day Western Oregon University) was chartered, and it became the first home for the church.

Just as the buildings that house this faith community have changed and grown over the years, so has the church's congregation. Active in the community, their good works include a teen center for local youth as well as the home for the Monmouth chapter of Meals on Wheels. This congregation represents the heart of the community and the goodness in people which we should all strive to achieve.

I want to take this opportunity to honor this church for the efforts that they have made on behalf of the residents of Monmouth and students of Western Oregon University. On this, their sesquicentennial anniversary, I acknowledge and honor the First Christian Church of Monmouth for their service and dedication to their community.

TRIBUTE TO MS. JUDY GRUBER AND MR. ROBBIE GREENBLUM

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2006

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Judy Gruber and Mr. Robbie Greenblum for their community service to their religious community. They will be honored at the Annual L' Chaim celebration on May 22, 2006.

Judy Gruber is a longtime supporter and member of Chabad Lubavitch of south Texas. She has served on the Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation and on the San Antonio Association for Jewish Education and Rekindling Tradition committees.

Robbie Greenblum is an immigration attorney in San Antonio, TX, and has been an ardent supporter of Chabad's outreach efforts in south Texas. He has been instrumental in organizing Chabad's Torah Study Group which has been ongoing for the past decade. He was a past chair of the Community Relations Council of Jewish Education and spearheaded the Latino and Black Jewish dialog programs.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have had this time to recognize Ms. Judy Gruber's and Mr. Robbie Greenblum's dedication to community service.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JELINDO ANGELO "J.A." TIBERTI

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Jelindo Angelo "J.A." Tiberti, who died on Wednesday, May 3, 2006.

J.A. was a pillar of the Las Vegas construction industry, patriarch of Tiberti construction and a civic leader. J.A. came to Las Vegas from California in 1941 with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to build the runway at what is now Nellis Air Force Base. He formed Waale, Camplan and Tiberti Construction Co. in 1947 and developed Bonanza Village on Bonanza Road, before venturing out on his own in 1950. Among his many prominent works in Las Vegas are the Las Vegas Club, Palace Station, Sunset Station, Club Bingo and the Gold Coast. He built schools, hospitals, and public buildings. Not only was he a great craftsman, he was also a benevolent member of society. J.A.'s charitable contributions include a \$1 million donation to help create the UNLV College of Engineering in 1979, and he provided the funds to build Camp Potosi for the Boy Scouts Boulder Dam Area Council. He was also appointed to the Las Vegas City Planning Commission in 1953 and served six consecutive 4-year terms. J.A. received a number of professional awards as well, such as the Southern Nevada Engineer of the Year award in 1972, and the State's Most Distinguished Nevadan in 1987.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the life of Jelindo Angelo "J.A." Tiberti. His professional success and philanthropic nature should serve as an example to us all, he will surely be missed by the community.

HONORING JUDITH POOR

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2006

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize posthumously Mrs. Judith Poor of Mariposa, CA, for her remarkable life and tireless dedication to her community and family. Her community gathered to celebrate her life on Sunday, April 23rd, in Mariposa.

A native of Texas, Judy was well-known in her community for her tremendous generosity and an unmistakable southern charm that was both delightful and genuine. Judy believed that her family was her top priority. As a wife, mother and grandmother, Judy led by example, showing that dedication to the family unit through participation in many family centered activities was an all-important foundation of the Poor Family.

Holding Texas close to her heart, Judy remained a devout Dallas Cowboys fan and enjoyed spending time with her husband, Rod, watching modified stock car races. In addition, she served as the circulation manager for her local newspaper for 8 years.

Judy Poor is survived by her husband, Rod; children and their families, Larry and Tisha Cullens, Diana Poor, Marty Poor, Christy Nicholson, Megan and Mandy Cullens, Larry Cullens III, Jennifer Poor, Travis and Randa Poor, Carina Stephens; siblings, Ava Jane Fisher, Jan Cromeans and David Hodnett.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor posthumously the life of Mrs. Judith Poor of Mariposa, CA. I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of Judy Poor.

TRIBUTE TO U.S. ARMY LIEUTEN-
ANT COLONEL PATRICK
MULVIHILL

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2006

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize California native and U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel Patrick Mulvihill. Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure for me to honor Colonel Mulvihill, who will soon be retiring from the Army after 25 years of distinguished service to our nation.

Colonel Mulvihill began his career with the Army in 1981 upon receiving an ROTC commission from the University of California,

Davis. Since that time, he has been assigned to commands from California to Europe, serving as a Battalion S2, Assistant Brigade S2, Tactical Signals Intelligence Company Commander, Observer-Controller for the National Training Center, Instructor at Fort Huachuca, Assistant G2 in Europe, SFOR Intelligence Task Force Commander in Bosnia and the 66th MI Group S3.

In 2001, Colonel Mulvihill assumed command at the Joint Intelligence Training Activity Pacific, his current and final duty assignment. Colonel Mulvihill is known by those who have served beside him, as well as those he has commanded, as an Intelligence expert and a leader who has always put the welfare of our nation's soldiers, Marines, airmen and sailors before his own.

President Ronald Reagan once said, "I always believed in the importance of peace through strength. And the military is the provider of that strength. So we must equip them, train them and support them. But over the years, America's military leadership has brought us to even greater heights than we ever could imagine." Mr. Speaker, President Reagan was referring to leaders like Colonel Mulvihill, who embody the strength of our nation and remain our military's greatest asset.

As Chairman of the House Committee on Armed Services, I extend my deepest appreciation and gratitude to Colonel Mulvihill for his 25 years of dedicated military service. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in saluting this American hero and wishing him and his family continued success in their future endeavors.